



**Wanda will be out of the office on
Wed thru Friday - March 11 - 13th
Wanda will be back in the office on Monday,
March 16th**



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Currents

Letting God's currents carry us through
Life

The Mission of the bridge Presbyterian Church is to help everyone connect with God's people, discover God's presence, learn God's promises, and find their unique God-given purpose for their lives.

Worship Together Weekly



Sunday Mar 8, 2026

*John 10:
Jesus Encounters His Sheep*

9:00 am - Early Worship Service

10:30 am - Second Service

Second services in person and livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube

Links to all videos posted by the bridge on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@thebridgepresbyterianchurc4433/streams>

Find Purpose through Service

Sunday, Mar. 8 , 2026

Coffee Servers

9:00 - Patricia

10:30 - Pat S.

Greeters/Ushers

9:00 - Barretts

10:30 - Beals

Liturgist

9:00 - Ruth F.

10:30 - Charlynn C.

Are you ready to be Connected by Serving?

*Help with Coffee * Greet People * Usher*

Let Wanda in the office know and she will get you connected

Give Gratefully

	3/1/26		
Total Local Deposits	\$4,573	9:00 am Service	59
Online Donations	\$1,589	10:30 am Service	51
Total Weekly Offering	\$6,162	Total Attendance	110
Pledge Fulfillment		Attendance (4 wk	114
Total Deposit	\$6,162	Weekly Offering (4	\$5,688

Pray Daily

PRAYER LIST Mar 5, 2026

Please see the prayer list and community concerns below. We invite you to keep these individuals and missions in your thoughts and prayers.

Health and Healing

- John Larkin: For strength and recovery during illness.
- Anne Graham: For continued healing at home.
- Marilyn Vernon: For strength and comfort during her cancer journey.
- Mary Ellen Cole: Gratitude for her recovery from a recent fall.
- Noel Teichman (friend of Susan Stanwick): For strength while battling a persistent foot infection following additional surgery and continued hospitalization.
- Elissa Haley: For healing from a mastectomy and prayers for a cure.
- Lynn Hale: For comfort and strength following a diagnosis of a difficult respiratory illness.
- Ann Dutra: For recovery following knee surgery.
- Tom Betts (brother of Steve Betts): Prayers for his recovery following a serious medication error; his family is grateful for his progress.
- Manny Rosenfeld: For recovery following retina surgery this week.
- Carol Guilmette: For strength as she continues to struggle with illness.
- Sandy Barrett: For peace and success with her new treatment following the return of her cancer.
- The Sick and Burdened: For all those facing private struggles or illness.

Celebrations and Thanks

- The Bridge: Gratitude for the volunteers providing essential transportation to church.
- Ruth Fitzsimmons: Thanksgiving for a clean bill of health following recent concerns.
- Beth Hurd: Gratitude for a successful surgery and the news that the cancer was fully removed.
- Joyce Rodman: A celebration of community; Joyce invites everyone to reach out and get to know her.

Our Community and World

- Street Reach: For their ongoing mission to serve the homeless.
- The Vulnerable: For those who are homeless or forgotten.
- Global Concerns: For peace within our country and throughout the world.

"Giving is not born of abundance; it is born of having known what it means to go without."

To make a prayer request, contact Elder Mary Campbell at carlislecampbell@gmail.com or (910)269- 9696 text or phone. There are also yellow request cards available in the church hallway across from the coffee bar. You can also send a request through our website. Prayer requests remain in Currents for two weeks unless an extension is requested

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March Mission Partner
Church World Services

Come meet or get reacquainted with Kiza Masanga

Kiza is a covenant partner who is from the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Many young boys in the Congo are kidnapped by militia and forced to become "boy soldiers." To protect them from this evil, these boys flee to other countries and may wait for decades to be granted US asylum and refugee status. Kiza received refugee status and is a legal immigrant in the US.

Kiza has sacrificed much to come to the US. He had to leave his home in the Congo, his partners, and he spent years in a refugee camp in Zimbabwe. To find work, he moved to South Africa. Although work was sparse, he found a wife and started a family.

His refugee application was finally approved, so he moved back to Zimbabwe, leaving his wife, children, and siblings in South Africa. Two years ago Kiza arrived in Wilmington, NC, sponsored by CWS and the bridge.

On March 15th we will honor Kiza and reintroduce him to the congregation.

He still needs help with school, to get a GED, and learning to drive, to get a better job, among other activities.



Helping Kiza and other refugees is a rewarding experience and helps us draw closer to God.

Please come to learn about the courageous young man, I'm proud to call my God son.

Mark Hammer



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Sign up for our Meal Train



Do You like to Cook?

Would you be willing to join the bridge Meal Train to deliver food to our church family after surgeries, injuries or other events?

Please contact Elder Mary Campbell at carlislecampbell@gmail.com or Wanda at thebridgepres@gmail.com to be added to the list

Sharing the love, one meal at a time.



Meal Train®



Have you been looking for a unique volunteer opportunity that benefits adults and children in Brunswick County?

I am looking for a volunteer to help me with my work for Street Reach. Street Reach helps the homeless in Brunswick County.

I need help delivering collected items to Street Reach periodically. In addition, every summer the bridge sponsors Angel Tree Camps via Street Reach.

We gather donations of camp supplies and money that supports sending children, with incarcerated parents, to Christian camps who otherwise would not be able to attend. I will need help picking up the donations at church and delivering them to Street Reach in the months of May/June.

If you're interested in assisting with Street Reach, please contact Mary Ellen Cole at 703-618-6196.

WE WANT YOU



In honor of our Veterans, we are seeking letters, cards and drawings from individuals to show our gratitude for their service and sacrifice to our country. These will be distributed to our Veterans during **MAIL CALL** on the return flight from Washington, D.C.

Send submissions to

Honor Flight of Cape Fear Area
Mail Call 0426
YOUR VETERANS NAME (if known)
4427 Junction Park Drive
Wilmington, NC 28412

- All designs must be 8.5" x 11" or less and be flat so they can fit into a large envelope.
- Generic letters can be addressed to Dear Veteran or Dear Hero.

Deadline Date for Mail to be received is March 20, 2026



HONOR FLIGHT
CAPE FEAR AREA N★C

mailcallhonorflightcfa@gmail.com • 910.452.4786

www.honorflightcfa.org

Come to the Leland Senior Center on Monday, March 9th at 9:00 to spend time writing cards for these wonderful Veterans

If you have any questions Please ask Greer Broadwater or email or call

Wanda at thebridgepres@gmail.com or 910-769-4951

It is an experience like none other!!

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THE BLUEFIELDS
MEMORY CARE

The Bluefields is located at
1935 Lincoln Rd. NE in Leland.

Our next Worship Service at The Bluefields Memory Care will be **Thursday, Mar. 5th at 1:30p.m.** in the Activities Room. Volunteers are needed to help the residents with songbooks, purchase/serve cookies, sing along, and enjoy worshipping God with our Bluefields friends.

If you would like to join us in this ministry, please wear your bridge tee shirt, if you have one, and arrive by 1:20p.m. For more information or if you are bringing cookies for the residents, contact Susan Stanewick at sstanewick@gmail.com



Our next Craft Day at The Bluefields Memory Care will be **Thursday, March 26th, at 2:00 p.m.** in the Activities Room.

If you would like to join the fun in helping our friends, please arrive by 1:45 and wear your bridge tee shirt, if you have one.

Any questions please email Patti Pirher at
ppirher@gmail.com

ART &
CRAFTS

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all who contributed to our collection for Bluefields Memory Care.

The craft supplies requested by the Activities Director are greatly appreciated. With monetary donations, we purchased five therapy dolls and accessories.

Your generosity enriches the lives of our friends



Find Meaningful Relationships in Small Groups

WANTED!

If you are this person, or you know who is, please turn yourself (or the one you know) in!

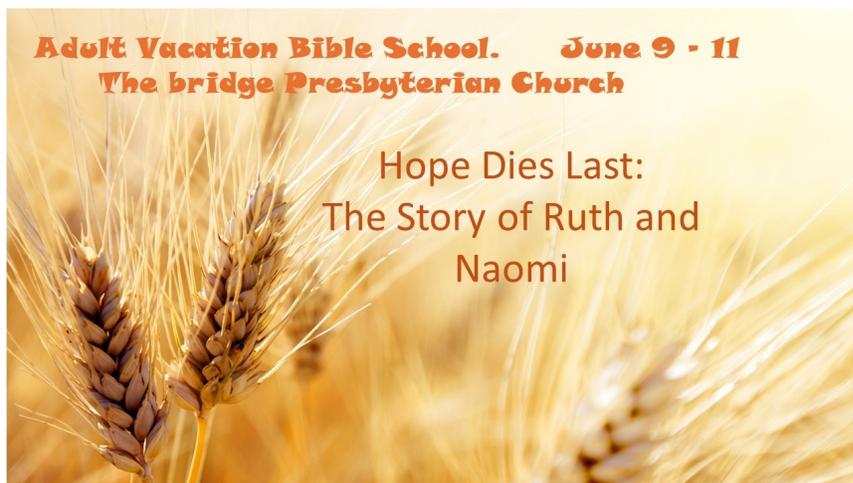
Attributes: Kind, friendly, enjoys helping others & organized

We are looking for this person to fill a very important position for our Adult VBS - as VBS Director.

This person will be responsible for “coordinating the coordinators” of crafts, food & recreation (these coordinators are already in place); registration; monitoring rotation of events; publicity; decorations; set up & clean up; and photography/videography.

(Sharon Wingert has volunteered to serve as Co-Director and is willing and able to assist you!) I

If this touches your heart and you are willing to serve, or if you have any questions, please reach out to Sheila Davis at 910-264-3142 or sjedavis@gmail.com.



Practice a Christ - Centered Active Lifestyle

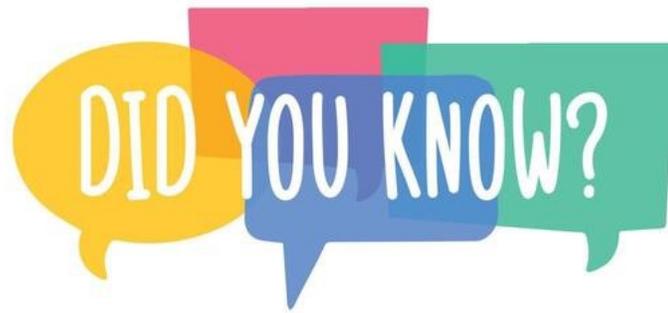
Warnock Hall – Fridge Clean Out!

- The Hospitality Ladies are on a cleaning spree!
- Anything outdated, unmarked, or gross **will be thrown out!!**
- Remove or label any contents that you deem safe to eat and worthy of keeping **no later than March 8**



Easter Gifts for
our Friends
at The Bluefields
Memory Care
facility.

The Women of
the bridge filled
60 Easter Boxes
to be delivered in
time for Easter.



The only sure guarantee of
successful aging

comes from a deep, abiding

relationship with

Jesus Christ

Upcoming Happenings

March

5th - Bluefield Worship - 1:30

6th - New Hope Mobile Clinic

26th - Bluefield Craft - 2:00

29th - Palm Sunday

ONE SERVICE 10:30

Invite a Friend Sunday

Pot luck after service

March Birthdays

Sallie Bohn	6
Carol Spradley	6
John Vernon	8
Cathy Boettcher	10
Barbara Hedin	10
Dave Bohn	11
Cindy Rupprecht	14
Lora Rissmiller	15
James Bozeman	23
Carol Nelson	28
Wayne Myers	30
Susan Stanewick	31

Did you love Marge Hall's First Place Chili ?

Many have asked for her recipe and she shared her secret!!

Best Ever Chili Recipe

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- 4 strips bacon, sliced ½-inch thick
- □ 1 ½ pounds ground beef
- □ 1 medium yellow onion, diced
- □ 1 green bell pepper, diced
- □ 3 garlic cloves, minced
- □ 2 tablespoon [chili powder](#)
- □ 1 tablespoon [ground cumin](#)
- □ 2 teaspoon [paprika](#), or smoked paprika
- □ 1 teaspoon [dried oregano](#)
- □ 1 teaspoon [salt](#)
- □ 2 tablespoon [tomato paste](#)
- □ 1 (28-ounce can) [fire-roasted diced tomatoes](#), you can use diced or crushed tomatoes
- □ 1 (15-ounce can) [black beans](#), drained and rinsed
- □ 1 (15-ounce can) [red kidney beans](#), drained and rinsed
- □ 2 cups [beef broth](#)
- □ 1 [bay leaf](#)

Cook the bacon. Heat a large pot on medium heat, add the sliced bacon and cook until crispy, stirring occasionally and scraping any browned bits from the bottom of the pan, about 10 minutes. Reduce heat if bacon is browning too quickly. **Cook the veggies.** Add the onion and bell pepper to the pot, stirring frequently. Cook for 4 to 5 minutes or until vegetables have softened. Add the garlic and stir for another 30 seconds. **Cook the beef.** Add the ground beef, breaking into small pieces with a spatula, until cooked through. Strain off any accumulated liquid and fat from the pot. **Add the aromatics.** Reduce the heat to medium-low. Stir in the tomato paste, and dried spices, and cook until they are fragrant, about 2 minutes. **Add the rest and simmer.** Add the canned tomatoes with juices, drained beans, beef broth, and bay leaf, and give it a stir. Increase the heat to high until the chili comes to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer for 30 minutes uncovered, stirring occasionally. **Serve.** To serve, remove bay leaf and ladle servings into individual bowls. Garnish with avocado, red onion, cheese, cilantro or other toppings