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# Currents

What is happening at *the bridge*.

## Connecting at **the bridge**



Sunday Feb. 8, 2026

**John 3: Jesus encounters Nicodemus, the Ultimate Insider**

**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/@thebridgepresbyterianchurch4433streams>



## Annual Congregational Meeting

To discuss 2026 Budget and vote on Term of Call for the Pastor

**Sunday February 8th**

immediately following the 10:30 service



**New Small Group**

Facilitated by Dr. Doug

**Monday at 11:00 am**

Will meet in the Warnock Building

**Sign up sheet in the hall**

# Matthew's Ministry

Food Changes Lives



## Packing on February 1

After the 10:30 service, we will be packing for Matthew's Ministry.

We will be packing about 400 food bags to deliver to school kids in February.



CAN YOU  
HELP???

We are putting together a Communication List of people who will help us

**GET THE WORD OUT** when needed!

We are looking for people from different neighborhoods who are members of their community newsletters, "Next Door" or any other media outlet where you are able to post events.

When an event or service is planned, our Elder of Communication, Bruce Garris will send the announcement to all on the list and **all you have to do is post it.**

Please email Wanda at [thebridgepres@gmail.com](mailto:thebridgepres@gmail.com) if you are willing to help with posting. Please be sure to tell Wanda what subdivision or area you are in to help us cover all of Leland.

# *Connecting by Serving*

**Sunday, Feb 1, 2026**

## Coffee Servers

9:00 - Marcia  
10:30 - Kathy

## Greeters/Ushers

9:00 - Wesenbergs  
10:30 - Garris

**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

# *Connecting in Generosity*

	<b>1/25/26</b>		
Total Local Deposits	\$4,510	9:00 am Service	<b>1/25/26 No church due to ice storm</b>
Online Donations	\$264	10:30 am Service	0
Total Weekly Offering	\$4,774	Total Attendance	0
Pledge Fulfillment	\$7,400	Attendance (4 wk)	
Total Deposit	\$12,174	Weekly Offering (4	



## **Offering Counters For February**

Gary Lewis and Bruce Garris

# **WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE BRIDGE?**

## **JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT “CONNECTING WITH THE BRIDGE” SMALL GROUP SESSIONS**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> AT  
11:45AM**

We will be hosting our next Connections Small Group Sessions in February. This informal small group is a wonderful opportunity for you to connect with others who are looking for a new church home and to spend some time getting to know Pastor Doug and each other.

We will be sharing a light lunch as we introduce ourselves and meet a few of our Elders. Pastor Doug will share a little about our church history and what it means to be a Presbyterian. We will also share information about our mission and vision at the bridge and ways you can connect with God's passion, people, and purpose here at the bridge.

I am so hoping you will consider joining us! There is a sign-up sheet on the long table in the hallway as you come in the double doors where you can let us know that you will be coming. You can also reach out to me, Judy Bath, at [jannbath@hotmail.com](mailto:jannbath@hotmail.com) for more information.

Blessings!

Judy Bath, Connections Team Leader

# Connecting In Prayer

## PRAYER LIST Jan 29, 2026

Please remember that this prayer list can also be seen on the Bridge Website within Currents.  
**Avoid including private information in your requests unless you plan it to be public knowledge.**

- Prayers of healing for Carol Guilmette, who fell and broke her hip this past week.
- Prayers for Cathy Boettcher recovering from knee replacement
- Prayers for Lynne Lewis recovering from back surgery
- Prayers for Anne Graham who continues to improve at home.
- Constant prayers for Marilyn Vernon on her journey with cancer.
- Prayers for Mary Ellen Cole at last at home and slowly recovering from a fall at Thanksgiving
- Prayers of thanks for the members of the Bridge that have volunteered to help people needing rides to church
- Prayers for the homeless, the sick and the forgotten
- Prayers for our congregation who are struggling with burdens and illness we don't know about. We don't know but God does. Prayers for peace.
- Prayers for our country

*Live in such a way that those who know you, but don't know God, will come to know God because they know you.*

To make a prayer request, contact Elder Mary Campbell at [carlislecampbell@gmail.com](mailto: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

# *Connecting Through Missions*

## **February Mission Partners**

### **Cub Scout Pack 118 and Bluefield Memory Care**



Cub Scout Pack 118 is one of our Sustainable Mission Partners for the month of February. They greatly appreciate the support you have already given them for several years. Your support has been overwhelming.

The Cub Scouts meet at the church on Monday evenings, and sometimes on Saturdays. They just finished their annual enrollment (\$248 per scout). This month (February) each Cub Scout who builds a pinewood vehicle will race the “car” they build at the annual “Pinewood” derby. The cub scouts are also working on tasks which lead them to achieve advancement to the next rank. Lions are kindergartners. First graders are in a Tiger den. Second graders are in a Wolf den. Third graders are in a Bear den, and fourth and fifth graders are in Webelos dens until they transition to a Boy Scout Troup. The fifth graders work on the Arrow of Light rank. The Cub Scouts have a Blue and Gold banquet to honor the birth month of scouting, award badges, and they have an Arrow of Light ceremony to honor scouts who are crossing over to a Boy Scout Troup (most go to Troup 747 at Woodburn Presbyterian Church),

The Scouting program needs your continued support. It is difficult for some scout families to pay for annual dues, camping / activity expenses, and uniforms, especially those families who have multiple scouts in the pack.

**To help, please mark monetary donations for "Boy Scouts" this month. Your donations will be used for camping fees and supplies, uniforms, and registration fees.**

As always, the scouts appreciate your prayers and support! The Cub Scouts are working to BE PREPARED for life, and your support means so much!

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The Bluefields Memory Care is a community dedicated to providing the best possible environment for residents with Alzheimer's and dementia.

Our Bridge volunteers organize monthly Worship Services and Craft Days to fellowship with our friends, and remind them of God's love.

For the month of February, we will be collecting items for the residents to enjoy during their activities.

#### **The Bluefields Wish List**

Craft supplies, colored pencils, canvases, brushes, washable paints and markers, craft paper, card stock, glue sticks, stickers, wooden paintable crafts, sewing kit, bracelet kit, nail polish, acetone remover and pads.

Bingo prizes- hats, bracelets, canned sodas, and snacks.

There will be a place in the hall for your donations. You can also give a monetary gift to made out to the Bridge with Bluefield in the memo line

# Connecting Through Missions



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



Our next Craft Day at The Bluefields Memory Care will be  
**Thursday, Jan. 29th, 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](mailto:ppirher@gmail.com)

Our next Worship Service at The Bluefields Memory Care  
will be **Thursday, Feb. 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  
worshiping 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 resi-  
dents, contact Susan Stanewick at [sstanewick@gmail.com](mailto:sstanewick@gmail.com)



Last year's Valentine's Tea, hosted by WOTB, was so popular that we've decided to repeat it. Ladies are invited to wear a hat, bring a favorite teacup and saucer and come to Warnock Hall on Tuesday, February 3, at 1:00pm.

There will be a sign-up sheet or sign up on REALM.  
Deadline for sign-ups is Sunday, February 1.

We will be asking each woman attending to bring tea sandwiches, pastries, cookies, etc.

For further information, contact Louise Rosenfeld at [louiserosenfeld@yahoo.com](mailto:louiserosenfeld@yahoo.com) or Ruth Fitzsimmons at [rfitzsi55@gmail.com](mailto:rfitzsi55@gmail.com)

February 3, 2026 1:00 PM – Warnock Hall

## WOTB Valentines Tea

February 3, 2026 1:00 PM – Warnock Hall



**Join the WOTB Group for High Tea**

**Wear your best tea party attire  
and come be a part of the fun!**

Secret  
Sister  
Reveal

Great  
Conversation

Fun hats and  
dresses

Delectable  
Finger  
Foods





**February 18th**

Each year we provide a wonderful service to many in the Leland area with our Ash Wednesday Drive thru imposition of ashes.

We need a few more volunteers to help with this very important event.

- 11:45 - 12:45 - Help Control Traffic - one person needed
- 4:30 - 6:00 pm - Help Control Traffic - 2 people needed
- 4:30 - 6:00 pm - Assistant to Dr. Doug - 1 person needed
- 6:00 pm - Help take down Canopy - 1 person needed

**If you are able to help in any of the areas of need listed above please  
email [Elder Steve Dare at sdaresunset@gmail.com](mailto:sdaresunset@gmail.com)**



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***DO YOU LOVE TO SING?***

***COME JOIN THE CELEBRATION CHORUS!***

Do you love to sing? Do you want to lead others in our bridge church family to honor and worship God? Have you sung in choirs or choral groups before OR always wanted to do so?

Then we are looking for you!

By now, you have probably heard the chorus sing and know what a great job they are doing under Rebecca and Baker's leadership. They have chosen a collection of worship songs that will be easy to learn so all levels of ability are welcome.

Practice is every Wednesday at 4:00PM and the chorus will be singing about 5 or 6 times throughout the year. We are currently working on a song for February 15<sup>th</sup> and have begun working on music for Palm Sunday, so this is a great time to join us.

Please consider coming and invite a friend!! All are welcome from the Community as well as our church. Just let Judy Bath know you are coming so that she can have some music ready.

Send a text to **412-289-5128** or email her at [jannbath@hotmail.com](mailto:jannbath@hotmail.com).





## NEWS FROM LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**This was great fun last year! Please try to volunteer for this wonderful event to promote literacy for our young children!**

Please plan to join us at Lincoln to *Celebrate NEA's Read Across America Day!*

Those who are six, sixteen, sixty-four, and more have all kinds of great events in store for the National Education Association's annual observance of NEA's Read Across America.

Our reading party here at [Lincoln Elementary](#) (1664 Lincoln Road, Leland, NC 28451) will take place on Friday, March 6, 2026 from **9:15-10:00 a.m.** and we would like for YOU (and members of your organization) to be a guest reader!

We will have light breakfast refreshments for guest readers from 8:45-9:15! We are trying to get enough guest readers for each classroom to have someone.

We will have books available in the library for you to take to the classroom and read!

So please mark your calendars now and please call **Natalie Caddell at 910-371-3597** or reply to this e-mail at [ncaddell@bcswan.net](mailto:ncaddell@bcswan.net) and let me know if you will be able to attend!

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you!!

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Google Certified Level 1 Educator  
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# Second order of New Chairs for Sanctuary

**The Building and Grounds team has received more donations for armchairs for the sanctuary.**

**If anyone else would like to help with this purchase, we will be collecting funds before the order is place.**

## Information about the armchairs:

- **What will the armchair look like:**

**Color** = same as existing chairs

- **Location in sanctuary:** they will be spaced throughout the sanctuary

- **Cost:** \$ 105 each (includes shipping and handling by ChurchPlaza)

- **How to donate:** A check to The bridge Presbyterian Church with “Arm Chair” in memo line. You can also give online - drop down to “Arm Chair” for the Fund.

- **Will your name be placed on an armchair:** No

If you have any questions, please contact Gary Lewis at (407) 497-8646 or Wanda at the church office. (910) 769-4951

# Upcoming Happenings

## Jan

29th - Bluefield Craft - 2:00 pm  
30th - Breaking Bread Luncheon

## Feb

3rd - Women of the bridge Tea - 1:00 pm  
5th - Bluefield Worship - 1:30 pm  
6th - New Hope Mobile Clinic  
18th - Ash Wednesday Drive Thru  
    # 1 - 11:45 - 12:45 pm  
    # 2 - 4:30 - 6:00 pm  
18th - 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service  
26th - Bluefield Craft - 2:00 pm

## February Birthdays

Peggy Robertson	6
Ann Tydings	11
Rita Migliore	14
Kathy Westphal	15
Cathy Purves	18
Charlynne Caillaud	19
Wanda Batten	20