



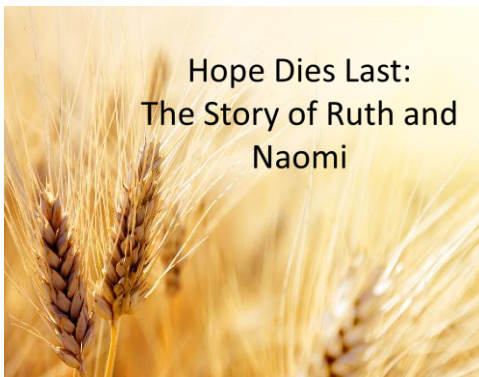
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Currents

Letting God's currents carry us through Life

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

Worship Together Weekly



Sunday, June 14th

Hope Dies Last.

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>



Summer at the bridge is going to be different this year!

One Service at **10:00** - beginning Sunday June 21st

Rev. Bill Young will preach from June 21st – August 30th

You can reach Rev. Young at revbillyoung@yahoo.com or 910-876-2289

Office Hours

He will have office hours on Wednesdays from 9:00 – 12:00

You can contact Rev. Young or contact Wanda to set up an appointment.

About Rev. Young

Rev. Dr. William (Bill) Young is a graduate of Lumberton High School, UNC Pembroke, and Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Va. with a Doctor of Ministry. He and wife Lynne (51 years) live at Riversea Plantation near Supply, NC and he honorably retired from active pastoral ministry from the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina in January of 2022 after 40+ years of ordained ministry. He served churches in North and South Carolina with his last being Sneads Ferry Presbyterian Church near Jacksonville, NC. They have a son and daughter and one grandson.

It's Not Goodbye. It's See You Later

Before I leave on sabbatical, I would be remiss if I didn't take a moment to express my heartfelt thank you to session and congregation for your support of my upcoming sabbatical. Over the past few weeks, I have received cards, emails and countless well-wishes and prayers from my bridge Presbyterian Church family. Your full support of my sabbatical is almost overwhelming – in a good way.

I want to thank the session for their insistence that I take a sabbatical and their full support for my time away. Finally, I want to thank the sabbatical team, Bruce Garris, Karen Santone and Charlie Riddle for your invaluable help and advocacy. You three have spent countless hours helping to ensure that sabbatical summer 2026 will go off without a hitch.

As for me, I'm looking forward to some extended time of renewal and rest. The first couple of weeks will be dedicated to rest and relaxation while Sharon and I travel to Greece and Italy. The remainder of my sabbatical will be spent enjoying a slower pace of reading, prayer and reflection. I have a curated reading list from a seminary professor friend of mine that will keep me busy. The end of sabbatical will be spent with a friend of mine staying at Mepkin Abbey – a Trappist monastery outside of Charleston SC.

I ask for your prayers while I am away and will be praying for my church family at the bridge. I will be praying that God does some amazing and surprising things at the bridge while I am away. I will also pray for your summer church devotional project and for Rev Bill Young – our interim pastor. Finally, I will be praying for my staff colleagues, Wanda, Dave and Judson – who will help lead you with creativity, faith and love.

This coming Sunday, June 14th will be my last Sunday and I will be back in the office beginning Monday August 31st.

While I am away, I ask two favors: First, please take me off all email and text threads so that we can truly be apart for the summer. Second, please stay healthy. Perhaps the hardest part of sabbatical will be not being able to provide pastoral care for the church family I love.

Thank you for the gift of allowing me a sabbatical. Thank you for your support. God bless.

Dr. Doug

Bridging the Gap Task Force Update

After our May 31 service, the Bridging the Gap Task Force provided an update on their progress. The following is a synopsis of their presentation for those unable to attend on the 31st.

This is a truly exciting and prayer-filled time for The Bridge Presbyterian Church. The moment we have all been patiently waiting for is drawing near—a milestone shaped by a four-year, Christ-led journey.


The Bridging the Gap Task Force has been diligently working for the past four years to develop a renovation and expansion strategy for our church building. This hardworking and devoted team has faithfully partnered with architects, site engineers, and county officials to create a plan that meets our congregation's growing needs while remaining mindful of construction costs.

Upon receiving the final cost estimates, the Task Force will develop a funding strategy that reflects both wisdom and care, acknowledging our congregation's concerns about the overall cost and how we move forward together. The Task Force does not anticipate a formal, congregation-wide capital campaign to achieve our goal. Instead, it will invite those who are able to give above and beyond their current and future support of the operating budget, while reminding us of something greater: the opportunity before us to continue growing God's Kingdom here in Leland.

With prayerful anticipation, the Task Force plans to submit its final recommendation to the Session this fall, with a presentation to the congregation shortly thereafter. Please know that nothing will move forward unless the congregation approves it.

Please see the following slide, which outlines the remaining milestones and the projected timeline.

Next Steps for Bridging The Gap Task Force	
JULY	- Receive Construction Drawings .
JULY/AUG	- Receive Site Drawings to be Submitted to County for Technical Review.
JULY/AUG	- Start Bid Process to Establish Project Cost
AUG/SEPT	- Finalize Funding Strategy.
FALL 26	- Present Construction and Site Renderings, Cost, and Financing Strategy to Session and Congregation for Approval
FALL 26	- Request Grant(s) and Funding help from Presbytery



Find Purpose through Service

Sunday, June 14, 2026

Coffee Servers

9:00 – Patricia
10:30 - Kerrie

Greeters/Ushers

9:00 – Wingerts
10:30 - Honeycutts

Liturgists

9:00 – Susan S.
10:30 – Charlyne 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

	6/7/26		
Total Weekly Giving	\$5,486	9:00 am Service	45
		10:30 am Service	68
Weekly Offering (4 wk avg)	\$5,737	Total Attendance	113
		Attendance (4 wk avg)	112

Pray Daily

PRAYER LIST June 11, 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.

Health and Healing

- Prayers for the family of Donna Siegmund who passed away on Saturday. At this time there is no local service planned.
- Prayers for Jim Bath He will have surgery on June 9th to remove his existing pacemaker and wires from his heart and put in a new pacemaker.
- Prayers for Ed Weihs for successful treatment for newly diagnosed illness
- Marilyn Vernon: For strength and comfort during her cancer journey.
- Lynn Hale: For comfort and strength following a diagnosis of Mesothelioma, cancer of her abdomen and small intestines.
- Sandy Barrett: For peace and successful treatment following the return of her cancer.
- Prayers for Peggy Fulton who had surgery on June 3.
- Prayers for UPRECO under the threat of Ebola.
- Prayers for the families of Kiza and Alexi in the Democratic Republic of the Congo facing the Ebola epidemic.
- Prayers for John Larkin on his health journey.
- Prayers for a young couple, Savannah and Brent Bachman who are struggling with fertility issues. Bless this young couple starting their family together.
- Prayers for a young mother facing Breast cancer.

Celebrations

- Hooray for a new great grandson for George and Linda Wells: Callahan Banks Cooper
- Congratulations to Mary Ellen Cole on the marriage of her son Aaron.

Our Community and World

- The Vulnerable: For those who are homeless or forgotten.
- Global Concerns: For peace within our country and the world.

Our world where Octopus dream, elephants return to the bones of the deceased and stand over them in silence. Where bees use dance to communicate where to fly and where the flower is. Where crows remember the faces of people who were cruel to them and pass this memory to their children. Where ants build cities. Where cats purr at a frequency that accelerates the healing of bones. Where, after a forest fire, the first thing the earth does is grow flowers. **Thank you, God.**

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.

Find Meaningful Relationships in Small Groups



Grab your drinks! We got the popcorn so come and join us on Wednesday, June 17th at 1:30PM for the viewing and discussion of THE CHOSEN, a popular TV series based on the Bible.

We will be viewing the first season of the 8-episode series.

Prior to each viewing you will receive some information on that week's episode via an email. So, you will need to sign up at the table in the hallway so we can send the email to you.

We hope you will print the email out and bring it along to use for discussion – and bring your Bible. No other materials are necessary.

If you would like to do supplemental study "What Does It Mean to be Chosen?" by Amanda Jenkins, Dallas Jenkins and Doug Huffman is an excellent resource that has much helpful information.

This study is a wonderful way to see unique portrayals of key figures who were living during the time of Jesus.

Invite a friend to join you at the movies for a few weeks.

Remember, if you miss a week or two, it is no problem because you can view these 8 episodes on YouTube, Prime or online.

Find Purpose through Service



June Mission Partners Brunswick Family Assistance Christmas in July

Eligible children in kindergarten - 8th grade will receive a bookbag with the necessary school supplies for their grade, an outfit, and a new pair of shoes.

If you would like to sponsor a child or children, either individually or with a small group, please email or call Wanda at thebridgepres@gmail.com or 910-769-4951. As soon as the forms are available, she will get one to you.

Once we have the form you will receive your child or children's needs and sizes.

The book bags, clothes and shoes will be needed by the first of August. If you would like to make a cash donation, please put BFA in the menu or go online to BFA.

Thank you for your participation!



Find Purpose through Service



THE BLUEFIELDS
MEMORY CARE



Our next Craft Day at The Bluefields Memory Care will be **Thursday, June 25, 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

Our next Worship Service at The Bluefields Memory Care will be **Thursday, July 2nd 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 ssanewick@gmail.com





THE BLUEFIELDS

MEMORY CARE

The theme of our Worship Service at The Bluefields Memory Care for June was “Patience”.

We learned that accepting delays and suffering builds self-control, as we trust that God always loves us and will answer our prayers. Music from our Bluefields Band inspired us all to praise Our God!!



Chester United Methodist Chancel Choir is on tour and coming to The Bridge. The CUMC Chancel Choir has been touring since 2006 all over the East coast, including two performances in the world-renowned Carnegie Hall! You may remember their director, Joshua Wortham, who performed a solo concert here recently. Join us for an evening of beautiful music and fellowship!



**6:00
PM**

**FRIDAY
JUNE 12**

Featuring:

THE CHANCEL CHOIR
CHESTER (VA) UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**THE BRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1444 LANVALE RD
LELAND, NC 28451
WWW.THEBRIDGEPRES.ORG**

Practice a Christ-Centered Active Lifestyle

Active Adults on the GO!

Presents:

Line Dancing with Linda



Line Dancing with Linda is Part 1 of a 2-Part Activity!

Part I – Learning to Line Dance

Linda Wadhams – a renowned Leland Area Line Dance Instructor - will bring us together in Warnock Hall where she will teach the group 1 or 2 simple line dances! Sign up electronically through Realm or on the Sign Up Sheet!

June 18, 2026

2:00 PM

Warnock Hall

Part II – Holden Beach Music Concert

Our newly trained dancers will meet at Holden Beach's new stage for a concert of Beach Music, where we will have an opportunity to get up and "cut the rug" with the rest of the concert-goers!

July 12, 2026

6:00 PM

Holden Beach

More details to follow!

Both of these events are free and sure to be fun!!

Sign up in the hallway or on Realm

For more information contact Ruth Fitzsimmons at 614-588-2390 or by email at .fitzsi55@gmail.com



**Women of the Bridge
Beach Party!**

June 23rd 11:00 AM
Fort Fisher Recreation Area

BRING: Beach Chairs, floats,
umbrellas/canopies, sun screen, and your
beverages of choice (we'll provide the
coolers)

**Car Pooling available if sufficient
interest**

See the sign-up sheet in the hall way and plan to join the fun!!!
For more info contact Ruth Fitzsimmons 614 588 2390



BRIDGEWATER
WINES + DINES

Breaking Bread Fellowship Group June Luncheon

Friday, June 26 at 12 Noon

Bridgewater Wine and Design

48 Waterford Business Center Way, Leland

Deadline to RSVP is June 23rd for reservation count

Sign up in the hallway or on Realm

TIME TO ORDER BRIDGE T-SHIRTS

Cost will be **\$17** for Small, Medium, Large, or XL, and **\$19** for a 2x-3x.

Long sleeve shirts will be available for **\$24**.

All will be in our “Tahiti Blue” color with logo.

White V-Neck (ladies) and white golf shirts are available if we have more than 5 requests. These will be embroidered on the front. V-neck should be \$20 (based on how many ordered), and the golf shirts will be individually priced, based on the quality of shirt you select.

If you indicate you want a golf shirt, you will be contacted directly with a selection of styles and fabrics from which to choose.

Please sign up (form is in the Hall), before July 6th

No money is required until you pick up your shirt!



Celebrate Life's Milestones

June

Birthdays

Kim Ferris	12
Peggy Fulton	13
Bettye Weihs	16
Lang (Langston) Spell	20
Joyce Rodman	21
Romie Holmes	23
Steve Skerlick	24
Tony Honeycutt	27
Mary Campbell	28

Anniversaries

Billy and Sheila Davis	June 10th
Anne and Jim Graham	June 16th
Sharon Stengel	June 23rd
Gary and Kathy Westphal	June 24th
Gary and Lynne Lewis	June 29th

Upcoming Happenings

June

- 3rd - Session - 3:00
- 4th - Bluefield Worship - 1:30
- 5th - New Hope Mobile Clinic
- 9th - 11th - VBS 6:00pm
- 10th - Blood Drive 12:00 - 5:00
- 12th - Josh Wortham Concert (Friday) - 6:00 pm
- 13th - New Beginnings Retreat - 8:00 - 12:00 pm (Saturday)
- 18th - Line Dance Class - 2:00 pm
- 23rd - WOTB - Beach Trip - 11:00
- 25th - Bluefield Craft - 2:00