



Currents

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Connecting at the bridge



Sunday March 23, 2025

Wandering Heart

“Praise The Mount ”

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>

Connecting by Serving

Sunday, March 23, 2025

Coffee Servers

9:00 - Susan
10:30 - Kathy

Greeters/Ushers

9:00 - Broadwaters
10:30 - Peggy F. and Jim M.

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

	3/16/25		
Total Local Deposits	\$3,875	9:00 am Attendance	54
Online Donations	\$400	10:30 am Attendance	52
Total Weekly Offering	\$4,275	Total Attendance	106
Pledge Fulfillment		Attendance (4 wk avg)	110
Total Deposit	\$4,275	Weekly Offering (4 wk avg)	\$4,204



New Sermon-Based Small Group Series For Lent

This Lent, we are focusing on the life and faith of one of Jesus’ most famous disciples. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. In Peter, we often see ourselves. By following Peter’s journey, we watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us.

While we journey with Peter through Lent, we will focus on the hymn: “Come Thou Fount” . It’s as if Peter himself wrote this song. And so, for each step in Peter’s journey, we will focus on a phrase from this hymn. As we follow Peter’s story, we will sing our way through Lent, binding our wandering hearts to God. Like many of us, Peter has a wandering heart. His journey is not polished, or linear, or perfect, but he is always tethered to the love of God.

We will also be offering 4 Sermon-Based Small Group Studies for each of the six-weeks of Lent.

Anyone is welcome to join a small group. Small groups are a great way for folks to grow in their faith and get to know others at the bridge.

Sign up at the Sign Up Table after worship.

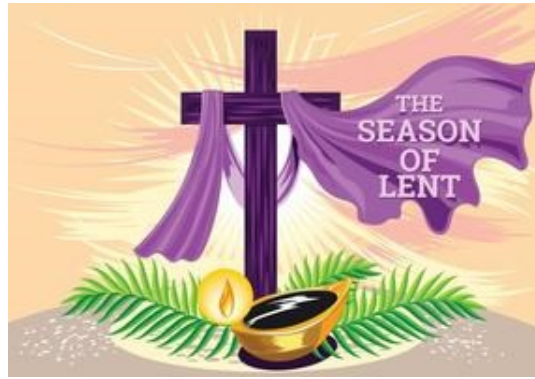
Available Groups

Mondays at 1:00 pm - Facilitated by Peggy Fulton and Suzanne Veen - at the bridge

Tuesdays at 11:00 am - Facilitated by Karen Santone/Cathy Boettcher - at 116 Belvedere Ct.

Wednesdays at 10:00 am - Facilitated by Greer and Tom Broadwater- at the bridge

Thursdays at 3:30 pm - Facilitated by Becky and Steve Dare - at the Wesenbergs - 1023 Westport Dr Winnabow, NC 28479 - **Please note location Change**



Join us this Lenten Season

Sermon Based Small Groups begin week of March 9th

April 13th - Palm Sunday - Invite a Friend Day

Services at 9:00 am and 10:30 am

Palm Sunday Brunch at 9:45

April 17th - Maundy Thursday Service at Noon

April 18th - Good Friday Service at Noon

April 20th - Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service at 6:30 am - gates to park open at 6:00 am Belville

Riverwalk off of Hwy 133

Worship Service at 10:30 at the bridge Pres. Church

Pick up a Lent daily devotion set on the table entering the sanctuary

Connecting In Prayer

Prayer list March 20, 2025

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 for Ruth Fitzsimmons
- Prayers of healing of Joyce Rodman's arm surgery
- Prayers for Terry Hickey as she undergoes tests. Prayers for great news.
- Constant prayers for Marilyn Vernon on her journey with cancer.
- Prayers for Sandy Sears' son Scott who broke his hip and is facing surgery and a long recovery.
- Prayers for Rebecca Baker, successful surgery for a broken arm.
- From the Bridge website: "Please pray that a good man V. gets several calls and messages with home offers for the pets living in his animal charity society
- Prayers for Barbara Harwell, whose brother passed after a long period of illnesses
- Prayers for Steve Betts, who lost his mother.
- Prayers of healing and recovery for Cheryl, Susan Stanwick's friend. Cheryl had a stroke in January.
- Prayers for Lynn Hale, getting a new pacemaker
- Prayers for Mike
- Continued prayers for Doug's father Mr. Cushing
- Prayers for Peg Clark, whose dear nephews' wife who died in her sleep, last week
- Prayers for our mission projects.
- Prayers for our Days for Girls project.
- Prayers for the people of Gaza and Ukraine
- Prayers for Heather and Diane.
- Prayers for Amanda Genda and family for healing and stamina as she begins cancer treatments.

THE STRUGGLE BUS SHOULD HAVE A LOYALTY REWARDS PROGRAM

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

Connecting Through Missions



March Mission Partners
Church World Service

Want to know how you can help fill the gaps in service to our CWS refugees?

The list of needs varies from week to week, and you can volunteer once, or often, and choose only the tasks you want to tackle!

Maybe you would greet refugees and set appointments for them at the office, help filling out forms, run an errand, tutor, or make use of your second language skills.

To learn about immediate needs, attend the weekly Thursday night meeting at Trinity Methodist Church (1403 Market Street, Wilmington) from 6 to 8.

If you can't make the meeting, check with Joe and Anne Dutra, or Peter and Sandy Barrett about their experiences.

Monetary donations are also appreciated.

If you would like to make a financial donation, Make check out to the bridge with CWS in the memo line.

Connecting Through Missions



THE BLUEFIELDS
MEMORY CARE

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



Our next Craft Day at The Bluefields Memory Care will be **Thursday, March 27, 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.

For more information contact Patti at ppirher@gmail.com.

Our next Worship Service at The Bluefields Memory Care will be **Thursday, April 3rd, at 1:30p.m.** in the Activities Room.

Volunteers are needed to help the residents with song-books, 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 residents, contact Patti, ppirher@gmail.com.





Lend a Hand in Leland is a community-wide day of service initiative aimed at fostering collaboration and volunteerism within our beloved Town. We're dedicated to bringing together a diverse group of individuals, families, and organizations to make a positive impact in our community through various volunteer projects and activities.

Our next Lend a Hand in Leland will take place on **Saturday, March 22 from 8 to 11 a.m.** and feature four meaningful volunteer opportunities in partnership with local organizations.

All participants will start at the Leland Cultural Arts Center at 8 a.m., where they will check in, meet with their groups, and enjoy light refreshments before departing for their project sites.

For more information, please go to this link:

<https://www.townofleland.com/lendahand>

New Chairs for Sanctuary

Several people would like armchairs for the sanctuary.
If you would like to help with this purchase, we will be collecting funds for purchases.

Information about the armchairs:


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

Color = same as existing chairs. There is a sample armchair (different fabric color and different frame color) in the sanctuary now on the second row on the left as you enter the sanctuary. The sample armchair is black fabric with black frame color.

Size = similar to existing “tall” sanctuary chairs [22 7/8”W Arm Chair for Jericho or Genesis | ChurchPlaza](#)

- **Location in sanctuary:** lots of opinions on where to place the chairs. What is your suggestion?
- **Cost:** \$ 100 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

Questions/Comments: talk to Gary Lewis, Cathy Boettcher, or Wanda



Ladies, Save the date for April 1 at 1:00 PM in Warnock Hall

We're going to be making 50 Easter Baskets
for our sweet friends at The Bluefields Memory Care Center!

We already have the little Easter Baskets
(6 long" x 4 ½" wide x 4" tall)

We need our lovely ladies to bring goodies to fill them.

- Easter Grass
- Candy
- Individually-wrapped candy to be placed in Easter Eggs
- Snacks
- Small stuffed toys
- Personal items (chap stick, tooth paste, combs, etc) *
- Small puzzles, greeting cards, games

**Please, don't bring any liquids as the residents can't have liquids in their rooms.*

We hope to see you there!

Easter Meet and Greet

Friday, April 11th from 4 to 7PM

Cathy Boettcher's Home - 116 Belvedere CT, Leland

Sign up in the Hallway

Grab your Easter bonnet and join us for an old tradition at the bridge on Friday April 11th at 4PM.

On this date, we are doing a traditional meet and greet where anyone who wants to attend brings an appetizer and their drink of choice.

And just to spice it up a bit, we will have an Easter bonnet contest with our own Easter Parade. There will be a prize for the gents' best hat and another for the ladies' best bonnet based on the most creative.

This is a perfect time to bring that spouse or friend who shys away from Sunday services. It is also the perfect time for people who are new to the bridge to come and enjoy fellowship with the other covenant partners at the bridge.



Space is limited to 45 people so sign up soon.

The bridge men's group, *Helping Souls Ministry*, is offering their help and support for the following needs:

Transportation

Pet sitting

Adult sitting

Daily needs

Errands

Funeral support

Meals

Tutoring

Visitation home, hospital or nursing home

Tom Broadwater: 770-235-1315 or 910-769-6454 or

tombroadwater@bellsouth.net

Golf Anyone?



It is time for *the bridge* 9 Hole Golf Group to resume our monthly outings. Join us for no stress golf followed by lunch . Get some recreation and get better acquainted. Mid-morning tee times at local courses. Watch your Currents for more details .

Volunteers needed

Looking for a volunteer experience? Love children? Hope Harbor Home, one of our Mission Partners, is in need of child care providers on Wed evenings from 5:30-7 while parents attend a meeting on site.

Call Bettye Weihs for more information. 443.831.2256

Lincoln Elementary Spring Book Fair

Our Spring Scholastic Book Fair is just around the corner! April 7th-11th!

Lincoln Elementary is looking for volunteers to help students write wish lists and be personal shoppers, helping their students account for tax and see if they have enough money to buy what they want.

If you are interested and available to volunteer, please sign up using this link!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D4EAEA62DA6F49-52831109-lesdecember>

Anyone interested in attending this fundraiser for New Hope Clinic can contact Barbara Harwell for details brbharwell13@gmail.com

Barbara will need to provide a list of names of those going for getting into the St. James Community.



ROCKIN' & Laughin' for HOPE Benefit Concert

Saturday, April 5th 5-8pm



Join us for the 13th annual benefit concert for New Hope Clinic with **Mike's Garage Band** and comedian Matt White at Woodlands Park Amphitheatre in St. James. Supported by Sacred Heart Church Knights of Columbus.

- dance and sing along to your favorite tunes
- laugh out loud with our comedian
- savor tasty treats from food vendors

- BYOB, a chair and cash for the raffle.

- Suggested ticket contribution is \$10 \$20 per person.



- This event is open to St. James residents and invited guests only.

MEMORIES MATTER

A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ABOUT AGING & ALZHEIMER'S

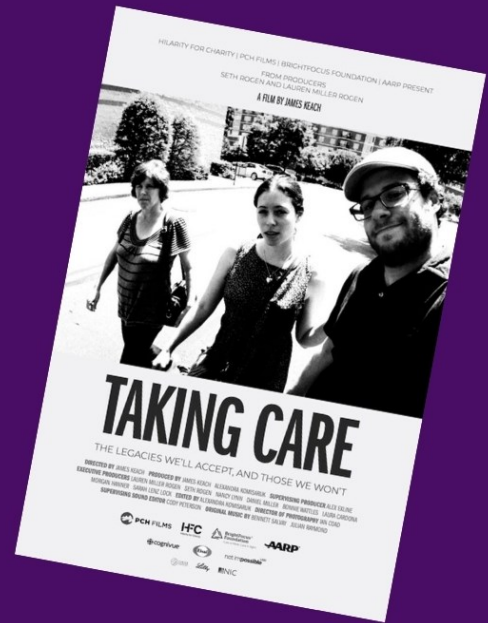
Join us for a special screening of

TAKING CARE*

A film by James Keach

Wednesday, April 23 | 5:30-7:30 PM

Leland Cultural Arts Center
1212 Magnolia Village Way, Leland 28451



Taking Care is a documentary film that follows Seth Rogen and Lauren Miller Rogen as they navigate the complexities and heartbreak of Lauren's mother's advancing Alzheimer's disease.

Through intimate interviews with the Miller and Rogen families, and supporting footage of their entertainment industry friends and colleagues, Taking Care sheds warmth and light on Alzheimer's through storytelling, celebrity comedy, medical insights and abiding love.

Following the screening, area dementia services and resource organizations invite the community to share their own experiences with aging and Alzheimer's and discuss opportunities to improve accessibility and community engagement for those living with dementia, support for caregivers and healthy aging.

This community conversation is part of the Town of Leland's ongoing efforts as a committed member of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

**Some scenes could be difficult to watch for caregivers and/or people living with dementia*

COMMUNITY PARTNERS



TO REGISTER: 800.272.3900 | tinyurl.com/April23Leland

Happenings in March

Week of 9th - SBSGs begin

Sallie Bohn	6
Carol Spradley	6
John Vernon	8
Cathy Boettcher	10
Barbara Hedin	10
Ben Lindsey	10
Dave Bohn	11
Gidget Karlof	13
Cindy Rupprecht	14
Lora Rissmiller	15
James Bozeman	23
Carol Nelson	28
Wayne Myers	30
Susan Stanewick	31

March Birthdays

If your Birthday is not listed - it is not in REALM -You can go and edit your profile or let Wanda know so we can include you!!