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Currents

What's Happening at the bridge



**Our *mission* at the bridge Presbyterian Church is to help people
Connect with God's people in your life - Connect with God's purpose in your life
Connect with God's passion for your life**

The bridge Core Habits

*Pray daily - Worship together weekly - Welcome & Include everyone - Belong to a small group
Give generously - Cherish children - Forgive & reconcile continually - Serve our community*

Connecting at the bridge

Upcoming Events

Sun. Sept. 3rd Communion Sunday

9:00 am - Early Worship Service

11:00 am - Second Service

Guest Pastor Rev. John Causey will be preaching.

Sun. Sept. 10th Invite a Friend Sunday

9:00 am - Early Worship Service

11:00 am - Second Service

Pastor Doug returns with *Prophets of a Future Not Our Own*

Second services in person and livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube

Links to all videos posted by the bridge on YouTube:

[://www.youtube.com/@thebridgepresbyterianchurc4433/streams](https://www.youtube.com/@thebridgepresbyterianchurc4433/streams)



Ways To Connect by Serving

Greeters/Ushers

Sept. 3rd 9:00 Marcia & Bill Wesenberg

11:00 Diane & Steve Betz

Sept. 10th 9:00 Peggy & George Robertson

Susan Stanewick & Barb Harwell

11:00 Patricia Shaffar & Dixie Bennett

Lynn Lewis & Bettye Weihs



Offering Counters

Sept. 3rd Bill Harwell & Mary Campbell

Sept. 10th TBA



Communion Servers

Sept 3rd 9:00 Steve & Becky Dare

Charlie Riddle & Patti Pirher

11:00 Peg Clark & Cathy Boettcher

Mary Campbell & Kathy Westphal



Bridge Builders

Sept. 3rd — Judy Hogg & Jane Jones

Nursery—Ann Tydings & 1 Volunteers Needed

Sept. 10th — Lydia & Matt Stevens

Nursery—Two volunteers needed!



Coffee Servers

Sept. 3rd — Susan Stanewick Clean Up—Sandy Sears

Sept. 10th— Sandy Sears Clean Up—Marilyn Vernon



Gentle Yoga Will Resume in September



What's New?

- We will be on the mat. Please bring your yoga mat and a large beach towel.
- Class will start promptly at 9:30 am. Be there in time to set up your space in the Warnock Hall.
- No more drop in. You must RSVP to lisatmyers@gmail.com no later than 24 hours before class.

Yoga Dates:

- Monday, September 4 – Labor Day, NO CLASS
- Monday, September 18, class will start at 9:30 am. Please RSVP NLT September 17 by 9:30 am

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at the email above. I look forward to seeing you on your mat. *Lisa Myers*

Matthew's Ministry

Food Changes Lives



**Packing begins again on
Sunday, Sept. 10th after the 11:00 am service.**

Food Bag Deliveries to:

Town Creek Elementary and Middle Schools and Classical
Charter School before noon on Thursdays:

September 14th, 21st, and 28th.

Thank you to everyone who has helped during the first semester
of the 2023 School year.

Any questions? Contact Lynn (407-341-5226) or
Gary Lewis (407-497-8646).

Our September Sustainable Mission Partner

Church World Services



Helping to resettle refugees is an experience of both giving and receiving. Imagine coming to a new country with your family, everything is different, you arrive with only your suitcase and a lot of hope, wonder, and fear. After years of waiting, you're in a new country.

Being a volunteer to help these refugees feel welcome, learn about America, navigate government bureaucracy, help with medical appointments, teach someone English, be their friend, and learn their journey is so rewarding. The volunteer opportunities are just a start to helping refugees become part of American culture.

“I can tell you that helping resettle refugees for the last 15 years, I have been adopted as a parent, granddad, friend and helper. It is a wonderful experience!” *Dr. Mark Hammer*

Please visit the [CWC wilmington website](#) to learn more. Be assured volunteering to help can be part time, occasionally helping with sponsored families, or all consuming, as part of a support team for a new refugee family, which is a 4 month commitment. There are many things to do. May hands make light work. All volunteers who work directly with families must undergo a background check through CWS, but the process is easy, and paid for by CWS.

In addition to volunteer opportunities, we are collecting money in the month of September to directly help refugee families. You can contribute online or with a check or cash, just be sure to mark that the donation is specifically for Church World Services.

If you are interested in volunteering with CWS, in any capacity, please contact [Mark Hammer](#) or [Peggy Bradt](#).

Women of the Bridge

You will not want to miss the next Women of the Bridge meeting. Travis Gilbert, the Executive Director of the Historic Wilmington Foundation, Inc. will be presenting. **Let's fill up the sanctuary. Bring a friend or two!**

September 5th, 1:00 pm in the Sanctuary



LELAND SCHOOLS NEED YOU!



If you are interested in volunteering in any of the 3 elementary or 2 middle schools, please email me at mbc8@hotmail.com. You can help in the classroom, tutor, read with students, or be a lunch buddy. If this interests you, you will need to have a background check from Brunswick County.

Tanisha Rogers, trogers@bcswan.net, would need to be contacted. It takes about 2 weeks and costs \$22.

Feel free to contact me with any questions. I am compiling a list of volunteers.
Marybeth Christiano



Pray Daily

TO MAKE A PRAYER REQUEST If you would like to make a prayer request with the Prayer and Care team, please contact Elder Mary Campbell at carlislecampbell@gmail.com or (910)269-9696. OR you can make a request through the Bridge website. Prayer requests remain in Currents for two weeks unless an extension is requested.

Prayer List 8/31/23

Prayers for Mike Maness. Susan Stanwick's nephew. Mike is in the hospital with vasculitis and is hoping to be transferred to Duke. He is an accomplished tile setter and needs our prayers to see him through this debilitating illness.

Continued prayers for Susan Stanwick's friend Harry as he recovers from open heart surgery.

Continued Prayers for Anne Graham and Jim Graham. Anne recently had shoulder surgery and Jim is hoping to join a clinical study for cancer at Duke University. Pray for them as they hold and support each other in this trying time.

Prayers for Karen Santones' brother who recently had a stroke. Pray for his continued improvement and protection from additional health problems.

Continued Prayers for Jane Jones, who lost her beloved niece Donna Maria Van Ness to cancer last week. It is with sadness and relief to say goodbye. Jane has traveled back and forth to New York to care for Donna Marie, leaving Jane exhausted and grieving. Pray for peace for Jane and her family in the knowledge that her niece was at peace with God in her end days.

From Marcia Wesenberg, prayers for Ed, as he is needing a liver transplant.

Prayers for "my cousin Jois"

Continued Prayers for Susan Stanwick's friend Keith. Pray that "he may receive continued strength with whatever comes ahead".

Please continue to pray for Patti Pirhers cousin Marsha. She has been going through cancer treatments which have caused additional problems. Her brother Paul, was caring for her, and he suddenly passed from a heart attack. Prayers for healing and comfort.

Continued prayers for Suzanne Duke. She has vascular dementia, and our prayers for her are peace and comfort for as long as she lives. Prayers for the loving relationship she has found in her memory facility. She is not so alone. God surely works in mysterious ways.

Continued Prayers for Mary Elen Cole's neighbor Tony Fascenda. He is home again after being hospitalized for complications following surgery last week. He and his wife are neighbors of Mary Ellen and have always been there to help her.

Prayers for Mary and Ken Campbell as they celebrate their 47th wedding anniversary, today, the 24th of August.

Prayers for Gidget Karloff, one of our original covenant partners. She is suffering from Vertigo and is now in a rehab facility. Gidget worked for years serving us coffee.

Continued prayers for Dana Erbe. Dana is shut in and the Bridge is supporting her through visits and meal train.

"To be aware of a single shortcoming within yourself is more useful than to be aware of a thousand in someone else." *Dahli Lama*

Celebrating September Birthdays at *the bridge*



Becky Dare	15th
Charlie Riddle	17th
George Robertson	18th
Bill Wesenberg	18th
Jay Benton	20th
Jan Steffenauer	28th



The Worship Team

Is meeting Tuesday, Sept. 5th at 11:00am!

Men's Pray & Share Group



Meeting Wednesday mornings at 8:30 in the Warnock Hall for coffee, conversation, a daily devotion, and prayer.

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**Baked goods donations are needed for the
Invite A Friend Sunday Brunch Sept. 10th**



A sign up sheet is in the hallway!

Give Generously

Monthly Financials

If you would like to see our Monthly Financial Reports, they are posted on Realm.

Here are instructions to view the reports.

- Log in to Realm
- Go to Groups (you may have to go to “More” first)
- Click on “the bridge presbyterian Church under system groups
- Click on Resources (depending on your device it may say files)
- You should see the Financials.

Monthly Session Minutes

If you would like to see our Monthly Session Minutes, they will be posted on Realm.

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- You should see the Minutes.

