



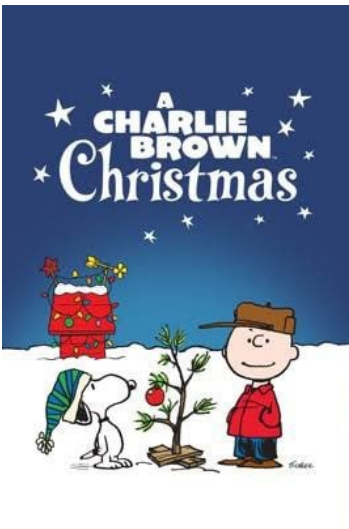
Currents

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Connecting at the bridge



Sunday, Dec 8, 2024

A Charlie Brown Advent: The Christmas Tree

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:

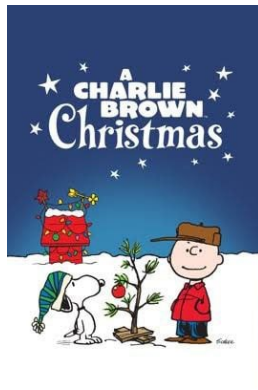
<https://www.youtube.com/@thebridgepresbyterianchurc4433/streams>



As we prepare to enter Advent,
please see the links below to Daily Devotions Guides

Here is a link to Our Daily Bread daily Advent devotional guide
<https://ourdailybread.org/hk-advent/>

Here is a link to Christianity Today free downloadable Advent devotional guide
https://christianitytoday.ac-page.com/ct-advent-2024-english-digital-download?utm_source=google&utm_source=google-ads&utm_medium=paid-search&utm_campaign=advent-google-grant&utm_campaign=&utm_agid=143407076098&utm_term=advent%20devotional%20guide&creative=627485599342&device=c&placement=&gad_source=1&gclid=CjoKCQiA6Ou5BhCrARIsAPoTxBzLM9Tr9hMx59CHWfBiyafDsWC13tb6j6J_Mw4JwJaVhZjQKPd3IIaAjo_EALw_wcB



Advent 2024

the bridge Presbyterian Church

Join us as we celebrate the season of Advent at the bridge by looking at holiday classic; A Charlie Brown Christmas. Each Sunday during Advent, we will explore one aspect of this beloved holiday story. This year, we are letting the Peanuts prepare us for the coming of Christ as Christmas. Additionally, we will be hosting our annual Blue Christmas service – for those who have lost loved ones. The highlight of Advent season will be our candlelit Christmas Eve communion service.

8th - Second Sunday in Advent – PEACE: How the Charlie Brown Christmas Tree Prepares us for Christmas.

8th - 6:00 pm - Blue Christmas – we partner with Compassion Friends Network for a candlelight vigil to honor our deceased loved ones.

15th - Third Sunday in Advent – HOPE: How Linus' blanket prepares us for Christmas.

22nd - Fourth Sunday in Advent – LOVE: How Snoopy's Dog House prepares us for Christmas.

22nd -7:00 pm - Charlie Brown Christmas Movie Night

24th - 6:00 pm - Christmas Eve Candle Light - Communion Service

29th - 10:30 Combined Service for Annual Lessons in Carols



Connecting by Serving

Sunday, Dec 8, 2024

Coffee Servers

9:00 - Patricia
10:30 - Theresa

Greeters/Ushers

9:00 - Christianos
10:30 - Larkins

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

	12/1/24		
Total Local Deposits	\$4,818	9:00 am Attendance	47
Online Donations	\$805	11:00 am Attendance	48
Total Weekly Offering	\$5,623	Total Attendance	95
Pledge Fulfillment		Attendance (4 wk avg)	121
Adjusted Weekly Giving	\$6,900	Weekly Offering (4 wk	\$6,531



Christmas Offering

During the season that we celebrate the greatest gift of all - the birth of our Savior, we want to encourage you to consider offering an over-and-above end-of-the-year gift to the bridge Presbyterian Church.

We have placed special Holiday Offering envelopes in the chair pockets in our worship center.

As a concrete way of drawing closer to Christ this Christmas, please consider bringing your gift to worship this Sunday and then, tangibly, placing it in the offering plate as a way of physically offering your gift back to our Lord and Savior.

Thank you.

**Matthew's
Ministry**
Food Changes Lives



Packing this Sunday, Dec. 8th at 11:45

Per Capita

Every year, the bridge Presbyterian Church gives a 'tithe' to our higher governing body: Coastal Carolina Presbytery.

This 'tithe' goes toward paying staff salaries of Presbytery employees, shared mission projects across our Presbytery and supporting the work of the Presbytery. Along with this 'tithe' to the Presbytery, the bridge Presbyterian Church is required to pay a 'per capita' (a set amount of money for each member) to the denomination.

Each year, the bridge (like many congregations) has chosen to pay this 'tithe' and the per capita at the end of the fiscal year.

In an effort to help defray our expenses, the session is asking everyone who is part of our church family to prayerfully consider a one-time payment of \$57 per person. If everyone at the bridge would agree to pay \$57 per person, it would save the congregation \$1,000.00's of dollars.

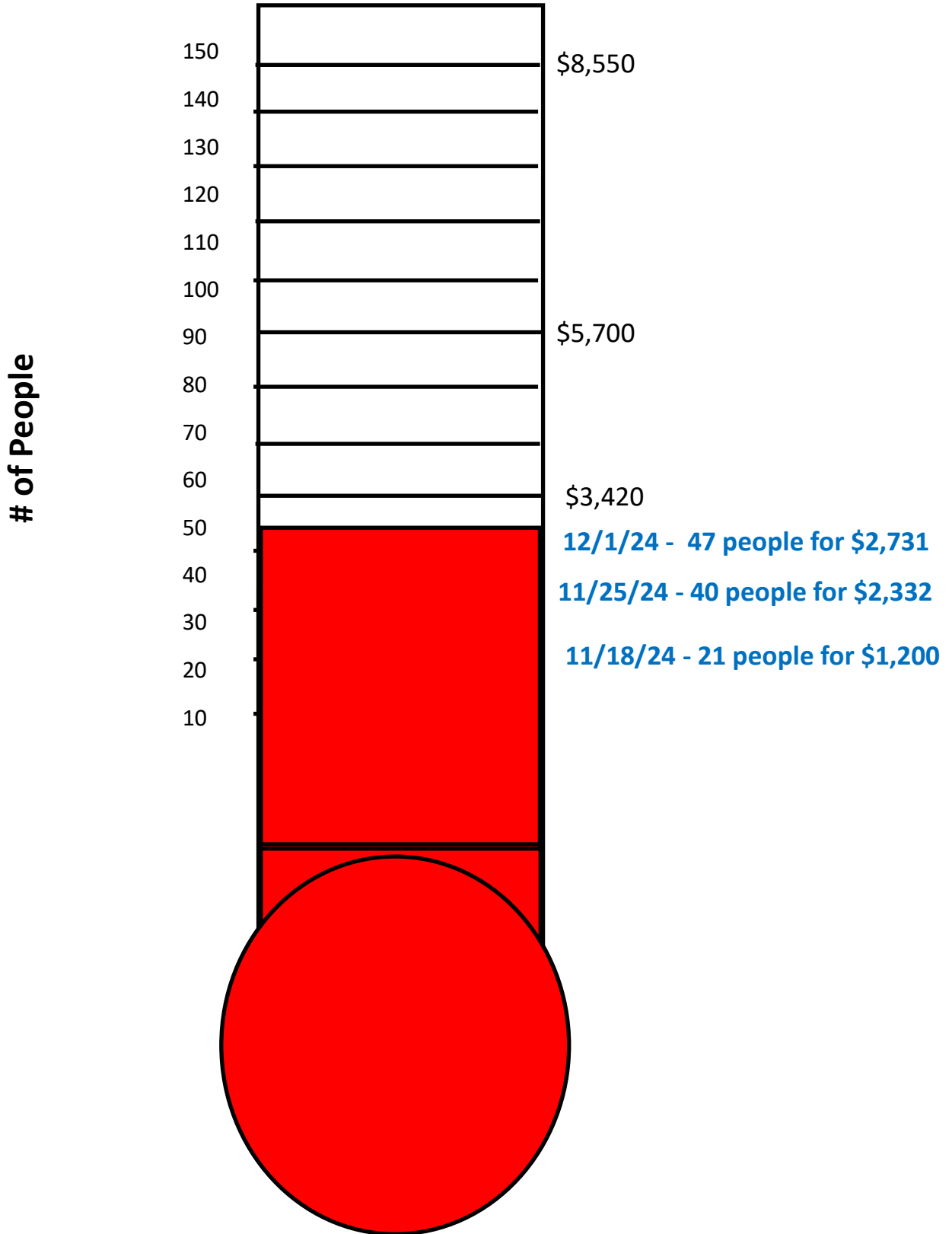
If you choose to do so, please make a check payable to the bridge for \$57 and write per capita in the memo line of your check or mark it clearly on an envelope. We also have a drop down option online.

Watch in Currents and on Sundays for a weekly update on our progress

Thank you.

Per Capita Donations for Presbytery

Thank you for helping “Fill Up” the Thermometer



Connecting In Prayer

Prayers December 5, 2024

- Prayers for all who are sick and silently hurting. We may not know who you are, but God does.
- Prayers for the Caregivers
- Prayers for the residents of Bluefields.
- Prayers for the homeless
- Prayers for our Mission Partners
- Prayers for our Country
- Prayers for kindness
- Prayers for Sandy and Frank who lost their son.
- Prayers for Eds' friends in Korea
- Prayers for Barbara who recently had surgery
- Prayers for Doug's dad
- Continued prayers for John and Marilyn as they face the struggle of illness
- Prayers for a successful surgery for Dennis
- Prayers for the family of Lorraine, who passed away at home today.
- Prayers of joy for the safe return of Charlie's grandson.
- Prayers of gratefulness for Kathy W. grandson's health remain steady.

Thought for the day:

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



December Mission Partner

Hope Harbor Homes

Christmas Stockings and Food Drive

It's the most wonderful time of the year!

As we have done at *the bridge* in the past, we will be filling stockings for the children of Hope Harbor Home, a Brunswick County shelter for domestic abuse victims. .

If you can - please return the filled stocking on Sunday Dec 8th. If you need to make other arraignments, please call Bettye

We will also have a food pantry collection for Hope Harbor Home's pantry.

During the Christmas Eve service, we will be collecting canned foods. We encourage you to bring your canned food then but if you will not be here on Christmas Eve, we will have a place in the hall for you to bring canned food all month long.

For questions call Bettye Weihs at 443-831-2256





Connecting by Learning

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BRIDGE??

SIGN UP FOR OUR CONNECTIONS SMALL GROUP

SESSION 1 – SUNDAY, JANUARY 12th

SESSION 2 – SUNDAY, JANUARY 19th

Are you looking for a more meaningful way to connect with our *bridge* family? Do you want to learn more about what it means to be a Covenant Partner at *the bridge* Presbyterian Church?

Please join us for two informal information sessions to be held Sunday, August 11th and Sunday, August 18th, immediately following our 10:30AM service.

This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know more about *the bridge* and to spend some time getting to know our Pastor, Dr. Doug Cushing, and others who are new to our church family.

Doug will discuss God's mission for *the bridge* and will give an overview of our 8 core habits and how these core habits connect with the ministry teams. He will answer your questions about the Presbyterian faith, and he will also discuss how you can join our mission by becoming a Covenant Partner when you are ready to do so.

We invite anyone who has worshiped with us and wants to learn more to consider joining us for this time of fellowship and information. A light lunch will be provided.

Please sign up on the Sign-Up sheet Sunday in the hallway or contact Judy Bath, our Connections Team Leader, at jannbath@hotmail.com.

We look forward to welcoming another great group to our church family!!

Connecting Through Missions



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, December 5, at 1:30p.m.** in the Activities Room. Dr. Doug and Cathy Boettcher will lead an inspiring service on “Advent”



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 Patti, ppirher@gmail.com.

Our next Craft Day at The Bluefields Memory Care will be **Thursday, December 19, at 2:00p.m. in the Activities Room.**

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

We need volunteers to help the residents make Christmas cards, decorate cookies, and enjoy being with our friends.



Please let us know if you will be joining the fun!
Patti, ppirher@gmail.com



Shake Up Your Holiday Tradition

Give Blood

Blood Drive

Bridge Presbyterian Church

Held on the American Red Cross Bus

1444 Lanvale Road

Leland, NC 28451

Wednesday, December 18th, 2024

1:00PM to 6:00PM

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org and enter

Sponsor code: Bridge

Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

**Donate December 16th
thru January 3rd
for a long-sleeved T-shirt.
Chil with us!**



Scan to schedule your appointment

Give Something that Means Something[®]

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Thank you to all who participated either with gifts, “Fill the Sleigh” or financially to BFA Christmas.

BFA is very grateful!

Local Holiday Concerts



Get into the spirit of the season at local concerts!

The Sea Notes Choral Society will perform at the Odell Williamson Auditorium on the campus of Brunswick Community College on Dec 7th at 3 pm. The concert is FREE. Tickets can be picked up at Port City Java.

Also, on Dec 14th at 3:00 pm, the Brunswick Big Band will perform in the Hatch Auditorium at the NC Baptist Assembly on Caswell Beach. This event is also FREE! Get a group together and carpool to a musical afternoon.

Happenings in December

5th - 1:30 pm - Worship at Bluefields

8th - 11:45 - Packing for Matthew's Ministry

6:00 pm - Blue Christmas Service

18th - 1:00 - 6:00 pm - Red Cross Blood Drive at the bridge

19th - 1:30 pm - Crafts at Bluefields

22nd - 7:00 pm - Movie Night - Charlie Brown Christmas

24th - 6:00 pm - Candle light Christmas Eve Service



December Birthdays

Gary Westphal	12
Virginia Hight	14
Judy Hogg	14
Tom Broadwater	19
Doug Cushing	20
Gary Lewis	23
Odin Genda	27
Chris Murray	27
Mary Early	28
Lisa Myers	29

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!!