

BRIDGE NEWS



DEVELOPING FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST

Here at The Bridge, we are committed to developing fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. A big part of that development is through discipleship. We hope you will **dig deeper into God's Word** by participating in an upcoming Winter Bible Study, Sunday Morning Class, Bible Seminar or other opportunities we have this winter.

"Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches."

If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." - John 15:4-5

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ADULT DISCIPLES

Please stop at Connections to register for all classes and events.

THE BRIDGE WELCOME CLASS

SUNDAYS @ 11AM, JAN-MARCH

If you are ready to get more involved at The Bridge, your first step is to attend our **4 week Welcome Class** where you will hear our story, explore our doctrines and discover how to become an active participant in our church family.

Free to attend; repeats monthly with seasonal breaks. Team Leaders: Dennis and Lisa Schappell (610-451-7168)



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

SUNDAYS @ 11AM, FEB 1ST - MARCH 29TH

If you've ever felt like you just can't get control of your money, you're not alone. You'd be surprised how many people you know are struggling just like you. It's time for your struggle to end. Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is a 9 week class designed to teach you how to **pay off debt, save more money and build wealth**. You'll come to class prepared by watching the lesson on your own and then we will join together on Sunday mornings at 11am to take part in group discussion and hands-on learning activities related to your finances.

Visit www.financialpeace.com/app/classes/828908 or scan the QR code to sign up! Payment must be made online at the time of registration.

Cost is \$99.99 for the annual membership.



Team Leaders: Andy and Kristi Maurer (610-562-2972 ext. 1109)

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

MONDAYS @ 7PM, BACK ON-CAMPUS JAN 5TH

If your life has been affected by trauma, abuse, rejection or other damaging experiences, this ministry can help you find **hope and healing as you walk through a biblical process of restoration**. For adults ages 18+. Free and confidential, gathering in our Multi-Purpose Room. Team Leader: Lisa Schappell (610-451-7168)

DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS @ 10AM, BEGINS JAN 6TH

This Bible Study group is open for new members to join anytime. They will continue studying the book of Daniel in January. This study is free to attend. Team Leaders: Ned and Patti Hepner (267-664-2487)

GRIEFSHARE

TUESDAYS @ 6:30PM, JANUARY 20TH-APRIL 14TH

If you are walking through the grieving process, you do not need to do it alone. GriefShare offers **friendly, caring support** to walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. **Cost is \$25**. Please sign-up at Connections if you plan to attend this group. Team Leaders: Jim and Kathy Groff (610-207-9940)



PRAYER MEETINGS

JANUARY: WEDNESDAYS @ 7PM, JANUARY 14TH & 21ST

FEBRUARY: WEDNESDAYS @ 6PM, FEBRUARY 4TH, 11TH, 18TH & 25TH

Let's gather together in prayer these Wednesday nights as a church, **believing God for breakthrough & miracles**.

During the month of January, we will also be encouraging a church-wide fast: January 5th-25th.

THE BRIDGE FOLLOW CLASS

WEDNESDAYS @ 7PM, BEGINS FEB 4TH - MARCH 25TH

This 8 week class will walk you through **7 key characteristics of someone who follows Jesus with their whole heart**. This class **costs \$15** for the required devotional workbook; however, scholarships are available as needed. This class will meet from **February 4 - March 25**. Team Leaders: Pastor Mark Caston, Dennis and Lisa Schappell

1 CORINTHIANS BIBLE STUDY: A CHURCH FOR TODAY

WEDNESDAYS @ 7PM, FEB 4TH - MARCH 25TH

Join us for an engaging 8-week journey through the First Epistle to the Corinthians—a letter written to a young and often messy church learning to follow Jesus in a complex world. Though written in the first century, Paul's words speak with **remarkable relevance to the challenges and hopes of Christians today**. Each week will connect the world of ancient Corinth to everyday life and faith in our world. This is an open Bible study; walk-ins are welcome!

Team Leaders: Pastor Dan Sarna & Peter McMenamin

BIBLE SEMINAR: JESUS IN THE FEASTS OF THE LORD

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST @ 9AM-11AM

The 7 Feasts in the Jewish year foretell the plan of salvation from the death of Christ through His millennial reign. Join Peter McMenamin for a Bible Seminar as he dives deeper into this topic. Light refreshments provided at 8:30am, seminar will begin at 9am. **Bring your Bible and come ready to learn!** Please sign-up at Connections if you plan to attend. Team Leader: Peter McMenamin

SPECIAL EVENTS



NEW VISITOR MEET & GREET

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7TH @ 7PM

If you are new to The Bridge, we hope you'll join us for a New Visitor Meet & Greet with Pastor Mark, Sandy and the Bridge Church staff and leadership. We will have refreshments available in Room 3, followed by a Q&A time with our team. Please sign-up at Connections in advance.

FREE COFFEE & COOKIE SUNDAY(S)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH, FEBRUARY 22ND & MARCH 22ND

Once a month, join us in the Multi-Purpose Room after service for FREE coffee, cookies & extended time of fellowship.

ENCOUNTER WORSHIP NIGHTS

JAN 28TH, FEB 22ND & MARCH 22ND @ 7PM

Join us in the Worship Center for evenings of worship! There's something special about gathering together for an evening of worship and time in God's presence. Kids Ministry will be available for February & March, for children age 1 - Kindergarten. **Pre-register by emailing Pastor Rebeca at bridgekids@hamburgbridge.com no later than 1 week prior.** We cannot accommodate walk-ins.

WATER BAPTISM (AGES 12+)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND @ 9AM & 11AM

If you would like to participate in this upcoming Sunday morning Water Baptism, please stop at Connections to sign-up. We ask that you plan to attend one of the following Orientations.

Water Baptism Orientations:

Sunday, January 11th at 9am & January 14th at 6pm



MARRIED COUPLES



WEEKEND TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 6TH-8TH

At the intersection of a faith-based marriage conference and romantic retreat from everyday life, Weekend to Remember helps couples choose oneness. Whether you're sending up an SOS for marital rescue or looking to foster an already flourishing connection, Weekend to Remember is your best next step toward being, and staying, one. **Group name: HECK.**

Visit weekendtoremember.com to sign-up with our group!

Half-off conference pricing is available for 3 weeks, beginning January 5.

Location: Hershey Lodge & Convention Center.

Team Leaders: Pastor Dan & Bethany Sarna

BRIDGE MEN

F3 WORKOUT GROUP

TUESDAYS @ 5:15PM & SATURDAYS @ 7AM

Join a group of men from The Bridge Church as they **workout together in the Hamburg Park**. Open to all men of any fitness level. This group meets twice a week with a focus on fitness, fellowship & faith. Rain or shine!

Team Leader: Ron Higley (610-301-7204)

MEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH @ 8AM-10AM

Get ready for a morning of **food and fellowship with the Bridge Men**. The breakfast will start at 8am in the Multi-Purpose Room, followed by a message from Dave Stutzman. Please sign-up at Connections by January 11th if you plan to attend. A "goodwill" offering will be collected at the event to cover expenses.

Team Leader: Sam Hall (201-463-6316)

MEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS @ 7AM, FEBRUARY 5TH-MARCH 26TH

Join us Thursday mornings for a Men's Bible Study. Bring your Bible, coffee and **start the day grounded in God's Word** and fellowship. Team Leaders: Pastor Mark Caston and Jed Wood

SAVE THE DATE:

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FOR REGISTRATION AND CONFERENCE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.MANTOURMINISTRIES.COM



For more information about our Women's Ministry, please contact Sandy Caston at sandy@hamburgbridge.com or 610-562-2972 ext. 1106.

BRIDGE WOMEN'S GAME NIGHT

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15TH @ 6:30-8:30PM

If you need a bright spot and a lift to your spirit in the middle of winter, join us for Ladies' Game Night (**board, cards, jigsaw puzzles**). Expect light-hearted conversation and laughter along with light refreshments. Doors open at 6:30pm and games end at 8:30pm. You have the option to arrive early and leave early or arrive late and leave late-no formal agenda. Sign-up at Connections by January 11th for this free event.

Team Leaders: Donna Landis (484-331-4673) & Thea Stine (610-223-2409)

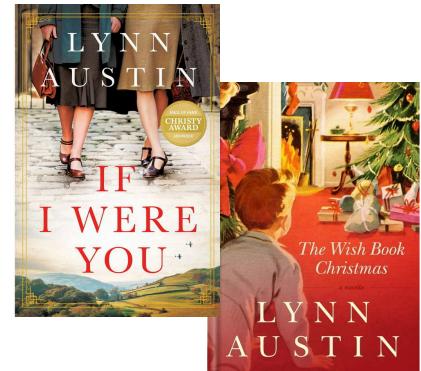
LADIES BOOK CLUB(S)

TUESDAYS @ 6:30PM, JANUARY 27TH, FEBRUARY 24TH, MARCH 24TH

JANUARY BOOK: IF I WERE YOU BY LYNN AUSTIN

A stunning historical saga of hardship and desire transports readers to one of the most challenging eras of history to explore the deep, abiding power of faith and friendship to overcome more than we ever thought possible. A 5 star read!

Optional Second Book: The Wish Book Christmas by Lynn Austin (epilogue)



FEBRUARY BOOK: THE LIBRARIAN OF BOONE'S HOLLOW BY KIM VOGEL SAWYER

During the Great Depression, city-dweller Addie Cowherd, dreams of becoming a novelist and offering readers the escape that books had given her during her tragic childhood. When her father loses his job, she is forced to take the only employment she can find—delivering books on horseback to poor coal-mining families in the hills of Kentucky.

MARCH BOOK: WHEN JESUS WEPT BY BODIE & BROCK THOENE

Set against the political and religious turmoil of the times, the author vividly reimagines the evolving friendship between Lazarus and Jesus. The life of Lazarus holds interest well beyond the miraculous death to life event he experienced. Living in Bethany, near Jerusalem, Lazarus witnessed many of the most important events of Jesus' life and ministry making this the perfect book to read this Easter season.

Books can be purchased online, at a bookstore, or downloaded digitally and read independently to prepare for group discussion. Please register at Connections or by emailing secretary@hamburgbridge.com.

Team Leader: Connie Schaeffer (484-772-9183)



LADIES BREAKFAST & VISITATION(S)

WEDNESDAYS @ 8AM, JANUARY 28TH & MARCH 4TH

Join us as we enjoy a casual gathering to share **breakfast & fellowship at Cracker Barrel**. Following the breakfast, some ladies will carpool to visit and encourage those who are sick or shut-in. Please be prepared to order and pay for your own breakfast. Sign-up at Connections. Team Leader: Sandy Caston (610-562-2972 ext. 1106)



BRAND NEW MINISTRY!



A TIME TO HEAL BEYOND SURVIVAL

MONDAYS @ 6:30PM-8:30PM, FEB 2ND-MARCH 23RD (SNOW DATE: MARCH 30TH)

A Time to Heal Beyond Survival is an 8-week healing journey that offers hope and restoration to sexually abused women. Trauma and brokenness do not have the final say - this is your time to heal!

Connie Schaeffer and Heather Youpa, will be co-leading this confidential small group. Cost: \$25

If you are interested or have questions, contact Connie directly to maintain privacy at kidzimpact@icloud.com.

LADIES WINTER BRUNCH

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD @ 11AM

Ladies, join us for a sweet morning together gleaning insights on how we can apply God's Word in whatever season of life we find ourselves in. Brunch will include **Chick-fil-A, fruit, pastries and coffee**. Theme: "Anonymous Seasons," Scripture focus: Philippians 4:11-14. Was there a time when you felt forgotten by God? We will learn how God shapes our lives during times of obscurity.

"From God's perspective, anonymous seasons are sacred places...

unapplauded, but not unproductive: hidden years are the surprising birthplace of true spiritual greatness." - Alicia Britt Chole.

Please register by February 15th with payment and indicate if you are gluten free.

Cost: \$10 per person. Team Leaders: Sandy Caston, Alisa Vogel-Strohl & Bekki Grim



PENDEL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

MARCH 5TH-7TH

There's still time to register for the PennDel Women's Conference at Kalahari Resort!

To register, visit penndelwomen.org/conference.

Group name: Hamburg Bridge Women, **Group code:** bridgewomen



Hotel Rooms: Please note, The Bridge Church will not be reserving rooms or checking in on anyone's behalf for this event. Please coordinate with your gal friends to make hotel room arrangements and select one person to reserve your room when they register on the conference website. On the registration main page, you will find a link to reserve your room. Each room reservation comes with 4 passes to Kalahari's waterpark. Team Leaders: Sandy Caston & Alisa Vogel-Strohl

LADIES SHOPPING TRIP TO TREXLERTOWN

MONDAY, MARCH 30TH @ 8:45AM-4PM

We will carpool from the church parking lot at 8:45am and head to **Trexertown/Allentown area** for a fun day of shopping. There will be lots of walking, so please make sure you are mobile enough to make the trip; or feel free to bring a buddy along with you to assist! Wear comfortable shoes and appropriate weather attire and bring money for lunch & shopping. Please register at Connections if you plan to attend. Team Leader: Sandy Caston & Thea Stine

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STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-12

MEET EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 7PM

NO YOUTH WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7TH



FRY-DAY NIGHT

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2ND @ 6PM-8PM

We're talking all things fries and fun: **fry bar, ice cream and games!** Bring your friends, your appetite, and your best game face — you could even win a Chick-fil-A gift card!

FINE ARTS PRACTICE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18TH

All students attending Fine Arts should plan to arrive fully prepared to practice their Fine Arts performance. This will take place in the Multi-Purpose Room, immediately following the 2nd service.

Fine Arts will take place on April 17th-18th.

PENNDDEL WINTER RETREAT

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23RD - SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH

Bridge Youth will be attending the Penndel Winter Retreat at the **Bongiorno Conference Center**! This year's convention is hosting speaker, Alyvia Porubsky. Cost to attend is \$190. Please visit Connections to pick-up your registration form. Full payment is due January 4th. *Limited spots available.*



LAST WEDNESDAY: RALLY NIGHT(S)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28TH, FEBRUARY 25TH & MARCH 25TH

The last Wednesday of each month will be full of fun, food and games! Come dressed for each night's theme; the best dressed wins a prize!

JANUARY THEME: DECADES NIGHT: dress up like the 70's, 80's, 90's or 2000's!

FEBRUARY THEME: PAJAMA NIGHT

MARCH THEME: TWIN NIGHT: find a friend to twin with.

LASER TAG @ LASERDOME

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH @ 5:30PM-10:30PM

Join The Bridge Youth for a **fun evening of Laser Tag in Manheim, PA!** We will be driving together from the church; please arrive no later than 5:20pm. Cost: \$30. Please sign-up by February 4th, with payment, if you plan to attend. *Cost covers laser tag and unlimited arcade.*

HER NIGHT

FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH @ 6PM-9PM

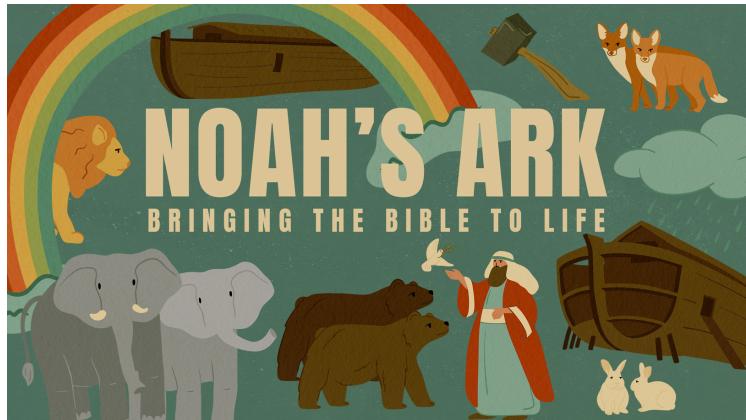
Bridge Youth is hosting our fourth annual "HER Night" for girls in Middle School and High School. There will be a **hot cocoa bar, cookie decorating, time spent creating vision boards and more!** Cost is \$10, sign-up at Connections or at Youth by March 2nd. *Payment will be due at the door.*

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NOAH'S ARK FAMILY EVENT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH @ 6PM-7:30PM

An interactive Bible experience for the whole family!



Join us for a hands-on, faith-filled adventure as we **bring the incredible story of Noah to life!** Kids will explore the power of obedience, faith and God's promises through interactive storytelling, creative crafts, animal-themed games, music and more. This event is perfect for kids of all ages and a great way to make the Bible real, memorable and fun. Don't miss this chance to step inside the ark and see how God's Word comes to life. Please sign up at Connections by February 1st if you plan to attend.

KIDS WINTER BREAKAWAY

FEBRUARY 27TH - MARCH 1ST

Kids Breakaway is a **weekend retreat for kids in grades 1-6**. This weekend is full of fun and exciting activities, with opportunities to build life-long friendships and creative life-changing experiences. The goal for the weekend is for the **kids to experience a profound encounter with God**. This year's Penndel Kids Winter Breakaway will take place at the Bongiorno Conference Center in Carlisle. Early Registration is open through January 20, for a discounted rate of \$155. The last day to register for full price (\$180) is February 2nd. Email Pastor Rebeca Song if you would like to register your child(ren) at **bridgekids@hamburgbridge.com** and she can give you more info.

NATIONAL BGMC DAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH @ 9AM & 11AM

BGMC (Boys and Girls Missionary Challenge) National Give Day is a special annual event where kids — and the whole church — **come together to raise money to support missionaries around the world**. Your giving helps provide: Bibles & Christian literature, food & emergency supplies and humanitarian aid for children and families in need. Kids, bring your offering in a clean sock! That's right — fill a clean sock with coins, cash or checks. The heaviest sock will win a prize! Let's join together and help spread the love of Jesus across the world — one sock at a time!

KIDFAITH DISCIPLESHIP CLASS (AGE 9-12)

SUNDAYS @ 9AM, MARCH 1ST - APRIL 26TH

KidFaith is an 8-week discipleship experience designed to teach key doctrines of our faith to 9-12 year olds. This material is presented in a fun way, while **helping children engage in their faith**.

Topics include: Salvation, Water Baptism through immersion, Communion, Holy Spirit Baptism and other important truths. Classes will be weekly during the 9am service, March 1st through April 26th. Parents are required to attend one of the scheduled **orientations on February 1st or February 8th at 10:30am**.

Please sign-up at Connections by February 15th.

Team Leaders: Brian and Jenn Bachman (484-661-6105)



BRIDGE SENIORS (50+)

BRIDGE SENIORS LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH @ 11:15AM

Bridge Seniors, you're invited to join Pastor Mark and Sandy for fun, food & fellowship at **JA Buffet in Hamburg!** The hostess will walk everyone back to the private party room where we will gather to pray before visiting the buffet. Each person will pay for their own meal upon arrival. Please sign-up at Connections if you're planning to attend.

Cost: \$12.99, includes buffet and a drink (does not include tip). Address: 1752 Tilden Ridge Dr. Hamburg, PA 19526

Team Leaders: Pastor Mark and Sandy Caston (610-451-5612)

SENIORS MOVIE @ THE STRAND

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH @ 1PM

The Bridge Seniors (50+) will be renting out The Strand movie theater for a private showing of **Woodlawn**. **Woodlawn** is a **2015 American Christian sports drama film, based on the true story of football star Tony Nathan**. Cost: \$5.

Pre-registration with payment is required to attend this event. Please visit Connections to sign-up. Doors will open at 12:30pm and the movie will begin promptly at 1pm. The concession stand will be open to purchase snacks and drinks before the movie. No walk-ins permitted. Team Leaders: Jim & Kathy Groff (610-207-9940)

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

JANUARY 2026

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14TH @ NOON: Foundations Luncheon for business leaders & entrepreneurs seeking first the Kingdom of God. Location: Storks Plows in Leesport, Cost: \$15. RSVP to Jed Wood at 610-972-8532.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18TH: Life's Choices Baby Bottle Fundraiser begins. This runs through February 8th.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23RD: March for Life Rally in Washington D.C.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH: Food Pantry Collection day. **January items needed: cereal and oatmeal.**

FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST: Hope Rescue Coat & Clothing Drive, **one day only**. Drop off will be outside, in front of the Multi-Purpose Room doors from 8:30-9AM & 10:30-11:30AM.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH: Big Game Sunday. Wear your favorite team's jersey!.

THURSDAYS @ 11:30AM, FEBRUARY 19TH - MARCH 26TH:

Weekly Lenten Service of Prayer begins, followed by a free soup lunch. Locations vary, more details to come. Organized by St. Michael's Lutheran Church.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND: Food Pantry Collection day. **February items needed: dry pasta and spaghetti sauce.**

MARCH 2026

SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND: Food Pantry Collection day. **March items needed: canned fruit and applesauce.**

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