



BRIDGE NEWS



HE IS NOT HERE; HE HAS RISEN!

We are eagerly anticipating Springtime here at The Bridge!
Easter Sunday, Revival Services, Bible Studies, Water
Baptisms and much more are just around the corner.

We invite you into deeper community & relationship with God
by being a part of the events we have planned for this Spring.

**“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward
love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some
are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another —
and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”**

Hebrews 10:24-25

HIGHLIGHTS:

APRIL 1ST:

NEW VISITOR
MEET & GREET
(PG. 4)

MAY 8TH:

WOMEN'S SWEET &
SALTY NIGHT OF JOY
(PG.9)

MAY 17TH:

VISION NIGHT,
WORSHIP & BAPTISMS
(PG.4)

JUNE 3RD:

BRIDGE YOUTH
SCHOOL'S OUT BBQ
(PG. 6)

JUNE 15TH - 18TH:

MEGA SPORTS
CAMP
(PG. 5)

MORNINGS AT THE BRIDGE

DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS @ 10AM

This Bible Study group is always open for new members to join. Bring your Bible and come ready to study **Daniel, Ruth and Esther** this Spring. This is free to attend. Team Leaders: Ned and Patti Hepner (267-664-2487)

THE BRIDGE WELCOME CLASS

SUNDAYS @ 11AM, APRIL-JUNE, BEGINS APRIL 12TH

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



CELEBRATE WITH US
EASTER SUNDAY
SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH
9AM & 11AM

IRON GATE CAFE

OPEN: 10:30AM - 1PM, SUNDAYS VARY

The Iron Gate Cafe is located to the left of the Worship Center. The Cafe offers a selection of baked goods, grab & go snacks, seasonal smoothies, coffee, tea and more! Stop by after service to see what we have; it's also a great spot to sit and meet other people at The Bridge.

FREE COFFEE & COOKIES:

SUNDAY, MAY 31ST & JUNE 28TH @ 10:30AM - 1PM



REVIVAL SERVICES WITH ANDRE

SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH @ 9AM, 11AM & 7PM

MONDAY, APRIL 20TH @ 7PM

Back for 2 days only, don't miss guest speaker: Andre Van Zyl. Andre leads with the presence and power of God. Serving others worldwide, he is known for the spirit of prophecy that follows his ministry and his distinctive delivery of the Word of God.

Learn more about his ministry at andrevanzyl.com.

EVENINGS AT THE BRIDGE

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

MONDAYS @ 7PM

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. *No Celebrate Recovery on Monday, May 25th.*

Please note: On Monday, June 15th, CR will meet at the Hamburg Park for our annual picnic. Please bring a dish to share!



PRAYER MEETINGS

WEDNESDAYS @ 6-7PM, APRIL 1ST - JUNE 24TH (NOT MEETING JUNE 17TH)

The Worship Center will be open for prayer every Wednesday from 6pm to 7pm, starting April 8th.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: ESTHER

WEDNESDAYS @ 7PM, APRIL 8TH - MAY 20TH

Women, age 18+, we invite you to join us Wednesdays at 7pm for a 7 week study on the book of Esther. Cost: \$25. Please see Page 8 for details. Sign-up, with payment, by March 29th!



OPEN BIBLE STUDY: 2 CORINTHIANS

WEDNESDAYS @ 7PM, APRIL 8TH - MAY 13TH

Join us as we explore the powerful message of **The Second Letter to the Corinthians**, a deeply personal letter from Paul the Apostle to the church in Corinth. In this study, we'll discover how God's strength is revealed in our weakness, how the gospel brings comfort in suffering, and what authentic Christian ministry and generosity look like in everyday life. Come grow in your faith and be encouraged through Scripture and meaningful discussion. All are welcome — bring your Bible and join us Wednesdays at 7pm!

Team Leader: Jed Wood

SPECIAL EVENTS

new visitors

NEW VISITOR MEET & GREET

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST @ 6PM

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 & leadership. We will have refreshments available in Room 3, followed by a **Q&A time with our team**.

Please sign-up at Connections, by March 29th.

PRIVATE MOVIE @ THE STRAND: I STILL BELIEVE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH @ 1PM

The Bridge Church will be renting out The Strand movie theater for a private showing of I Still Believe. This is the true-life story of Christian music star Jeremy Camp and his journey of love and loss which proves that there is always hope.

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)



VISION NIGHT, ENCOUNTER WORSHIP & WATER BAPTISMS

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH @ 6PM

Our annual Vision Night meeting is coming up! This is an important time of looking at the past year, as well as vision casting for 2026. **Following the meeting, will be a time of worship and water baptisms, beginning at 7pm.**

Kids Ministry will be available for children age 1 - Kindergarten, for Encounter Night ONLY beginning at 6:45pm.

Pre-register by emailing Rebeca at bridgekids@hamburgbridge.com by May 3rd. **We cannot accommodate walk-ins.**

If you are 12 years and older and interested in being Water Baptized, please stop at Connections to sign-up.

We ask that you plan to attend one of the scheduled **Orientations: Wed. April 29 at 6pm or Sunday, May 3 at 10:30am.**

BRIDGE SENIORS

BRIDGE SENIORS BREAKFAST AT SHADY MAPLE (AGE 50+)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17TH @ 7:45AM-2PM

Join Pastor Mark and Sandy for a fun-filled morning at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. Cost: \$14.99 (+ 12% service fee).

Senior citizen discount: 10% for ages 60-89, Senior citizen discount: 50% for seniors ages 90 and older.

We will meet at 7:45am to carpool from the church. *Limited seating available on church vans. Seniors who cannot drive will be given priority.* Bring money for breakfast & shopping in their gift shop following breakfast.

Please sign-up at Connections by June 3rd or email Sandy Caston at sandy@hamburgbridge.com.

bridge **KiDS**

For more information about our Children's Ministry, contact Rebeca Song at bridgekids@hamburgbridge.com.

BRIDGE KIDS MINISTRY

EVERY SUNDAY @ 9AM & 11AM

If you are a new family attending The Bridge, please visit our New KidCheck Area to the right of the Worship Center doors. We will happily get your children registered & lead you downstairs to our Children's Ministry area. This is for children who are **age 1/walking through grade 5**. *Bridge Kids check-in opens 15 minutes prior to each service & closes 15 minutes after service begins.*



HAMBURG GAME ASSOCIATION'S FISHING RODEO

SATURDAY, MAY 16TH @ 9AM-4PM

Bridge Kids is proud to be one of the sponsors for the **Annual Kids Fishing Rodeo!** Children ages 1 to 15 are invited to join this **free event**. The dam will be stocked with trout of various sizes with prizes for different categories such as the largest fish, smallest fish, and the first fish caught for each of the four age groups. Participants will receive a complimentary lunch. Registration will take place on-site starting at 8am. Address: 935 North 5th St, Hamburg.



SHOEMAKERSVILLE CHILDREN'S PARADE & FAIR

JUNE 6TH @ 10AM - 4PM

Visit the Bridge Kids game stand at the **75th Annual Children's Fair & Parade!** There will be "Carnival Style" games for the whole family, good food and lots of raffles to enter. The Parade begins at 10 am, fair starts after the parade has finished. *Rain date is June 7th at noon.*

MEGA SPORTS CAMP

MONDAY, JUNE 15TH - THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH @ 6PM-8:30PM

Mega Sports Camp is designed for kids ages 4 years to 5th grade. This exciting week allows children to learn about God while participating in various activities, including soccer, basketball, art, cooking and more. **This year Mega Sports Camp's theme is "Mission Cup."** Just as athletes dedicate themselves to rigorous training with the goal of reaching the world's biggest competitions, Mission Cup teaches kids to live "on mission." Like the soccer stars who compete on the world stage, kids will be challenged to develop qualities that make a lasting impact: to focus on what truly matters, respect others, show humility in victory, endurance in challenges, and leadership in uncertainty. **Cost per child is \$15;** including a t-shirt. Register online at hamburgbridge.com/megasportscamp starting Sunday, April 26th.



PENNDDEL KIDS CAMP

JULY 13TH - 16TH (CAMP 3)

PennDel Kids Camp promises to provide four impactful days for your children. The camp is filled with fun activities, opportunities to form lifelong friendships, and transformative services. It is designed for kids in 1st to 6th grade. **Early registration is open now until May 1st, priced at \$130 (this reflects the \$100 scholarship discount from The Bridge).** After May 1st, the price will increase by \$30. If you need more information or would like to register, please contact Pastor Rebeca at bridgekids@hamburgbridge.com. Location: Bongiorno Conference Center in Carlisle, PA

bridge Youth

Students in Grades 6-12,
Wednesdays @ 7pm



LAST WEDNESDAY: RALLY NIGHT(S)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29TH, MAY 27TH, JUNE 24TH

The last Wednesday of each month will be full of fun, food and games!

APRIL THEME: GLOW NIGHT: Students are invited to wear neon or bright colors for a glow-themed evening filled with games, activities and time together under the black lights.

MAY THEME: ANYTHING BUT A WATER BOTTLE: Students are encouraged to bring their drinks in a creative container—anything except a water bottle. It's a fun challenge to see who can come up with the most unique idea.

JUNE THEME: TACKY TOURIST NIGHT: Students can dress as tourists for the night—think Hawaiian shirts, cameras, and travel gear—as we enjoy games, fellowship and prizes for the most convincing tourist look.

BOWLING NIGHT

FRIDAY, MAY 15TH @ 7PM - 8PM

Get ready for a night of fun at State Street Lanes in Hamburg! Grab your friends and enjoy some friendly competition.

Drop off at 6:45pm and pick-up at 8:15pm. **Please sign-up by May 6th, with payment, if you plan to attend.** Cost: \$10.

Address: 619 State St, Hamburg, PA 19526

HONORING GRADUATES

SUNDAY, MAY 31ST @ 9AM & 11AM

Our graduating Seniors will be honored during our Sunday services on May 31st. Please submit your Senior photos to youth@hamburgbridge.com by May 3rd to be included.

SCHOOL'S OUT BBQ

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3RD @ 7PM-8:30PM

We will be celebrating the **start of summer** with our annual School's Out Barbecue! This is a fun night of delicious food, games and a time to honor our graduating Seniors.



PENNDEL YOUTH CAMP

JUNE 22ND-26TH (CAMP 3)

Youth Camp is one of the most exciting events of the Summer! This is an opportunity for students to break away from technology and other distractions in life and spend a few days **getting closer to Jesus and making friendships**.

Cost is \$255 per student (*this reflects the \$100 scholarship discount from The Bridge*). Spots are currently filled, but students may submit their form with payment to join the wait list no later than April 5th.

For more information on youth events, please contact Pastor Corey & Cayleen at youth@hamburgbridge.com.

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)

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH @ 7AM

To celebrate the Hamburg **F3 group's 8 year anniversary**, breakfast at the Hamburg Park will follow this morning's workout. This is a great opportunity to see what F3 is all about! We hope you'll join us for the workout and stay after for breakfast. Family members are invited to join the men at 8am for breakfast.

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH @ 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.

Please **sign-up at Connections by April 12th** if you plan to attend.

A "goodwill" offering will be collected at the event to cover expenses.

Contact Sam Hall directly if you're able to volunteer that morning.

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



SCHEDULED SPEAKERS

Scott Kramer, Joey Cullen, Barry Brown

GAME CHANGERS

MANTOUR MINISTRIES

MAY 2 2026 9AM-12:45 PM

THE EAST CENTRAL PA MANTOUR GT CHURCH WEST LAWN, PA

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

MANTOUR MEN'S CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, MAY 2ND @ 9AM-12:45PM

This year's Mantour will be held at GT Church in West Lawn. This is always a powerful morning with great worship and anointed speakers. This year's guest speakers will be: Scott Kramer, Joey Cullen and Barry Brown.

Tickets can be purchased individually at mantourministries.com. Sign-up at Connections or contact Sam Hall directly to carpool or sit with the Bridge Men.

Early registration cost: \$25 (cost increases to \$30 on April 22nd)

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

HAMBURG GAME ASSOCIATION'S FISHING RODEO

SATURDAY, MAY 16TH @ 9AM-4PM

Dads, this is an excellent option for a fun day out with the family! This is a free event, for children ages 1 to 15.

Free lunch, fully stocked dam, prizes, etc. *See Bridge Kids page for more details.*



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

LADIES WALKING GROUP: WALK & CONNECT!

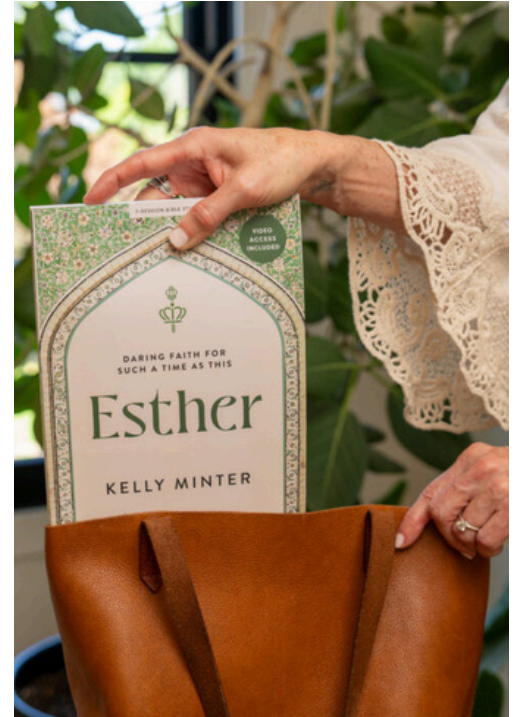
This is a small group of **ladies who love to walk, talk and laugh**. They walk almost every week usually on a Monday or Tuesday evening and about once a month on a Saturday morning. They connect weekly via a group text to plan their walk depending on schedules and weather forecast. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Donna or leave your name at Connections. Team Leader: Donna Landis (484-331-4673)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: ESTHER

WEDNESDAYS @ 7PM, APRIL 8TH - MAY 20TH

A beautiful queen, her courageous cousin, a foreign land, and a murderous adversary — the book of Esther has all the elements of an epic drama. In this **video-based study**, Kelly Minter invites you into the daring faith modeled by Esther and her cousin Mordecai — a faith developed over time, rooted in the goodness of God, lived out through extraordinary circumstances, and used to change the world. Although our time looks different from Esther's, our God is just as active and faithful today, and He has called you for “such a time as this.”

Women, age 18+, we invite you to join us Wednesdays at 7pm for a **7 week study on the book of Esther**. We will watch the teaching videos together, participate in small group discussions and other fun activities throughout the 7 weeks. This is a great way to grow in your walk with the Lord and connect on a deeper level with other women at The Bridge. **The Workbook cost is \$25**. Please sign-up at Connections, with payment, by March 29th. Team Leader: Sandy Caston (sandy@hamburgbridge.com)



LADIES BOOK CLUB

TUESDAYS @ 6:30PM, APRIL 28TH, MAY 19TH, JUNE 30TH

The ladies book club meets each month at The Bridge for a time of discussion! Jump in anytime. Books can be purchased and read independently to prepare for group discussion.

APRIL'S BOOK: SACRIFICIAL TOUCH BY BRIAN HARTMAN

MAY'S BOOK: THE FILLING STATION BY VANESSA MILLER

JUNE'S BOOK: THIS PROMISED LAND BY CATHY GOHLKE

Please register at Connections or by contacting Connie Schaeffer at secretary@hamburgbridge.com or 484-772-9183.



MOM & ME GET-TOGETHERS

Moms (and Grandmothers) of littles, get your name added to the list for future gatherings! If you are interested in knowing about **future park playdates or other outings**, please email Sandy or sign-up at Connections. We will reach out as dates are planned. Team Leader: Sandy Caston (sandy@hamburgbridge.com)

A Sweet & Salty Night of Joy

Friday, May 8th at 6:30pm

You're invited to a fun night out with the Bridge Women! There will be refreshments, bracelet making, prizes, testimonies of joy and our twist on nostalgic game shows.

Cost: \$10 per person. Pre-registration with payment is due by Sunday, April 19th.

Age: 18+. No walk-ins permitted.



LADIES SUMMER BRUNCH

MONDAY, JUNE 29TH @ 11AM-1PM

Ladies, join us for a sweet morning together gleanings insights from God's Word. Brunch will include Chick-fil-A, fruit, pastries and coffee.

Cost: \$10 per person. Please register by June 14th with payment.

Leader: Sandy Caston (610-562-2972 ext. 1106)



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

MISSION STATEMENT: LET OUR HEARTS BE FIXED ON GOD AS OUR HANDS DO HIS WORK!

For more than 20 years, our women have gathered together once a month to pray and create garments of blessing & comfort for those in need. Hundreds of shawls have been distributed to ministries and people across the globe. Although our ministry is no longer gathering monthly, we are currently accepting donations from congregants who love to crochet or knit in the warmth and comfort of their own homes. After we have received a good number of donations, we will pray over the shawls before they are distributed. Prayer shawls will continue to be available by request for loved ones who need a reminder of God's care. Please stop by Connections to request a prayer shawl or contact Thea Stine, Team Leader @ 610-223-2409, or theadaniel424@gmail.com.

For donations, we will be receiving shawls that are clean, fragrance free and made with excellence.

Please consider the following size dimensions when creating your shawls:

Small: 48" Wide x 24" High Medium: 55" Wide x 36" High Large: 62" Wide x 48" High.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

APRIL 2026

THURSDAY, APRIL 3RD @ 11AM: Cross Walk & Lenten Service of Prayer at First UCC in Hamburg. *No Luncheon.*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH @ 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.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH @ 7PM: Faith Night at the Strand **featuring: Flywheel.** Tickets are \$10, including a small popcorn and medium soda.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH: Food Pantry Collection Day. **April items needed: canned pasta.**



The poster for the Spring Chicken 5K event features a yellow background with a blue wavy border at the top right. The text 'SPRING CHICKEN 5K' is written in large, bold, white letters with a green outline. Below this, 'SATURDAY APRIL 25' is written in bold black letters, followed by 'HAMBURG PARK SCHUYLKILL RIVER TRAIL' in a smaller, italicized black font. A QR code is positioned on the right side. At the bottom left, there is a cartoon chick wearing a party hat and holding a balloon with the number '40' on it. A line drawing of a running shoe is also present. The text 'WWW.FRIENDSOFLC.ORG/SPRINGCHICKEN' and 'EARLY REGISTRATION: APRIL 12TH' is at the bottom. The logo for 'LC Medical and support services' is in the top right corner.

SPRING CHICKEN 5K

SATURDAY APRIL 25 HAMBURG PARK
SCHUYLKILL RIVER TRAIL

LC Medical
and support services

WWW.FRIENDSOFLC.ORG/SPRINGCHICKEN

EARLY REGISTRATION: APRIL 12TH

SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH @ 9AM: Life's Choices Spring Chicken 5K Run/Walk and Family Festival at the Hamburg Park/Schuylkill River Trail. We will gather to run, walk and celebrate life at the Hamburg Park! We hope you'll join us for a fun morning including a 5K walk/run timed by Pretzel City, Kids Chick Chase (our 12 and under fun run), inflatables, Chick-fil-A sandwiches and more! **Register online at www.friendsoflc.org/springchicken.** Walk-up registrations are also accepted on the day of the race.

MAY 2026

SATURDAY, MAY 2ND @ 9AM-12PM:

Join the **Our Town Foundation's Keep America Beautiful** Day and help clean up Hamburg. Registration begins at 8:30am to get everyone checked in and organized for the day. The group will gather at 9:00am at Journey Café, located at 3rd and Pine Streets, for a brief meeting to go over the cleanup plan, assign areas and review important details. A free breakfast will be provided as a thank-you to all volunteers. After breakfast, we will head out for approximately two hours of cleanup.

TUESDAY, MAY 12TH @ 7PM: Faith Night at the Strand **featuring: Sound of Hope.** Tickets are \$10, including a small popcorn and medium soda.

SUNDAY, MAY 24TH: Food Pantry Collection Day. **May items needed: cereal and oatmeal.**

JUNE 2026

TUESDAY, JUNE 9TH @ 7PM: Faith Night at the Strand featuring: **The Forge**. Tickets are \$10, including a small popcorn and medium soda.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST: Food Pantry Collection Day. **June items needed: ketchup, mustard and mayonnaise.**



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