

BRIDGE NEWS



CHURCH IN THE PARK EVERY SUNDAY IN AUGUST @ 10AM

Join us for church in the Hamburg Park this August! We will have **one family-friendly service, starting at 10am** every Sunday. Each week will have a different focus centered around a Bible Story. While Kids Ministry will not meet separately in the park, there will be fun activities planned before and after service for them; as indicated. Please reference the full *Church in the Park* schedule on Page 3 for details & be sure to bring your own chair.

Visit hamburgbridge.com/churchinthepark for updates in the event of inclement weather.

SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS:

JULY 18TH @ 8AM:
MEN'S BREAKFAST
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JULY 26TH @ 9AM & 11AM:
WORSHIP BY
BRAD + REBEKAH
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AUGUST 5TH @ 7:30PM:
FAMILY POOL PARTY
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BRIDGE WOMEN'S
ROAD TRIP
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AUGUST 23RD @ 6PM:
WATER BAPTISMS
AT BLUE ROCKS
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ALL-CHURCH EVENTS

MOVIE NIGHT AT THE BRIDGE: A GREAT AWAKENING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1ST @ 7PM

Join us for a movie night in the Worship Center!

We will be showing the Sight and Sound Film: A Great Awakening. This is a true story of an unlikely friendship that resulted in one of the most defining moments in American history. Doors will open at 6:30pm; the movie will start at 7pm. *Pick-up for Bridge Youth (grades 6-12) will be extended for parents staying for the movie.*



THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY: PATRIOTIC SERVICE

SUNDAY, JULY 5TH @ 9AM & 11AM

We will be celebrating 250 years of Freedom with a Patriotic Service. This morning we will have Jazz Ensemble 2-5-1 playing in the Foyer upon arrival. Our service will give honor to our Troops and celebrate the Freedom we have in the United States. We will hear from **Guest Speaker: Eric J. Miller**, current Chief of Professional Military Education at the USA-IRL. Eric enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in July of 1992 and served for four years. After attending college, seminary and pastoring a local church, he entered the Army Chaplain Corps in 2010. Invite a friend and come ready to celebrate 250 years of Freedom in our Country!

WORSHIP WITH BRAD & REBEKAH

SUNDAY, JULY 26TH @ 9AM & 11AM

Brad & Rebekah will be leading worship in both services on July 26th! This is always an impactful time of worship. To learn more about their ministry, visit bradandrebekehmusic.com.

WATER BAPTISM AT BLUE ROCKS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD @ 6PM (RAIN DATE: AUGUST 30TH)

Join us at Blue Rocks Campground in Lenhartsville as we celebrate those making a public confession of their faith. This evening will begin with worship and testimonies, followed by water baptisms. The Snack Bar will be open following the service to purchase food and ice cream.

If you are age 12 and up and interested in water baptism, please stop at Connections to sign-up for one of the following **orientations**:

Sunday, July 12th @ 9am or Wednesday, July 22nd @ 7pm





CHURCH IN THE PARK

EVERY SUNDAY IN AUGUST @ 10AM



CHURCH IN THE PARK SCHEDULE:

- SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND:** **Joshua & The Great Jericho Jamboree**
Extravagant worship service
Bridge Kids make-your-own instruments (starting at 9am)
Communion and prayer for healing
- SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH:** **Daniel & The Very Hungry Lions**
Bridge Kids make-your-own lion masks (starting at 9am)
- SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH:** **Jonah & The World's Worst Fishing Trip**
Missions Sunday
Wear a Hawaiian shirt
Post-service water games for kids (*bring a change of clothes*)
- SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD:** **David & The Giant Problem**
Dress in camouflage/outdoorsman gear
Post-service "outdoor adventure" challenges
- SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH:** **Elijah & The Flaming BBQ**
Bridge Kids & Youth Worship and specials
Prayer for families, students and teachers
Touch-A-Truck visit from the local fire station
Enjoy Free Rita's Italian Ice & hotdogs after service

Bring your own chair & invite a friend. Pre-service activities for kids each week, starting at 9:30am.

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Please note: the Borough does not permit dogs at the park.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP



WELCOME CLASS (FIRST STEPS)

THE BRIDGE WELCOME CLASS

SUNDAYS @ 11AM, JUNE 7TH - JULY 26TH

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 RECOVERY

MONDAYS @ 7PM

Celebrate Recovery (CR) is a **Bible-based, 12-Step Ministry** that helps people find freedom from any issue that is controlling their lives. Many times our hurts, habits and hang-ups cause us to make decisions that do not honor God. That's where CR comes in. This group is free to attend and meets weekly on Mondays from 7-9pm. For adults ages 18+. Free and confidential, gathering in our Multi-Purpose room.

Note: On June 15th, CR will meet at the Hamburg Park pavilion for a potluck, followed by a regular meeting at 7pm.

DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS @ 10AM (NOT MEETING: JUNE 2ND & 16TH)

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 Summer. Free to attend. Team Leaders: Ned & Patti Hepner (267-664-2487)



PRAYER MEETINGS

WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM
AUGUST LOCATION: HAMBURG PARK

PRAYER MEETINGS

WEDNESDAYS @ 6PM (NO PRAYER JUNE 17TH)

The Worship Center will be open for prayer every Wednesday from 6pm to 7pm.

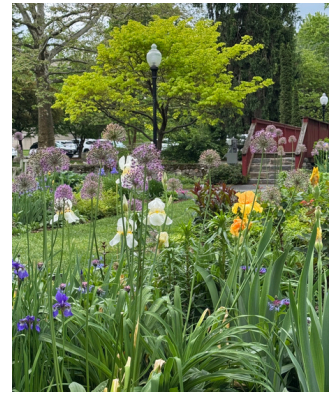
Please note: August prayer meetings will be held at the Hamburg Park pavilion; weather permitting.

EMPTY NESTERS

EVENING STROLL IN THE PARK

THURSDAY, JULY 9TH AT 6PM

Join Andy and Kristi Maurer for an evening stroll this July! They will lead you from their home in Wyomissing to stroll the **beautiful gardens at the Reading Arboretum** and walk the paths along the Wyomissing Creek through the Parklands to the Stone House. This will be a gentle, leisurely 1.5 to 2 mile loop on paved pathways with lots of stops to enjoy the beauty. The stroll will end back at their home for some favorite local ice cream served on the lawn! Please bring a lawn chair or blanket. The ice cream will be provided, but your snacks to share will be welcomed! Sign up at Connections if you plan to come; the leaders will be in touch about parking and other details. *Weather permitting.* Team Leaders: Andy and Kristi Maurer (570-449-5869)



MINIATURE GOLF AT HEISLER'S CLOVERLEAF DAIRY BAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH @ 5:30PM

Join Pastor Mark & Sandy for a fun evening out while taking in the breathtaking views of Lewistown Valley. Upon arrival, we may choose from two exciting and challenging 18 hole miniature golf courses. After the game, we will stop at the snack bar for food & ice-cream, or choose to tee off at the driving range.

Cost for mini golf is \$10.25, \$9.25 for age 60+. Heisler's now accepts cash or credit for all purchases. Please register at Connections by August 9th if you plan to attend. **We will meet near the entrance of the mini golf area promptly at 5:30pm.** Address: 743 Catawissa Rd. Tamaqua, PA 18252
Team Leader: Pastor Mark & Sandy Caston (610-451-5612), Tom & Kim Rottet (570-225-6775)



BRIDGE SENIORS (50+)

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, 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 SENIORS LUNCHEON (AGE 50+)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26TH @ 11:15AM-1:30PM

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. Address: 1752 Tilden Ridge Dr. Hamburg, PA 19526

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

MUSIC IN THE PARK CONCERT SERIES

SUNDAYS AT 6PM, JUNE-AUGUST

Music In The Park is in its 35th year of bringing **Southern Gospel music** to the Veterans Memorial Amphitheater at Coleman Park in Lebanon, PA. The venue features an open-air setting with tiered levels for lawn chairs.

Attendees are welcome to bring a picnic or visit the food trucks located near the amphitheater entrance.



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 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)



MOM & ME PLAYGROUND MEET-UPS

WEDNESDAYS @ 10AM, TWICE A MONTH

Moms (and Grandmothers) of littles, we will be meeting at different playgrounds through the Summer months! If you're interested in joining, please **sign-up at Connections** to get your name added to the email list and grab a detailed schedule with locations. **Meet-up dates:** June 10th, June 24th, July 1st, July 15th, July 29th, August 5th.

Team Leaders: Ashley Minnick (570-789-9800), Sandy Caston & Amber Dewire.

LADIES SUMMER BRUNCH

MONDAY, JUNE 29TH @ 11AM-1PM

Ladies, join us for a sweet morning together glean insights from God's Word. Guest Speaker: Barbara Vogelsgang.

Theme: Life's a Circus, But God is Faithful. Brunch will include Chick-fil-A, fruit, pastries and coffee.

Cost: \$10 per person. Please register by June 14th with payment. Team Leader: Sandy Caston (610-562-2972 ext. 1106)

MID-SUMMER EVENING HIKES

WEDNESDAYS @ 6PM-8:30PM, JULY 8TH-29TH

Join us for a peaceful midsummer evening **hike to Pulpit Rock** for connection, a refreshing reset in nature and breathtaking views as we marvel at the beauty of God's creation together. We will meet at the Hamburg Reservoir Parking Lot in Windsor Township. We will be hiking the paved path. Bring water, comfortable walking shoes and a friend if you'd like. *Please note: this is an active 3.5 mile hike with elevation and a steady pace. Participants should be comfortable hiking for several miles outdoors.* Team Leaders: Heather Youpa (484-529-2204) & Tawanda Snyder

SUMMER ROAD TRIPS

SATURDAY, JULY 11TH @ 9AM-4PM: LADIES THRIFTING IN LANCASTER

Join us for a charming day of treasure hunting in beautiful Lancaster County! We'll spend the day exploring unique thrift shops and hidden gems, searching for one-of-a-kind finds and unexpected treasures. Along the way, we'll enjoy a delicious meal together and share sweet time of fellowship, laughter and connection. Whether you love vintage décor, bargain shopping or simply a fun day out with wonderful company, this will be a refreshing day of adventure and community. Team Leaders: Alycia Gerber (231-250-7296) & Audrey Graver

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH @ 9AM-4PM: PROGRESSIVE LUNCH @ CENTRAL MARKET

Join us for a fun and relaxed day in Lancaster centered around the historic Central Market! We'll begin by exploring the market on a "find your favorite" mission, discovering unique vendors and delicious bites to bring back and share tapas-style together. After our shared lunch, we'll take time to wander the nearby shops and enjoy the charm of downtown Lancaster at an easy, unhurried pace. We'll wrap up the day with dessert and coffee—our final stop to sit, connect and enjoy sweet fellowship together before heading home. Team Leaders: Alycia Gerber & Alisa Vogel-Strohl

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, JULY 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. A “goodwill” offering will be collected at the event to cover expenses. Following breakfast we will introduce Every Man a Warrior – a men’s bible study designed to spread discipleship and build spiritual leaders. Please sign-up by July 12th if you plan to attend. *Contact Sam directly if you’d like to volunteer.*

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

MEN'S FLUKE FISHING TRIP

SATURDAY, JULY 25TH @ 4:30AM

The Bridge Church will be taking a group of guys to Belmar, New Jersey for a **Private Charter Fluke Fishing Trip**. We will leave promptly at 4:40am in the church vans. **The trip cost is \$130**, which includes the boat rental, rod, bait, lunch and gas. Please be prepared to tip the crew (bring \$15-\$25 extra cash).

Limited spots available, must sign-up with payment to reserve your spot (cash preferred). Fishing time is 7:30am-2:30pm in Belmar, NJ.

Team Leaders: Mic Keller & James Song (267-474-7507)



YOUNG ADULTS (18-30)

If you are interested in hearing about future Young Adult get-togethers, please leave your name and contact information at Connections or email Pastor Dan Sarna at dan@hamburgbridge.com.

bridge Youth

Students who have completed Grades 5-11

Meets Wednesdays @ 7pm, doors open @ 6:30pm

SUMMER 7

WEDNESDAYS @ 7PM, JULY 1ST - AUGUST 12TH

Summer Seven is back! Get ready for 7 weeks of competition, scavenger hunts, color war, capture the flag and more! Meet at The Bridge by 7pm, doors open at 6:30pm. **August 5th we will meet at the Hamburg Pool** (see below).

Detailed scheduled of activities to come.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL @ SWEET TREATS

FRIDAY, JULY 17TH @ 6PM-8PM

We will meet at **Sweet Treats in Hamburg** to order ice cream; then walk to the park. Bring \$10 to purchase ice cream. Pick-up will be at the Hamburg park at 8pm. **Park Address:** 211 N 2nd St, Hamburg, PA 19526

FAMILY POOL PARTY

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH @ 7:30PM-9:30PM

Summer 7 will take place at the Hamburg pool on August 5th! Get ready for a fun night with other Bridge Church families! This is a FREE family event, so bring the whole family and get ready for an evening full of swimming, splashing and making great memories together. *Please note: parents/guardians are expected to stay for the entirety of this event.* **Registration is required to attend, please sign up no later than July 15th.**

MINI GOLF @ HEISLER'S

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH @ 5:30PM-9PM

Bridge Youth is headed to Heisler's Dairy Bar for mini golf and ice cream! We will be carpooling from the church at 5:30pm and returning at 9pm. Cost for mini golf is \$10.25 + ice cream money.

RIVER TUBING @ THE HAMBURG PARK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH @ 10AM

Join the Youth for a morning spent tubing down the Schuylkill River.

Please bring your own tube. The tubing will start at 10am at the Hamburg Park and will last about 2.5 hours. A van will be parked at the end to bring everyone back to the park. Please sign-up if you plan to come. *Weather permitting, life jackets required.*

RALLY NIGHT: CARNIVAL THEME

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26TH @ 7PM

Students, get ready for a Carnival Night! We will have games, prizes, popcorn, cotton candy and more.

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



bridge **KiDS**

BRIDGE KIDS MINISTRY

EVERY SUNDAY @ 9AM & 11AM

(NO AUGUST KIDS MINISTRY)

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 assist getting 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.*



MEGA SPORTS CAMP: REGISTRATION LIMITED

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

We're excited for a great week together! This year's camp only has a few spots left; age 4-5 classes are officially full. Be sure to visit hamburgbridge.com/megasportscaamp to sign-up.

FAMILY PICNIC NIGHT

THURSDAY, JULY 9TH @ 6PM-8PM

We invite you and your family to an evening of fun and connection at our family picnic! Join us at the **playground behind the church** and bring along your favorite picnic foods. Don't forget a comfy blanket to spread out on the grass. This is a perfect opportunity to relax, play and enjoy time with other Bridge Kids families. Sign up at Connections by July 5th if you plan to attend.

EVENING AT PLUM CREEK

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH @ 6PM-8PM

Let's meet up at Plum Creek for a fun time of **ice cream, play and fellowship!** Bring the whole family and enjoy a sweet summer evening together as the kids play, families connect and we make lasting memories as a church family. Whether you come for the ice cream, the playground or the fellowship, we would love to see you there! *Please note everyone is responsible for their own ice cream and food purchases.* Please sign up at Connections by July 19th if you plan to join.

Address: 5035 Bernville Road, Bernville, PA 19506.



FAMILY POOL PARTY

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH @ 7:30PM-9:30PM

Come join the Bridge Kids & Bridge Youth at the **Hamburg pool** for an awesome time of fun, laughter and connection this summer! This is a **FREE** family event, so bring the family, and get ready for an evening full of swimming, splashing and making great memories together. Please remember that parents/guardians are responsible for supervising their own children throughout the event. Lifeguards are going to be present but, please be responsible for your child(ren). We can't wait to see you there!

Registration is required to attend, please sign up at Connections no later than July 16th.

Look out for more Summer fun at Church in the Park, including: pre-service crafts, post-service games and more!

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

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

JULY 2026



THURSDAY, JULY 2ND @ 5PM-8:30PM:

LC Medical is celebrating 40 years of support services and the completion of their Kutztown renovation project with a free summer concert!

The event will take place at Stone Springs Farms in Hamburg. RSVP online to claim your spot at

friendsoflc.org/summer-concert.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH @ NOON: Foundations Luncheon for business leaders & entrepreneurs seeking first the Kingdom of God. Location: Storcks Plows in Leesport, Cost: \$15. RSVP to Jed Wood at 610-972-8532.

AUGUST 2026

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH @ 7PM: Faith Night at the Strand featuring: **When The Game Stands Tall**. Tickets are \$10, including a small popcorn and medium soda.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH @ 8AM-3:30PM: GT Church in West Lawn will be hosting their **2026 Singles Conference**. This is a one-day conference designed to encourage, equip and connect singles (age 21+) through worship, teaching and practical breakout sessions. Start your morning with fresh coffee, lattes, breakfast sandwiches and light breakfast options available for purchase in the café. Lunch will be provided and there will be an optional post-conference social time with light refreshments.

Tickets can be purchased online, for \$25 each. Pricing increases by \$10 after June 15th. Visit gtchurch.online/registration/singlesconference2026 to sign-up!

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