

Announcements

December 11, 2022

Sound and video assistants needed for worship broadcast and live stream video. Training will be provided. For more information or to sign up, contact Pastor Scott at pastor@newhanoverlutheran.org or (610) 326-1335 ext. 1.

Sponsors are needed. Suggested donation for the bulletin is \$20 and flowers is \$35. Or, sponsor the *Word in Season* for \$35 a month. Contact the Church at (610) 326-1335 for available dates and to sign up.

Help avoid conflicts. Since activities at the church are back to normal, check in with staff before scheduling an event to be held at the church.

Susan Gutshall, Office Manager, will be on personal leave from Oct 3rd until further notice. Please send messages as usual to her email and voice mail. Volunteers and staff are monitoring correspondence at susan.gutshall@newhanoverlutheran.org, and 610 326-1335.

Office hours will be modified to a Monday through Friday mornings from 9 AM to 12:00 PM, Monday afternoon from 1:30 to 3 PM, and Thursday Afternoon from 1 to 4 PM.

Announcements for the bulletin are due Mondays by noon.

Appointments for facility access and meeting with staff are strongly recommended.

Peace and keep Susan in your prayers.

Today

The flowers are presented to the glory of God and in memory of Dorothy Gimont and Fannie Obermyer by Marlene Hansley and family.

Serving Today Head Usher: Scott Geiser; Ushers: Georgann Geiser and Brian Flack; Lector: Kayleigh Urbassik; Children's Sermon: Lindsey Waltermeyer, Acolyte: Camryn Urbassik

Next Sunday Head Usher: Jeff Wise; Ushers: Rick Hausch and Ron Fegley; Lector: Leslie Gates; Children's Sermon: Pastor Scott, Acolyte: Ron Fegley; Video: Mike Artim

Altar Guild Serving this Month Barbara Eisenhart, Debbie Solazzo, Marsha Staub

Calendar

Worship Service – Today, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online

Food Drop Off – Today, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Today, 10:00 AM, portico

Congregational Meeting – Today, 10:05 – 11:05 AM, sanctuary

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) – Today, 10:05 – 11:05 AM, room 1

Paint Day – Today, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, offsite

AARP Christmas Party – Monday, 12:00 PM, room 1

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Cub Scouts – Monday, 6:30 PM, rooms 1, 21-31, 33, 37

AARP Board Meeting – Tuesday, 10:00 AM, room 30

Chosen 300 – Tuesday, 5:30 PM, offsite

Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, room 1

Finance – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, offsite

God and Me – Tuesday, 6:00-7:00 PM, nursery

Women's Breakfast – Wednesday, 8:30 AM, offsite

Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 2:00 PM, portico

12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32

Children's Choir – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:00 PM, room 15

Chancel Choir – Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:15 PM, room 15

Troop 367 Committee – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, room 33

Seniors Christmas Luncheon – Thursday, 12:00 PM, room 1

Handbell Choir – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15

Council – Thursday, 7:00 PM, room 33

Worship Service – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM sanctuary and online

Food Drop Off – Next Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, portico

Christmas Pageant – Next Sunday, 10:05 – 11:05 AM, room 1

Adult Forum: Politics & Religion – Next Sunday, 10:15 – 11:05 AM, room 33

Rejoicing Spirits – Next Sunday, 2:30 PM sanctuary, room 1

Upcoming Events

Constant Contact is a weekly email offering events and worship news. Did you get an email from Constant Contact this week? If not, don't miss out! Sign up by calling the church at (610) 326 1335 or emailing cc-admin@newhanoverlutheran.org.

Politics and Religion Bible Study - Sundays at 10:15 AM in room 33. Now that I got your attention. Join me for a weekly public forum of how we as a people can share the wisdom of the Bible to create an atmosphere where listening, loving and helping one another is a priority, and power and dominance are not a platform for public forums and discussions.

The Readings and discussions will be posted on our website, and printed copies will be available each Sunday in Room 33 at 10:15 AM.

Choir Rehearsals: Chancel Choir rehearses Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:15 PM in the choir room (room 15). **Children's Choir** rehearses Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:00 PM in the choir room. Interested in joining the Chancel Choir or Children's Choir? Contact Director of Music Ministry Patricia Nyce for more information. **Handbell Choir** rehearses on Thursdays, 6:15 – 7:30 PM in the choir room. For more information about the Handbell Choir program, contact Handbell Choir Director Barb Eisenhart.

Thursdays at Ten, our midweek adult faith formation gathering, meets each Thursday from 10 - 11:30 AM in room 33. This informal discussion/study group will explore "**Fierce Women of**

the Bible.” There were some sassy women back then! Both women and men are invited to journey back to biblical times to learn more about these “lasses” and how some things haven’t changed. Look for more course details in the newsletter. And feel free to bring a friend! Newcomers always welcome! **Please note:** there will be no class on Thursday December 15 (come out to the luncheon instead at noon!) or December 29. Class will meet on December 22.

Our **Seniors Christmas Luncheon** is almost here! A reminder to bring along a delicious Christmas treat to share for dessert. And if you didn’t RSVP but would still like to come, please contact Deacon Carol at 215-896-3876 by today, Sunday December 11.

Paint day – DATE CHANGE (Instructor had a family event come up). Back by popular demand another Paint Day Party. Please join us on **Sunday, December 11th** from 6-8 pm. This time we are going to go to Amy’s studio – Amy’s Art Shack, 2210 Hendricks Road, Pennsburg. If you are interested we will meet at PC Pub/Pizza Como at 4:15 for dinner and fellowship before. RSVP to Nikki Young or on the sign up genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eafac2caaf4c16-christmas> This event is \$35/person. (Dinner is on your own) Save the date!

Special Congregation Meeting There will be a special meeting of the congregation on **Sunday, December 11, 2022** immediately after the morning worship service (in the sanctuary) to discuss and approve the 2023 Proposed Budget. The Congregation Council reviewed this budget at its November meeting and recommends its approval. A copy of the budget can be obtained for review prior to the meeting beginning November 27 in the following ways:

- a. On the church website: www.newhanoverlutheran.org
- b. In the box outside of the Sunday School / Office door (under the portico)
- c. In the Welcome Center

Christmas Caroling: Saturday, December 17, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

We will meet at the church before heading out to our location and return to the church afterwards for hot chocolate and cookies.

Please join us for this traditional, special event. If you have questions, contact Jean Moser at (610) 367- 0342.

This is a special outreach to our members and neighbors who cannot attend our worship.

Handbell Dedication

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

~ Psalm 100: 1-2 (NIV)

On December 18, 2022, at the 9:00 AM worship service, new handbells will be dedicated. The handbells were acquired with contributions to the Memorial Fund given in memory of Charles and Catharine Renninger. The bells purchased are small bells in the upper fifth octave range. They serve to add high sounds to counterbalance the sound of the very low bells already in use by the choir. We thank Jayne McHugh for designating her parents' memorial gifts to be used to purchase these handbells. It is a fitting memorial as her mother, Catharine, was a member of the Handbell Choir when the congregation first purchased handbells in the late 1970s-early 1980s. These and all handbells and handchimes will be used to ring praises to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Also being dedicated on December 18 are two handbell cases. The new cases will be used to store the very large bells in the lower fifth octave. They have rollers which will make transporting these heavy bells easier and safer. A portion of the Memorial Fund contributions given in memory of Nancy Moser were designated for the cases. In addition, a charitable donation earmarked for Handbell Choir use was given to New Hanover Lutheran Church by Merck in response to Ben Fowler volunteering 80 hours of service to the church.

Growth in the Handbell Choir necessitated the need for the additional bells and cases. It is with appreciation to the Renninger/McHugh family, Moser/Kehs family, and to Merck and

Ben Fowler that these monies could be used to support the music ministry at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Barbara Eisenhart
Handbell Choir Director

You Can Help

Opportunity to participate in Christmas Eve Nativity Worship and Bring the Story to Life! There will be a live nativity at the 7pm Christmas Eve service. There is a sign-up sheet on the desk in the welcome center. If you would like to participate in the live nativity please sign up in the welcome center. It's a fun way to experience the Christmas Eve story and help people enjoy the story in a fun fresh way.

Christmas Flea Market 2023 Harvesting Hope Fair preparation begins now!! During December and January your Christmas treasures you no longer need can be placed in the red and green tubs located in the Fellowship Hall and the Sunday School wing. Your treasures will be sure to make others happy and turn into donations for our garden and food ministry! Your Mission Service Committee folks are thankful for you and your willingness to share. Any questions call Vicki 484-363-0639

NHEL will be collecting non-perishable items throughout the months of December, January, and February. Donations will be distributed through the Pottstown Cluster. Collection boxes are located in the welcome center and the fellowship hall for the donations. During the winter months there is an increased need for soup and crackers. Thank you for your contributions to help those in need.

Please consider **donating 2023 calendars** to be distributed to the inmates at the Phoenix (formerly Graterford) Prison. Please drop off your calendars in the box provided in the Welcome Center. These calendars are a much-appreciated gift enjoyed by the inmates.

Sponsors needed for 2023. You may now sign up to sponsor flowers, bulletins, communion, and the *Word in Season* online

using <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eafac2caaf4c16-worship> The link is also on the NHEL C website on the Get Involved menu. If you prefer, you may also sign up by contacting the church at (610) 326-1335. The suggested donation for the flowers and the *Word in Season* will be increasing to \$40. The bulletins and communion will remain the same at \$20. Thank you for your support!

Looking for volunteers to help during the church service : Ushers, Lectors, Children's Sermons, and Acolytes. Please contact Faye Weidner if you are interested in serving at omiweidner@gmail.com or 484-929-5958

A Capital Funds Campaign is underway. Help NHEL C raise \$247,500 for the HVAC and AVEL systems. Specially marked envelopes are available on the desk in the welcome center for your contribution. For more information, contact the church office at (610) 326-1335.

Food Ministry

More than 100,000 meals have been delivered! NHEL C's Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry is changing lives. And, you can be a part of the team. 1) You can donate food. Drop off your donation on Wednesdays between 1 – 2 PM and Sundays between 9 – 10 AM. Items most needed include: hamburger, chicken (thighs and breast meat), pasta (ziti, elbows, bowties), cheese (mozzarella, cheddar, parmesan), potatoes, fresh fruit (apples, oranges, bananas) and eggs. 2) Donate money through Thrivent Gift Cards, place monetary donations in the offering plate or mail to the church. 3) Deliver meals. Sign up at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/>.

Spiritual Renewal

The *Word in Season* daily devotion books January - March are available in the welcome center and information box located outside by the Sunday school doors. Sponsors are needed.

Do you know someone who could use a **prayer shawl** to help bring comfort, healing and good thoughts? If so contact Pastor Scott and he will see that one is made available. And...**please prayerfully consider**: the requests for our prayer shawls keep coming in. To make sure we will always have a shawl available when needed we could use some additional knitters to help with this important ministry. Please contact Pastor Scott if interested in doing this. Supplies and instructions are available in the library located off of Fellowship Hall, in a bookcase close to the door.

Need a prayer lifted up? The **NHELC Prayer Chain Ministry** is here for you. All information remains confidential. To request a prayer, contact Pastor Scott at psstaib@gmail.com or call the church office (610-326-1335) to leave him a voice mail. Your prayers will be delivered! Also, you can contact Pastor Scott to update circumstances or have a name removed from the Prayer Chain.

Prayer Warriors Wanted You are invited to join the warriors on Monday at 1:15 PM in the sanctuary. Participants join in a brief devotion and then pray together. They give thanks and then lift up in prayers neighbors both near and far. See Donna Kehs or Marsha Staub if you have any questions.

A **Seniors Suggestion Box** is now available on the desk in the Welcome Center. NHELC Seniors (folks in their 60's on up) are invited to use the slips provided and write down any ideas, concerns, needs they may have for our Senior's Ministry. Can be anything ranging from speakers/topics, fun events, faith formation needs, etc. We want to hear from you!

Thank you

Dear Pastor Scott, my name is Joe & on behalf of my 12 roommates we thank you & your staff for the food donations! Your chef, your wife, yourself & volunteers put a lot of thought & care in making our lives easier! It's nice to have a home cooked meal & not worry where our next meal is coming from. Thank you we all appreciate it. God bless you & your family.

Remember in your prayers

Requests

Trevor Martin, Toni Rath, Katy Mahon-Miller, Matt Hall, Luann Hanley, Scot Smale, Carol Estes, William Trotter, Kathy Kane, Maxwell Girard, Pat Fryer, Jean Renninger, Kathy Campos, Pr. Kork Moyer, Betty Lou Shadle, Julia Hauck, Tony Mancini, Raul Castro, Amy LeVan, Jeffrey Kunsch, Braydon Kline, Edwin Sugita, Wilma Lahr, Robert Tadley, Jim Price, Melissa, Bernadette Phillips, Mary Lou, Doug Weaver, Joan Wagner, Robert Ganovsky, Dorothy Bingaman, Emily Ocelus, Eric and Wendy Hess, Sue Care, Herman Richard, Deb Matthews, Marceline, Anne Eshleman, Daniel Johnson, Gwen Grant, Chris Fatzinger, Hank Droneberg, Pena family, Kim Frain, Ken Jacob, Jen Perez, Frank D., Pam Helfrich, Barb and Tom Faust, Andy Van Dyke, Janet, Jerry Dotterer, Feryl Stein, Laurie Scoggins, Pam Abbott, Holli Muffler, Louise Karns, Mary Van Dyke, Pr. Jennifer Phelps, Jessica Trout, Denny Smith, Verdi Smith, Mabel Gaugler, Andy VanDyke, Pat Freed, Virginia Specht

Peace for the violence in our area and nationally

Long-term

Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Sally Kohl, Tina Farrell, Carol Buchholtz Yost

Shut-in

Penny Frymoyer

Grieving

Family and friends of George Freyer (Lynn & Ron Fegley); family and friends of David Fegley, brother/brother-in-law of Ron and Lynn Fegley; family and friends of Richard Norris.

Military

Shawn Dietz, Michael McHugh, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard, Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, William Zearfoss, Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Megan Fricker, Kyle Woods

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Financial Record

OFFERING	Oct 2022 Contributions	Jan-Oct 2022 Total Contributions	Approved Budget through Oct 2022	% of Budget through Oct 2022
Envelope Offering	\$15,335	\$143,042	\$143,333	100%
Simply Giving Offering	\$9,482	\$100,270	\$111,250	90%
Loose Offering Offering	\$660	\$3,588	\$4,167	86%
<i>Total Offerings</i>	<i>\$25,477</i>	<i>\$246,900</i>	<i>\$258,750</i>	<i>95%</i>
DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS				
Fuel Oil Contributions	\$425	\$4,462	\$7,500	59%
Bulletin Contributions	\$60	\$305	\$1,000	31%
Flower Contributions	\$285	\$2,293	\$2,500	92%
Food Ministry/Garden of Hope Contributions	\$7,316	\$51,294	\$45,833	112%
Peer Support Ministry Contributions	\$1,224	\$11,421	\$3,333	343%
GRANTS				
Peer Support Ministry Grants	\$0	\$0	\$6,250	0%
Food Ministry/Garden of Hope Grants	\$0	\$43,930	\$12,500	351%
CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS				
HVAC Project Contributions	\$1,438	\$66,316	\$167,500	40%
AVEL(1) Project Contributions	\$2,263	\$28,283	\$80,000	35%

(1) AVEL = Audio-Visual, Electric & Lighting project