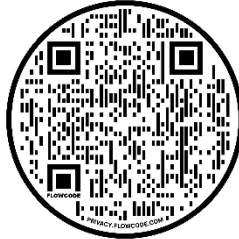


Announcements

December 18, 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 Office 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 loved ones by Sharon and Jeff Wise.

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

Next Sunday Head Usher: Steve Weidner; Usher: Faye Weidner; Lectors: Faye Weidner, Barb Noecker, and Lee Wesner; Acolyte: Faye Weidner

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

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

Rejoicing Spirits – Today, 2:00 PM sanctuary, room 1

AARP – Monday, 11:00 AM, room 1

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Cub Scouts – Monday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, room 1

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

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

Cub Pack Committee – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, room 33

Thursdays at Ten – Thursday, 10:00 AM, room 33

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

Christmas Eve Services – Saturday, 4:00PM and 7:00 PM
sanctuary and online

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

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. Classes during the holidays will be postponed and will begin January 8th at 10:15 AM on continue each Sunday. 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 December 29. Class will meet on December 22, and resume on January 5th.

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)

Today with great joy we dedicate new handbells! They were acquired with contributions to the Memorial Fund given in memory of Charles and Catharine Renninger. The five bells purchased are small bells in the upper fifth octave. 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 and Deb Haas for designating their parents' memorial gifts to be used to purchase these handbells. It is a fitting memorial as their mother, Catharine, was a member of the Handbell Choir when the New Hanover Lutheran 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 today 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 families of Charles and Catharine Renninger and Nancy Moser, and to Merck and Ben Fowler that these monies could be used to support the music ministry at New Hanover 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

NHELCC 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 NHELCC 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 NHELCC 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! NHELCC'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, 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, Sandy Wenser

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 | 35.1% |
| CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS | | | | |
| | Oct 2022 Contributions | Total Contributions to Date | Total Project Cost | % of Total |
| 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