

Announcements

December 24, 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.

Holiday Office hours: Monday 12/26 – Closed; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - 9AM-12 PM. Call For Appointments

Today

The flowers are presented to the glory of God and for everyone in our congregation, enjoy the meaning and peacefulness of Christmas by the Phillips Family.

The Christmas trees decorating the altar are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marcia Renninger-Dey by Jean Renninger and Keith and Jeff Renninger.

Serving Today Head Usher: Marty Hauser; Ushers: Emma Hausch, George Trowbridge and Rick Solazzo; Lector: Scott Geiser; Children's Sermon: Nikki Young, Acolyte: Addison Smith;

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

2022 Poinsettia Sponsors

In memory of Jackie Boyer by the James Boyer family

In memory of Jean Boyer by her family

In memory of her husband, Herbert, by Janet Burkhart



In memory of Ralph and Ruth Wirt by the Carl Eisenhart family

In memory of Charles and Helen Eisenhart by their children

In memory of her husband George Estes, her brother Paul Pickles, and her sister Joan Interrante by Carol Estes

In memory of Roy Fleming, Lloyd and Marianne Anstey, Walter and Marie Harbeck, Alfred and Fannie Anstey by Carolyn Fleming

In memory of Larry Gallagher by his wife, Becky

In memory of Lillian and Ralph Freed and Joyce and Donald Gallagher by Becky Gallagher

In memory of Frederick Johnson by his wife, Jane Johnson

In memory of John Karns by his family

In memory of John and Alice Rhoads by Jim and Mary Alice Mack

In honor of Linda Adams by Isaiah, Emma, and Faith Broyan

In memory of Charles and Lois Rhoads by the Mack and Rhoads families

In memory of their parents, Charles and Catharine Renninger and Tom and Pat McHugh, by Tom and Jayne McHugh

In honor of their family, Matthew, Amanda, Michael, Ginie, Benjamin, and Jackson by Tom and Jayne McHugh

In memory of Lawrence and Nancy Moser, and in honor of their children and granddaughter by Charlie and Donna Kehs

In memory of their parents, Earl and Iva Kulp and Chester and Helen Moser, by Gary and Jean Moser

In memory of Larry T. Gallagher and in honor of Becky Gallagher by Ben, Donie and Sam Mosser

In memory of their parents and brother by Lincoln and Barbara Noecker

In memory of Larry Peto by Yvonne, Candis, Lauren, Kyle, Kailey, and AJ

In memory of their parents and in honor of their family by Doug and Bette Senne

In honor of their grandchildren, Ava, Knox, Dylan, and Finn, by Rick and Debbie Solazzo

In memory of her grandson, Steve, by Vivian Specca and family

In memory of Donald, Arlene and Laura Wise, Raymond and Betty Latshaw, and in honor of the season of Christmas by Jeff and Sharon Wise

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. R. Leland Wesner, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Kenward Kissinger by Lee and Sandy Wesner

In memory of her parents and in-laws, sister, brother and in-laws, her prior pets, and in honor of her pet cat Ellie Mae by Nancy Wolfe



Calendar

December 25 - January 1

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

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

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

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

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

Scout Sleepover – Saturday, 7:00PM – 9:00AM Sunday, room 1

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

Upcoming Events

Christmas Day and New Year's Day worship will be held at 9am in person and livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.

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! Class will resume on January 5th.

We're extending the holiday season! **Our Seniors Ministry Christmas Luncheon and Program is now our "Winter Luncheon"** and has been rescheduled to **Thursday, January 12**, at noon. We will still celebrate the recent season with "The Carols of Christmas". Joining us will be our former Director of Music Priscilla Landis to lead us in a festive time of carol singing and a sharing of the background of some of our beloved Christmas carols. We'll begin with a delicious lunch of homemade soup and sandwiches prepared by Chef Chris. We are asking folks to bring a dessert treat to share (maybe leftover Christmas cookies?). A new sign-up sheet will be placed on the desk in the Welcome Center. To help with meal planning **please RSVP by Friday, January 6**. Or you can contact Deacon Carol at cdetweiler01@comcast.net. And bring a friend or two!

Come join us for the **Sewing Bee for Surgical Pillows on January 14, 2023** starting at 9 am. See newsletter for details. You do not have to be able to sew to join us. Contact the church office or Georgann Geiser at 484-680-4287.

You Can Help

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

NHELK 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 NHELC 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 NHELC 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! NHELC'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 Wesner

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

	Oct 2022 Contributions	Jan-Oct 2022 Total Contributions	Approved Budget through Oct 2022	% of Budget through Oct 2022
OFFERING				
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%
	Oct 2022 Contributions	Total Contributions to Date	Total Project Cost	% of Total
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