

Announcements

March 26, 2023

Hams are needed for Easter. Drop off your donation to the kitchen on Wednesdays from 1:00 – 2:00 PM or Sundays, 10:00 – 11:00 AM.

Sponsors are needed. Suggested donation for the bulletin is \$20 and flowers are \$40. Sponsor the *Word in Season* for \$40 a month, and sponsor Communion for \$30 a month. Contact the church office at (610) 326-1335 for available dates and to sign up or go online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eafac2caaf4c16-worship#/>.

Help avoid conflicts. Since activities at the church are back to normal, check with staff before scheduling an event to be held at the church. Also, appointments are requested for staff members.

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.

Readers are needed for the Good Friday worship service. If you would like to help, there is a sign-up sheet on the desk in the Welcome Center. Any questions, contact Faye Weidner.

The NHELCC Property Committee will be entering into a new lease agreement for copier services in early April 2023. The new lease agreement has changes which need to be communicated to all committees, boards, and chartered members. NHELCC will be reducing the number of copiers from two to one. Reasons for this reduction include:

- Current second copier (Volunteer Office) print totals are less than 10% of the overall print volume;
- Reducing to one copier is a significant cost savings to NHELCC (~\$7300 in lease, electric, and paper costs over the five-year lease term)
- Encouraging less use of printed materials is better for the environment.

Starting in early April, all committees, boards, and chartered members requiring printing or copying services may come to the church office and print/copy during normal business hours (9AM to 2PM, M-F). You may also email your document(s) to the Office Manager (susan.gutshall@newhanoverlutheran.org) by 12 (noon) on normal business days to have them printed and delivered to a church location where indicated. Documents need to be provided in “print-ready” format - PDF or MS Word. The church office is typically locked outside of normal business hours.
Property Committee

Today

We welcome the Rev. Wayne Moritz, who is serving as Supply Pastor this morning.

The bulletin and flowers are sponsored by Vivian Speca and family to the glory of God and in celebration of the arrival of Vivian’s first great-grandson, Everett Marck.

Serving Today Head Usher: Ed Becker; Ushers: Adam Becker and Bill Allen; Lectors: Lorraine Moritz and Brenda Hunsberger; Children’s Sermon: Ariel Hansley; Acolyte: Charlotte Lindenmuth

Next Sunday Head Usher: Steve Weidner; Ushers: Brian Flack and Elfriede Ilik; Lector: Scott Geiser; Children’s Sermon: Carolyn Springer; Acolyte: Addison Smith

Altar Guild Serving this Month Nancy Gross, Sue Care and Brenda Hunsberger

Lenten – Easter Announcements

Lenten Worship Schedule

March 26th – 9:00 AM - Sunday Lenten Worship

March 29th – 12:00 noon & 6:30 PM – Midweek Lenten

Discussions; 5:45 PM – Lenten Supper

The Easter Egg Hunt is this Saturday, April 1st, at 10:00 AM.

In addition to the egg hunt, there will be a story and games.

Candy donations may be dropped off in the designated bin in the

lobby or you may give any donations to Nikki Young. If you would like to help with a game or to read a story, contact Nikki. Kids will be separated into age groups and have a light lunch of hotdogs, snacks and drinks after the groups get done with the egg hunt! We hope you will join us! You can sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eafac2caaf4c16-easter1> for the egg hunt OR on the sheet in the welcome center.

Lenten suppers are held every Wednesday through March 29th, starting at 5:45 PM. A simple, homemade supper will be offered each week. **The Fellowship Committee** is looking for people to bring desserts. Sign up on the Fellowship bulletin board if you will bring a dessert. March 29th – vegetable barley, bread and salad.

Holy Week Worship Services

Palm Sunday, April 2nd – 9:00 AM

Maundy Thursday, April 6th – 7:00 PM

Good Friday, April 7th – 7:00 PM

Easter, April 9th – 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Easter Breakfast You're invited to an Easter Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, April 9th, anytime between 9:00 – 11:00 AM. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, biscuits, creamed chipped beef, juice, milk and coffee. No reservation required. Free will offering.

Calendar

Hymn Sing – Today, 8:45 – 9:00 AM sanctuary

Worship Service and Blessing of the Fields – 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

Jesus and Me – Today, 10:05 – 11:05 AM, room 24

The Psychology of Christian Nationalism: How to Talk across the Divide – Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 33

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Campaign Cabinet – Monday, 6:00 PM, welcome center and sanctuary

Cub Scout – Monday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, rooms 1, 21-31, 33, 37

Mission Service – Monday, 7:00 PM, room 4

Cemetery – Monday, 7:00 PM, room 34

Book Club – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, offsite

Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, rooms 1, 26, 27, 30-32

Midweek Lenten Discussion – Wednesday, 12:00 & 6:30 PM
room 33

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

Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 1:45 PM, portico

Lenten Supper – Wednesday, 5:45 PM, Fellowship Hall

Addiction 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

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

Egg Hunt Set up – Saturday, 8:00 – 10:00 AM, rooms 1 and 21

Garden of Hope Spring Planting - Saturday, 9:00 AM - noon,
garden

Palm Sunday Set up – Saturday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, sanctuary

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, 10:00 AM – noon, rooms 1 and 21

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

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

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

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) - Next Sunday, 10:05 – 11:05 AM, rm 24

Upcoming Events

The Psychology of Christian Nationalism: How to Talk across the Divide - Sundays at 10:15 AM in room 33. Books are available each Sunday in room 33 at 10:15 AM. A suggested donation of \$20 per book is appreciated.

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. **Bell Choir**

rehearses on Thursdays, 6:15 – 7:30 PM in the choir room. For more information about the bell choir program, contact Bell Choir Director Barb Eisenhart.

Thursday Morning Book Study will resume after Easter.

Garden of Hope – Save the Dates

Sunday, March 26th, 9:00 worship Blessing of the Fields and Gardens

Saturday, April 1st, 9:00 – noon Spring Planting

Friday, May 12th, 9:00 – noon Summer Planting

Wednesday, May 31st, 6:00 – 7:30 PM Composting Clinic (AND root beer floats!)

New Hanover Area AARP Chapter is holding bus trips from April to November. Contact Carol Griffith at (484) 363-7376 for details and reservations. On each trip, there is a drawing for a “Free Trip Certificate” reserved for the participants of each trip which is good for a subsequent trip of the member’s choice. Check the bulletin board for trip information. Organized by New Hanover AARP.

Boyertown Alumni Marching Unit Spring Concert to be held on Saturday, April 29, 2023 with a **New Time - 3 PM** and **New Location - Boyertown Middle School West in the Donald J. Kuszyk Auditorium**. Tickets can be purchased at the door. We hope you can attend.

You Can Help

Free Money is expiring March 31, spend it now to help the church If you had a dollar in your pocket, you wouldn’t let it go to waste. You’d do your best not to forget about it. If you saved a coupon, you’d try to put it to good use before it expired.

Digital dollars might seem different but have the same impact on helping us change and save lives of neighbors who are suffering. Thrivent Choice Dollars® have a huge impact. **But 2022 Dollars expire on March 31 so you *must* direct them now to help us!**
HERE'S HOW:

1. Visit thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 to check your eligibility.

2. If you have remaining 2022 Dollars to direct, please select New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church as your choice. That's it! In just a few clicks, you can direct much needed funds to help your church family.

Non-perishable donations received during March will be donated to the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Thanks for your support.

Volunteers are needed to help during the church service: Ushers, Lectors, Children's Sermons, and Acolytes. Contact Faye Weidner at omiweidner@gmail.com or 484-929-5958 if you can help.

NEEDED: Gently used children's books for ages Newborn to 3rd Grade.

"Mother Goose: Read to Me", is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting very early literacy with infants and their parents. Experienced volunteers distribute free, age-appropriate books to infants, birth to 18 months, and demonstrate to parents effective ways of talking and reading to babies to help build vocabulary skills. The gently used books are given to the older siblings of the newborn children. Unfortunately, we cannot distribute religious related books. Thank you for your help! Drop off your donations in the box in the Welcome Center. Any questions, contact Marcia Tonkin, "Mother Goose: Read to Me" volunteer: tonkin.3028@comcast.net or 610-220-6018.

Food Ministry

More than 160,000 meals have been delivered! NHELCL'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/>.

We love this quote... "*There is no food...just ingredients to make*

food.”

Well, because of the New Hanover church we have not had to experience that. The meals you have provided have been a huge help. At times like this it is nice not to have to think 🤔 about what are we having for dinner or take the energy to prepare it. Thank you so much for the food. It is definitely food for the soul too.

Russ and Lenore Gates

Spiritual Renewal

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

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 psstaub@gmail.com or call the church office 610-326-1335 to leave him a voice mail. Your prayers will be delivered!

Prayer Warriors Wanted You are invited to join the warriors on Mondays 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.

Prayer Requests

Long-term

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

Shut-in

Penny Frymoyer

Grieving

Family and friends of Thelma Stauffer (grandmother of Ariel Hansley) and Laurie Scoggins

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

Victims of the earthquake in Turkey, Syria, and surrounding countries

Peace for violence in our area and nationally

Toni Rath	Katy Mahon-Miller	Matt Hall
Luann Hanley	Carol Estes	William Trotter
Kathy Kane	Maxwell Girard	Pat Fryer
Jean Renninger	Pr. Kork Moyer	Betty Lou Shadle
Julia Hauck	Tony Mancini	Raul Castro
Amy LeVan	Jeffrey Kunsch	Wilma Lahr
Jim Price	Melissa	Bernadette Phillips
Mary Lou	Doug Weaver	Joan Wagner
Robert Ganovsky	Dorothy Bingaman	Emily Ocelus
Eric & Wendy Hess	Sue Care	Herman Richard
Deb Matthews	Marceline	Anne Eshleman
Daniel Johnson	Gwen Grant	Chris Fatzinger
Hank Droneberg	Pena family	Kim Frain
Jen Perez	Frank D.	Pam Helfrich
Barb & Tom Faust	Andy Van Dyke	Janet
Pam Abbott	Holli Muffler	Louise Karns
Mary Van Dyke	Pr. Jennifer Phelps	Jessica Trout
Denny Smith	Verdi Smith	Mabel Gaugler
Pat Freed	Sandy Wesner	Helen Foulke
Paige Longstreth	Carla Hausmann	John O.
Joan Price	Rodney Snell	Ruth Clemmer

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