

Announcements

April 9, 2023

The church office will be closed on Monday, April 10th, for the holiday. The office will be open on Tuesday, 9:00 AM. Remember, appointments are strongly encouraged.

Articles for the May issue of *New Hanover Highlights* are due Wednesday, April 12th.

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.

Today

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their grandson Isaiah's seventh birthday by Jim and Mary Alice Mack.

The bulletin is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their 39th wedding anniversary by Rick and Deb Becker.

The communion is sponsored to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Walter Wolfe, by Nancy Wolfe.

The lily cross is sponsored to the glory of God in memory of her family and loved ones by Carol Estes.

Serving Today (9:00) Head Usher: Marty Hauser; Ushers: Rick Solazzo and Nate Ewing; Lector: Carolyn Fleming; Children's Sermon: Nikki Young; Acolyte: London Meeker **(11:00)** Head

Usher: Jeff Wise; Ushers: Robin Fatzinger and Ryan Waltermyer;
Lector: Robin Fatzinger, Children's Sermon: Lindsey
Waltermyer; Acolyte: Andrew Dodge

Altar Guild Serving this Month Deb Solazzo, Barb Eisenhart
and Marsha Staub

Thank you to the palm plant sponsors: Lynn Fegley, Becky
Gallagher, Nancy Gross and Sharon Wise.

Thank you to the Altar Guild and their helpers, who decorated
the church for Easter.

Easter Breakfast You're invited to an Easter Breakfast Buffet this
morning in fellowship hall, 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

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

Easter Breakfast – Today, 9:00 – 11:00 AM, rooms 1, 11

Worship Service – Today, 11:00 AM, sanctuary and online

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

AARP Board – Tuesday, 10:00 – 11:00 AM, room 30

Chosen 300 – Tuesday, 5:30 PM, offsite

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

Finance – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, offsite

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

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

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

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

Food Ministry Board – Wednesday, 6:30 – 9:00 PM, room 1

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

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

Thursdays at Ten – Thursday, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, room 33

God on Tap – Thursday, 6:00 PM, Main Street Pub

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

Worship and Music – Thursday, 7:00 PM, room 34

District Scout Committee – Thursday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, room 33

Cub Scout Hoagie Sale – Saturday, 9:00 AM - noon, room 1

Birthday Party – Saturday, 12:30 – 4:30 PM, room 1

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

Meet and Greet – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM room 1

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

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

Upcoming Events

Chosen 300 Help feed the homeless this **Tuesday**, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Pottstown. Servers, greeters and singers are needed to help with this service. If you'd like to help, just show up on Tuesday.

Women's Breakfast is this Wednesday, 8:30 at Shorty's Sunflower Café on North Charlotte Street in Pottstown. Reservations are needed. To reserve your seat, contact Sandy Wesner at 215-679-9021 or email slwesner@comcast.net by Tuesday noon. And don't forget, husbands are invited too.

God on Tap will meet this Thursday, 6:00 PM at the Main Street Pub in Bally.

Meet-n-Greet reception next Sunday, following the worship service in fellowship hall. Come and meet NHELIC's new Grace Band Leader, Violet Mandic.

Game Night is Saturday, April 22nd, 4:00 – 7:00 PM. Bring your favorite game(s). Bring a snack to share and we will order pizza! Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-game1> or email Nikki Young at nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org or call or text her at 717-304-9352.

Gathering of Daughters, Sunday, May 7th, noon In honor of Mother's Day, ladies and daughters are invited for lunch and fellowship. Menu consists of beef BBQ, chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, salad, applesauce and dessert. After lunch we will paint flower pots and plant a flower in them. There will be a sign up sheet on the desk in the welcome center and also a sign up genius. The link for the sign up genius is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-gathering>. **Reservations are due by Sunday, April 30th**. There is no charge for attending but everyone is asked to participate in the service project by bringing diapers and/or baby wipes to be distributed to local families in need through the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Any questions, contact Jean Moser at (610) 367-0342.

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

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

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

The NHELC Property Committee will be entering into a new lease agreement for copier services in early May 2023. The new lease agreement has changes which need to be communicated to all committees, boards, and chartered members. NHELC 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 May, 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

New Hanover Area AARP Chapter is attending the “Moses” production at Sight & Sound Theatre on **Thursday, April 20th**. Participants can board the bus at NHELCC parking lot at 8:45 AM. Tickets cost \$145. Contact Carol Griffith at 484-363-7376 for details and reservations.

Boyertown Alumni Marching Unit Spring Concert to be held on **Saturday, April 29, 2023, 3 PM** at the 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

Meet me at...Last year during the summer months NHELCC hosted a series of events called “Meet me at...” We worked in the Garden, played at the picnic grove and went to a Reading Phillies game. Nikki Young is working on some fun events for this year. If you have any ideas or things you’d like to help plan, contact Nikki Young at nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org or 610-326-1335.

Kids Camp 2023 is going to be out of this WORLD It's time to sign up for Kids Camp (formerly VBS). Kids who are in Pre-school (Potty trained) through those completing 4th grade (in the 2022-23 school year) are welcome to join us for Kids Camp. All kids who have completed 5th grade are welcome to attend as youth helpers/junior counselors. We can use the help! You can register at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/22f9ff> or there will be paper forms in the Welcome Center. We also need helpers! Helpers can sign up on the same page or speak with Nikki. We are so excited to build on last year's momentum and need some volunteers to truly make this camp blast off!

Volunteer to be a JAM leader Beginning in September, the elementary JAM class will be split into two classes following the opening. Therefore, more leaders are needed. Many hands make light work. If we have four volunteers for lower and four volunteers for upper elementary, then each leader can teach one week a month. Ideally, this will be established before summer break. Contact Nikki Young if you are able to help!

Are you crafty? Everyone can help out with our VBS decorations this year. Check the Welcome Center for planets, stars, rockets etc. If you would like a family project you can build a command centers that can largely be made with some cardboard and recyclable materials. Want to make a rocket or a planet – we'll take it. We are limited only by your imagination. Contact Nikki Young if you would like to help!

Kids can serve as Junior Ushers The children will report at 8:30 and they will assist ushers with things such as opening the door and greeting people, handing out bulletins, helping to hand out other papers or communion elements. They can help out and then at 9:00 head in to church as normal. Simply sign up so we do not have an abundance of helpers. When they come at 8:30, the ushers will let them know how they can help! Contact Nikki Young with any questions. Sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eafac2caaf4c16-junior#.

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! NHELHC'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 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 Wilma McCannon

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
Marceline
Gwen Grant
Pena family
Frank D.
Andy Van Dyke
Holli Muffler
Pr. Jennifer Phelps
Verdi Smith
Sandy Wesner
Carla Hausmann
Rodney Snell

Sue Care
Anne Eshleman
Chris Fatzinger
Kim Frain
Pam Helfrich
Janet
Louise Karns
Jessica Trout
Mabel Gaugler
Helen Foulke
John O.
Ruth Clemmer

Deb Matthews
Daniel Johnson
Hank Droneberg
Jen Perez
Barb & Tom Faust
Pam Abbott
Mary Van Dyke
Denny Smith
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2023 Easter Lily Sponsors

In memory of Jackie Boyer by James and family

In memory of Jean Boyer by James and families

In memory of her husband, Herbert D. Burkhart, by Janet Burkhart

In memory of Edward Pysher, Dorothy DeVatt, and Frank DeVatt by Kathleen Campbell

In memory of Charles and Helen Eisenhart by their children

In memory of Lillian Engle by her son and daughter-in-law

In memory of Gladys Patrick by her niece

In memory of their parents, Maynard and Helen Fegley, and George and Dorothy Freyer, by Ron and Lynn Fegley

In memory of her husband Roy Fleming, Lloyd and Marianne Anstey, and Walter and Marie Harbeck by Carolyn Fleming

In memory of Alfred and Fannie Anstey and Otis and Alma Fleming by Carolyn Fleming

In honor of Wayne and LuAnne Fowler and Betty Lou Shadle by Ben Fowler

In memory of Larry Gallagher by his wife, Becky

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

In honor of Josephine Heck and in memory of Harry "PopPop" Heck by their family

In memory of Wendy and Buster Heck by their family

In memory of Pastor Paul Howells by his wife, Carol Howells

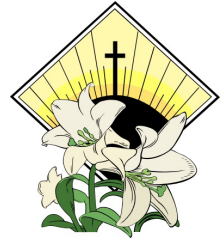
In memory of their parents by Norm and Brenda Hunsberger

In memory of Frederick Johnson by Jane Johnson and family

In memory of John O. Karns by his family

In memory of Wally Van Dyke and Harold Smale by John and Hazel LeVan

In memory of Sue's brother, Walter Hatch, and their friend, Bud Popkin, by Bill and Sue Hatch Lowry



In memory of his parents, Bill and Kitty Lowry, by Bill and Sue Lowry

In memory of her parents, Walter and Olga Hatch, by Bill and Sue Hatch Lowry

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

In memory of their parents, Charles and Catharine, Tom and Pat, and in honor of their children and grandchildren, Michael, Ginie, Matthew, Amanda, Ben and Jackson, by Tom and Jayne McHugh

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

In memory of Nancy Zapien and Ed Phillips by the Phillips family

In memory of Sally A. Kohl by the Rothermel family

In memory of their grandmothers, Elsie and Geneva, by Todd and Stacey Rothermel

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

In memory of Wayne Sloan by his wife, Judy

In memory of Fred Smith by his wife, Verdie

In honor of Verdie Smith by Kay Kurtz and family

In memory of George R. and Frances E. Weaver by George, Doug, and Keith Weaver

In memory of Megan M. Weaver and Michael A. Kelly by Doug and Helen Weaver

In memory of George and Frances Weaver and in honor of their family by the Wirt and Eisenhart families

In memory of Ralph and Ruth Wirt by the Wirt and Eisenhart families

In memory of Donald, Laura, and Arlene Wise, and Raymond and Betty Latshaw by Jeff and Sharon Wise

In honor of Pastor Scott and Marsha Staub by Nancy Wolfe

In honor of the entire Food Ministry Team by Nancy Wolfe

How to help a grieving friend

While there is no one perfect way to respond or to support someone you care about, here are some good ground rules.

Don't

Don't compare griefs No one else has experienced their grief.

Don't fact check or correct Especially in early grief, facts and timelines can be confused.

Don't minimize Even if you might think their grief is out of proportion to the situation.

Don't give compliments When someone is in pain, they don't need to be reminded how wonderful they are.

Don't be a cheerleader When things are dark, it's OK to be dark.

Don't talk about "later" Right now, in this present moment, that future is irrelevant.

Don't evangelize When something has worked for you, it's tempting to prescribe it for others.

Don't start with solutions In most cases, people need to feel heard, not be "fixed."

Do

Ask questions You can connect by showing curiosity about their experience.

Respect their experience It's not important who's "more" correct.

Remember this grief is theirs Grief belongs to the griever. Our opinions are irrelevant.

Trust your friend All the things you love about the person will help them through this experience.

Mirror their reality When they say, "This sucks," say, "Yes, it does."

Stay in the present moment Or if the person is talking about the past, join them there.

Trust their self-care They know themselves best. What works for you may not be for them.

Get consent Before you offer advice or strategies.

Show up. Listen. Don't fix. Above all, show your love. Be willing to stand beside the gaping hole that has opened in your friend's life, without flinching or turning away. Your steadiness of presence is the absolute best thing you can give.

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Emotionally Intelligent Grief Support
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