

Announcements

August 20, 2023

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 NHELIC raise \$74,000 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

We welcome Brian Tracey, who is serving as guest organist this morning.

The bulletin is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their grandson Oliver's seventh birthday by Doug and Bette Senne.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of London Meeker's 15th birthday on August 19th by his parents Christopher and Megan and his sister Malaina.

Serving Today Head Usher: Jeff Wise; Ushers: Jim Gross and Faye Weidner; Lector: Harry White; Children's Sermon: Pastor Scott; Acolyte: Faye Weidner

Serving Next Sunday Head Usher: Steve Weidner; Ushers: Faye Weidner and Scott Geiser; Lector: Nancy Gross; Children's Sermon: Carolyn Springer; Acolyte: Faye Weidner

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

Rejoicing Spirits worship service This ministry supports people

with intellectual and developmental disabilities, providing a meaningful worship experience for people of all abilities. All are welcome. For more information, contact Donna Kehs or Stacey Rothermel.

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

Rejoicing Spirits – Today, 2:30 – 4:00 PM, rooms 1, Welcome Center, Sanctuary

AARP – Monday, 11:00 AM – 2:30 PM, room 1

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, picnic grove

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

Troop 367 Committee – Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, room 33

GRACE Rehearsal – Saturday, 10:00 AM, sanctuary

The Great Swamp Picnic – Saturday, 4:00 – 8:00 PM, picnic grove

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

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

Upcoming Events

The Great Swamp Picnic, a 100+ year tradition, is an annual gathering for NHELC members as well as the community. This year's picnic will be held **THIS SATURDAY, August 26th, from 4:00 - 8:00 PM**. Lots of food and fun for all! Hot roast beef sandwiches are back, as well as pulled pork sandwiches, grilled chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, French fries, kettle soups, ice cream and more. Free kids games and music by the **Boyertown Area Alumni Band**.

We need your help! Lots of volunteer opportunities are available leading up to and the day of the picnic.

Wednesday, August 23rd – Cooking with Chris 9:00AM - 3:00 PM

Thursday, August 24th – Cooking with Chris 9:00AM - 3:00 PM

Friday, August 25th – Set Up 6:00 PM

Saturday, August 26th – Final Set Up 9:00 AM and volunteering during the picnic anytime between 4:00 – 8:00 PM

Calling all bakers! We need your help! Please consider making and donating a cake or pie. Attendees of the picnic always enjoy an amazing selection of delicious pies and cakes. You can drop off your donation at the Grove on Friday evening at 6:00 PM or anytime on Saturday, August 26th, beginning at 9:00 AM.

If you can help or have any questions about volunteering or about the picnic, contact Sally Sugita at 610-505-9682.

The picnic grove is located on Swamp Picnic Road between Rte. 663 and Lutheran Road. We hope to see you there.

Attic treasures are needed for the Swamp Picnic flea market.

Donations can be placed under the pavilion at the picnic grove anytime on Friday, August 25th. Also, the 3rd grade classroom, #31, is set up for treasures which folks need to clear out sooner. Call Vicki at 484-363-0639 with any questions.

JAM Kick-off is Sunday, September 10th, in the picnic grove.

This year's theme is Space, a continuation from Kids Camp. Help us blast off into the new programming year. Stay tuned for details, but you won't want to miss it! Worship begins at 9:00 followed by JAM at 10:15 and the picnic at 11:30. The main course and drinks will be provided for the picnic. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Fantasy Football Do you like watching/following NFL Football? Want to get a little closer to the action? Then join the socially focused, free NHELC fantasy football league for the 2023-2024 NFL season!

Whether you are an experienced fantasy football participant, or a first-time participant wanting to dabble, we will keep it simple – we will “draft” team players prior to the NFL season start and trade and pick players out of a player pool throughout the season. It's

just for fun, not time-consuming, and will give you a different perspective of the game.

We are looking for ten - 14 participants (can start multiple leagues if more want to participate) to get this started. We will be using a free app called “Sleeper” to manage the league and individual team rosters.

If you are interested, simply click here

(<https://sleeper.com/i/EBDkXRn6YAR0>) or contact Todd Rothermel at (rookie48@yahoo.com) for more information.

Monthly mid-week dinners return Wednesday, September 20th, at 5:45 PM. Take a break planning dinner and join your church family for the monthly Loaves & Fishes mid-week dinner. The dinners will be held the third Wednesday of the month throughout the program year.

Third Grade Bibles Bibles will be handed out to our third graders on kick-off **Sunday, September 10th**, during worship. Contact Nikki Young if you have a third grader OR a student that did not receive a Bible when in third grade.

Handbell choir rehearsals resume **Thursday, August 31st, 6:15 – 7:30 PM.** Interested in joining the choir or would like more information, contact Handbell Choir Director Barb Eisenhart.

Chancel choir rehearsals resume **Wednesday, September 6th, 7:00 – 8:15 PM.** Interested in joining the choir or would like more information, contact Director of Music Ministry Patricia Nyce.

Kids choir rehearsals for ages 3 -12 resume **Sunday, September 17th, at 11:20 AM.** Interested in joining the choir or would like more information, contact Director of Music Ministry Patricia Nyce.

Sunday Morning Adult Discussions What does the kingdom of God look like? Who is our neighbor and what is loving God, neighbor and oneself? We will embark on a twelve-week study together on these subjects. Everyone is invited. Starting September 24th, we will meet after worship. The location will be determined based on the number of participants. Contact pastor Scott if you wish to lead, or participate or have any questions.

“If” a time to come as you are Every Thursday in the morning, we will meet to discuss several questions posted weeks beforehand. The questions will pertain to our everyday lives, no matter who we are, where we are in life or age. We will apply our collective experiences, wisdom and Bible scriptures to help the discussion along. There are no prerequisites; come as you are, and everyone is invited. If you like to listen or talk, please come. Contact Pastor Scott if you have any questions and look in the bulletin or website for posted dates and questions in the near future.

Senior Faith Gatherings This fall we will have monthly senior ministry gatherings. First we need a name for the group, because, what is a senior anyway? The monthly gatherings will have a topic, featured speaker and fellowship time. Currently, topics include a kick-off gathering with a luncheon, Hymn sing and fellowship. The next gatherings will include organizing your vital information in one packet (so your loved one’s can easily find the information they need in times of emergency (no matter how scattered they are 😊)), and a session on downsizing one’s living area. We all from time to time accumulate “stuff.” This session will be like a trip planner where we address each area of our “stuff” one at a time to accomplish whatever goal we set. With each gathering, of course there will be refreshments and social time. Contact Pastor Scott if you wish to help with these gatherings. Contact Pastor Scott if you have any questions and look in the bulletin or website for posted dates in the near future.

The NHEL C Book Club is reading *The Paper Place* by Miranda Cowley Heller. All are welcome to meet and discuss this book on October 3rd at 6:30 PM at Plaza Azteca in Boyertown. Any questions, contact Sharon Tracey.

For Sale

Do you need a lawn tractor? The Cemetery committee is selling a 2007 John Deere 300R 17 HP tractor with a 42” cut. The tractor logged 640.4 hours. Asking price is \$1,000.00 or best offer. If you’re interested or would like more information, contact Norm Hunsberger at 484-431-3622.

You Can Help

Wanted: JAM Teachers Last year we discovered it would be beneficial to have our older and younger preschool/elementary classes split for at least the lesson part of JAM (Jesus and Me). Students will still gather together for the opening. Therefore, we need a team of four to teach pre-k – 2nd grade and a team of four to teach 3 - 5th grade. With two teams of four, everyone can serve just one Sunday per month. Won't you consider helping with this important piece of our faith formation? Prayerfully consider serving and talk to Nikki ASAP! This is a relatively small commitment that can make a BIG difference in our Kid Ministry!

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 at tonkin.3028@comcast.net or 610-220-6018.

NHELC is collecting non-perishable items throughout the months of August and September. Donations will be distributed through the Pottstown Cluster. A collection box is located in the welcome center for donations. Thank you for your contributions helping those in need.

Food Ministry

More than 160,000 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/>.

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 July – September are available in the welcome center and information box located outside by the Sunday school doors.

Need a prayer lifted up? The **NHEL C 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 Pat Freed

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

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	Deb Matthews
Marceline	Anne Eshleman	Daniel Johnson
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	Sandy Wesner	Helen Foulke
Paige Longstreth	Carla Hausmann	Joan Price
Rodney Snell	Ruth Clemmer	Betty Seroski
Ralph Borneman	Lucille Powell	Virginia Specht
Bill Lowry	Tom Fleagl	Mary Alice Mack
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