

Announcements

August 27, 2023

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 \$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 memory of their parents by Pastor Scott and Marsha Staub.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of their parents by Ron and Lynn Fegley.

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

Serving Next Sunday Head Usher: George Trowbridge; Usher: Rick Hausch; Lector: Todd Rothermel; Children's Sermon: Hayley Quigley; Acolyte: London Meeker; Communion Assistants: Donna Kehs and Carolyn Fleming

Altar Guild Serving this Month Deb Solazzo, Barb Eisenhart and 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

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, 1:30 PM, portico

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

Bell Choir Rehearsal – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15

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

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

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

Upcoming Events

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. You won't want to miss this! 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.

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 on 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 this **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.

Adult Study Forum – The Phoenix Affirmation Starts Sunday, September 24th, at 10:15 in room 33. What is It? - The twelve Affirmations express a more traditional, inclusive, and expansive role for Christianity. The Affirmations say that, as Jesus teaches us, our Christian love should be expressed in three ways: by loving God, neighbor, and self.

The public face of Christianity in America today bears little connection to the historic faith of our ancestors. It represents even less our own faith as Christians who continue to celebrate the gifts of our Creator, revealed, and embodied in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Heartened by our experience of the transforming presence of Christ's Holy Spirit in our world, we find ourselves in a time and place where we will be no longer silent. We hereby mark an end to our silence by making the following affirmations:

As people who are joyfully and unapologetically Christian, we pledge ourselves completely to the way of Love. We work to express our love, as Jesus teaches us, in three ways: by loving God, neighbor, and self.

Join us each Sunday as we explore what it means to love God, love Neighbor, and love thy self.

“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.

Boy Scout Troop 367 Car Wash Saturday, September 9th, 1:00 – 4:00 PM at NHELC's parking lot The cost is \$5.00. Proceeds benefit the scouts with dues and camping activities. Thank you for your support.

Harvest Home Sunday, September 24th, Bring non-perishable donations with you to worship for the annual Harvest Home celebration of our bounty. Before entering the sanctuary for worship, drop off your donations at the designated area in the Welcome Center. At the beginning of the service, children will bring the items to the altar for a blessing.

The NHELC 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**. If you have 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 and then go to their age-appropriate classes. 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 then 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 **NHELCC 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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INCLUSIVE
and safe ministries
FOR LGBTQIA+ FOLK

7 Saturday **OCTOBER** **9** to **2**

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Join us for our 5th annual In God's Image event! Saturday, October 7 at Upper Dublin Lutheran Church with keynote speaker Pastor Noah Hepler! In God's Image is a day-long (9-2) program of worship, workshops, conversation, and resources. Sponsored by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA, this is sure to be a great day. Folks from all over the region-Lutheran and non-Lutheran, church "professionals" and those who just want to know more-will gather at Upper Dublin to share their experiences, learn about ministry potentials in their contexts, and share joys and concerns about inclusive and expansive ministry. It is the aim of this event to equip those who are passionate about ministry for and with LGBTQIA+ folks in their congregation, their families, their workplaces to be able to reach out in love and support for their beloved.

Sign up in the welcome center. Contact Sharon Tracey at lbd36@aol.com for more information. Thank you.