

Announcements

September 17, 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

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

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their grandchildren by Vicki and Randy Dotterer.

The Word in Season devotion booklet is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their church family by the Wesners.

Serving Today Head Usher: Jim Gross; Ushers: Jim Dugan and Bryce Manthorne; Lector: Sue Care; Children's Sermon: Nicole Ewing; Acolyte: Faye Weidner

Serving Next Sunday Head Usher: Ed Becker; Ushers: Steve Weidner and Elfriede Ilik; Lector: London Meeker; Children's Sermon: Ariel Hansley; Acolyte: Ron Fegley

Altar Guild Serving this Month Lynn Fegley, Vicki Dotterer, Becky Gallagher and Sharon Wise

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

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

JAM – Today, 10:15 AM, room 21

Praise Band Rehearsal – Today, 11:15 AM, sanctuary

Kids' Choir – Today, 11:20 – 11:50 AM, room 15

Rejoicing Spirits – Today, 2:30 – 4:00 PM, room 1 and sanctuary

AARP – Monday, 11:00 AM, room 1

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Cub Scouts – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, rooms 1, 14, 21-23, 27, 31, 33

Meet Me at the Garden – Tuesday, 6:00 PM, Garden of Hope

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

Loaves & Fishes Dinner – Wednesday, 5:45 PM, rooms 1, 11

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

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

Cub Scout Committee – Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, room 1

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

Council – Thursday, 7:00 PM, room 33

Scout District Roundtable – Thursday, 7:30 – 9:00 PM, room 1

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Upcoming Events

Monthly mid-week dinners return this 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.

Harvest Home is next 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.

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 thyself.

The Sky is the Limit! Men's Retreat
Saturday, October 14th, 9 AM - 8 PM

Come join us as we take off in our faith, and the sky is the limit. Highlights include bus transportation, the General Spaatz (First Chief of Staff - Air force) Museum Tour, the Mid Atlantic Air Museum Tour, Group Bible Studies, a Brewery Tour, lunch at Klinger's Restaurant and Dinner at the Saucony Creek Brewing Company.

The price of admission to the museums will be \$20.00 total. Cost of the meals is on your own. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-thesky>

Information for the museums can be found at <https://www.maam.org/> and <https://www.spaatzmuseum.org/>. For questions contact Pastor Scott at psstaub@gmail.com or Jim Davidheiser at Jimindeed@comcast.net to register.



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.

Handbell Choir rehearsals are on **Thursdays, 6:15 – 7:30 PM.** Interested in joining the choir or would like more information; contact Handbell Choir Director Barb Eisenhart.

Chancel Choir rehearsals for ages 13 and older are on **Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:15 PM.** Interested in joining the choir or would like more information; contact Director of Music Ministry Patricia Nyce.

The NHELC Book Club is reading *The Paper Palace* 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.

“Jimmy Buffett’s Margaritaville” at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre on Wednesday, September 27th. You don’t have to be a member of the New Hanover Area AARP to join them on this bus trip. The cost is \$123.00. The bus leaves NHELC’s parking lot at 9:30 AM. Contact Carol Griffith at (484) 363-7376 for any questions and to make your reservation.

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. The 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

Dreaming of being a TV producer/director? Sign up with Amy to learn how you can produce and direct our weekly worship service. The sessions will be scheduled for two hours at a time so you can learn and practice using the equipment. There are two spots or one family spot available per training session.

Upcoming sessions include: Tues., September 26th, 6-8 PM; Sun., October 1st, 10 - Noon (after worship) and Tues., October 3rd, 6 - 8 PM. Additional dates and times will be available.

All Dates are subject to change. Check for a signup Genius at www.newhanoverlutheran.org.

Volunteers are needed to help during the church service: Ushers, Lectors, Children’s Sermons Acolytes and Communion Assistants. 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 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 to 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

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.

100 Days to Brave Challenge

As part of our Gathering Series of events, you are invited to join in a 100 Day to Brave Challenge. Each week, beginning Thursday, September 21st, we will have a devotion and questions to discern: then challenge ourselves to look ahead 100 days to be brave and make a change in our lives in the church, our community, and our homes. Each week on Thursday at 10 AM in classroom 29, we will meet personally to discuss our bravery to change, create support and fellowship on our journeys of change. The devotions will be in our bulletins and online each week at

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-SXpQt3qY_M_W4XdCKTVZy5puPiFcgmo?usp=drive_link

..... Annie F. Downs

A good friend of mine is about to have a baby. Well, I say “about” when describing her pregnancy. She, on the other hand, does not. In my mind, she’s been pregnant for almost eight months and has just a little less than two months to go.

But yesterday, when we were discussing it, she said, “It’s like TWO ENTIRE WHOLE 30s, ANNIE. Think about that. That is a really long time!” She wins. (Also duh she wins because she is growing a human and I am absolutely not arguing with her about that.)

Just now on Facebook, a friend says, “Counting down to my wedding in 109 days!” As children, when we would be on long car rides, when we would ask “how much further?” her answer always came in “one Mr. Rogers” (30 minutes) or “one Sesame Street” (an hour). It made my brain comprehend distance and time. Much like my pregnant friend’s painful comparison to two full whole 30s. Wow and no thanks.

I’m thinking a lot about chunks of time lately, how we chop up time for our own understanding and sanity. We have to, I think. Humans need things to start and they need things to end. We need markers along our journey that show us how far we have gone or how long we have done the thing. Beginnings matter, but so does the finish line. Ever since I wrote *100 Days To Brave*, I’ve wondered what can really happen in 100 days. If that is the chunk of time you set apart to truly focus on something, what can happen? How different could things be?

I worked through Mark Batterson’s 40-day prayer journey this summer. The first ten days were fun, the middle twenty were hard, the last ten were fascinating, thinking back over my prayers, looking back through my journals, and seeing how the situations had changed, but mostly I was in awe of how I had changed. It was insane to think that in just forty days, my heart and mind had shifted significantly - even more than my circumstances.

I was more peaceful. I was more sure of God’s move in my life and in my story. My prayers shifted from what I was sure I wanted to what I hoped God wanted to whatever it was God wanted, I was in. How different could things be in 100 days?

Honestly, I don’t think I have the answer. I know, that’s not how this is supposed to go - I’m supposed to tell you all the ways I am sure life can be different in 100 days of focused care and attention towards living the bravest life God has for you. I am sure of it, I’m just not sure how it will look for you.

That’s the way of courage, really. It’s so different for you than it is for me I wouldn’t dare try to make a list or boss you around. But

there is braver for you in the life you already have. God's not asking you to start a brand-new life - to leave everything and everyone you know in order to be brave. God's just asking you to take a good 100 day look at the life you already have and figure out where courage is just waiting for you.

You being brave in the life you already have will absolutely change the circumstances around you - at work, at home, in your church and in your city. But it will also change you. As the days tick by, you will slowly watch yourself shift, change, and grow. You will feel braver, because you are. You will see Jesus more clearly, because you are looking. And your story will change and the road may turn and you will be ready, because you are brave.

Question 1

How can you picture your life being different in 100 days?

Question 2

Where in your life do you need to be brave?

Question 3

Who do you know that is really brave? What does their life look like?

Question 4

What is one brave change you'd be willing to make today?

Prayer Requests

Long-term: Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Tina Farrell, Carol Buchholtz Yost

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

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 Fleagle	Mary Alice Mack
Jeffrey Weems	Joan Scheffey	Arnold Amundsen

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INCLUSIVE
and safe ministries
FOR LGBTQIA+ FOLK

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

UPPER DUBLIN LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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.

2023/24 Program Calendar

Events will be added and we will alert you when that is the case! Check us out on Facebook or at www.newhanoverlutheran.org

SEPTEMBER

- 19 Meet me in the Garden – 6 PM dinner and light gardening
- 20 Loaves and Fishes Dinner 5:45
- 24 Festival of Harvest Home Worship (Bring non-perishable food and kids will bring donations forward at start of worship)

OCTOBER

- 1 World Communion Sunday
- 15 Pregnancy and Infant loss Wave of Light Service 6:30 PM
- 18 Loaves and Fishes Dinner 5:45
First Communion Class (2nd grade & up at parent/staff discretion) 6:30-7:30
- 22 Pumpkin Frolic 2:00-4:00 (Paint pumpkins, games)
- 29 Reformation Sunday - First Communion and Reception/all ages

NOVEMBER

- 5 All Saints Sunday
- 11 Roast Beef Dinner 4-7
- 15 Loaves and Fishes Dinner 5:45
- 23 Thanksgiving Day Community Worship Service 9 AM