

Announcements

October 1, 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 30th wedding anniversary by Lisa and Joe Caputo.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Malaina Meeker's twelfth birthday on October 4th by her parents Christopher and Megan and her brother London.

The communion is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their grandson Ezra's second birthday by Todd and Stacey Rothermel.

The Word in Season devotion booklet is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of their daughter Lisa by Pastor Scott and Marsha Staub.

Serving Today Head Usher: Marty Hauser; Ushers: Bill Tracey and Sharon Tracey; Lector: Ron Fegley; Children's Sermon: Nikki Young; Acolyte: Norm Hunsberger; Communion Assistants: Carolyn Fleming and Nikki Young

Serving Next Sunday Head Usher: Todd Rothermel; Ushers: Stacey Rothermel and London Meeker; Lector: Carol Estes; Children's Sermon: Lindsey Waltermeyer and Acolyte: Landon Woods

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

Adult Study Forum – The Phoenix Affirmation today in room 33 following the service. 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.

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 Rehearsal – Today, 11:20 – 11:50 AM, room 15

Cub Scouts – Today, 6:30 PM, 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

Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, room 1

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

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

Property – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, room 33

100 Days to Brave Challenge – Thursday, 10:00 – 11:30 AM,
room 29

God on Tap – Thursday, 6:00 PM, offsite

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

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God on Tap Come to dinner and join in the discussion of a contemporary Christian topic this Thursday, 6:00 at Main Street in Bally. For more information, email Randy Dotterer at RDPTW6489@gmail.com or call/text him at 610-306-0621. God on Tap meets the first Thursday of the month.

Upcoming Events

Staff Appreciation Fellowship Hour Gather in Fellowship Hall, on Sunday, October 8th, immediately following the church service to show your support for the NHELIC staff. The fellowship committee will host this event to honor all of our staff for their hard work and service.

Flutter is going to the Haunted Woods at the Althouse Arboretum on Saturday, October 14th. We'll meet at church at 7:45 PM to carpool there. The cost is \$10 per person. Any youth in grades 6-12 is welcome to attend. Contact Lindsey Waltermeyer or Jen Boyer if you plan to attend.

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

Spatz (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.spatzmuseum.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 gathering will include organizing your vital information in one packet (so your loved ones 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 NHELCC 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.

A Wave of Light service will be held on Sunday, October 15th, 6:30 PM for the National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day. This service will be held outdoors (weather permitting). If you know someone who has been touched by such a loss, invite the person to join us. Watch for further details in the

bulletin and on Facebook. Contact Nikki Young with any questions.

Pumpkin Frolic will be held on Sunday, October 22nd, from 2:00 – 4:00 PM in fellowship hall. Come join the fun of pumpkin related activities including pumpkin decorating, fall crafts, scavenger hunt, games and snacks. Participants will be painting pumpkins, not carving them for safety purposes. Pumpkins and paint will be provided. This is a Thrivent Action team service project. There is no charge for this event; however, please bring some nonperishable food for Preston's Pantry at Boyertown Multi-Service. Signup on the designated sheet on the welcome center desk or at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-pumpkin1>. To be sure there will be enough pumpkins for those attending, sign up by October 16th.

Hot Roast Beef Dinner, Saturday, November 11th, 4:00 – 7:00 PM The Swamp Picnic Hot Roast Beef Dinner is back for its second year. Enjoy a delicious meal of hot roast beef with gravy on white bread, homemade potato filling, green beans, pepper cabbage, applesauce, dessert and a drink. You can eat in or get your meal to go. The cost for a meal is: Adult, \$16; Senior, \$14; 6 to 10 years old, \$8 and children 5 and younger eat free.

You **MUST** make a reservation for your meal(s) by **noon on Sunday, November 6th**. Reserve your meal(s) online at <http://www.newhanoverlutheran.org>, fill out an order slip at church or call the church office at 610-326-1335.

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

Calling all bakers! Consider making and donating a cake or pie for the Hot Roast Beef Dinner. Our bakers provided an amazing selection of delicious baked goods for the Great Swamp Picnic and we would love to offer a yummy selection at this dinner. Donation drop off times will be announced. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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: Tuesday, October 3rd, 6 - 8 PM; Thursday, October 19th, 10 – noon; Sunday, October 22nd, 10 – noon, Wednesday, November 15th, 1 – 3 PM, Sunday, November 26th, 10 – noon, and Tuesday, November 28th, 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.

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/>.

Pastor Scott and congregation,

I want to thank you for visiting my mother Joan in the hospital when she was ill with COVID. It was comforting and I really appreciated it. It was also a huge blessing for her to receive the delivered meals. She isn't up to cooking much and makes it so much easier for her. With love, Susan Grebe

Spiritual Renewal

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.

Reconciling in Christ

Reconciling in Christ (RIC) is a program of Reconciling Works, an independent Lutheran organization that works collaboratively with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The



purpose of the RIC Program is to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; work for racial equity and commit to anti-racist

work and support the national program.

The RIC program is not a certification or a designation of the ELCA. It is a voluntary program that congregations can choose to participate in. Congregations that participate in the RIC program are listed on the Reconciling Works website and are provided with resources to help them become more welcoming and inclusive communities.

100 Days to Brave Challenge

Counting up the Cost

We've officially begun the kickoff into the busiest time of the year. With school in session, holidays fast approaching, and life moving at a pace that seems almost foreign to the fall of past pandemic years, it's a time of year when we can tend to pack our schedules to the brim. And with this year's calendar looking much different than the blank pages of last September, it can be tempting to want to make up for everything we lacked last year, to get back to every tradition, and to make every memory. But, what cost are we willing to pay to make this fall a "successful" one?

Ruth Chou Simons shared a message that has long stuck with us, and we can't think of a better time to soak up her words about the grace of Jesus. Instead of entering into this season through the lens of striving and seeking to do or be all things to all people, we can, Ruth says, "redefine success as faithfulness to God through the means of grace." We can be both faithful and successful, if only we let our definition of success come from the Gospel of Jesus, rather than the gospel of self-improvement. Ephesians 2:8-10 says, For by grace you have been saved through faith.

And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. That truth is all we really need to know to move forward into October. We have been created for good works, and it is not because of anything we have done in the past; God has given us good works to do simply because God wants us to participate in God's grand design for eternity.

But are we missing the things God has for us because we're too focused on our own, frantic agendas? Whether this new month finds you anxiously spiraling in your mind because you're already overwhelmed at the thought of the months to come, or you're worried that you're not doing enough and need to be a better parent, spouse, coworker, child, sibling, or friend, let the truth of the Gospel wash over you today. Jesus has good works for us to

do, but our identity is found only in the abundance of God's glorious grace. Let us count up the cost of our souls, and, instead, find all of our wealth in the cross.

Question 1

Do you feel like you are prone to strive for success? What does that look like in your life?

Question 2

What does grace mean to you? When have you experienced grace in your life?

Question 3

How can you rest in Gods' grace instead of striving for it?

Question 4

What good works might God be calling you to do as you receive His grace?

Question 5

Looking at your month ahead, where do you feel like you might be prone to striving? Is there a cost you're paying to fulfill each of your current roles?

Question 6

What does God's grace mean to you? How can you let His grace shape how you spend your time?

Question 7

What would faithfulness to God look like in this season?

Question 8

Who can you give the grace of Jesus to this month?

Prayer Requests

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

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

Grieving: family and friends of Paige Longstreth

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
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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