

# Announcements

## February 11, 2024

### Today

**The bulletin** is sponsored to the glory of God by Steve and Faye Weidner.

**The flowers** are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their granddaughter Emma's sixth birthday by Jim and Mary Alice Mack.

**The Word in Season** devotion booklet is sponsored to the glory of God by Don and Jo Anne Wirt.

**Serving Today** Head Usher: Scott Geiser; Ushers: Georgann Geiser and Steve Weidner; Lector: Susan Swartz; Children's Sermon: Nikki Young; Acolyte: Ava Hubley

**Ash Wednesday:** Noon Head Usher: Steve Weidner; Usher: Jeff Wise; Acolyte: usher

7:00 Head Usher: Jim Gross; Usher: Bill Allen; Acolyte: Norm Hunsberger

**Serving Next Sunday** Head Usher: George Trowbridge; Usher: Brian Flack; Lector: Barbara Noecker; Children's Sermon: Pastor Scott; Acolyte: Madelyn Artim

**Altar Guild** members serving this month: Lynn Fegley, Vicki Dotterer, Becky Gallagher and Sharon Wise.

**The Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held immediately following the worship service this morning. At the annual meeting, confirmed members will elect new council members, once again vote on accepting the revised constitution passed at our December Congregational Meeting (per ELCA Synodical law), and accept the annual report.

**The Nursery room is now open.** It is located between the Welcome Center and the Fellowship Hall. Parents are welcome to use the room during worship services as needed. The room provides for a comfortable play area in a joyful environment, toys and books included. The room has access to a changing room and a private nursing room next door.

## Calendar

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

**Food Drop Off** – Today, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

**Congregational Meeting and Jazz Social** – Today, 10:00 AM, sanctuary and rooms 1 and 11

**Food Delivery Pickup** – Today, 11:30 AM, portico

**Prayer Ministry** – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

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

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

**Boy Scouts** – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, room 1

**Finance** – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, Zoom

**Women's Breakfast** – Wednesday, 8:30 AM, Shorty's Sunflower Café

**GriefShare** – Wednesday, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, room 33

**Ash Wednesday Service** – Wednesday, Noon, sanctuary

**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

**Ash Wednesday Service** – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, sanctuary

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

**Handbell 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

**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

**J.A.M.** – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 21

**Family Learning Center Information Session** – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 1

**Praise Band Rehearsal** – Next Sunday, 11:15 AM, sanctuary

**Kids' Choir Rehearsal** – Next Sunday, 11:20 – 11:50 AM, room 15

**Rejoicing Spirits** – Next Sunday, 2:30 PM, room 1 and sanctuary

**Women's Breakfast is this Wednesday, 8:30 AM** 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](mailto:slwesner@comcast.net) by Tuesday noon. And don't forget, husbands are invited too.

**Ash Wednesday is this week! NHELC offers two services on Wednesday, noon and 7:00 PM.**

## Upcoming Events

**Join NHELC's Fantasy Baseball League.** Participants enjoyed NHELC Fantasy Football league, so now NHELC is putting together a Yahoo Fantasy baseball league, "NHELC All Stars" for fun. It's a very simple setup, and rookies are welcome. To get started, just use the link [https://baseball.fantasysports.yahoo.com/b1/23328/invitation?key=56529ca1f21f5596&ikey=5a2571f5125c787e&soc\\_src=app-sh](https://baseball.fantasysports.yahoo.com/b1/23328/invitation?key=56529ca1f21f5596&ikey=5a2571f5125c787e&soc_src=app-sh). Baseball season is upon us! Any questions about the league, contact Patrick Lucas at [pat52376@yahoo.com](mailto:pat52376@yahoo.com), or messaged Pat in the NHELC player's fantasy football league through Sleeper (BirdBrainz).

**Time to order lilies** for Easter. Order forms are available on the desk in the Welcome Center. Order forms, along with payment are due by March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Orders may be placed in the offering plate, dropped in the mail slot in the outside door leading into Fellowship Hall, or mail to the church.

**The Pictorial directory committee** is working very hard to connect with many members who haven't updated their information. Numerous phone messages and emails have been made, but very few replies have been received. Check your phone messages and emails to see if you have been contacted and reply to the message. We want to record accurate information for all members in the new directory. Your help is needed to make this project a success. The committee appreciates all the support they receive from the congregation.

**The next Marriage Encounter** will be held April 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> at the Heritage Hotel in Lancaster. This year's theme is "Learn How to Communicate with Your Spouse in a Whole New Way!" For details of this event and to apply, go to [GodLovesMarriage.org](http://GodLovesMarriage.org). Any questions about this event, contact Larr and Denise Etzler at

814-389-2973. Pre-registration is required by March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Resources

**The Property Committee has some plywood shelving** available for a donation. If interested, contact Jim Gross at 484-333-5162.

**Mental Health and Wellness** Millions of people across the nation are affected by mental health conditions. Check out the websites below and the resources they have to offer. NAMI has local centers in both Reading and Lansdale. They offer in-person and online support groups.

### Contact Information

**NAMI Help Line** 1-800-950-6242 and is available Monday - Friday 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM ET.

Text “Helpline” to 62640 or if in crisis call or text 988.

**PA Addiction Helpline** 1-800-662-HELP (4357).

Online live chat offered at 1-717-216-0905 or text

### Website References

[www.NAMI.org](http://www.NAMI.org) National Alliance on Mental Illness

[www.ddap.pa.gov](http://www.ddap.pa.gov) Department Drug and Alcohol Prevention

[www.nimh.nih.org](http://www.nimh.nih.org) National Institute of Mental Health

### Grieving/Wellness Online Support

<https://grateful.org/welcome/>

**“Once Upon a Prom”** will be again hosted by the Boyertown Junior Woman’s Club on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4:00 PM. Any junior or senior high school girl in need of a special occasion dress is welcome to come browse our collection of over 800 dresses, in all sizes, plus accessories. This event is held at the Boyertown YMCA NOW located at 301 West Spring Street in Boyertown. All girls are invited to take a dress or two home for a small donation which benefits our local community. For questions, or to donate dresses/accessories, contact Anita Zuber at 610-367-0686 or Judy Leister at 610-858-6796.

## You Can Help

**Readers are needed** for the Good Friday service on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Readers are encouraged to sign up on the sheet provided at the Information Desk in the Welcome Center.

**Social Media Assistance:** The Food Ministry Board is looking for someone with the skills to post their “good works” and “needs/desires” on Social Media. This position does not require you to participate in board functions, nor will they be assigned other Food Ministry related tasks. We anticipate this role to take two - four hours per month. If you have any social media skills and are interested in assisting with this ministry, contact Steve Weidner at [stieven.weidner@gmail.com](mailto:stieven.weidner@gmail.com).

**Thrivent members get free money** they can use to help NHELC programs.

### **Thrivent Action Teams**

Did you know Thrivent members receive free of charge two (2) \$250.00 gifts a year to help our church? For details and help to do this, contact Pastor Scott at [psstaub@gmail.com](mailto:psstaub@gmail.com), or call him at 610-326-1335 ext. 1, or logon if you know how to do it alone at <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams>.

### **Thrivent Choice Dollars**

You may also be given free Choice Dollars directly to the church! Simply go onto your account and search for choice dollars at <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice>. You can make a personal donation to New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church and Thrivent pays the processing fees. It's that simple!

Again, contact Pastor Scott if you have any questions or need help navigating the sign-ups.

**If not a Thrivent member, you may still donate directly to these ministries.** Go to [newhanoverlutheran.org](http://newhanoverlutheran.org) to donate, serve or learn more about these ministries.

**Wanted: Paid Assistant Caretaker for Cemetery** Duties consist of taking care of cemetery and church grounds, helping with maintaining equipment and assisting with funerals. If interested in this position, contact Norm Hunsberger at 484-431-3622 or [nhunsberger29@gmail.com](mailto:nhunsberger29@gmail.com). Also, **mowers are needed** too. If interested, contact Norm Hunsberger at the contact information above.

**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. **A sign-up Genius is available at [www.newhanoverlutheran.org](http://www.newhanoverlutheran.org). All Dates are subject to change.**

**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](mailto:omiweidner@gmail.com) or 484-929-5958 if you can help.

## **Food Ministry**

**More than 160,000 meals have been delivered!** NHELCL'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 on the offering plate or mail to the church. 3) Deliver meals. Sign up at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/>.

**Meals help those in need** Hi my name is Rachel, I am the female director and I live in one of the houses that you so kindly donate meals too. I cannot express enough how much gratitude I have for your meals, they really are helpful for when people come in with no money and no way to get their own food, we really appreciate it and the girls are all so grateful as well. These little things like a warm home cooked meal is really what makes feel at home.

### **Another note of appreciation**

Hello Pastor Scott and Marsha!

My name is Devon and I am a resident at the 367 house on Chestnut street. I'd like to say thank you on behalf of all of the girls in my house for the church food! I think it is so kind and thoughtful that you both think of us every week and provide such delicious food. When I came to Unity I did not have much money and was not able to afford food regularly. I soon realized that I

didn't even need money for food because of the two huge trays that are in our fridge every week from the church! Everything is always delicious and I can speak for everyone in saying we greatly appreciate it! It is so nice to know that there are good and kind people in this world during this stage of early recovery. I know most of us are not used to such kindness. We are all very appreciative and grateful for you both. God is good! Thank you so very much! :)

Yours truly,

-The girls at the 367 house-

## Prayer Requests

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

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

Grieving: Family and friends of Riley Krick, Mary Van Dyke and Carol Sauder

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, Danny Foust

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
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
Pr. Jennifer Phelps	Jessica Trout	Denny Smith
Verdie Smith	Mabel Gaugler	Sandy Wesner
Helen Foulke	Carla Hausmann	Joan Price
Rodney Snell	Betty Seroski	Ralph Borneman
Lucille Powell	Virginia Specht	Tom Fleagle
Mary Alice Mack	Jeffrey Weems	Joan Scheffey
Arnold Amundsen	Chuck Beck	Diane DeLong
Ally Musser & family	Rich Freed	Marlyn Bieleski
Susie Moyer	Joe	Lee Wesner
Joe	Charla & Herbert Vandegrift	



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# New Hanover Family Learning Center



## Information Sessions

### Learn More and Opportunity to Ask Questions

Want to hear more about starting a new ministry at NHELCC? We are hoping to open a preschool with a daycare in the education wing. Overview information will be shared at the congregational meeting today following the worship service. Then there will be follow-up information sessions which will provide more details and allow for questions and answers.

#### Upcoming Sessions

**Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:15 AM** (during J.A.M.)

**Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 PM** (following Evening Prayer Service)

Both information sessions will be held in Fellowship Hall.

## First Aid for Grief



### You can be a First Responder for Grief

The First Aid for Grief workshop prepares Christians to be Good Samaritans during a tragic season of loss. We all need to be better educated, equipped and empowered to respond to people enduring a devastating loss, and to remain with them through their darkest days of grief. Join Randy Doaty, Christian grief educator, as he introduces his innovative philosophies and tools which have helped many others find a meaningful life following a devastating loss. We all love, we all lose, and we all grieve. Consider becoming a ready, willing, and able First Responder for Grief! Find out how you can by coming to the session at NHELCC on **Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 AM – noon**. To register, look for the signup sheet on the desk in the welcome center or signup online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-47583956-first>.



With war and calamities surrounding our everyday news, one needs *Hope*. Hope that only can come from a God who loves and cherishes us above all. Hope that is grounded in the word of God and shared by the

testimonies of fellow travelers on this journey in worship together, praise together and pray together. Join us each Sunday for a time to reflect on God's message of Hope and join us each Wednesday Evening for a time to center ourselves in prayer and worship. An evening of prayer as Jesus began, with a time of fellowship in breaking bread together.

### **Lenten Dinners**

- 5:30 PM – Wednesdays February 21, 28 & March 6, 13, 20  
- Soup, Sandwiches & Chef's Choice

### **Lenten Worship Schedule**

- Ash Wednesday Worship – February 14 @ noon and 7:00 PM
- Midweek Lenten Worship – Holden Evening Prayer in Sanctuary @ 6:30 PM – Wednesdays February 21, 28 & March 6, 13, 20
- Sunday Lenten Worship @ 9 AM – February 18, 25 & March 3, 10, 17, 24

### **Holy Week Worship**

- March 24 – 9:00 AM - Palm Sunday – Communion
- March 28 – 7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday – Communion
- March 29 – 7:00 PM – Good Friday
- March 31 – 9:00 AM – Easter Worship – Communion  
**Easter morning brunch following worship**

**Devotionals are available in the Welcome Center, information box outside in portico and online**