

# Announcements

## February 18, 2024

### Today

**The flowers** are presented to the glory of God by Jeff and Sharon Wise.

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

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

**Serving Wednesday** Head Usher: Steve Weidner; Usher: Elfriede Ilik; acolyte: usher

**Next Sunday** Head Usher: Ron Fegley; Usher: Ryan Fegley; Lector: Ed Becker; Children's Sermon: Ariel Hansley; Acolyte: Ainsley Lucas

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

**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.

**New Hanover Family Learning Center** A follow-up information session will be held **today** about this new ministry of starting a preschool with a daycare. This session will provide more details and allow for questions and answers. The session will be held following the worship service. Another information session is scheduled for this **Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 PM**, following the Lenten Evening Prayer service. Both information sessions will be held in Fellowship Hall.

### 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  
**J.A.M.** – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 21  
**Family Learning Center Information Session** – Today, 10:15 AM, room 1  
**Praise Band Rehearsal** – Next Sunday, 11:15 AM, sanctuary  
**Kids' Choir Rehearsal** – Next Sunday, 11:20 – 11:50 AM, rm 15  
**Rejoicing Spirits** – Next Sunday, 2:30 PM, room 1 and sanctuary  
**AARP** – Monday, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM, room 1  
**Prayer Ministry** – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary  
**Boy Scouts** – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, room 1  
**GriefShare** – Wednesday, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, room 33  
**Food Drop Off** – Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, kitchen  
**Food Delivery Pickup** – Wednesday, 1:30 PM, portico  
**Lenten Dinner** – Wednesday, 5:30 PM, rooms 1, 11  
**Addiction 12 Step** – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32  
**Lenten Service of Prayer** – Wednesday, 6:30 PM, sanctuary  
**Family Learning Center Information Session** – Wednesday, 7:00 AM, room 1  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal** – Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:15 PM, rm 15  
**Cub Pack Committee** – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, room 33  
**Handbell Choir Rehearsal** – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15  
**Worship Service** – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online  
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## **Upcoming Events**

**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 NHELC 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>. Any questions, contact Rosalie Lisa at 610-416-8193.

**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. Baseball season is upon us! 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). 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.

**Reconciling in Christ update:** The core team would like to thank everyone who's participated so far in one-to-one discussions around the possibility of New Hanover becoming a Reconciling in Christ church. The feedback and views of the congregation during these individual discussions are a critical part of the journey to understanding if God is calling our church to be welcoming to all - especially to those identifying as LGBTQIA+, racially diverse, or gender diverse. If you wish to participate by becoming a core member or by participating in a one-to-one discussion, contact Sharon Tracey, Diane Bealer, Josh Young, Janet Psota, Rick Hausch or Pastor Scott.

**You can help make the new pictorial directory a success!** If you haven't provided your current contact information and family photo, contact Nance White at 610-741-7977 or

[Nance2237@yahoo.com](mailto:Nance2237@yahoo.com) ASAP. 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>. If you would like to read, 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 NHELCC 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!** NHELHC'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
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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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

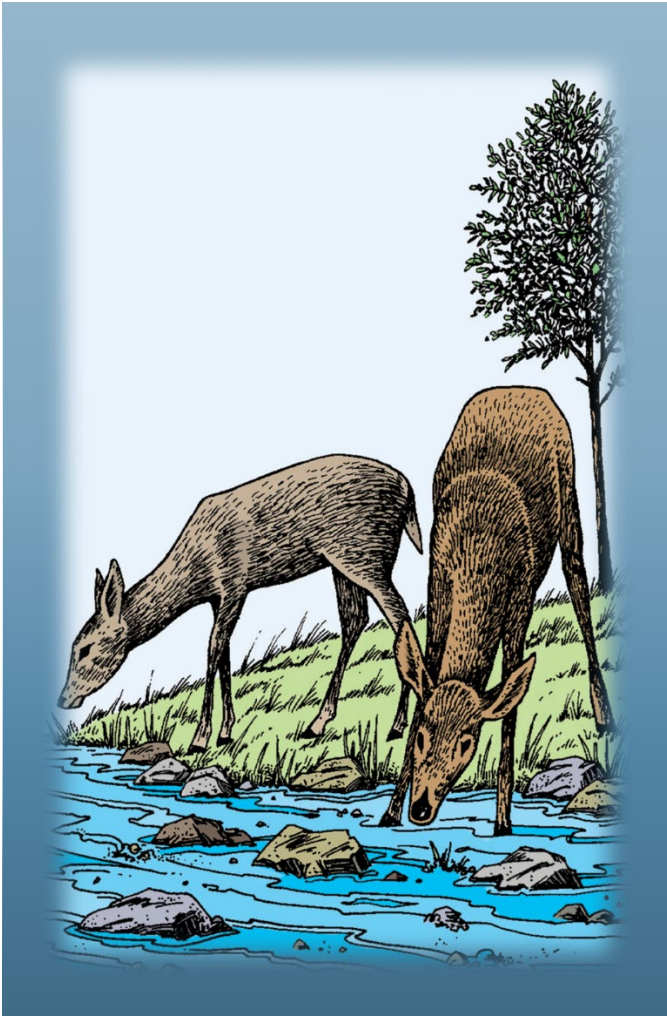
### **Lenten Worship Schedule**

- 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**



## **“As the Deer”**

*As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.*

*Psalm 42:1-2*

This is the message depicted on the green pulpit hanging used during Epiphany and the time after Pentecost. This Lenten season, may we long for God and thirst for his presence as a deer longs for water in a dry and thirsty land. May we seek after God and desire to know Him more deeply.