Announcements April 28, 2024

Today

The bulletin is presented to the glory of God and in honor of Hannah's 14th and Noah's 11th birthdays by Ryan and Lindsey Waltermyer.

The flowers are presented to the glory of God and in memory of her husband, Herbert Burkhart, and in celebration of Erin Eisenhart's 21st birthday by Janet Burkhart.

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

Serving Today Head Usher: Jeff Wise; Usher: Bill Allen; Lector: Leslie Gates; Children's Sermon: Nikki Young; Acolyte: Alexa Moser

Next Sunday Head Usher: Jim Gross; Ushers: Brian Flack and Jim Dugan; Lector: Nancy Gross; Children's Sermon: Lindsey Waltermyer; Acolyte: Norm Hunsberger; Communion Assistants: Terry Santangelo and Brenda Hunsberger

Altar Guild members serving this month: Deb Solazzo, Barb Eisenhart, Corrine Bartholomew and Judy Sloan.

The Nursery room 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 are included. The room has access to a changing room and a private nursing room next door.

Doors leading to fellowship hall and the education wing remain locked during the worship service for the safety of all.

Join us in celebrating The paid in full for the Sanctuary Audio/Visual/Electrical systems. Celebrate this morning following the worship service in fellowship hall. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the sound/visual/ electrical enhancements to our worship space. The project improved the safety and modernized our historic sanctuary's

electrical system. In addition, we enhanced our sound system, as well as adding a visual system and control area to bring state of the art streaming capabilities.

The project was made possible by your monetary donations. However, the worship and church property committees along with crucial volunteers made the project economically feasible. Without you and the volunteers, this dream may not have occurred. So, we thank everyone for their generosity.

The capital campaign is still active as we have approximately \$60,000 to pay off for our heating and air-conditioning upgrades to our facility. These crucial upgrades have provided year-round comfortable environments for worship, ministries, choirs, bands, and education for all ages. In addition, our building is host to many organizations that serve our community. We ask you to consider supporting this campaign.

Geranium orders are due today. Help decorate the sanctuary on Pentecost with red geraniums. Order forms are available on the desk in the welcome center. The suggested donation is \$5.50 for a single geranium and \$20 for a 10" pot with three geraniums.

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 AVEL Debt Retirement Celebration – Today, 10:00 AM, room

J.A.M. – 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

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

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 **Addiction 12 Step** – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32 **Chancel Choir Rehearsal** – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:45 PM, rm 15 **Property** – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, room 30

Staff – Thursday, 10:00 AM, room 15 God on Tap – Thursday, 6:00 PM, Main Street Pub in Bally Handbell 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 J.A.M. – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 21
Praise Band Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:15 AM, sanctuary Kids' Choir Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:20 – 11:50 AM, room 15

Gathering of Daughters – Next Sunday, 2 – 4 PM, rooms 1, 11

Upcoming Events

The next Gathering event, a Childrens Mission Project, will be held on Thursday, June 13th, from noon to 3 PM.

Registration for the Gathering of Daughters is due today. The gathering for ladies and daughters will be held on Sunday, May 5th, beginning at noon with a Cinco de Mayo themed lunch and fellowship. We will have a taco bar, macaroni and cheese, applesauce and desserts. Come for a fun afternoon of Cinco de Mayo themed activities and crafts. A sign-up sheet is on the desk in the welcome center or you can sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC 2CAAF4C16-48742324-gathering. There is no charge for attending but everyone is asked to participate in the service project by bringing diapers and/or baby wipes to be distributed to local families in need through the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. If you have any questions about this event, contact Jean Moser at 610-367-0342.

Cemetery Clean Up If you have Easter decorations on your loved ones' gravesites, please remove the decorations by Wednesday, May 15th.

2024 Scuba Kids Camp June 17th – **21**st, **9 AM** – **Noon** This year for Kids Camp we are going to dive into friendship with God. Signups are now open for NHELC's 2024 Scuba Kids Camp. Kids will sing and dance, do crafts, hear stories, have

snacks and play games! Adult and youth helpers are needed to make this camp a success. Campers should be Pre-K – Rising 5th graders. Rising 6th graders and up can be Junior Counselors. You may sign up at <u>vbspro.events/p/8afc23</u> or go to the information desk in the Welcome Center for blank sign-up forms

Camp Falckner, an overnight camp in the picnic grove, will be held Monday, July 22nd, - Thursday, July 25th. All youth who will have finished 5th - 12th grade by the end of the school year are welcome to attend. Registration is now open! Forms can be found in the Welcome Center or on the church website. Online registration is also an option. Questions? Reach out to Lindsey Waltermyer.

The NHELC Book Club is reading *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. You are invited to join the discussion of this book on Tuesday, June 4th, at 6:30 PM at the Plaza Azteca in Greshville. Any questions, contact Sharon Tracey.

Get ready... for a celebration! Most church congregations in America can't claim to be around anywhere close to three hundred years, but here at New Hanover we are about to observe *three hundred twenty-five* years of worship. However, to be ready for that celebration we need volunteers – for the Observance Committee and the Historical Research and Archives Committee, which were the teams that prepared and directed the three hundredth in the year 2000. And, we can't delay. It starts even before the beginning of 2025. We need to plan for anniversary

related events and special services. For example, those of us who were around here in 2000 should recall that our committee put out a special publication titled, "Moments in Time." We are planning to publish a new edition of that, with some updates and new topics. If you're interested in working with all these preparations, contact Lee Wesner at 215-806-1807, or slwesner@comcast.net. We are beginning to have meetings now! **Don't miss out!**

Pictures needed for the pictorial directory Have you submitted a family photo to be included in the new pictorial directory? To submit a picture, email it to Nance White at Nance2237@yahoo.com ASAP. Or, drop off your photo in an envelope in Nance's mailbox in the Archive room. Be sure to include all the names of those in the photo.

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.

The Pottstown CROP HUNGER WALK and fun run hosted by Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities will be held on Sunday, May 5th, at 2:00 PM at the Hill School. This one mile or 5K event will raise awareness and funds for local and global food security. To participate or to donate, go to pottstowncluster.org/pottstowncrophungerwalk2024. Questions, email communications@pottstowncluster.org or call 610-970-5995.

Resources

The Peer Support Ministry webpage on the church's website (newhanoverlutheran.org) has recently been updated with resources for mental health and wellness. Visit the webpage for information.

Mental Health and Wellness Millions of people across the nation are affected by mental health conditions. NAMI has local centers in both Reading and Lansdale. They offer in-person and online support groups. NHELC has links with helpful information available on our website (newhanoverlutheran.org) or contact NAMI Helpline or PA Addiction Helpline directly.

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

You Can Help

You can donate to NHELC ministry electronically. Simply point your smartphone camera at one of the QR codes below and follow the link.

Tithe.ly QR Code



Simply Giving QR Code



NHELC is collecting non-perishable food items and full sized personal hygiene items throughout the months of April, May and June. Donations will be distributed through the Pottstown Cluster. Collection boxes are located in the welcome center, fellowship hall and multi-purpose room. Thank you for your contributions that will help those in need.

Mowers are needed to maintain the church grounds and cemetery. If interested in this position, contact Norm Hunsberger at 484-431-3622 or nhunsberger29@gmail.com.

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. 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 or 484-929-5958 if you can help.

Food Ministry

More than 175,000 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 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 Dear pastor. I write this thanking you all for the hard work you put into making all the meals you prepare for unity. We are very fortunate and grateful for all time you all put into everything. Thank you so much. Dylan S.

Another note of appreciation

Hello, I just want to take this time to thank you and the lady's that take the time out of each week to make our house at 367 chestnut, the delicious meals. We can't explain how grateful we are for you and the lady's at the church to do that for all the men and women each week. It truly is a blessing and we appreciate it so very much. Thank you, The women at 367 chestnut st.

Prayer Requests

Long-term: Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Tina

Farrell, Carol Buchholtz Yost

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

Grieving: family and friends of Susie Moyer

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 William Trotter Carol Estes Kathy Kane Maxwell Girard Pat Fryer Jean Renninger Pr. Kork Moyer Betty Lou Shadle Julia Hauck Tony Mancini Raul Castro Jeffrey Kunsch Amy LeVan Wilma Lahr Bernadette Phillips Melissa Mary Lou Doug Weaver Joan Wagner Robert Ganovsky Dorothy Bingaman **Emily Ocelus** Eric & Wendy Hess Sue Care Deb Matthews Marceline Chris Fatzinger Anne Eshleman Daniel Johnson Kim Frain Hank Droneberg Pena family Jen Perez Frank D. Pam Helfrich Barb & Tom Faust Andy Van Dyke Janet Pam Abbott Holli Muffler Louise Karns Denny Smith Pr. Jennifer Phelps Jessica Trout Verdie Smith Sandy Wesner Mabel Gaugler Helen Foulke Carla Hausmann Joan Price Betty Seroski Ralph Borneman Lucille Powell Virginia Specht Mary Alice Mack Jeffrey Weems Joan Scheffey Arnold Amundsen Chuck Beck Diane DeLong Ally Musser & family Rich Freed Marlyn Bieleski Lee Wesner Casey Flack Joe Pastor Ric Elliot Charla & Herbert Vandegrift

New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

2941 Lutheran Road Gilbertsville, PA 19525

Office Hours: Mon. – Fri., 9 AM - 2 PM Call 610-326-1335 for an appointment

Contact Information

Pastor, The Rev. Scott Staub

psstaub@gmail.com

Director of Children, Family & Youth Ministry, Nikki Young

nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org

Church Office Manager, Susan Gutshall susan.gutshall@newhanoverlutheran.org

Director of Music Ministry, Patricia Nyce

patricia.nyce@newhanoverlutheran.org

Food Ministry Director, Chris Fatzinger Cfatzinger@chris-cooks.com

Grace Band Director, Lindsey Waltermyer

goldielw@gmail.com

Handbell Choir Director, Barbara Eisenhart

eisenbarb@aol.com

Peer Support Recovery Ministry Team

peersupport@newhanoverlutheran.org

Sexton, Jen Boyer

jcboyer0408@gmail.com

Bookkeeper, Maria Boyer

mariaboyer@comcast.net

Cemetery, Norm Hunsberger

nhunsberger29@gmail.com



Treat Mom for Mothers' Day and Support the Youth

Saturday, May 11th

Pancake Breakfast 7:30 – 11:00 AM Fellowship Hall

NHELC's Scouts BSA Troop 367 will host the pancake breakfast. Enjoy a hearty breakfast including pancakes and sausage with an optional addition of "Deluxe" toppings.



Suggested Donation \$10 for ages 11 and up \$8 for ages 5-10 Free for ages 4 and under

Add \$2 for Fresh Fruit / Whipped Cream / Chocolate Chips.

Car Wash 8:30 – 11:30 AM Parking Lot

NHELC's Flutter youth group will host this event.

A free-will donation will be received to help fund the youth activities.



Mission Service Disciple's Stories

Self Esteem & Dignity Delivered

NHELC aided in the delivery of over \$750,000 of Hygiene and household goods during the past three months. What started as a \$250.00 Thrivent Action Team to deliver personal hygiene products to Veterans in need, manifested in the pickup and delivery of tons of personal hygiene, paper household goods and pull ups for all ages.

Together with the Veterans Coalition of PA (VCOP), NHELC team members distributed the much-needed products that bring dignity, self-esteem most important, SMILES to many souls. The program reaches area schools, churches, homeless tent cities and family shelters.

In addition, over ten area shelters and pantries received everything from deodorant, pull ups, wipes, paper towels, and hygiene products. It didn't take much, the spark started with a Thrivent Action Team and a few conversations. Together with a major manufacturer, Chosen 300, Opportunity House, Keystone Military Families, VALOR, OLIVET (Girls & Boys Club), and our fabulous giving NHELC volunteers.

Sometimes it all starts with a simple act of generosity or conversation. I was told once; Discipleship is like one beggar telling another beggar where to get a loaf of bread. Martin Luther's last words spoken says it all, "We are all beggars, this is true". We are all beggars helping and loving our neighbors. If you would like to know more about Mission Service projects, contact the Pastor.

Get Well Cards

Get well cards for Pastor Ric Elliot can be mailed to the address below.

267 Country Club Drive Telford, PA 18969