

# Announcements

October 6, 2024

## Today

**The flowers** are presented to the glory of God and in honor of Malaina Meeker's 13<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 4, 2024 by her parents, Christopher and Megan, and brother London.

**The Word in Season** devotion is presented to the glory of God and in honor of farmers and migrant workers who provide us with food for nourishment by Janet Psota.

**Serving Today** Head Usher: Jim Gross, Ushers: Doug Senne and Bette Senne, Lector: Nancy Gross, Children's Sermon: Janine Springer, Acolyte: Norm Hunsberger, Communion Assistants: Debbie Solazzo and Barbara Repa

**Next Sunday** Head Usher: Ron Fegley, Ushers: Ryan Fegley and Bill Allen, Lector: Stacey Rothermel, Children's Sermon: Nikki Young, Acolyte: Tom McHugh

**Altar Guild** members serving this month: Nancy Gross, Sue Care and Brenda Hunsberger.

**Today is World Communion Sunday** On this day Christians around the world celebrate their oneness in Christ by sharing in the sacrament of Holy Communion. On the altar are two ceramic communion sets. One was given as a gift from the NHELCC youth who attended the 1997 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. The other was a gift from our neighbors in Christ at Falkner Swamp UCC in honor of the congregation's 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary given in 2000. The colorful fabric paraments are pieces of fabric brought back from Tanzania in 2008 when the congregation was instrumental in supporting SEKUCo (Sebastian Kolowa University College) in Magamba, Tanzania.

### **Today is the kickoff for Reconciling in Christ Education.**

Following the worship service, meet nadeen herring from the Bryson Institute in Philadelphia. nadeen will be presenting LGBTQ 101. This informational session will provide basic information on LGBTQ individuals to build empathy and understanding around the particular barriers faced by LGBTQ people. In addition, youth from The Attic Youth Center will be

telling their personal stories. So grab a cup of coffee and a bite to eat and join us for this hour-long session.

**Children's Bulletins** NHELCC is offering two new children's bulletins! They are prepared by Spark and are available in both the Reader and Pre-Reader versions. Be sure to have your kids check them out. If you cannot locate the bulletins, see one of the ushers.

**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.

## 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.** – Today, 10:15 AM, room 21

**Reconciling in Christ Kick off Meeting** – Today, 10:15 AM,  
room 1

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

**Cub Scout Parents** – Today, 6:00 – 8:30 PM, room 1

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

**Cub Scout Pack 367** – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, rooms 1, 14, 21-  
25, 27, 30, 33

**GriefShare** – Tuesday, 10:00 AM, room 33

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

**Scouts BSA Troop 367** – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:15 PM, room 1

**Family Learning Center Information** – Tuesday, 6:30 PM,  
room 33

**325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, room 15

**Finance** – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, Zoom

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

**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  
**Food Ministry Board** – Wednesday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, room 33  
**Cub Pack Parents** – Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, room 27

**Meet Me in the Garden** – Thursday, 5:30 PM  
**Addiction 12 Step** – Thursday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32  
**Handbell Choir Rehearsal** – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15  
**District Scout Committee** – Thursday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, room 30

**Men’s Breakfast** – Saturday, 8:00 AM, Brookside Family  
Restaurant

**Addiction 12 Step** – Saturday, 10:00 AM – 7:00 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  
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**Praise Band Rehearsal** – Next Sunday, 11:15 AM, sanctuary  
**Eagle Court of Honor** – Next Sunday, 1:00 – 4:00 PM, room 1

**Learning Center Information Meeting** on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM in room 33. Join the learning center committee members as they share an update for the New Hanover Family Learning Center plans.

**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.

**Meet Me in the Garden is this Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**, from 5:30 – 7:00 PM. A light dinner will be offered at 5:30. Around 6:00, we’ll move to the garden to pull weeds and do bed clean up to prepare the garden for winter resting. Bring your hand trowels, garden weeders, and gloves. We can provide some of these items if you do not have these tools. Reach out to Donna Kehs at [donnakehs@gmail.com](mailto:donnakehs@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**The Men’s Breakfast is this Saturday at 8:00 AM** at Brookside Family Restaurant. Come out for good food and friendly

conversation. No registration is required. Any questions, contact Ron Fegley at 484-300-3025.

## Upcoming Events

**A youth praise band is forming!** Practices will be held in the Sanctuary at 11:00 on Sunday mornings, beginning on October 13<sup>th</sup>. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to participate. Reach out to Lindsey Waltermeyer for more information.

**The annual Pumpkin Frolic** is Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 – 6:00 PM. Come join the fun of pumpkin related activities including pumpkin painting, fall crafts, scavenger hunt and games. Participants will be painting pumpkins, not carving them for safety purposes. Pumpkins and paint will be provided. We will close with a light meal consisting of hotdogs and snack foods. The Pumpkin Frolic is a Thrivent Action team service project so there is no charge; however, **bring some nonperishable food for Preston’s Pantry** at Boyertown Area Multi-Service. A sign up sheet is on the desk in the welcome center. To be sure enough pumpkins will be available, **sign up by Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**. This event will be held in fellowship hall.

**New Yoga Class to begin** A fall yoga class is forming based on the theme, “Ordinary Holiness.” Whether you’re a beginner or advanced, join the sessions on **Saturdays, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30 – 9:30 AM**. Class will focus on breathwork, mindfulness, gentle flow of movement to stretch and strengthen. Participants will journey inward to find holiness in the ordinary, peace through practicing being in the present moment. Anyone age 13 years and up (13–17-year-olds should be accompanied by an adult) can join. Classes are free-will donation-based. Pay in cash or by check (payable to NHELCC). For more information and to sign up, contact Leslie Gates.

**GriefShare** is held on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM. If you, or someone you know is struggling through the grieving process, here’s an opportunity for sharing and support. For more information, contact Nikki Young at [nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org](mailto:nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org) or 610-326-1335.

**Pregnancy and Infant Loss Wave of Light Service** is Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM. If you know anyone who has suffered pregnancy loss or the loss of a baby, offer an invitation to attend this time of remembrance and healing. All are welcome. Contact Nikki Young with any questions.

**First Communion Class** Children from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and up are welcome to participate in our first communion class on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM. This can be done at the parents' discretion. Contact Nikki Young if you are interested in taking the class or would like to discuss this further. Participants will receive their first communion on Reformation Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Aging Grace-Fully** is an eight-part series featuring leading authors who share their knowledge and experiences about aging including suffering, love and loss. On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, hear from Rabbi Steve Leder, author of *The Beauty of What Remains*. Gather in Fellowship Hall at 12:30 PM for a refreshment hour followed by a 1:30 live streamed presentation by Rabbi Leder. A discussion will be held following the presentation.

**Kids and youth** This year's Christmas Pageant requires very little rehearsal time! Rehearsals will be held during JAM on Sundays, December 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, (10:15-11:15). The pageant will be held on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, following worship and in place of JAM. Parents, let Nikki Young know if your child would like to participate. Older kids and youth are needed to read. We have plenty of parts for the younger ones too. The pageant, Scuba Christmas, will feature both music from this year's Kids Camp program as well as holiday favorites.

**We're planning Reformation Sunday activities.** On Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, NHELCC will celebrate our 325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Special kid's activities with some historical significance are being planned. Do you have a craft, a game or anything historic that you would like to prepare or teach the kids? We need help! Contact Nikki Young with your ideas and if you can assist.

**BASH (Boyertown Area Senior High) Show Choir** joins NHELCC in worship on All Saints Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. This service is our time to remember those who we have lost in the past

year. If you have a loved one who had passed away since last year's All Saints Day, bring a photo of your loved one to church by Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Be sure to include the deceased's name in the photo along with your name so the picture will be returned to you.

**In Praise of Pets** will be held at St. James Lutheran Church, Pottstown, on October 6<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. All pets are welcome. Bring smaller animals in a carrier. All dogs must be leashed. Pastor Kay will bless the animals. Other participants include Gilbertsville Veterinary Hospital, Harley's Hounds Dog Groomer and Home at Last Dog Rescue. A pet parade will begin at 2:00. This event will be held rain or shine at 1101 East High Street in Pottstown. Parking is behind the building.

**A Shred Event** will be hosted by St. James Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 AM till noon (or earlier if the truck is full). Documents will be shredded on a first come, first served bases (no businesses). Freewill donations will be accepted. **May be shredded:** paper, paper clips, staples, small binder clips, manila file folders.

**May NOT be shredded:** hanging file folders, fastener folders, three ring binders, ledger books, cardboard, x-rays, CDs, large binder clips.

St. James Lutheran Church is located at 1101 East High Street in Pottstown.

**“Yesterday Once More”** a tribute to the Carpenters is showing at Penn's Peak. Join the New Hanover Area AARP (you don't need to be a member) for this musical show on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. A family style lunch will be offered before the show. The cost is \$105.00. The bus leaves the church parking lot at 9:45 AM. For more information and to reserve your seat, contact Carol Griffith at 484-624-8314.

**Zion Choral** performs on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, at Good Shepherd UCC. Concert begins at 3:00 PM. Good Shepherd is located at 35 West Philadelphia Avenue in Boyertown. Can't make this performance? Check out their schedule at [www.zionchoral.com](http://www.zionchoral.com) or follow them on Facebook @ZionChoral.

## Resources

**Do you enjoy the praise band songs?** Would you like to get to know them better? This [playlist](#) includes over fifty songs that our praise band has done, and more will be added in the future. You will need to download Spotify (it's free!) to listen to the songs.



**Peer Support Information** The Ferns Peer Run Respite is a local mental health non-profit resource in Montgomery County. The Ferns provides a supportive and calm environment for individuals in need and not able to interact in other available mental health resources. The Ferns is totally peer supported and allows individuals at the respite the time they may need to recover or seek additional treatment. If you know an individual who may need this service, contact the church and leave a message for the peer support program or reach out to Pastor Scott.

**The Peer Support Ministry** webpage on the church's website ([newhanoverlutheran.org](http://newhanoverlutheran.org)) offers 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. National Alliance on Mental Illness (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](http://newhanoverlutheran.org)) or contact NAMI Helpline or PA Addiction Helpline directly.

**NAMI Help Line** 1-800-950-6242 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

**NHELC is collecting non-perishable food items and full-sized personal hygiene items** through the end of October. Donations will be distributed through the Pottstown Cluster. Collection boxes

are located in the welcome center, fellowship hall and multi-purpose room.

We collected 91 pounds of food and personal care items this spring that were taken to the Pottstown Cluster for distribution. Thank you for your contributions that will help those in need.

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

#### Tithe.ly QR Code



#### Simply Giving QR Code



**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.

**Garden helpers are needed.** Help is needed every Monday and Thursday at 8:00 AM and Thursdays, 4:00 – 6:00 PM. If you have any questions, contact Donna Kehs at 610-212-2673 or at [donnakehs@gmail.com](mailto:donnakehs@gmail.com).

## Food Ministry

**More than 200,000 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/>.

**Thank You Note:** NHELC Food Ministry, Please accept this small donation to help with your Christian example of sharing.



And a special blessing for Vicki and Tim Mutter's reliable and cheerful delivery service.

John M.

## **Reconciling in Christ**

**In God's Image** will be held at St Paul's Lutheran Church in Ardmore on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

There is a \$15 fee which covers snacks and drinks throughout the day, and honorariums for the speaker and workshop leaders.

The Rev. Dr. Karyn Wiseman, professor of homiletics at United Lutheran Seminary and author of the upcoming book *Queering the Pulpit*, will preach during a festival worship. Workshops will be held on topics such as becoming Reconciling in Christ, engaging in DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) work in your congregation, advocacy, worship, and more! Also, vendors will be present with resources and opportunities to support LGBTQIA+ businesses and organizations.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center. **Sign up is due today, Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.** If you have any questions, contact Sharon Tracey at [LBD36@aol.com](mailto:LBD36@aol.com).

**Reconciling in Christ update:** If you would like to participate in a one-to-one discussion around the possibility of New Hanover becoming a Reconciling in Christ church, welcoming to all - especially to those identifying as LGBTQIA+, racially diverse, or gender diverse, contact Sharon Tracey, Diane Bealer, Josh Young, Janet Psota, Rick Hausch or Pastor Scott.

**Got a question for the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) team** about their journey? Jot down your question (paper provided at the desk) and put it in the box on the desk in the Welcome Center. The team will try to answer your question(s). Be sure to provide your preferred contact information.

## Prayer Requests

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

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

Grieving: Family and friends of Marlyn Bieleski

Military: Shawn Dietz, Michael McHugh, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard, Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, William Zearfoss, Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Kyle Woods, Danny Foust

Peace for violence in our area and nationally

Katy Mahon-Miller	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	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	Verdie Smith
Mabel Gaugler	Sandy Wesner	Helen Foulke
Carla Hausmann	Joan Price	Betty Seroski
Ralph Borneman	Lucille Powell	Virginia Specht
Jeffrey Weems	Joan Scheffey	Arnold Amundsen
Chuck Beck	Ally Musser & family	Rich Freed
Joe	Joe	Casey Flack
Tim Mutter	Denton Quick	David Helfrich, Sr.
Tara Houck	Patricia Kemp	Ron Seasholtz
Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick		Penny Garber
Hazel LeVan	Lynn Amundsen	Harry White

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# Upcoming Events at NHELCC

## October

- 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30 **Family Learning Center information meeting**
- 10<sup>th</sup> 5:30 **Meet Me in the Garden**
- 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00 **First Communion Class**
- 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30 **Wave of Light Service** for those grieving pregnancy and infancy loss
- 16<sup>th</sup> 5:45 **Loaves & Fishes Dinner**
- 20<sup>th</sup> 4:00 **Pumpkin Frolic**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 12:30 **Gathering** with presentation by Rabbi Steve Leder, author of “The Beauty of What Remains”
- 27<sup>th</sup> **Reformation Sunday and First Communion Confirmation Class**  
1:30

## November

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 **All Saints Sunday and Boyertown Show Choir**
- 9<sup>th</sup> 8:30 **Ordinary Holiness** yoga class
- 10<sup>th</sup> 1:30 **Confirmation Class**
- 12<sup>th</sup> 12:30 **Gathering** with presentation by Sloane Crosley, author of “Grief Is for People”
- 16<sup>th</sup> 8:30 **Ordinary Holiness** yoga class
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- 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:30 **Ordinary Holiness** yoga class
- 24<sup>th</sup> 1:30 **Confirmation Class**
- 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00 **Thanksgiving Eve Service**

## Gardening in the Garden of Hope

Every Monday and Thursday at 8:00 AM and Thursdays  
4:00 – 6:00 PM