

Announcements

November 24, 2024

Today

We welcome Pastor Wayne Moritz to the worship service this morning. Pastor Wayne will be preaching while Pastor Scott is on vacation. In the event of a pastoral emergency, contact Nikki Young at the church office, 610-326-1335.

The bulletin is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their 46th wedding anniversary by Scott and Georgann Geiser.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their 46th wedding anniversary by Steve and Faye Weidner.

The Word in Season is sponsored in celebration of Andrew Dodge's 18th birthday with love by Mom, Dad, Amanda and Alyssa.

Serving Today Head Usher: Jim Gross, Usher: Doug Senne, Lector: Maddie Hansley, Children's Sermon: Ariel Hansley, Acolyte: Alivia Singley

Thanksgiving Eve Head Usher: Steve Weidner, Usher: Yvonne Peto, Lector: Carolyn Fleming, Acolyte: Faye Weidner

Next Sunday Head Usher: Marty Hauser, Ushers: Brian Flack and Steve Weidner, Lector: Scott Geiser, Children's Sermon: Nikki Young, Acolyte: Bryce Manthorne, Communion Assistants: Terry Santangelo and Brenda Hunsberger

Altar Guild members serving this month: Jean Moser, Jane Johnson, Jo Anne Wirt and Yvonne Peto

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.

Pronouns – Why are they important? Dr. Dolly Singley, (she,

hers, her), Director for Disability Services and 504 Coordinator Institute for Student Success at Ursinus College and members of the Reconciling in Christ will be available after the service this morning for questions and further discussion of today's Temple Talk in room 33 of the Christian Education Wing.

Today is the deadline to sign up for the Advent Social which will be held next Sunday, December 1st, from 2:00 – 4:00 PM. Join us for an afternoon of Advent-themed fun as we kick-off the new church year. This year we will be making gingerbread houses, Advent chains, decorating cookies, playing holiday themed games and of course having snacks. This is a Thrivent service project so we ask you to bring individual size personal care items, Chapstick, hand cream, tissues, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc., and/or individually packaged snacks to put in our December senior bags delivered to our homebound and senior living members when we go out Christmas caroling. Come out and help us get ready for the Christmas season! Look for the signup sheet in the welcome center.

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

Pronouns Discussion – Today, 10:15 AM, room 1

J.A.M. – Today, 10:15 AM, room 21

Kids for Christ Rehearsal – Today, 11:00 AM, sanctuary

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

Confirmation – Today, 1:30 – 3:30 PM, St. James Lutheran Church, Pottstown

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Mission Service – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, room 33

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

Reconciling in Christ – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, room 29

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

Community Choir – Wednesday, 6:15, room 15

Thanksgiving Eve Community Service – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, sanctuary

Addiction 12 Step – Thursday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32

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

Budget Information Meeting – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, sanctuary

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

Kids for Christ Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:00 AM, sanctuary

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

Advent Craft – Next Sunday, 2:00 – 4:00 PM, room 1

Poinsettia orders are due tomorrow, Monday, November 25th.

Order forms are available on the desk in the welcome center.

Plants may be sponsored in memory of (for someone who has passed away) or in honor of (someone who is living). To sponsor one or more plants, complete a Poinsettia Order form and return the form along with payment (checks made payable to NHELCC) to the church or place it in the offering plate. Be sure to include the number of plants you would like. Also, be sure to mark the order form if you will pick up your plants or if you wish to have the plant given to a homebound member. If you are unable to pick up your poinsettia at that time, call or text Barb Eisenhart at 610-316-5909.

Thanksgiving Eve Service is this Wednesday, November 27th, at 7:00 PM. Members of the community and daughter churches are invited. A community choir will sing the anthem, *Accept Our Thanks*. Invite your family and friends to this service of thanksgiving.

The church office will be closed from Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28th, through Sunday, December 1st, for the holiday and weekend.

Upcoming Congregational Meeting Schedule

2025 Budget Informational Meetings

- **Sunday, December 1st**
10:00 AM in fellowship hall
- **Wednesday, December 4th**
6:30 PM in fellowship hall

Learning Center Informational Meetings

- **Monday, December 2nd**
6:30 PM in sanctuary
- **Saturday, December 7th**
9:00 AM in fellowship hall

Special Congregational Meeting

- **Sunday, December 8th**
10:00 AM in sanctuary
a letter will be mailed/emailed prior to meeting with agenda and attachments

Upcoming Events

Flutter is having a Christmas Lock-in at the church beginning on Friday, December 6th, at 7:00 PM until Saturday, December 7th, at 9:00 AM. All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to attend. Look for an email with more details. Want to be on the email list? Contact Lindsey Waltermeyer to be added: GoldieLW@gmail.com or 610-772-1915.

The Angel Tree in the welcome center is decorated with angels, each with the name of a gift request printed on the back for a special needs child or youth. Select an angel(s) then purchase the gift. Bring the **unwrapped gift** to church by **Sunday, December 8th**, and place it under the Angel Tree. Please note, gifts will be delivered to the Gemme Services for processing. Therefore, gifts must be brought to the church by the deadline. Any questions about the Angel Tree, contact Rosalie Lisa or Marlene Hansley.

Survive the Holidays is a GriefShare event focused on helping those who lost a loved one face the upcoming holidays. A session is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3rd, 6:00 – 8:00 PM. The program offers practical, actionable strategies for making it

through the holiday season. The cost is \$7 for the book. Scholarships are available. You'll view a video featuring advice from people in grief who've faced the holidays after their loss. Facilitators who have experienced grief-filled holidays will lead us in discussion of how to manage all holidays and special dates in your life now. Register online at <https://www.griefshare.org/events/248280>.

Kids and youth This year's Christmas Pageant requires very little rehearsal time! Rehearsals will be held during JAM on Sundays, December 1st and 8th, (10:15-11:15). The pageant will be held on Sunday, December 15th, 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.

The NHELC Book Club is reading *All the Colors of Dark* by Chris Witaker. All are welcome to join the Book Club on Tuesday, December 3rd, at 6:30 PM for dinner and book discussion. Readers will meet at Barrel and Ale (**please note the new location**), 961 North Reading Avenue in Boyertown. If you have any questions about this event, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com.

Blue Christmas Service Wednesday, December 18th, 7:00 PM, in the Sanctuary Sometimes the holiday season is just too much joy for how we are feeling. Maybe life is too much, or you are missing a loved one and are not feeling as happy as normal. Maybe you just want to slow down from the hustle of the days leading up to Christmas and reflect. The Blue Christmas Service gives you time to reflect and meditate. This year's Blue Christmas Service **is held on the Loaves & Fishes dinner night**, so you may come at 5:45 for dinner and fellowship and then come to the service. See Nikki Young with any questions.

The Boyertown Alumni Marching Unit presents the 20th holiday concert on Saturday, December 7th, 7:00 PM at the MStar Church. Light refreshments will be available following the concert. A free-

will offering for Boyertown Area Multi-Service will be received. MStar is located at 100 Limekiln Road in Bechtelsville.

The Director's Big Band Christmas Concert will be held at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church on Saturday, December 14th, at 7:00 PM. St. John's is located at 45 North Reading Avenue in Boyertown. For more information, go to stjohnsboyertown.org.

Thank You

TLC Sewing, the new sewing ministry, has just completed 20 polar Fleece winter hats and 24 knit winter hats for the homeless and chemo patients. Congratulations ladies!! The next workshop will be in January. Stay tuned.

Resources

Want to keep up with all the latest news from NHELCC?

Subscribe to the bi-weekly Constant Contact communication emails. You will receive a weekly announcement on Monday and a worship reminder on Saturday. If you are not already receiving these emails, you can use this QR code and sign up today using a very simple, secure site.



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) 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) 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 items for Boyertown Area Multi-Service throughout November. Collection boxes are located in the welcome center, fellowship hall and multi-purpose room. Check out the November *New Hanover Highlights* for top needed items.

Readers are needed for the Lessons and Carols service on December 29th. A sign-up sheet is available on the desk in the welcome center.

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 or 484-929-5958 if you can help.

Food Ministry

Food ministry is accepting turkeys for Thanksgiving meals. Can you help by donating a turkey?

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

Do you want 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.

“Taking a closer look: What the Bible does and doesn't say about homosexuality” January 12th at 10:15 AM in Fellowship Hall

The Bible is often used against 2sLGBTQIA+ people to prove that

they are condemned by God, and sometimes to justify discrimination and even violence against them. Most often people point to a few verses scattered throughout scripture to justify this. In this workshop we will examine some of these texts, and explore how to respond when the Bible is used against 2sLGBTQIA+ people. The Rev. Bruce Davidson, a retired pastor in the ELCA, will be leading the presentation. At the end of his presentation questions will be received. We will meet in Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service. Drinks and snacks will be available.

“Allyship” January 19th Allyship is an action verb defining the lifelong process of building relationships based on trust, consistency, and accountability with minoritized individuals and/or groups of people with the strategic intentions to become collaborators to promote equity.

We welcome Dr. Dolly Singley, (she, hers, her), Director for Disability Services and 504 Coordinator Institute for Student Success at Ursinus College for a Temple Talk during worship on January 19th. Afterwards, during the adult Sunday School hour, Dr. Singley and members of the RIC team will be available for questions and further discussion in Room 33 of the Christian Education Wing.

Prayer Requests

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

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

Grieving: family and friends of Darlene Latshaw, the Rev. George Harpel and Tina Farrell

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 Hauck	Patricia Kemp	Ron Seasholtz
Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick		Penny Garber
Hazel LeVan	Lynn Amundsen	David Gottshall

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Still Making History

Upcoming Events at NHELC

November

24th **Pronouns** Temple Talk and discussion

27th 7:00 **Thanksgiving Eve Service**

December

1st 10:00 **Budget Information Meeting**

 2:00 **Advent Social**

2nd 6:30 **Family Learning Center Information Meeting**

3rd 6:00 **Survive the Holidays** a GriefShare event

4th 6:30 **Budget Information Meeting**

7th 9:00 **Family Learning Center Information Meeting**

8th 10:00 **Congregational Meeting**

Angel Tree gifts are brought to church

15th 10:15 **Christmas Pageant**

18th 5:45 **Loaves & Fishes Dinner**

 7:00 **Blue Christmas**

22nd **Caroling**

24th 4:00 **Family Christmas Eve Service**

 8:00 **Christmas Eve Service**

29th 9:00 **Lessons and Carols Service**

January

12th **Taking a Closer Look** Temple Talk and discussion

Everybody's Birthday Party

15th 5:45 **Loaves & Fishes Dinner**

19th **Allyship** Temple Talk and discussion

26th 10:15 **Cheers to Us Gathering** entertainment and lunch