

Announcements

December 15, 2024

Today

The bulletin is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of her granddaughter, Joelle, on her second birthday by Kay Kurtz.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in loving memory of Fred Smith by his family.

Serving Today Head Usher: Ed Becker, Ushers: Rick Solazzo and Vicki Dotterer, Lector: Sue Care, Children's Sermon: Pastor Scott, Acolyte: Alexa Moser

Next Sunday Head Usher: Steve Weidner, Usher: Terry Santangelo, Lector: Donna Kehs, Children's Sermon: Lindsey Waltermeyer, Acolyte: Landon Woods

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

Come one, come all to this year's Christmas Pageant, Scuba Christmas, following the worship service this morning in fellowship hall. A fellowship will be enjoyed following the pageant.

The Weary World Rejoices! Come join us each Sunday at 10:15 AM for an Advent Group Bible Study in room 33. Each week we meet to share and discuss holiday traditions, Bible passages and how each of us cope with living in the promise of peace and hope, even though we witness this world we live in. This study is a safe place to come to share, listen and/or just hang. So come join us this Advent.

Rejoicing Spirits worship service This ministry supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, providing a meaningful worship experience for people of all abilities. All are welcome to join Rejoicing Spirits this afternoon, beginning at 1:30. For more information, contact Donna Kehs or Stacey Rothermel.

The Nursery room is located between the Welcome Center and the Fellowship Hall. Parents are welcome to use the room during worship 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

Christmas Pageant – Today, 10:15 AM, room 1

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

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

Rejoicing Spirits – Today, 1:30 – 4:00 PM, room 1 and sanctuary

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Cub Scout Pack 367 – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, room 1

Walnut Woods Service – Tuesday, 10:00 AM

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

Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 1:00 PM, portico

Loaves & Fishes Dinner – Wednesday, 5:30 PM, rooms 1, 11

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

Chancel Choir – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:45 PM, room 15

Blue Christmas – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, sanctuary

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

Handbell Choir – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15

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

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

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

Caroling – Next Sunday, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Confirmation – Next Sunday 1:30 – 3:30 PM, room 1

Loaves & Fishes dinner is this Wednesday, at 5:45 PM in fellowship hall. Stop by for dinner and fellowship.

The Blue Christmas Service is this 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. See Nikki Young with any questions.

Upcoming Events

Christmas Caroling Sunday, December 22nd, 1 – 3 PM Gather your friends and family for a fun and uplifting time, singing favorite and beloved Christmas carols to our NHELHC homebound members as well as those in senior facilities. Carolers will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 PM to plan the routes and pick up the goodie bags prepared at the Advent Social. After caroling, we will return to the church to enjoy cookies and hot cocoa. Caroling is a wonderful opportunity to spread some Christmas cheer. Contact Director of Music Ministry Patricia Nyce or Jean Moser (610-367-0342) with any questions about the caroling.

Celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas Eve at NHELHC. Candlelight services will be held at 4:00 and 8:00 PM. The 4:00 service features a live nativity.

Attention Committee and Board Chair: 2024 reports are due in the church office by Monday, January 6, 2025.

Want to be a member?

Please fill out a yellow card, “Your Voice from the Pew”, located in the pew rack and give to Pastor Scott or place the card in the offering plate. Check off “Interest in Church Membership.”

Resources

Want to keep up with all the latest news from NHELHC? 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. NHELIC 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

Live nativity volunteers are needed for the 4:00 Christmas Eve service. A sign-up sheet is available on the desk in the welcome center.

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.

Pictorial Directory Send pictures of members, classes and group activities to Nance White at Nance2237@yahoo.com as soon as possible to be included in the new pictorial directory.

You can donate to NHEL C 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.

Thank You

Thank you to all who contributed non-perishable items to the Boyertown Area Multi-Service during our November collection. Thanks to your generosity, NHEL C donated 74 lbs. of food and personal items to help our neighbors.

Food Ministry

More than 200,000 meals have been delivered! NHEL C’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/>.

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. Dee Singley, (she/they), 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 Carol Howells

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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