

Announcements

February 9, 2025

Today

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of their parents by Doug and Bette Senne.

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

Next Sunday Head Usher: Marty Hauser, Usher: Terry Santangelo, Lector: Susan Swartz, Children's Sermon: Pastor Scott, Acolyte: Rae Bechtel

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

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Notice the beautiful prayer shawls in our church today. These shawls were prayerfully knitted and crocheted by members of our congregation to be gifted to console the grieving, comfort the ill and bring hope to those in need. The prayer shawls wrap, enfold, hug, warm, comfort and beautify. Those who knit/crochet and those who receive the prayer shawls are equally blessed.

If you or someone you know would like to knit or crochet a shawl, the kits with yarn and instructions are in the closet in the Nursery. Any questions? Call Rosalie Lisa at 610-416-8194 or email at rosalisa@comcast.net.

If you would like to share a prayer shawl with someone contact the church office.

Celebrate Soup-er Bowl! The Picnic Committee wants to help you by providing delicious homemade soup for you to enjoy before, during and after the Super Bowl! Chicken Pot Pie, Beef Vegetable Soup and Chili will be available in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service this morning. The suggested donation is \$9/quart. All three choices can be frozen in their container for future enjoyment!

Calendar

Worship Service – Today, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online

Food Drop Off – Today, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Today, 11:00 AM, kitchen door

J.A.M. – Today, 10:15 AM, rooms 21

Adult Roundtable Bible Study – Today, 10:15 AM, room 14

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 in Pottstown

Prayer Ministry - Monday, 1:15 PM - sanctuary

Altar Guild – Monday, 3:45 PM, sanctuary

Cub Scout Pack 367 – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, rooms 1, 14, 21-25, 33, 34

AARP Board – Tuesday, 10:00 AM, room 14

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

Finance – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, zoom

Reconciling in Christ – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, room 14

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

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

Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 1:00 PM, kitchen door

Addiction 12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 33

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

Food Ministry Board – Wednesday, 6:30 – 9:00 PM, room 14

Cub Parent Planning – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, offsite

GriefShare – Thursday, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, room 14

Addiction 12 Step – Thursday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 33

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

District Scout Committee – 7:00 – 8:30 PM, room 24

Birthday Party – Saturday, 12:00 – 3:30 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, kitchen door

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

Adult Roundtable Bible Study – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 14

Reconciling in Christ Question and Answer Session – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 15

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

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

Rejoicing Spirits – Next Sunday, 2:30 – 4:00 PM, room 1, sanctuary

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 by Tuesday noon. And don't forget, husbands are invited too.

Upcoming Events

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

Look for the list of items that are currently needed at the Cluster in the January newsletter.

Box City is Coming This year, we are hosting Box City, a homeless experience and lock-in for our youth and youth within the SEPA Synod. Volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up for dinner on Saturday, March 22nd, and to help with a simple continental-type breakfast on Sunday, March 23rd. If you are willing to help with some overnight security as well, reach out to Nikki Young.

Youth Rock Climbing Night Churches in the Upper Montgomery County in the SEPA Synod are hosting a rock-climbing night.

This is a rescheduled event that was cancelled due to snow. It will be Sunday, February 16th, from 4:00 – 6:00 PM at the Philadelphia Rock Gym in Oaks. The cost is \$26/ person. Contact Lindsey Waltermeyer or Nikki Young if your youth would like to go.

Kids Camp Registration is NOW OPEN! We are headed North for Kids Camp this year! The NHELCC True North Kids Camp will be June 16th – June 20th from 9:00 AM – noon. Potty trained preschoolers – Rising 5th Graders are welcome to attend. Youth headed to 6th grade and up are welcome to be junior counselors. Register and/or sign up to volunteer NOW! Go to <https://vbspro.events/p/35b361>.

New GriefShare Group Forming If you or someone you know is dealing with grief due to the loss of a loved one, join a new GriefShare group hosted by NHELCC. The group will be meeting on Thursday mornings from 10:00 - 11:30 AM, February 13th – May 8th. You may sign up online <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/259900> or contact Nikki Young.

Do you have questions or would you like additional information about Reconciling in Christ? Then join the RIC core team after worship on February 16th. They will be available to answer your questions. Meet in room 15 (choir room).

NHELCC 325th Anniversary Spirit Wear and Accessories Online Shop will open later this month! We are excited to partner with a local company that will make items such as polos, t-shirts, hoodies and other accessories available for order with our 325th Anniversary logo. More details coming soon!

The annual meeting and congregational dinner will be held following the worship service on Sunday, February 23rd. A presentation on the unique and exciting history of the congregation will be given by the 325th Anniversary Committee. This year we will honor our church's history at our Congregational Dinner by having a church family potluck. Think of a family recipe that you enjoy, perhaps one that has been passed down through the generations. Sign up to bring it to our potluck. Don't have a family recipe? No problem. Sally Sugita will be in the fellowship hall after church with three church cookbooks. Feel

free to stop by, look for a recipe and either take a picture of the recipe or Sally will make a copy for you. If neither of those options sound good, just make your favorite recipe to share. We are asking people to bring a salad, side dish, main dish, or dessert.

Sign up for the Congregational Dinner by filling out the reservation form (found on the desk in the welcome center) or by signing up on the SignupGenius. The fellowship committee will be supplementing our menu with some delicious selections. We hope to see you there!

New Hanover's Got Talent! Everybody is blessed with a talent. What's yours? On **Sunday, March 2nd**, you will have an opportunity to showcase your talent at the Fastnacht Social and Talent Show. The event will follow the 9:00 AM worship service and, of course, will include Fastnachts!

Do you sing? Like to dance? Play an instrument? Tell stories or jokes? Recite poetry? Do a skit with a friend? If so, see Patricia Nyce or Jayne McHugh to sign up to showcase your talent. Folks of all ages are invited to participate. It's a fact that New Hanover's got lots of talent! We can't wait to see yours!

This event is being planned by the 325th Anniversary Committee.

Save the Date! Camp Falckner, an overnight camp held in our church's picnic grove, is scheduled for July 21-24, 2025. All youth who will have finished grades 5-12 are invited to attend. More details to come this spring!

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 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. 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

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 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

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/>.

Reconciling in Christ

Recently the RIC team arranged for two presentations. The presentations, “LGBTQIA+ 101” and “Pronouns-Why They Are Important”, are now on the church website under the



Reconciling In Christ Journey page. In case you

missed the presentations or would like to watch them again, you will find them by entering this link in your web browser:

<https://newhanoverlutheran.org/reconciling-in-christ/> or connect using this QR Code.

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.

Thank You

Thank you for the prayers, cards and support to my family and me during our time of sorrow for the loss of my mother. – Susan Gutshall

Prayer Requests

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

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

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
Kate Brunick & family	Pat Green	Paul Knauer
Suzanne Dodge	Bill Bauer	Sue Lowry
Dave Pollock		

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Celebrating 325 Years
1700-2025



Still Making History

Knights of the Round Table

Sundays at 10:15 AM

Just a bunch of adults trying the best we can getting through life. Life with kids, life with challenges, just life. Welcome to *Try February!* – with Kate Bowler. Not transforming. Not crushing it. Just ...*trying*. January usually swans in with all its sparkle and self-improvement slogans (new year, new you, yadda yadda), but what if we skipped the makeover? What if the goal wasn't perfection but something much braver: showing up, being real, and finding a little joy in the beautiful, chaotic mess of it all?

- 94% of people will fail their New Year's resolution by this time next year. Isn't that encouraging? You're not defective! No one is a robot! (Okay, 6% of people might be, but the rest of us are real!)
- Today you will try because perfection is impossible. Let it go. Let it go. (Yes, sing the song, but seriously, let it go.)
- Reach for something today, knowing that you are better than perfect: you are real.

Each week we'll try together. Not perfectly, but with heart. We may not always achieve what we want, but even in the smallest moments, there's beauty in embracing the good, the bad, and everything in between. So if you're trying to try, you're in good company. Let's do this together – all the hopes, imperfections, and love we bring to this world.”

We meet at the round table in the Multi-purpose room (14). Not sure where that is – just ask.

Looking for a little more permission to stop chasing perfect? Read [Good Enough – 40 reflections that are like a hug for your soul.](https://katebowler.com/books/goodenough/?mc_cid=d2671168f9&mc_eid=ad830a1088)