

Announcements

February 16, 2025

Today

The bulletin is sponsored to the glory of God and with thanks for the gifts of Jenna, Nathan, and their grandsons Logan and Preston with love by Janet and Greg Psota.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Roger Otto Geiser's first birthday by MIM and Papa G.

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

Next Sunday Head Usher: Steve Weidner, Usher: Zach Quigley, Lector: Miller Quigley, Children's Sermon: Hayley Quigley, Acolyte: Caleb Woods

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.

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

All are welcome to this afternoon's Rejoicing Spirits service at 3:00 in NHELCC's sanctuary. The Rejoicing Spirits ministry is geared toward people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, but provides a meaningful worship experience for people of all abilities. Come at 2:30 for refreshments and a social. For more information, contact Donna Kehs or Stacey Rothermel.

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

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, kitchen door

J.A.M. – Today, 10:15 AM, rooms 21

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

Reconciling in Christ Question and Answer Session – Today, 10:00 AM, room 15

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

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

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

AARP – Monday, 11:00 – 2:30 PM, room 1

Prayer Ministry - Monday, 1:15 PM - sanctuary

Walnut Woods Service – Tuesday, 10:00 AM, offsite

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, kitchen door

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

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

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

Council – Thursday, 7:00 PM, room 14

Scout District Roundtable – Thursday, 7:30 – 9:00 PM, room 1

Worship Service – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online

Congregational Meeting and Potluck Dinner – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, sanctuary and room 1

Food Drop Off – Next Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, kitchen door

Confirmation Class – Next Sunday, 1:30 – 3:30 PM, sanctuary

Upcoming Events

NHELCL 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. 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 can help with some overnight security as well, reach out to Nikki Young.

The NHELCL Book Club is reading *Echo of Old Books* by Barbara Davis. We will be meeting at Peppe's Pizza and Grill, 2485 Swamp Pike, Gilbertsville on Tuesday, April 1st, at 6:30PM. Join the club for an evening of fellowship and fun! If you have any questions about this event, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com.

Kids Camp Registration is NOW OPEN! We are heading North for Kids Camp this year! The NHELCL 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 NHELCL. The group meets on Thursday mornings from 10:00 - 11:30 AM. You may sign up online <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/259900> or contact Nikki Young.

NHELCL 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 are coming soon!

The annual meeting and potluck congregational dinner will be held following the worship service **next 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 at [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-54981146-congregational#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-54981146-congregational#/) The fellowship committee will be supplementing our menu with some delicious selections. We hope to see you there!

The next Gathering is Tuesday, February 25th. We will gather in Fellowship Hall at noon for a luncheon followed by a live-stream presentation by Margaret Renkl, author of *Late Migrations*. A contributing opinion writer for the New York Times, Margaret Renkl provides an unusual, captivating portrait of a family—and of the cycles of joy and grief that inscribe human lives within the natural world. To help with planning for this event, sign up on Signup Genius at <https://search.app/UyyZWjoiqZ9LRbX76> or on the signup sheet on the desk in the Welcome Center.

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. NHELCC 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 NHELCC 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! NHELHC'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.

Prayer Requests

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

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

Grieving: family and friends of Carol Buchholtz Yost (Nance White's sister)

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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