

Announcements

May 11, 2025

Facility Use for Meetings or Events Requests All meeting and event requests by committees, members or non-members are to be communicated to the church office manager. The request will include the date and time, purpose, amount of people attending, necessary space and equipment, of the meeting or event. Given the information the meeting or event will be posted on the church calendar by the office manager (only). Providing an announcement for the bulletin, newsletter or social media posting does not constitute a request or guarantee a space.

There is a Facility Use policy, and fees do apply in some cases. In no case will fees be waived. Deposits are required to hold the space, date and time. If the meeting or event is not posted on the church calendar or you do not place a deposit if necessary, you do not have permission to use the space. Contact Susan Gutshall, church office manager at (610) 326-1335, or email her at susan.gutshall@newhanoverlutheran.org for requests or information.

Pastor's Personal Meeting Schedule The pastor is available for personal meetings Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM by appointment only. Please make an appointment by calling (610) 326-1335 or email at psstaub@gmail.com. Given prior commitments and events, some appointment times are not available.

As we are doing currently, all funeral notices, death or personal crisis emergencies will be handled as soon as possible. The pastor's voice mail at (610) 326-1335 goes directly to his email address and is accessible to the pastor and checked. Friday and Saturday are the pastor's days off, and pastor appreciates your respect in not contacting him for non-emergency requests.

Sunday is a day of worship, fellowship, visitation and teaching for the pastor. Please respect the pastor's preparation and dedication to addressing the spiritual needs of the community and individuals and do not initiate any non-emergency discussion with the Pastor prior to the worship service and/or during an educational class. Any discussions or questions about all non-emergency issues

should be made by appointment during the ascribed appointment times above.

Today

The bulletin is sponsored to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Felix Campos' birthday on May 18th, by Kathy Campos.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Georgie Price by her loving family, Tim and Vicki Mutter.

The Word in Season devotion booklet is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Don and Jo Anne Wirt.

Today: Head Usher: Marty Hauser, Usher: Bill Allen, Lector: Kady Singley, Children's Sermon: Nikki Young, Acolyte: Alivia Singley

Next Sunday Head Usher: Todd Rothermel, Usher: Stacey Rothermel, Lector: Donna Kehs, Children's Sermon: Donna Kehs, Acolyte: Ava Hubley

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 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.

This Week

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, room 1

KFC Rehearsal – Today, 11:00 AM

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

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

Sewing Circle – Monday, 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM, room 1

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

325th Anniversary – Monday, 6:30 PM, room 14

Scouts BSA Troop 367 – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:15 PM, picnic grove

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

Endowment – Wednesday, 10:30 AM, room 14

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 24

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

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

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

Addiction 12 Step – Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, room 24

Council – Thursday, 6:30 PM, room 14

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

Chicken Dinner – Saturday, 4:00 – 7:00 PM, picnic grove

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 1

KFC Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:00 AM

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.

Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner! Come out to the picnic grove
on Saturday, May 17th, from 4:00 – 7:00 PM for a delicious
chicken dinner. The meal includes grilled church chicken,

homemade potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, beverage and dessert. \$13 per meal. You can enjoy your meal at the grove or get it to go. **Live music will be provided by Sons of Phelan.** Feel free to bring a lawn chair and enjoy the day. Children are welcome to play on our playground and enjoy the outdoors. In the event of rain, enjoy your chicken dinner at church in the fellowship hall.

Upcoming Events

Easter Cemetery Decorations Please remove all Easter decorations on your loved ones graves in the church's cemetery by Thursday, May 15th.

Red Geraniums will decorate the sanctuary for Pentecost on Sunday, June 8th. Order forms are available on the desk in the welcome center. The cost for one single geranium is \$6.50. The cost for a pot of three geraniums is \$21.00. To order, fill out a form and place it along with your payment in an envelope. The envelope may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office by Sunday, May 18th. Geraniums may be picked up after the 9:00 AM service on Pentecost.

Kids Camp Registration is NOW OPEN! We are heading North for Kids Camp this year! The NHELC 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>.

325 Year Anniversary Committee Preaching Series Schedule

This year we have invited individuals who have served or were sponsored by NHELC as pastors or pastoral students to preach. We are happy to announce the following schedule:

The Rev. Kevin Tracey – May 25th – Past Baptized/Confirmed member and currently a serving ELCA pastor in the SEPA synod.

The Rev. David Plieger – August 24th – Past member, current ELCA pastor, 1st Troop 367 Eagle Scout – 60-year Ordination celebration date

The Rev. Bishop Bryan Penman – November 2nd – Current ELCA SEPA Bishop - 325 Yr. Celebration Worship & Reception Guest

The Rev. Thomas Lang – November 30th – Past NHELC pastor (2006 – 2016) and retired ELCA pastor

The Rev. Rebecca Knox – December 7th – NHELC Vicar and currently serving ELCA Pastor/Chaplain – 20-year Ordination date
Look for more updates coming soon on other events and guest preachers. Please welcome our guests and join in the fellowship afterward the services.

NHELC takes historic road trip. Save the date! Tuesday, July 22, 2025 As part of our 325 Anniversary celebration, we are

planning a tour of Historic Trappe. There are three historic properties open for tours. **The Center for Pennsylvania German Studies**, located in the Dewees Tavern, has five exhibition galleries featuring a wide variety of furniture, fraktur, textiles, and other objects as well as a research library and archives. **The**

Henry Muhlenberg House is a fully furnished museum interpreting the families of Lutheran pastor Henry Muhlenberg and his son General Peter Muhlenberg. **The Speaker's House**, home of Frederick Muhlenberg, is an ongoing restoration project and the site of a Pennsylvania German kitchen garden. We are planning to tour all three of these buildings. The cost is \$15 per person.

Also on tour is the **“Old Trappe Church”** and **“The Brick Church.”** The Reverend Henry Melchior Muhlenberg was pastor of the “Old Trappe Church”, which was built in 1743. In 1852, the construction of the current building, “The Brick Church”, was begun to accommodate the growth of the congregation.

On July 22nd, participants will meet at NHELC at 9:00 AM and carpool to Trappe. In the morning, we will tour the three Trappe historic buildings then enjoy lunch at the Trappe Tavern. Touring the historic churches will follow at 1:30 PM. In the afternoon, the campers from Camp Falckner will be joining us for the church tours.

A sign-up sheet will be available in the Welcome Center.

The next book club will meet on Tuesday, June 3rd, at 6:30 PM. The book to be discussed is “James” by Percival Everett. We will be meeting at the WQ Diner located at 99 West King Street in

Pottstown. Any questions, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com.

Help Needed

Are you creative? Are you curious to learn how our online worship is produced? The video team is seeking two additional volunteers to help support our online worship services. We are looking to add an additional person to work the cameras and monitor the streaming feeds during Sunday services. (It isn't difficult - and training will be provided). A second person is also needed for video preparation a few days prior to the Sunday service. This prep activity will include setup of the streaming software and publishing the YouTube and Facebook events which can be done remotely using your own computer. This setup takes about one hour and can be completed at your convenience anytime three days prior to the service. A step-by-step setup document and training will be provided. For both positions you'll have the chance to add your own creative touches and ideas to produce memorable experiences for New Hanover's online viewers. See Rick Hausch, or email the team at video@newhanoverlutheran.org to help out or for more information.

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

325th Anniversary Key Chains and Magnets: The 325th Anniversary Committee has provided three more anniversary souvenirs for all members. Check out the basket on top of the display case in the Welcome Center near the photo display panels for magnets and two kinds of key chains. The anniversary pens and coloring books are there also in addition to a wrapper for the Moments in Time inserts.

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

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

Thank You

A huge thank you to all who helped plan, were part of the fashion show, and came out to enjoy the Gathering of Daughters Tea Party and Fashion Show. The decorations were beautiful, food was delicious, and the fashion show a great success. And.....we collected 194 pounds of diapers and wipes for Boyertown Multi-service to distribute to their clients.

You Can Help

NHELC is collecting non-perishable food items and full-sized personal hygiene items through the end of June. Donations will be distributed to local families through the Pottstown Cluster. A list of the Cluster's most needed items is available in the May issue of *New Hanover Highlights*. Donation 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.

Help the Ronald McDonald House

Dear Congregants,

We're thrilled to reintroduce a small act of kindness that can make a big difference! The Ronald McDonald House supports families in need, offering them rest and nourishment during challenging times. One simple way we can contribute to their incredible mission is by saving aluminum can tabs.

These tiny can tabs may seem insignificant, but they add up quickly. By collecting them, we can help the Ronald McDonald House raise funds to continue their vital work.

We invite you to join in on this effort. Save your tabs and simply drop them into the aquarium in the Fellowship Hall (under the coat rack). Together we can make an impact—one tab at a time.

Thank you for your support and kindness.

The Mission Services/Social Ministry Committee

You can help support our church with Redner's Save-a-Tape program. Here's how it works.

1. Visit the Customer Service Desk at any Redner's Warehouse Market to obtain a Save-A-Tape card.
2. Use this card every time you shop at Redner's. Your receipts will be marked as Save-A-Tape receipts.

3. Bring your collected receipts to the church. We'll total them up and submit them to Redner's for a 1% rebate on the total amount (excluding sales tax, milk and tobacco products).

Thank you to all who have saved and turned in their Redner's receipts! The Redner's Save-A-Tape program is an easy way to help us raise funds for the Mission Services/Social Ministry team.

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

Nearly a quarter million 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 Serving All and Loving Unconditionally

The RIC team presentations, “LGBTQIA+ 101” and “Pronouns - Why They Are Important”, are 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.



Music Sunday

Thank you to the following for sharing their musical talents with the congregation this year.

Chancel Choir

Lee Wesner	Scott Geiser	Ed Becker
Ron Fegley	Carolyn Fleming	Sue Lowry
Kay Kurtz	Leslie Gates	Faye Weidner
Monique Becker	Jane Manthorne	Bethlyn Bechtel
Nance White	Tom McHugh, trumpet	Jim Dugan, trumpet
Harry White, percussion		

Grace Band

Bethlyn Bechtel	Monique Becker	Cody Crump
Hank Droneburg	Nicole Ewing	Ron Fegley
Ben Fowler	Emily Gates	Leslie Gates
Diana Hazel	John Hazel	Donna Kehs
Kim Little	Matt McGraw	Todd Rothermel
Josh Young		

Kids Choir

Sam Young	Richard Garcia	Caleb Woods
Aubrey Woods	Tanner Quigley	Collins Quigley
Kiley Ewing	Carolina Hansley	Alivia Singley
Kady Singley	Juni Hazel	Carly DiPascuale

Kids for Christ Band

Madelyn Artim
Sadie Hubley
Miller Quigley
Landon Woods

Genesis Garcia
Malaina Meeker
Hannah Waltermeyer

Madison Hansley
Alexa Moser
Noah Waltermeyer

Handbell Choir

Vicki Dotterer
LuAnne Fowler
Brenda Hunsberger
Tom McHugh
Carolyn Springer
Barbara Eisenhart, Director

Lynn Fegley
Wayne Fowler
Donna Kehs
Jean Moser
Marsha Staub

Ben Fowler
Marlene Hansley
Jayne McHugh
Barbara Noecker

Substitute Ringers

Chris Meeker Lindsey Waltermeyer

Accompanists

Patricia Nyce Lindsey Waltermeyer

Prayer Requests

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

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

Grieving: Family and friends of Matt Dawson and Frank

Santangelo (Terry's husband)

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
Sandy Wesner	Helen Foulke	Carla Hausmann
Joan Price	Betty Seroski	Ralph Borneman
Lucille Powell	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	Penny Garber	Hazel LeVan
Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick		Lynn Amundsen
David Gottshall	Paul Knauer	Suzanne Dodge
Kate Brunick & family	Sue Lowry	Dave Pollock
Julia Ghazi	Ray Feick	Patty Houseal
Steve Morriss		

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