

Announcements

May 18, 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 celebration of their granddaughter Tricia's birthday by Pr. Scott and Marsha Staub.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in celebration of their son Jackson's first birthday by Daniell and Jim Dugan.

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

Next Sunday Head Usher: George Trowbridge, Usher: Zach Quigley, Lector: Miller Quigley, Children's Sermon: Hayley Quigley, Acolyte: Collins Quigley

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.

Red Geraniums orders are due today. Order forms for Pentecost red geraniums 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. Geraniums may be picked up after the 9:00 AM service on Pentecost.

All are welcome to this afternoon's Rejoicing Spirits service at 3:00 in NHELC'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.

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

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

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

AARP – Monday, 11:00 AM, room 1

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Polling Location – Tuesday, room 1

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

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

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

Gathering – Thursday, 12:30 PM, room 1

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

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

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

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

Reception – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, rooms 1 and 11

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

Upcoming Events

There's still time to register for Camp Falckner! Camp will be held July 21-24, 2025 in the church picnic grove. This overnight camp is open to all youth who will have finished grades 5 -12. Registration can be completed [online](#), but there are also paper

copies available in the Welcome Center. Reach out to [Lindsey Waltermeyer](#) with any questions.

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>.

May Gathering is on Thursday, May 22nd, at 12:30 PM. Hear from *New York Times* columnist and bestselling author Frank Bruni, who offers a wise and moving memoir about aging, affliction and optimism after partially losing his eyesight. A light lunch will be offered. Please bring a dessert to share. Sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-56437423-maygathering> or at the desk in the welcome center.

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 following the services.

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

Vincent Ryan, minister of music at Advent Lutheran Church in Harleysville, will provide an organ concert at Falkner Swamp UCC on Saturday, May 31st, at 4:00 PM. Mr. Ryan performed as a soloist and accompanist in the US, Germany, Sweden and Kenya. He has composed or arranged over 300 works and is published by Lorenz, Hal Leonard and others. In addition to playing the organ, Mr. Ryan will invite participants to assemble a real, portable pipe organ. A punch and cookie reception will follow. A freewill donation will be received to help support the church's 300th anniversary celebration.

Join members of Christ Lutheran Church in Barto for a Reading Fightin Phils game on Saturday, June 21st, at 6:45 PM. They have a reserved block of tickets in the Blue Section 3 on the first base side behind home plate. Tickets are \$15. A parking pass is \$9. **Ticket money is due Wednesday, May 21st.** Fireworks will be held following the game. Any questions and to reserve your tickets, contact Nancy Fioriglio from Christ Lutheran Church at 484-680-3164.

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 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. NHELHC 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 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.



Prayer Requests

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

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

Grieving: Family and friends of 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
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