

Announcements

July 6, 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

We welcome Amelia Faye Solarz, daughter of Christopher and Cassandra Solarz, who will be baptized this morning during the worship service. Sponsors for Amelia are Mark and Kelsey Copple.

The bulletin and flowers are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Philip and Myrtle Bechtel by Lincoln and Barbara Noecker.

The communion is presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of all our veterans by Janet Psota.

The Word in Season devotion booklet is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Marlene Hansley.

Today: Head Usher: Steve Weidner, Ushers: Bill and Sharon Tracey, Lector: Erica Lucus, Children's Sermon: Nikki Young, Acolyte: Ainsley Lucas, Communion Assistants: Erica Lucas and Barbara Repa

Next Sunday Head Usher: Ed Becker, Usher: Monique Becker, Lector: Ed Becker, Children's Sermon: Janine Springer, Acolyte: Richard Garcia

Altar Guild members serving this month: Nancy Gross, Sue Care, Brenda Hunsberger and Kay Kurtz.

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
Praise Band Rehearsal – Today, 10:15 AM, sanctuary

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Scouts BSA Troop 367 – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:15 PM, picnic grove
Finance – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, Zoom

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

Endowment – Wednesday, 10:00 AM, room 14

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

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

Meet Me in the Garden – Wednesday, 6:00 PM, room 14 and
garden

Addiction 12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 21

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

Addiction 12 Step – Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, room 21

District Scout Committee – Thursday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, room 14

Men’s Breakfast – Saturday, 8:00 AM, Brookside Family
Restaurant

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

Praise Band Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, 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.

Meet Me in the Garden on Wednesday, July 9th, starting at 6:00
PM. We will have a light meal followed by light gardening. No
matter if you are an avid gardener or a novice, all are welcome to
join in fellowship and fun. Any questions, contact Doug Senne.

The Men’s Breakfast is this Saturday at 8:00 AM at Brookside
Family Restaurant. Come out for good food and friendly
conversation. No registration is required. Any questions, contact
Ron Fegley at 484-300-3025.

Upcoming Events

Take me out to the ball game! There's still time to sign up for the annual **Reading Phillies on Saturday, August 16th**, at 6:45 PM. Reservations are due by Thursday, July 10th. Tickets are \$12/person and we will be in the green seats area. Sign up online or with Nikki Young. This date is a fireworks night!

The Aging Grace-Fully series continues with the July Gathering on Tuesday, July 15th, 12:30 PM. A live-stream presentation will feature Mia Birdsong, author of *How We Show Up*. Through research, interviews and stories of lived experiences, the author guides viewers to return to their inherent connectedness where they find strength, safety and support in vulnerability and generosity, in asking for help and being accountable. This book literally and figuratively points viewers towards the promise of a collective vitality and leads to a liberating wellbeing so many seek.

Lunch will be available prior to the presentation. Participants are encouraged to bring a desert to share. A sign-up sheet is on the desk in the welcome center or go online to sign up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-56437663-july>.

Worship at the Grove Sunday, July 20th, 9:00 AM Come to worship at the church picnic grove (Swamp Picnic Road between Charlotte Street and Lutheran Road). Bring a chair if you wish or you can sit at the tables and benches under the pavilion.

Following the service, a pancake breakfast will be served. So mark the date and head out to the grove on Sunday, July 20th. Be sure to bring a friend to enjoy worship in nature followed by a hearty pancake breakfast.

The congregation is invited to participate in two Camp Falckner activities. On Monday, July 21st, a fun, casual dance will be held in Fellowship Hall from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. The Galilean Worship service, an outdoor worship experience, will be held on Wednesday, July 23rd, in the picnic grove. We will gather at the pavilion at 8:45 PM. Bring a chair and a flashlight.

Immediately following the service, the campers will perform original skits on the stage.

Camp Falckner needs help setting up tents following the outdoor worship service and breakfast on Sunday, July 20th. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

NHELC takes historic road trip to Trappe. Save the date! Tuesday, July 22, 2025 The itinerary includes visiting three historic properties, The Center for Pennsylvania German Studies, The Henry Muhlenberg House and The Speaker's House, lunch followed by a tour of the Old Trappe Church and The Brick Church at Augustus. **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. Participants will meet at NHELC at 9:00 AM and carpool to Trappe. A sign-up sheet is available in the Welcome Center or go online at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-57296035-historic>. Deadline to sign up is July 16th.

Mini Golf and Ice Cream Thursday, July 31st, 6:30 PM Join your church family for a fun evening of mini golf and ice cream at Waltz Golf Farm. Fun prizes will be available for some of the best (and maybe the worst) golfers. Cost is \$12/person for mini-golf and ice cream. Sign up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-57351091-mini>.

The NHELC Book Club is reading *The Sweetness of Forgetting* by Kristin Harmel. Join the club for dinner and discussion at the WQ Diner in Pottstown on Tuesday, August 5th, at 6:30 PM. Any questions about this event, contact Sharon Tracey at

LBD36@aol.com.

Help Needed

Donations help local families Throughout the month of July, NHELHC is collecting non-perishable items for distribution to local families through the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Top ten items needed to help fill the shelves are listed in the July issue of *New Hanover Highlights*.

Donations needed for The Great Swamp Picnic. Bring in small, new toys to be given at the fish pond. Remember babies and small children when you make your purchase. A collection box is in the Welcome Center. Thank you!

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. 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.

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 Wendy's Flowers for donating the flowers planted in front of the Fellowship Hall. Also, thank you to Carl, Barbara and Steve Eisenhart who weeded, trimmed, planted and mulched the flowerbeds.

Food Ministry

Nearly a quarter million meals have been delivered! NHELCC'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/>.

Garden of Hope

Garden maintenance help is needed on Monday and Thursday mornings starting at 7:30 AM. No experience necessary to help in the garden.

Reconciling in Christ Serving All and Loving Unconditionally

Movie Night Join the Reconciling in Christ team in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, July 15th, 6:30 PM to watch the film entitled, 1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture. The film is about 1.5 hours long and the recommendation age is 13 years and older. 1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture is a feature documentary that follows the story of tireless researchers who trace the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians to a grave mistranslation of the Bible in 1946. It chronicles the discovery of never-before-seen archives at Yale University which unveil astonishing new revelations, and casts significant doubt on

any biblical basis for LGBTQIA+ prejudice. Featuring commentary from prominent scholars as well as opposing pastors, including the personal stories of the film’s creators, 1946 is at once challenging, enlightening, and inspiring. Drinks and snacks will be available.

The Reconciling in Christ team will be available for small group meetings or one to one discussion throughout the summer. If you are interested in participating, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com. In your email, please indicate with whom on the RIC team you would like to meet and who will coordinate the meeting. The members of the team are: Pastor Staub, Rick Hausch, Diane Bealer, Josh Young, Janet Psota, Dee Singley, Sharon Tracey and Rae Bechtel. Since Rae is not an adult, there will be an adult joining Rae. The discussions will be held at the church, or at a mutually convenient location, dates and times to be determined by the participants. The RIC team is providing these opportunities for people who may be more comfortable discussing their questions, concerns or comments, in a small group.

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

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

Grieving: Family and friends of Sue Lowry

Peace for violence in our area and nationally

Sarah Bowman	Keeley Staples	Logan Conley
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	Rich Freed
Joe	Joe	Casey Flack
Penny Frymoyer	Denton Quick	David Helfrich, Sr.
Tara Hauck	Patricia Kemp	Ron Seasholtz
Penny Garber	Hazel LeVan	Lynn Amundsen
Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick		David Gottshall
Paul Knauer	Suzanne Dodge	Dave Pollock
Julia Ghazi	Ray Feick	Patty Houseal
Steve Morriss	Vicki Mutter	Carol Feick

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