

Announcements

November 16, 2025

Today

The bulletin is presented to the glory of God and in honor of their 47th wedding anniversary by Faye and Steve Weidner.

The flowers are presented to the glory of God and in honor of their 47th wedding anniversary by Georgann and Scott Geiser.

The Word in Season devotion booklet is presented to the glory of God; may we harvest acceptance, and give thanks to God for the love of our Lord Jesus that was given to us, by Janet Psota.

Serving Today: Ron Fegley, head usher; Rick Solazzo and Ryan Waltermeyer, ushers; Ron Fegley, lector; Lindsey Waltermeyer, children's sermon, Richard Garcia, acolyte

Next Sunday Marty Hauser, head usher; Kyle and Alivia Singley, ushers; Harry White, lector; Nikki Young, children's sermon; Maddie Hansley, acolyte

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.

Join the Rejoicing Spirits service this afternoon at 3:00 in NHELCC's sanctuary for an uplifting worship experience. 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. (Jesus and Me) – Today, 10:15 AM, room 1

J.A.M. Choir Rehearsal – Today, 11:00 – 11:15 AM, room 15

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

Praise Band Rehearsal – Today, 11:20 AM, sanctuary

Confirmation – Today, 1:30 – 3:30 PM, St. James Limerick

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

AARP – Monday, 10:00 AM, room 1

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Cub Scout Pack 367 – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, rooms 1, 14, 21-24, 33, 34

Walnut Woods Service – Tuesday, 10:00 AM

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

Praise Band Rehearsal – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, sanctuary

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, rooms 33-34

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

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

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

Council – Thursday, 6:30 PM, room 27

Addiction 12 Step – Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, rooms 33-34

Yoga – Saturday, 8:30 – 9:30 AM, room 21

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

Reception – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, room 1

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Upcoming Events

Turkeys for Thanksgiving. The kitchen is looking for turkeys for a Thanksgiving meal. Donations are greatly appreciated.

Thanksgiving Eve service Wednesday, November 26th, 7 PM
NHELC will host a Community Thanksgiving Eve Service. A community choir will be singing *We Will Give Thanks* by Mark Patterson. Be sure to invite your family and friends to this service of Thanksgiving.

Angel Tree gifts this year will support children under KenCrest's care (KenCrest.org). NHELC is sharing love with five families. The gift tags are on the tree as usual, BUT you must sign out the tag in the angel tree journal. All gifts must be logged back in by December 7th so we can be sure to have purchased four gifts for each child. Bring your donated gift, unwrapped, by December 7th and place it under the Angel Tree.

New Hanover Memorabilia items collected over the years are available in the Welcome Center. You are invited to take home a piece of New Hanover's history; your donations will help our ministries to continue. Souvenirs from the 325th anniversary are also on the table.

History Booklets printed for the 325th Anniversary are available in the Welcome Center. If you didn't get one, pick up a copy today. Please, one booklet per family.

Guest preachers help NHELC celebrate 325th anniversary.

11/23 Deacon Carol Detweiler, New Hanover's former Director of Christian Education and Director of Senior Faith Formation

11/30 The Rev. Thomas Lang, former pastor of New Hanover

12/7 The Rev. Rebecca Knox, former Intern at New Hanover, who will celebrate her 25th Anniversary of Ordination with us that day

Fellowship Hours will follow the services on these Sundays (10:00 AM).

Root to Rise – Embracing Change with Grace is the theme of this year's fall yoga class. This class offers a gentle grounding practice designed to release negativity, instill peace and embrace a

new season with grace and ease. The class is open to adults and teens, who are age 13-17 as long as they are accompanied by an adult. Classes are held on Saturdays through November 22nd, from 8:30 – 9:30 AM in the church nursery suite (room 21). Four – five sets of blankets and blocks will be available; contact Leslie Gates ahead of time if you need to reserve a yoga mat. Classes are free-will donation-based for the Food Ministry. Pay in cash or check (payable to NHELIC). A signup sheet is in the welcome center and on the church’s website. Any questions, contact Leslie Gates.

Advent Social is on Sunday, December 14th, 2 - 4 PM. Activities include making crafts, playing games and decorating cookies, bags and cards for NHELIC homebound members. Snacks will be served.

Bring a donation of personal care items such as tissues, toothpaste, toothbrushes, Chapstick, lotion, individually wrapped snacks, etc. to be put in the homebound members’ December senior bags.

There will be a paper sign-up sheet on the desk in the welcome center and also on sign up genius at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-60204971-advent>. To help with planning for this event, sign up by Sunday December 7th.

Poinsettias add beauty to sanctuary Consider helping to beautify the sanctuary this Christmas with poinsettias. The Altar Guild will order plants in 6.5” pots with five blooms. The suggested donation is \$11.00 per plant. Plants may be sponsored in memory of (for someone who has passed away) or in honor of (someone who is living). The sponsored plants will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

To sponsor one or more plants, complete a Poinsettia Order form and return the form along with payment (checks made payable to NHELIC) to the church. Be sure to include the number of plants you would like. Also, be sure to mark the order form if you will pick up your plants or if you wish to have the plant given to a homebound member. Plants may be picked up AFTER the 8:00 PM Christmas Eve Service. If you are unable to pick up your poinsettia at that time, call or text Barb Eisenhart at 610-316-5909. Order forms are available on the desk in the welcome center and in the November issue of *New Hanover Highlights*. Or, call the

church office if you need additional forms. Forms and payment should be mailed to the church office, placed in the offering plate, or dropped off at the mail slot next to the Fellowship Hall entrance. **Orders are due by November 23, 2025.**

NHELC Book Club meets to discuss the book *True Colors* by Kristin Hannah. Join the club for dinner and discussion at the WQ Diner in Pottstown on Tuesday, December 2nd, at 6:30 PM. Any questions about this event, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com.

The Boyertown Alumni Marching Unit will hold its 21st Holiday Concert on Saturday, December 6th, 7:00 PM at the MStar Church. A free-will offering will be received for the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Light refreshments will be served before the concert. MStar Church is located at 10 Limekiln Road in Bechtelsville.

The Boyertown Area Choral Arts Christmas Concert will be held on Sunday, December 7th, 3:00 PM at the Good Shepherd United Church of Christ. The concert will be directed by Donna M. House and accompanied by Robin Ward. A free-will offering will be received with a portion designated to the Margareta R. Lamb Scholarship. A cookie reception will follow the performance. Good Shepherd is located at 35 West Philadelphia Avenue in Boyertown.

Help Needed

Mission Service folks need your help! Friends, our church has been helping to feed the hungry at Emmanuel Lutheran Church every month. We discovered their clothes closet needs help. We ask for used, clean, in good condition, warm clothes. Also, hats, gloves, mittens and hoodies are needed too! The ladies at the closet are in need of NEW socks and undergarments. Our junior/senior high Sunday School class decorated a box that is sitting in the welcome center for your donations.

JAM (Jesus and Me) teacher needed for 3-5 Grade NHELC needs a second teacher (or more) to help with the 3rd - 5th grade JAM class. We currently have one teacher for this group. If we can add two - three more then we would have a teaching rotation.

This class is a lot of fun. Teachers will focus their discussion on the lectionary reading each week and do crafts. The year will culminate with an art show and reception. If you have interest in this area, contact Nikki Young as soon as possible.

Want to be a member?

Please fill out “Your Voice from the Pew” card, 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

Are you missing a Moments in Time insert? Extra copies are available. Contact Barb Eisenhart, Lee Wesner or Susan Gutshall. Wrappers for the collection are available in the Welcome Center.

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. 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

You Can Help

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.

Sunshine Learning Center

The Sunshine Learning Center is now open for preschool registration. To register, email Educational Director Jena Marinelli at jena.marinelli@sunshineelc.org.

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

In case you want any information, enter this link in your web browser:

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



Additional Information

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 church 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.

Mission Service folks need your help!

Redner's Save-A-Tape

Keep up the good work with turning in your tapes! The last batch we turned in contributed \$141.72 to the NHELCC treasury. This money we used to help others. Please ask your family and friends to help.

Don't know about the 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 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).

Soda Tabs

Take the time to pop off your tabs and place them in our fish tank in the fellowship hall. By doing this simple action, your otherwise discarded tabs will support the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Soda Cans

And, your empty aluminum soda cans can help raise money too! Drop off your soda cans in the giant wooden bin next to the door of the Sunday School wing. Scout Troop 367 collects and recycles them to help raise funds for camping equipment.

Prayer Requests

Military: Shawn Dietz, 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

Grieving: family and friends of Sarah Bowman and Gerald Eisenhart

Keeley Staples	Logan Conley	Katy Mahon-Miller
Luann Hanley	Carol Estes	William Trotter
Kathy Kane	Maxwell Girard	Pat Fryer
Jean Renninger	Pr. Kork Moyer	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	Verdie Smith
Helen Foulke	Carla Hausmann	Joan Price
Ralph Borneman	Lucille Powell	Joan Scheffey
Arnold Amundsen	Chuck Beck	Rich Freed
Joe	Joe	Casey Flack
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Tara Hauck	Patricia Kemp	Ron Seasholtz
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Dave Pollock	Julia Ghazi	Ray Feick
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Steve Morriss	Vicki Mutter	Carol Feick
Josephine Heck	Alice Nester	
John Sander, Candis Peto, Yvonne Peto		
Dennis and Sandy Rothermel		

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RECONCILING IN CHRIST

Praise be to God! As Jesus has called us to love one another, we as a community deeply rooted in an open and welcoming spirit announce that The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church has been recognized as a Reconciling in Christ partner congregation of Reconciling Works. It is with Christ's love we are called to welcome all God's children into our congregations, communities, and our world.

This recognition means that the congregation will be listed on a roster of congregations, organizations and synods in the United States and Canada providing a message to all that we are safe place to worship and serve. However, how we welcome and what we do as a Reconciling in Christ partner congregation is uniquely ours to create and our journey to walk together. We invite you to join us in celebrating God's love for all.