

Announcements

December 7, 2025

Today

We welcome The Rev. Rebecca Knox, former Intern at New Hanover, to our worship service this morning as part of our 325th anniversary celebration. Join in fellowship to honor Pastor Rebecca in the multi-purpose room this morning following the worship service.

The flowers are presented to the glory of God and in remembrance of the ordination of Rebecca (Swavely) Schanely 25 years ago by Don and Andi Swavley.

The communion is presented to the glory of God on the 25th ordination anniversary of Becky Schanely by her family.

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: Steve Weidner, head usher, Bryce Manthorne, usher, Ed Becker, lector; Janine Springer, children's sermon; Genesis Garcia, acolyte; Terry Santangelo and Debbie Solazzo, communion assistants

Next Sunday: George Trowbridge, head usher: Brian Flack, usher; Faye Weidner, lector; Nicole Ewing, children's sermon; Sadie Hubley, acolyte

Altar Guild members serving this month: Deb Solazzo, Barb Eisenhart, Corrine Bartholomew and Judy Sloan

Angel Tree gifts are due today. You may place your gifts under the Angel Tree in the welcome center.

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.

Today is the deadline to sign up for the Advent Social is on Sunday, December 14th, 2:00 – 4:00 PM. Activities include making crafts, playing games and decorating cookies, bags and cards for NHEL C 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 is a paper sign-up sheet on the desk in the welcome center and also on sign up genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAA F4C16-60204971-advent>.

The Coventry Singers will perform a Christmas concert, “Holiday Journeys”, at NHEL C this afternoon at 3:00 PM. Come out for this festive holiday performance.

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

Reception – Today, 10:00 AM, room 14

Budget Review – Today, 10:00 AM, room 33

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) – Today, 10:15 AM, room 1

J.A.M. Choir Rehearsal – Today, 10:00 – 11:15 AM, room 15

KFC (Kids for Christ) Rehearsal – Today, 10:00 AM, sanctuary

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

Confirmation – Today, 1:30 – 3:30 PM, room 14

Coventry Singers Concert – Today, 3:00 PM, sanctuary

AARP – Monday, 10:00 AM, room 1

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

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

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

Finance – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, Zoom

Reconciling in Christ – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, room 27

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

Endowment – Wednesday, 10:30 AM, room 1

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

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

Budget Review – Wednesday, 6:00 PM, room 1

Addiction 12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, rooms 33-34

Chancel Choir – Wednesday, 6:15 PM, room 15

Food Ministry Board – Wednesday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, room 14

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

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

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

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

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

Congregational Meeting – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, sanctuary

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 1

J.A.M. Choir Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 15

KFC (Kids for Christ) Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM

Praise Band Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:20 AM, sanctuary

Advent Christmas Crafts – Next Sunday, 2:00 – 4:00 PM, room 1

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 Lynn Fegley at 484-300-6281 by Tuesday noon. And don't forget, husbands are invited too.

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

Do you like to read? Readers are needed for the Lessons and Carols service on January 4th. Sign up today to reserve your reading in this festive service. A sign-up sheet is on the desk in the Welcome Center.

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.

Join NHEL C at 7:30 PM on Christmas Eve for a special Prelude of Instrumental Music.

Arrive early and experience a selection of refined, thoughtfully curated instrumental works designed to prepare the heart and mind for the solemn beauty of the evening. From elegant arrangements of traditional carols to serene seasonal pieces, the Prelude will offer a moment of quiet reflection and graceful anticipation. We invite you to enjoy this musical offering as we prepare to welcome Christmas with reverence and joy.

Help Needed

Be Part of Our Live Nativity - We need your help! When: Christmas Eve, 4:00 PM service. We're looking for: Baby Jesus (six months or younger), Mary & Joseph, shepherds, three wise people, a guiding star and angels. Families, kids, and all ages are encouraged to join in this meaningful tradition. Sign up on the signup sheet on the desk in the welcome center OR text/call Dee Singley at 610-763-0406. Let's bring the story to life together!

Pottstown Cluster Throughout the months of November, December, January and February, NHEL C is collecting non-perishable food items and full-sized personal hygiene items to be distributed to local families through the Pottstown Cluster. Collection boxes are located in the welcome center, fellowship hall, and multi-purpose room for the donations. For a list of items

most needed, see the December issue of New Hanover Highlights. Thank you for your contributions that will help those in need.

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.

Thank You

I was deeply touched and delighted to be invited to preach at NHELCC this past Sunday! It was such a wonderful experience greeting friends both old and new. The music was a special highlight as was the reception following worship. Also, thank you for the NHELCC blanket which I used for my Sunday afternoon nap. It was so soft and warm!

I am very appreciative of the 325th planning team, the staff, Pr. Scott and Nikki, and the council for including me in two wonderful and memorable celebrations this month. God's blessings in these present moments and in the years to come! ~Pr. Tom Lang

Want to be a member?

Please fill out "Your Voice from the Pew" card, located in the pew rack and 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.

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.

Food Ministry

Nearly a quarter million meals have been delivered! NHEL C'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.

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

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
Penny Frymoyer	Denton Quick	David Helfrich, Sr.
Tara Hauck	Patricia Kemp	Ron Seasholtz
Penny Garber	Hazel LeVan	Lynn Amundsen
David Gottshall	Paul Knauer	Suzanne Dodge
Dave Pollock	Julia Ghazi	Ray Feick
Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick		Patty Houseal
Steve Morriss	Vicki Mutter	Carol Feick
Josephine Heck	Alice Nester	Debbie Tischendorf
John Sander, Candis Peto, Yvonne Peto		Linda Adams
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