

# Announcements

## February 8, 2026

### Today

**We welcome Cub Scout Pack 367 and Scouts BSA Troop 367** who are participating in the worship service this morning.

**The flowers** on the altar are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Frank, by Terry Santangelo.

**The sponsor signups for 2026** have been added to the sign-up genius on the church's website. Click on the link

[newhanoverlutheran.org/worship\\_signups\\_2026](https://newhanoverlutheran.org/worship_signups_2026) or QR Code to sign up today. Or, contact Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at 610-326-1335.



**Serving Today:** Barbara Repa, head usher; Mia Cassel, greeter; Megan Brounce, Ben Gieder, Stephen Sotak, greeters and ushers; Ben Cassel, acolyte

**Next Sunday:** Ron Fegley, head usher, Andy Van Dyke, usher; Ron Fegley, lector; Lindsey Waltermeyer, children's sermon; Caleb Woods, acolyte

**Altar Guild** members who are serving this month: Vicki Dotterer, Becky Gallagher and Terry Santangelo.

**A special congregational meeting** will be held today immediately following the worship service. This will be the first vote to approve the proposed amendments to the congregation's constitution, changes to the by-laws and changes to the continuing resolutions.

**Soup-er Bowl Sunday** The Picnic Committee wants to help you enjoy the Super Bowl by providing delicious, homemade soup for you to enjoy before, during and after the game. Beef vegetable, chicken pot pie and chili will be available in the Fellowship Hall following the church service. The suggested donation is \$9/quart. All three choices can be frozen in their container for future enjoyment.

**Now is the time to order lilies for Easter.** An order form is included in this bulletin. Also, you can go online to place your order at [https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/lily\\_signups](https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/lily_signups). Orders are due by March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**Have a pastoral emergency?**

Contact Nikki Young at 267-329-9697.

## **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

**Congregational Meeting** – Today, 10:00 AM, room 1

**J.A.M.** – Today, 10:15 AM, room 21

**Soup-er Bowl Soup Sale** – Today, 10:15 AM, room 11

**KFC Rehearsal** – Today, 11:00 – 11:20 AM, sanctuary

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

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

**Prayer Ministry** – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

**Altar Guild** – Monday, 3:45 PM, sanctuary

**Cub Scout Pack #367** – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, rooms  
welcome center, 1, 14, 27-34, 36-37

**Scouts BSA Troop 367** – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:30 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 in Pottstown

**Food Drop Off** – Wednesday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

**Food Delivery Pickup** – Wednesday, 10:00 AM, kitchen door

**Endowment** – Wednesday, 10:30 AM, room 1

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

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

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

**District Scout Committee** – Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM,  
room 27

**Handbell Choir** – 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 in 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

**Fastnacht Social** – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, room 1

**Confirmation** – Next Sunday, 1:30 – 3:30 PM, St. James Lutheran  
Church in Limerick

**Rejoicing Spirits** – Next Sunday, 2:30 – 4:00 PM, room 1 and  
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 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

**New Hanover's Got Talent! Fastnacht Social & Talent Show**  
Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:15 AM Everyone is blessed with a  
talent. What's yours? Here's an opportunity to showcase your  
talent. The event will follow the 9:00 AM worship service and, of  
course, will include fastnachts! Do you sing? Like to dance? Play  
an instrument? Tell stories or jokes? Recite poetry? Do a skit

with a friend? If so, see Nikki Young or Patricia Nyce to sign up. Folks of all ages are invited to participate. It's a fact that New Hanover's got lots of talent! We can't wait to see yours!

**The annual congregational meeting and dinner**

will be held on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, immediately following the worship service. Sign up for the dinner online at

[https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/dinner\\_signups](https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/dinner_signups)

or use the QR code.



**Sunshine Registration is OPEN:** Are you considering New Hanover Sunshine Learning Center for your child's early education? We are happy to announce that registration for NHELIC families opens today. We are also excited that Grace Early Learning Center ("GELC") will be relocating to Sunshine Learning Center after the current school year. GELC will bring their staff and high-quality program to NHELIC's facility for the 2026/27 school year and registration for NHELIC families is now OPEN.

Some highlights of our program are we develop the whole child through academics, socialization, gross and fine motor activities, spiritual and exploration activities using the PA Early Learning Standards. We welcome parent involvement through school wide activities and classroom activities. All GELC staff are coming from a PA Keystone Star 4 center and will be offering our children the highest quality of care in PA.

Sunshine will be open from 6:30 AM - 5:00 PM. At this time, registration is open for full-time and part-time classes for children who will be 1 - 5 years old in September. Full day childcare is available for all classes with an option to choose 3 or 5 days of care. Part-time classes for 1 - 3-year-old children will be offered 9:00 - 11:30 AM, and PreK classes will be offered from 9:00 AM - noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday or Monday through Friday. In addition, all age groups will be offered a 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday or Monday through Friday option.

For the convenience of our families, snacks are included for all morning and full day programs at Sunshine Learning Center.

Lunch is also available for our 9-3 and full day students provided by Kremmer's Food Service.

For questions about our program or registration, email [directornhslc@gmail.com](mailto:directornhslc@gmail.com) or call 610-323-9435.

**Fire Drills** If you are at NHELC and the fire alarm goes off, please exit the building as quickly and safely as possible. After you exit, walk to the far side of the parking lot across from the church office. Sunshine and church staff will be meeting there and will let you know if it is a drill and when you may return inside the building. Practicing drills is a requirement of PA regulations. Local emergency officials are made aware of a fire drill prior to the alarm going off. If an emergency triggers the alarms, our system automatically alerts all necessary local emergency services. Police and fire department will be arriving and will check the building and let staff know when it is safe to return inside. Thank you for your understanding as we learn this new procedure!

## Help Needed

**Pottstown Cluster** NHELC 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 January issue of New Hanover Highlights. Thank you for your contributions that will help those in need.

## 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

**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 Nikki Young.

**The Peer Support Ministry** webpage on the church's website ([newhanoverlutheran.org](http://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](http://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](mailto:omiweidner@gmail.com) or 484-929-5958 if you can help.

## Food Ministry

**Over 300,000 meals have been distributed!** 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 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](mailto: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

**Grieving:** Family and friends of Carol Estes and Kim Capone

Peace for violence in our area and nationally

Keeley Staples	Logan Conley	Katy Mahon-Miller
Luann Hanley	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	Robert Ganovsky	Dorothy Bingaman
Emily Ocelus	Eric & Wendy Hess	Sue Care
Deb Matthews	Marceline	Anne Eshleman
Daniel Johnson	Chris Fatzinger	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
Chuck Beck	Rich Freed	Joe
Joe	Casey Flack	Penny Frymoyer
David Helfrich, Sr.	Tara Hauck	Hazel LeVan
David Gottshall	Paul Knauer	Suzanne Dodge
Dave Pollock	Julia Ghazi	Ray Feick
Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick		Steve Morriss
Vicki Mutter	Carol Feick	Alice Nester
Linda Adams	Donna Day	
John Sander, Candis Peto, Yvonne Peto		
Dennis and Sandy Rothermel		

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# **The Wisdom Course**

By Garden Spot

The Wisdom Course helps participants uncover, appreciate and confidently share the wisdom already held within a life story. The course guides participants to focus on sharing hard earned wisdom with a younger generation.

The eight-session intergenerational storytelling journey brings residents of Frederick Living and friends in the community with local college students. Participants reflect on their life experiences, extract meaningful insights and learn to share their stories in ways that inspire and connect across generations. This course offers a transformative experience, changing how people understand themselves, each other and the purpose of their lives.

The course is held at Frederick Living the second Tuesday of the month from May through December 2026. Frederick Living is located at 2849 Big Road in Zieglerville.

## **Looking for More Information**

Garden Spot is offering an Information Session on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 PM at Frederick Living. You are encouraged to come early for a lunch at noon for Fireside Dining. RSVP to Betsy Natter at 610-754-7878, ext. 1290.