

Announcements

February 22, 2026

Today

The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Henrietta Stauffer, Janet Psota's mother.

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 or

QR Code to sign up today. Or, contact Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at 610-326-1335.



Serving Today: Steve Weidner, head usher; Brian Flack, usher; Carolyn Fleming, lector; Nikki Young, children's sermon; Sadie Hubley, acolyte

Wednesday: Scott Geiser, head usher; Georgann Geiser, usher

Next Sunday: Jim Gross, head usher; Rick Solazzo, usher; Donna Kehs, lector; Carolyn Springer, children's sermon; Genesis Garcia, acolyte; Leslie Gates and Terry Sanangelo, communion assistants

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

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 Vicar 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 and Dinner – Today, 10:00 AM,
room 1

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary
Cub Scout Pack 367 – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, room 1
Cemetery – Monday, 7:00 PM, room 37

Scouts BSA Troop 367 – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, room 1
Sunshine Learning Center Board – Tuesday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM,
room 37

Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen
Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 10:00 AM, kitchen door
Lenten Dinner – Wednesday, 5:30 – 6:25 PM, rooms 1, 11
Addiction 12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, rooms 33-34
Evening Prayer – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:00 PM, sanctuary
Chancel Choir – Wednesday, 7:15 – 8:15 PM, room 15
Troop 367 Committee – Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, room 33

Handbell Choir – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15
Addiction 12 Step – Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, rooms 33-34
Scout Crossover Set Up – Saturday, 6:00 – 9:00 PM, room 1

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
JAM – Next Sunday, 10:15 – 11:15 AM, room 21
JAM Choir Rehearsal – Next Sunday 11:00 – 11:15 AM, room
15

KFC Choir Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:00 – 11:20 AM
Praise Band Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:20 AM, sanctuary
Scout Crossover Banquet – Next Sunday, 1:00 – 6:00 PM, rooms
1, 11

Confirmation – Next Sunday, 1:30 – 3:30 PM, room 33

Continue on your journey through Lent at NHELCC. A Lenten dinner will be held on Wednesday at 5:30 PM, followed by a prayer service at 6:30 PM. Invite your family and friends to join you on Wednesdays in Lent at NHELCC.

Upcoming Events

God on Tap is on Thursday, March 5th, at Main St Pub in Bally, at 6:00 PM. This month's discussion topic will be *If you were to witness an act of public bigotry against an individual or a group, what would you do?* Example: A waiter or another individual belittling another for his/her ethnicity/skin color/dress/sexuality/other, how would you handle it? Of course this will play differently due to the environment. If you were in a Hell's Angel's Biker bar, you'd play it differently than if you were in Saville's. So, let's say you were in Saville's when this took place. Go on...." RSVP to Randy Dotterer at 610-306-0621 by noon on March 5th or if you have any questions about this event.

Now is the time to order lilies for Easter, April 5th. The suggested donation is \$12 a plant. Order forms are available on the desk in the welcome center or order online at https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/lily_signups. Orders are due by March 8th.

The NHELCL Book Club is reading *Maybe you Should Talk to Someone* by Lori Gottlieb. Join the club for dinner and book discussion at the WQ Diner in Pottstown on Tuesday, April 7th, at 6:30 PM. Any questions about the book club, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com.

Fire Drills If you are at NHELCL 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!

The 3rd Annual Community Band Extravaganza will be held at the SunnyBrook Ballroom on Saturday, March 21st, from noon – 5:00 PM. The Boyertown Alumni Concert Band and Marching

Unit will host this concert. Performances by additional bands include: Oley Valley Alumni and Community Band, Wyomissing Community Band, Pottsgrove Community Band, Exeter Community Band and Quakertown Band. Tickets in advance cost \$10, or \$15 at the door. To buy tickets online, go to SoulJoels.com. SunnyBrook is located at 50 Sunnybrook Road in Pottstown.

Help Needed

Your Garden of Hope team is looking for a Lead Gardener.

Last year this team grew 3 1/4 tons of organic produce making an enormous difference to our less fortunate neighbors. If interested in leading a team of amazing volunteers, contact Steve Weidner at foodministry@newhanoverluthran.org.

Pottstown Cluster NHELCS 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?

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 NHELCS? 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) 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

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

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 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 Kim Capone and Robert Ganovsky

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	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	Steve Morriss
Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick		Vicki Mutter
Carol Feick	Alice Nester	Linda Adams
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Dennis and Sandy Rothermel		Janet Linskey
James Dawson		

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