

Announcements

April 12, 2026

Today

The Word in Season devotional is presented to the glory of God and in honor of his wonderful, diversified world which he created by Janet Psota.

The sponsor signups for 2026 is available on signupgenius 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: Bill Allen, head usher; Brian Flack, usher; Ed Becker, lector; Donna Kehs, children's sermon; and Collins Quigley, acolyte

Next Sunday: Steve Weidner, head usher

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

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

JAM – Today, 10:15 – 11:15 AM, room 21

JAM Choir Rehearsal – Today 11:00 – 11:15 AM, room 15

KFC Choir Rehearsal – Today, 11:00 – 11:20 AM

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

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Cub Scout Pack 367 – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, rooms 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 37

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

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

Walnut Woods Service – Wednesday, 10:00 AM, offsite

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

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

Handbell Choir – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:00 PM, room 15

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

Council – Thursday, 6:30 PM, room 37

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

Garden of Hope Planting – Saturday, 9:00 AM

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

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

Upcoming Events

Garden of Hope We have BIG plans for the garden this year! We plan to allocate a couple rows of raised beds for our school children so they can experience God's work in action as they plants seeds, water them, and watch them grow. We're also adding

a washbasin to make the cleaning of our harvested produce a little easier. Our new Lead Gardener Jim Mack and the Food Ministry are identifying more convenient ways to volunteer in the garden, so keep an eye out for more information on volunteer opportunities. Last year we produced 3 ¼ tons of organic produce that we gave to local Food Banks. None of this is possible without the dedication and support of our congregation and our neighbor volunteers.

If you enjoy working with your hands, playing in dirt, or simply like the camaraderie of friends, come out and join us. The garden's first planting is scheduled for **Saturday, April 18th, at 9:00 AM** (rain date April 25th). No experience necessary!

Feel free to reach out to Jim Mack at jimmack203@gmail.com or Steve Weidner at steveusamail@duck.com for more information.

Gathering of Daughters, Sunday, May 3rd, 11:30 AM In celebration of Mother's Day, daughters of all ages are invited to a Gathering of Daughters featuring a **luau with luau themed foods, crafts and activities**. Come for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. A sign-up sheet is available on the desk in the Welcome Center or you may sign up at https://newhanoverlutheran.org/Gathering_of_Daughters.

Reservations are due by Sunday, April 26th. Those attending are asked to participate in the service project by bringing diapers and/or baby wipes to be distributed to local families in need through Boyertown Area Multi-Service.

If you have any questions, contact Jean Moser at 610-367-0342.

Youth Sunday is NEXT SUNDAY, April 19th! Our youth have been working hard to create a meaningful worship experience for the congregation. We'll also be doing a special collection that morning to support our Camp Falckner program. Join us for this special service led by our youth!

Camp Falckner will be held July 27-30, 2026 at the church picnic grove. This overnight camp is open to all youth who will have finished grades 5 -12. This year's theme is God is Greater. We'll discover how God's power and presence are greater than any of life's highs or lows. Registration is available [online](#), but there are also paper copies available in the Welcome Center. Reach out to [Lindsey Waltermyer](#) with any questions.

The Boyertown Area Alumni Marching Unit will hold their 50th anniversary spring concert on Saturday, April 25th, at 2:00 PM at the Boyertown Senior High School Auditorium. Tickets are sold at Aunt Nannie's Bake Shop (913 Rte. 100, Bechtelsville) and Bachman's Music (38 S. Reading Ave., Boyertown). Adult tickets are \$10, student tickets are \$2 and under age six are free. For more information, visit the band's website at www.boyertownalumnmarchingunit.org.

Preston's Pantry 8th Annual Food Drive and Community Day hosted by the Boyertown Area Multi-Service will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Activities include: Bounce House Slide, Joust Arena, Rock Painting/Crafts, Balloon Animals, Face Painting, Caricature Artist, DJ, 9 Hole Mini Golf Petting Zoo, Food Trucks and Zootopia Meet and Greet (11 AM – 1 PM). The event is free but participants are asked to bring a non-perishable item for Preston's Pantry. Multi-Service is located at 200 West Spring Street in Boyertown.

Help Needed

Local families in the Pottstown need our help. Throughout the months of April, May and June, NHELCC 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 and fellowship hall for the donations. For a list of items most needed, see the April issue of New Hanover Highlights. Thank you for your contributions that will help those in need.

A special thank you to all who donated during the winter months to the Pottstown Cluster boxes. With the help of a Thrivent Action Team project, we donated 218 pounds of food and personal care items.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the March collection for the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. We received 50 lbs. of non-perishable items to help our neighbors in the Boyertown area.

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 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 Vicar 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. NHELCC 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! NHELHC’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 Doris Callow

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
Donna Day	John Sander, Candis Peto, Yvonne Peto	
Dennis and Sandy Rothermel		Janet Linskey
James Dawson		

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