

Announcements

April 26, 2026

Today

The bulletin is presented to the glory of God and in honor of Noah's 13th birthday by Ryan, Lindsey and Hannah Waltermyer.

The flowers are presented to the glory of God and in memory of her husband, Herbert D. Burkhart, and in honor of Erin Eisenhart's 23rd birthday by Janet Burkhart.

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: Ed Becker, head usher; Doug and Bette Senne, ushers; Erica Lucas, lector; Ariel Hansley, children's sermon; Maddie Hansley, acolyte

Next Sunday: Barbara Repa, head usher; Rick Solazzo, usher; Scott Geiser, lector; Nikki Young, children's sermon; Genesis Garcia, acolyte; Terry Santangelo and Carolyn Fleming, communion assistants

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

Due today! Reservations for the **Gathering of Daughters** on Sunday, May 3rd, 11:30 AM are due today. 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.

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.

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

Sunshine Learning Center Board – 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

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 – 7:30 PM, room 15

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

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

Coffee with Council – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 14

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

Gathering of Daughters – Next Sunday, 11:30 AM, rooms 1, 11

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

Upcoming Events

The Council will hold a “Coffee with the Council”, an open informational session after the May 3, 2026 worship service (prior to the 11:30 AM Gathering of Daughters event). NHELCC has a lot of activity and projects moving forward in 2026 and the Council would like to continue sharing information, listen to feedback, and answer questions. Plan to grab a cup of coffee and join the conversation in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Help decorate the church red with geraniums for Pentecost on Sunday, May 24th. Order forms are available on the desk in the Welcome Center. Orders are due by May 3rd.

Rainforest Falls Kids Camp 2026 June 15 - 19, 2026, 9:00 AM

– **Noon** Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees and colorful creatures.

Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a life-long adventure, discovering the nature of God, and exploring what it means to be rooted in relationship with their creator, a safe place in life’s storms.

NHELCC’s Kids Camp is for Pre-K (four-year-olds and **MUST BE POTTY TRAINED**) through Rising fifth graders.

Registration is now open. Sign up today at

<https://vbspro.events/p/nhelckidscamp2026>.

The NHELCC Book Club is reading *The People We Keep* by Allison Larkin. Join the club for dinner and book discussion at the WQ Diner in Pottstown on Tuesday, June 2nd, at 6:30 PM. Any questions about the book club, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com.

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 Waltermeyer](#) with any questions.

Pancake Breakfast and Car Wash The Scouts will host a pancake breakfast on Saturday, May 9th, from 9:00 – 11:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. In addition, the scouts will be in the parking lot holding a car wash.

Help Needed

Local families in the Pottstown area need our help. Throughout the months of April, May and June, NHELK 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.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Boyertown Lodge #708 is holding a Drive up & Drop off Food Drive to support Preston's Pantry in Boyertown. The Odd Fellows will be collecting non-perishable food at Morrell's Funeral Home located at 124 West Philadelphia Avenue today, Sunday, April 26th, from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

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.

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. NHELHC 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	Kevin Fleming	Sharon Tracey
Carolyn and Rodney Snell		

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