

Announcements

May 17, 2026

Today

We welcome Michael William Richardson, who will be baptized this morning. Michael is the son of David and Laura Richardson and little brother of Audrey.

The bulletin is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Randy and Vicki Dotterer.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Gary and Jean Moser.

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: Steve Weidner, head usher; Jim Mack, usher; Faye Weidner, lector; Janine Springer, children's sermon; Alexa Moser, acolyte

Next Sunday: George Trowbridge, head usher; Ryan Waltermeyer, usher; Carolyn Fleming, lector; Carolyn Springer, children's sermon; Landon Woods, acolyte; Tom and Jayne McHugh, communion assistants

Altar Guild members who are serving this month: Jean Moser, Jane Johnson and Jo Anne Wirt.

Join the Rejoicing Spirits service this afternoon at 3:00 in NHELCC's sanctuary for an uplifting worship experience. The Rejoicing Spirits ministry is geared toward people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, but provides a meaningful worship experience for people of all abilities. Come at 2:30 for refreshments and a social. For more information, contact Donna Kehs or Stacey Rothermel.

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

New Members Session – Today, 10:15 AM, room 14

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

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

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

Rejoicing Spirits – Today, 2:30 – 4:00 PM

Organ Repair Work – Monday, 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

AARP Board – Monday, 10:00 AM, room 1

AARP – Monday, 11:00 AM, room 1

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, room 4

Organ Repair Work – Tuesday, 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Scouts BSA Troop 367 – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, picnic grove

Reconciling in Christ – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, room 37

Organ Repair Work – Wednesday, 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Multi-purpose Room Floor Cleaning – Wednesday, 7:00 AM -
midnight

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

Organ Repair Work – Thursday, 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Multi-purpose Room Floor Cleaning – Thursday, midnight –
noon

Sunshine Learning Center Graduation – Thursday, 6:00 PM,
room 1

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

Council – Thursday, 6:30 PM, room 37

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

Doris Callow Funeral – Thursday, 8:00 AM

Organ Repair Work – Friday, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Handbell Choir Setup – Saturday, 9:00 AM

Worship Service – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online

Food Drop Off – Next Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

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Upcoming Events

It's almost time for the Sunshine Learning Center/Grace Early Learning Center merger! We need all hands-on deck to move

classroom furniture, boxed teacher supplies, toys, books, etc.

Team work makes the dream work. HEEEEEEEEELLLLLLLP!!!

However you would like to say it, we could use your help. The move will occur on Tuesday, May 26th, at 9:00 AM, rain or shine.

We will meet at Grace Lutheran Church, 660 N. Charlotte St., Pottstown. We plan to rent one or two box trucks to move large items. If you are willing to drive the truck, contact Donna Kehs.

We are also asking for pickup trucks to move smaller items.

If you cannot help with the physical move on May 26th but want to help, food donations will be appreciated! THANK YOU for helping out in whatever way you can! A

SignUpGenius has been created to sign up to volunteer and/or donate food at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-63940076-graceslc>.

Also, in case you'd rather have a QR Code it's here.



If you have any questions, reach out to Donna Kehs, 610-212-2673 or Vicar Nikki.

The Reconciling in Christ team is collecting donations during the month of June for Reconciling Works, a non-profit organization, to fulfill our annual donation commitment. Reconciling Works provides outreach and education for congregations on their Reconciling in Christ journey and strengthens relationships with current Reconciling in Christ partners.



There will be a container in the narthex for cash or check donations and a designated QR code is provided to donate through [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly). If you are writing a check, please make it out to NHELCC with Reconciling Works in the memo space. Thank you for considering making a donation to support this organization.

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.

The annual chicken dinner will be held on Sunday, June 14th, at the picnic grove. Dinner will be available from 3:00 – 6:00 PM. Plan to stay and enjoy the lively music by Sons of Phelan (John, Jeremy and Orin) from 4:00 – 7:00 PM.

Reminder

Attention committee and group leaders. Be sure to turn out the lights when leaving the church.

Help Needed

Local families in the Pottstown area need our help. Now through June, NHELCL 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 May issue of *New Hanover Highlights*. Thank you for your contributions that will help those in need.

Want to be a member?

If you are interested in becoming a member of NHELCL, contact Vicar Nikki on a Sunday via Voice from the Pew Cards, which are found in the pew rack or email Vicar Nikki at nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org. On Sunday, May 17th, we will have time to get together and introduce you to NHELCL and answer any questions you may have. We will meet after worship.

Resources

Want to keep up with all the latest news from NHELCL?

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.

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 Marguerite Nyce, Patricia's mother and Phil Underkoffler, Leslie Gates' father

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 and Candis Sander,	Yvonne Peto
Dennis and Sandy Rothermel		Janet Linskey
James Dawson	Kevin Fleming	Sharon Tracey
Carolyn and Rodney Snell		Diane Davidheiser
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