

Announcements

August 16, 2026

Today

We welcome Lenore Gates, who will be received into membership this morning.

The flowers are presented to the glory of God and in honor of her granddaughter Cora's eighth birthday by Corrine Bartholomew.

The sponsor signup schedule 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: Marty Hauser, head usher; Alivia Singley, usher; Kaydence Singley, lector; Janine Springer, children's sermon, Hannah Waltermeyer, acolyte

Next Sunday: Jim Gross, head usher; Brian Flack, usher; Nancy Gross, lector; Nikki Young, children's sermon; Noah Waltermeyer, acolyte

Altar Guild members who are serving this month: 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.

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.

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

Praise Band Rehearsal – Today, 10:15 AM, sanctuary

Rejoicing Spirits – Today, 2:30 – 4:00 PM, room 1, sanctuary

Garden Harvesting and Maintenance – Monday, 7:00 AM,
Garden of Hope

Staff Meeting – Monday, 10:00 AM, room 20A

AARP Board – Monday, 10:00 AM, room 1

AARP – Monday, 11:30 AM, room 1

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

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

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

Addiction 12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 14

Mini Golf and Ice Cream – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, Waltz's Golf
Farm, Limerick

Garden Harvesting and Maintenance – Thursday, 7:00 AM,
Garden of Hope

Council – Thursday, 6:30 PM, room 7

Addiction 12 Step – Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, room 14

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

Set Up for The Great Swamp Picnic – Friday, 6:00 PM, picnic
grove

Picnic Setup – Saturday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, picnic grove

The Great Swamp Picnic – Saturday, 4:00 – 8:00 PM, picnic
grove

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

Praise Band Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, sanctuary

Ice Cream & Mini Golf - Wednesday, August 19th Join us at Waltz Golf Farm for some mini golf and ice cream on Wednesday, August 19th, at 7:00 PM. We will have some fun prizes. Ice cream will be order what you want. You may pay for your golf game when you get there. The cost is \$10 or \$11, depending on which course you choose. **Please sign up by today, August 16th**, so they can be prepared for our group. Sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-64921250-mini>.

Upcoming Events

Backpack Blessing Students, teachers, and school staff are welcome to join us on Sunday, August 23rd, for our 9:00 AM worship service. Bring your backpack or just come up front to take part in the blessing.

Interested in our newest youth shirt? If you would like to purchase our “God is Greater than the Highs and Lows” shirt, you are in luck! Email Hayley Quigley (hquigley19@gmail.com) if you are interested. Shirt cost will be \$15-20, and payment is required to place your order. More information to come!

Join a choir Music is a treasured part of our life together as an ELCA congregation, proclaiming God’s grace and giving voice to our faith. Through hymns, anthems, and special music, our choir and musicians enrich our worship, inspire our hearts, and help lead the congregation in joyful praise. We are deeply grateful for those who share their musical gifts in service to Christ and the church. If you enjoy singing and are looking for a meaningful way to serve, we warmly invite you to join our choir. Whether you have years of experience or simply a love of music and a willing spirit, your voice can help lead our congregation in joyful praise as we “sing to the Lord a new song” (Psalm 96:1). There is a place for you in our music ministry. Together, we celebrate God’s abundant love and help our congregation sing with joy, hope, and thanksgiving. To learn more about our adult or children’s choir, or to become a member, contact Patricia Nyce, director of music, at 267-252-3020 or patricia.nyce@newhanoverlutheran.org. We would be delighted to welcome you and your family to our music ministry!

The NHELC Book Club is reading “6:40 to Montreal” by Eva Jurczyk. Join the club for dinner and book discussion at the WQ Diner in Pottstown on Tuesday, October 6th, at 6:30 PM. Any questions about the book club, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com.

God on Bikes Do you ride a motorcycle? We already have God on Tap; would you be interested in God on Bikes? Weather permitting, motorcyclists will travel to an “interesting” place, that would include a lunch stop. Participants will help dictate the day we ride, be it a Saturday or during the week. All input of “an interesting place” would be greatly appreciated! It doesn’t matter what kind of bike you ride! Text or email Randy Dotterer at 610-306-0621 or email him at RDPTW6489@Gmail.com with questions or if you are interested.

Concert Honors First Responders The Boyertown Area Alumni Marching Unit along with the Boyertown Area High School and Middle School East and West Show Choirs will offer a musical presentation on Friday, September 11th, from 7:00 – 9:00 PM at the Boyertown Middle School West. A free will offering will be received at the door.

Help Needed

Local families in the Pottstown area need our help. Throughout the months of August, September and October, 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 and fellowship hall for the donations. For a list of items most needed, see the August issue of New Hanover Highlights. Thank you for your contributions that will help those in need. Also, a special thank you to all who donated during the spring months to the Pottstown Cluster boxes. With the help of a Thrivent Action Team project, we donated 155 pounds of food and personal care items.

The Food Ministry is looking to fill the following vacancies:

- **Volunteer Coordinator:** Assigns meal delivery drivers, meal staging support and kitchen help.

- **Purchasing Agent:** This person will purchase produce, kitchen supplies, packaging materials and manage food and meal inventories.
- **Cooks:** Two positions are needed immediately, more positions possible. Chefs Chris F & Jim D are cooking one day every four weeks each. We are looking for at least two other cooks to do the same to fill a four-week period. Chefs Chris and Jim will get the new cooks familiar with the kitchen and activities required.

Contact Steve Weidner at foodministry@newhanoverlutheran.org if interested or to learn more. Job descriptions are available.

Reminder

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

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 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. NHELC 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

Help is needed in the church garden. Can you help with harvesting and maintenance on Mondays and/or Thursdays throughout the summer beginning at 7:00 AM? And, if that doesn't fit your schedule, can you pull weeds at your convenience? NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. Any questions, contact Jim Mack at jimmack203@gmail.com or Steve Weidner at foodministry@newhanoverlutheran.org. Your help is appreciated.

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! NHELC'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

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		Carol Feick
Alice Nester	Linda Adams	Donna Day
Janet Linskey	James Dawson	Diane Davidheiser
Timmy Fabian	Betty Hinrichs	Steve Weidner
Carolyn and Rodney Snell		Judy Moser
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We are a Reconciling in Christ Church

Save the Date!

THE GREAT SWAMP PICNIC

Saturday, August 22nd

4:00 – 8:00 PM

The Great Swamp Picnic, a 100+ year tradition, is an annual gathering for NHELC members as well as the community. Lots of food and fun for all! Hot roast beef sandwiches, pulled pork sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, French fries, kettle soups, ice cream and more! Free kids games and music by the **Boyertown Area Alumni Band**.

We need your help! Lots of volunteer opportunities are available leading up to and the day of the picnic.

Friday, August 21st

6:00 PM – Set Up in the Grove

Saturday, August 22nd

9:00 AM – Final Set Up

4:00 – 8:00 PM – Volunteering during the picnic, anytime

Calling all bakers! We need your help! Please consider making and donating a cake or pie. Attendees of the picnic always enjoy an amazing selection of delicious pies and cakes. You can drop off your donation at the Grove on Friday, August 21st, at 6:00 PM or anytime on Saturday, August 22nd, beginning at 9:00 AM. If you are willing to help or have any questions about volunteering or the picnic, contact Sally Sugita at 610-505-9682.

Flea Market Treasures

Got some attic treasures that need a new home? Bring them to the picnic grove on Friday, August 21st, for the picnic flea market. Sorry, we cannot accept large furniture or electronics. Any questions, call Vicki Mutter at 484-363-0639.

The picnic grove is located on Swamp Picnic Road between Rte. 663 and Lutheran Road. We hope to see you there!