

Announcements

September 6, 2026

Today

The flowers on the altar are sponsored to the glory of God and in celebration of Bryce Manthorne's birthday by his wife Jane.

The communion is sponsored to the glory and honor of God and in celebration of our teachers and students in any aspect of education by Janet Psota.

The sponsor signup schedule is available on signupgenius on the church's website. Click on the link [newhanoverlutheran.org/worship signups 2026](https://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; Zach Quigley, usher; Faye Weidner, lector; Nicole Ewing, children's sermon; Genesis Gacia, acolyte, Tom and Jayne McHugh, communion assistants

Next Sunday: Barbara Repa, head usher; Terry Santangelo, usher; Kady Singley, lector; Vicki Mutter, children's sermon; Sadie Hubley, acolyte

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

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.

Due to church staff taking vacations and fulfilling responsibilities that take them outside the church facility, you are

encouraged to call and make an appointment before coming to the church. The church office phone number is 610-326-1335.

This Week

Worship Service – Today, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online

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

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

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

Finance – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, Zoom

Women's Breakfast – Wednesday, 8:30 AM, Shorty's Sunflower Café, Pottstown

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

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

Endowment – Wednesday, 10:30 AM, room 1

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

Food Ministry Board – Wednesday, 6:30 PM, Zoom

Cub Committee – Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, room 7

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

Handbell Choir Rehearsal – Wednesday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15

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

District Scout Committee – Thursday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, room 1

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, 8:00 AM, Brookside Family Restaurant

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

God's Work Our Hands Service Project – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 1

Kids for Christ Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:00 – 11:20 AM, sanctuary

Praise Band Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:20 AM, sanctuary

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 7th, for the holiday.

Garden of Hope volunteers will not be gathering on Monday to harvest due to the holiday. Volunteers are encouraged to come out on Thursday morning for harvest and maintenance.

Women's Breakfast is this Wednesday, 8:30 AM at Shorty's Sunflower Café on North Charlotte Street in Pottstown.

Reservations are needed. To reserve your seat, contact Lynn Fegley at 484-300-6281 by Tuesday noon. And don't forget, husbands are invited too.

The Men's Breakfast is this Saturday at 8:00 AM at Brookside Family Restaurant. Come out for good food and friendly conversation. No registration is required. Any questions, contact Ron Fegley at 484-300-3025.

Upcoming Events

God's Work Our Hands kicks off the Fall schedule next Sunday following the worship service. We will assemble thank you kits for healthcare workers as we did last year, making cards and some other things. Deacon Ali Clark with Ken Crest will be assisting us. Also, we will have a snack and drinks that day.

Church Picnic is on Sunday, September 20th, at 11:30 AM in the picnic grove. The Fellowship team will provide the main dish and floats. Bring a side or a salad to share! Back by popular demand is the "Cake walk". We need folks to bring a cake or dessert (full dessert) to be used for the Cake walk. If you are willing to bring one to be used for the Cake walk game, sign up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-65239304-cake>.

An adult education class begins on Sunday, September 20th, following the worship service. The study will focus on lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer in *A House Divided and a World on Fire*. Explore the life and theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the lessons we can use as we live at the intersection of faith and civic life today. Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran pastor and theologian living in Nazi Germany, who eventually joined the resistance and was arrested and killed before the end of WWII. This six-week curriculum was compiled by Dr. Lori Brandt Hale, an internationally renowned Bonhoeffer scholar and president of the

International Bonhoeffer Society – English Language Section. Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania is a partner in distributing this study to congregations, inspiring a deeper conversation and discernment about how we live as disciples. Contact Vicar Nikki with any questions.

Confirmation begins on Sunday, September 20th. Our confirmation program is for 7th and 8th graders typically. If you have a student interested in the program, contact Vicar Nikki if you have not received an email from her.

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!

Interested in joining our praise band? Anyone is welcome! Regular rehearsals will resume on Sunday, September 13th. KFC (for youth in grades 6-12) practices at 11:00 AM on Sunday mornings, and Grace band (the adult praise band) practices at 11:20. Rehearsals are held in the sanctuary. Reach out to Lindsey Waltermeyer at GoldieLW@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Interested in serving on the Altar Guild? Altar Guild will meet on Monday, September 14th, at 2:30 PM in the sanctuary. Anyone interested in serving on this committee is invited to attend.

Coffee with Council will be held on Sunday, September 27th, following the worship service. Grab a cup of coffee and join the

NHELC Council for an open informational session to share information, listen to feedback and answer questions.

Interested in our newest youth shirt? To purchase the “God Is Greater than the Highs and Lows” shirt, scan this QR code or click the link

(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe_sn1edlYDkEpmHN9KhVTsY13h6EeF4h3n5F9PSQSotlYQkw/viewform?usp=header) to place your order today.

Email Hayley Quigley (hquigley19@gmail.com) if you have additional questions. Cost is \$20-22 and should be given to Hayley. Payment is required to place your order. All proceeds will support the National Youth Gathering 2027. Order deadline will be in September but get yours today!



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.

A Seniors Ministry Event, on Sharing Stores from Beyond” will be held on Thursday, October 8th, at 1:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. We will welcome the seniors group from St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Telford, who will join us in learning more about the history of our church as well as to hear stories about some of the special folks “in residence” in New Hanover Lutheran Church’s cemetery. Presenters are Amanda Schlick, Carol Detweiler and others. Light refreshments and fellowship will follow the storytelling. You won’t want to miss this event!

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 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. Now through 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 latest issue of *New Hanover Highlights*. Thank you for your contributions that will help those in need.

The Food Ministry has 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 – Cooks are needed immediately. Jim Davidheiser has committed to preparing meals two days every four weeks and we are looking for at least two other cooks to do the same. Schedules are extremely flexible. 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	Judy Moser
Carolyn and Rodney Snell		Jackson Bernhard

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SEPTEMBER 21 & 22



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= WILL BE DONATED! =



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NEW HANOVER ELC YOUTH GROUP
TO HELP SEND THEM TO THE
NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING
next summer! ♥

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH! ♥

DOES YOUR CHILD LOVE TO SING?

Why not join our Church Children's Choir J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)?

Do you love to sing, laugh, and have fun? Then we have the perfect place for you! Our Children's Choir is looking for enthusiastic boys and girls who want to make joyful music and praise God with their voices.

No experience is needed—just bring your smile, your excitement, and your love for God!

Why Should You Join?

 **Praise God Through Music** – Use your voice to worship and glorify Him.

 **Have Fun!** – Sing exciting songs, learn new music, and enjoy every rehearsal.

 **Make New Friends** – Meet other children who love God and enjoy singing together.

 **Build Confidence** – Grow your singing skills and shine as you sing during church services.

 **Serve God with Your Gifts** – Every voice matters, and God has given each of us unique talents to share.

Come be part of something special! Together we'll sing, worship, learn, and grow in God's love while making wonderful memories. Invite a friend to join with you!

Everyone is Welcome!

Ages: 3 to 12

Rehearsals: Every Sunday. 11am to 11:15am. First rehearsal will be September 20th.

Location: Choir Room

For More Information

Choir Director: Patricia Nyce

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We can't wait to welcome you to our Children's Choir family!