

Announcements

September 20, 2026

Today

The bulletin is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Bill and Lila Steltz by the Tracey family.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in loving memory of John O. Karns, by Joan Karns.

The sponsor signup schedule is available on signuptiongenius 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: George Trowbridge, head usher; Jim Mack, usher; Sam Young, lector and acolyte; Nikki Young, children's sermon

Next Sunday: Marty Hauser, head usher; Pat Lucas, usher; Carolyn Fleming, lector; Donna Kehs, children's sermon; Caleb Woods, 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.

Join us for the annual Church Picnic this morning 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! Need help finding the picnic grove? Ask an usher for directions.

An adult education class begins today, following the worship service in the Multi-purpose room. 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.

Join the Rejoicing Spirits service this afternoon at 3:00 in NHELC'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.

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

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

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) – Today, 10:15 AM, room 1

J.A.M. Choir Rehearsal – Today, 10:55 – 11:20 AM, room 15

Kids for Christ Band Rehearsal – Today, 11:00 – 11:20 AM, sanctuary

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

Church Picnic – Today, 11:30 AM, picnic grove

Confirmation – Today, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, St. James, Limerick

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

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

AARP Board – Monday, 10:00 AM, room 1

AARP – Monday, 11:30 AM, room 1

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Cub Pack 367 – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, rooms 1, 14, 24-25, 28-34, 37

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

Sunshine Learning Center Board – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, room 7

Reconciling in Christ – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, welcome center

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, room 14

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

Troop 367 Committee – Thursday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, room 7

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

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

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

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

J.A.M. – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 1

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

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Dine and Donate event to benefit youth attending the National Youth Gathering. Get your flyer (it's needed to benefit the youth) in the September issue of *New Hanover Highlights*. Dine in or take out your dinner at the Grind on Monday and Tuesday this week. A portion of your purchase will benefit NHELC youth attending the National Youth Gathering next summer.

Upcoming Events

Harvest Home is next Sunday. Bring non-perishable items to be distributed to those in need through the Pottstown Cluster.

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? Our apparel options have expanded for the “God is Greater than the Highs and Lows” flare! Along with t-shirts, we have long-sleeve shirts, hoodies, crewneck sweatshirts, and a juliet mockneck. Scan the QR code or click the link



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VTsY13h6EeF4h3n5F9PSQSotlYQkw/viewform?usp=header) to place your order today. Email Hayley Quigley (hquigley19@gmail.com) if you have additional questions. See order form for pricing. Payment is required to finalize your order. All proceeds will support the National Youth Gathering 2027. Order deadline is September 30th!

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 Stories 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!

Seasonal fun for all at the Pumpkin Frolic Sunday, October 25th, 3 – 5 PM The annual Pumpkin Frolic will soon be here! This is an enjoyable event for all ages. Come join the fun of pumpkin related activities including pumpkin painting, fall crafts, and games. Participants will be painting pumpkins, not carving them for safety purposes. Pumpkins and paint will be provided. We will close with a light meal consisting of hotdogs and snack foods.

The Pumpkin Frolic is a Thrivent Action team service project so there is no charge; however, **bring some nonperishable food for Preston’s Pantry** at Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Watch for a signup sheet on the desk in the welcome center or go online. To be sure enough pumpkins will be available, **sign up by Monday, October 19th**. This event will be held in fellowship hall.

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.

Corey & Kimberly’s Ride Continues – a pursuit to raise awareness and help those who are struggling with substance use disorder find their way. Saturday, October 3rd, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM at Alburtis Fire

Company social Hall, 328 S. Main St., Alburtis. Motorcycle ride (11 AM), food, face painting, vendors, programs, speakers, live music, cake walk, basket raffles and video game truck. For more information, go to www.ridecontinues.org.

In God's Image (IGI) is a Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod (SEPA) sponsored event designed to help congregations explore how to fully welcome all who are beloved and made in God's image. This learning day will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2026, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM at Reformation Lutheran Church, 102 West Rose Tree Road, Media, PA 19036. Carpooling is available. If you are interested in learning more or attending the event, scan this QR code. If you have any questions contact Sharon Tracey (LBD36@aol.com).



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
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