Announcements
November 1, 2026

Today

We welcome Pastor Erika Wesch, who is leading the worship service this morning.

The bulletin and communion are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of their parents by Steve and Faye Weidner.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Sam's 13th birthday by Josh and Vicar Nikki Young.

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: Bill Allen, head usher; Doug and Bette Senne, ushers; Harry White, lector; Dee Singley, children's sermon; Hannah Waltermyer, acolyte; Donna Kehs and Bethlyn Bechtel, communion assistants

Next Sunday: Dee Singley, head usher; Kye Singley, Terry Santangelo, Alivia and Kady Singley, ushers; Donna Kehs, lector; Janine Springer, children's sermon; Alivia Singley, acolyte

Altar Guild members who are serving this month: Nancy Gross, Kay Kurtz and Janet Psota

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?

In the event of a pastoral emergency during Vicar Nikki's vacation, contact the church office, 610-326-1335, Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. After hours, contact Council President Todd Rothermel, today – Tuesday or Vice-president Marty Hauser, Wednesday – Saturday.

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
Kids for Christ Band Rehearsal – Today, 10:00 – 10:30 AM, sanctuary
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
Grace Band Rehearsal – Today, 11:20 AM, sanctuary
Confirmation – Today, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, St. James Limerick

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary
Cub Pack 367 – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, room 1

Election – Tuesday, 6:00 AM – 9:00 PM, room 1

Sunshine Learning Center Staff – Wednesday, 7:45 – 8:45 AM, room 1
Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen
Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 10:00 AM, kitchen door
Sunshine Learning Center Staff – Wednesday, 12:30 – 1:30 PM, room 7
Addiction 12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, welcome center
Chancel Choir – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:45 PM, room 15
Property – Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, room 7

God on Tap – Thursday, 6:30 PM, Main Street Pub, Bally
Handbell Choir Rehearsal –Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, sanctuary
Addiction 12 Step – Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, welcome center

Gardening – Saturday, 9:00 AM, Garden of Hope
New Hanover Township Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – Saturday, 3:00 – 10:30 PM, room 1
Lego Bingo – Saturday, 4:00 – 9:00 PM, Sassamansville Fire Company

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God on Tap is this Thursday, November 5th, 6 PM at the Main St. Pub in Bally. Come for dinner, drinks and discussion on "Thanksgiving is around the corner. With regard to our church, I am thankful that _____." Be prepared to elaborate. For more information and to RSVP, contact Randy Dotterer via email at rdptw6489@gmail.com or text at 610-306-0621 by noon on November 5th.

Our gardeners have harvested over 2,400 lbs. (over a ton) of fresh organic produce this year and are asking for <u>your</u> help closing the Garden of Hope for the season. The tasks are simple, no skills necessary and children are welcome too. The date is **this Saturday, November 7th, at 9:00 AM**. Bring your friends and neighbors!

LEGO Bingo To Benefit the National Youth Gathering Trip
Please note: This is a ticketed event! Come one and come all to our LEGO Bingo on **Saturday, November 7th**, at Sassamansville Fire Company - 1865 Hoffmansville Road.

Doors open	4:00
Kitchen open for food	4:30 – 6:00
Start selling bingo packages	5:30
Bingo begins	6:30

Tickets are $30 for 20 games. There will be a blackout bingo, raffles and 50/50, all to support our youth. Tickets will be sold in the welcome center or contact the church office. Also, watch for

flyers to distribute as well. Come out for fun and to support our youth on this great trip!

LEGO Donations

Also, you can help by donating LEGO sets for our LEGO bingo to allow our youth to raise more funds. Any name-brand LEGO sets are fine. For smaller sets, we will package them together. We have an Amazon wish list to help, but feel free to shop around. If you find a sale – GREAT! If you are really up for an adventure, check Facebook Marketplace. Sets must be NEW and unopened. Any donations can be brought to Vicar Nikki in the church office! Here is the Amazon wish list - https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3ION1CNCX00M3?ref_=wl_share.

The NHELC Book Club is reading "Like Mother, Like Mother" by Susan Rieger. Join the club for dinner and book discussion at the WQ Diner in Pottstown on Tuesday, December 1st, at 6:30 PM. Any questions about the book club, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com.

Upcoming Events

Sunshine Learning Center is holding a Moyer Hoagie Sale for Friday, November 20th. Italian, ham and turkey hoagies are available with or without onions. All hoagies have cheese, lettuce and tomatoes. Hoagies cost $7 and are available for pick up on November 20th from 11:30 AM – 4:30 PM. Flyers and order forms are available in the Welcome Center. Make checks payable to Sunshine Learning Center. Place your order form and payment in the specially marked envelopes also available in the welcome center and place it in the offering plate. Orders are due by Thursday, November 12th.

The Zion Choral, an 80-member choir presents a "Hope of Heaven" concert this afternoon at the Trinity EC Church at 3:00 PM. Trinity is located at 250 Sweinhart Road in Boyertown. For more information, go to www.zionchoral.com or follow the choir on Facebook at Facebook@ZionChoral.

"Salute to Our Veterans" concert, sponsored by The Boyertown Rotary Club, will be held on Sunday, November 8th, at 3:00 PM at

St John's Lutheran Church. Featured will be the Boyertown East West Middle School Show Choir and the keynote speaker, Commander John Greason, U.S. Coast Guard (retired), and Bronze Star recipient. St. John's is located at 45 North Reading Avenue in Boyertown.

Falkner Swamp United Church of Christ is hosting an organ concert on Sunday, November 8th, at 3:00 PM. Organists featured are Vincent Ryan, minister of music and organist at Advent Lutheran Church in Harleysville, and Philip Crush, music director and organist at Trinity Lutheran Church in Perkasie. A welcome reception will follow the concert.

Help Needed

Turkey donations are needed for the Thanksgiving meal for recipients of the Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry. Bring your turkeys to the kitchen on Wednesday or Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM.

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

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.

Thank You

Thank you for your continuous donation of calendars. Keep up the good work. We will be sending them on to the Phoenix Prison as we receive them. A simple act like the giving of a calendar can absolutely "make one's day."

Prayer Requests

Phoenix Prison: During the Sunday church service at Phoenix, a time is provided for the men to write a prayer request. These prayers are then sent to the Rev. Gates to be shared among many churches and individuals. You can support the inmates by praying their prayer requests.

I pray for peace on earth and for my brothers here and for their families. Thank you Lord, for waking me up for another day to show your love to people. Amen.

I would like to send out a prayer to the hopeless people on the streets. The weather is getting colder and we don't want them to freeze. - John

Grieving: Family and friends of Betty Karver

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
Luann Hanley
Maxwell Girard
Pr. Kork Moyer
Raul Castro
Wilma Lahr
Doug Weaver
Eric & Wendy Hess
Marceline
Chris Fatzinger
Jen Perez
Barb & Tom Faust
Pam Abbott
Pr. Jennifer Phelps
Carla Hausmann
Lucille Powell
Rich Freed
Casey Flack
Tara Hauck
Paul Knauer
Julia Ghazi
Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick
Alice Nester
Janet Linskey
Timmy Fabian
Carolyn and Rodney Snell
Sandy Seasholtz

Logan Conley
William Trotter
Pat Fryer
Julia Hauck
Amy LeVan
Melissa
Dorothy Bingaman
Sue Care
Anne Eshleman
Pena family
Frank D.
Andy Van Dyke
Holli Muffler
Verdie Smith
Joan Price
Joan Scheffey
Joe
Penny Frymoyer
Hazel LeVan
Suzanne Dodge
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Linda Adams
James Dawson
Betty Hinrichs

Katy Mahon-Miller
Kathy Kane
Jean Renninger
Tony Mancini
Jeffrey Kunsch
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Emily Ocelus
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