

# New Hanover Highlights

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## *Worship*

During a time of strife, God continues to send his blessings. Thank God this Thanksgiving Day through worship.

Luminaries light up Christmas Eve and support FLUTTER Mission Fund.

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## *What's New*

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Angel Tree ministry this year brings Christmas joy to children through Gemme (formerly Silver Springs - Martin Luther School) and Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities.

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## *Congregation News*

Birthdays, anniversaries and card showers - see who's making the news.

Virtual Bible study available every week.

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## What are you thankful for?

Thanksgiving is the perfect time to reflect on all the wonderful things in our lives for which we are thankful. And, although 2020 has been like no other year, God has sent us God's blessings.

Don't be a Turkey! Look forward the Thanksgiving Day Worship bulletin in this newsletter. The Worship is a way for you and your family to enjoy together giving Thanksgiving unto God for all of our blessings and those to come. You may also enjoy a short message for Thanksgiving by Pastor Scott on Facebook and or our Faith Formation page at [newhanoverlutheran.org](http://newhanoverlutheran.org).

So, stay safe! And, give thanks to the Lord our God, for God is watching over us.

## Recognize a loved one

Now is the time to sign up to sponsor the bulletin, flowers and communion for 2021. Contact Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at (610) 326-1335 and she will help you pick a date.

### Suggested Cost

\$20 bulletin

\$35 flowers

\$30 communion (monthly)

## Luminaries light the way on Christmas Eve

Help illuminate this year's Christmas Eve experience by sponsoring luminaries. For \$10, you can sponsor one luminary or for \$25 you can sponsor three. Donations received will be given to the FLUTTER (Youth) Group Mission Fund.

Drop your donation in the offering plate on Sunday, put it in the mail slot next to the Fellowship door or mail to the church. Be sure to mark your contribution with "luminary."



## Remember those who serve

**Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

Remember those who have served and are currently serving in the armed forces to protect and defend our nation. Among those currently serving include the following.

Shawn Dietz, Michael McHugh, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard, Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, Temperance Leister, William Zearfoss, Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Megan Fricker, Kyle Woods

## Make a joyful noise to the Lord

Do you miss singing your favorite hymns? You are invited to check out a hymnal just like you would a book on loan from the library.

Stop by the church during one of the designated times below. Drive up to the portico at the Sunday School/Office entrance and someone will take your name and hand you a hymnal. You may borrow the hymnal for as long as you'd like while we participate in the alternative style of worship due to Covid-19.

### Hymnal Pickup Dates

9-11 AM and 2-3 PM

**Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

If you'd like a hymnal but cannot pick it up during one of the above dates, contact the church office at (610) 326-1335.



# Potato Filling Sale

The Fellowship committee will be holding a Potato Filling sale just in time for Thanksgiving. The potato filling will be made on the morning of November 21<sup>st</sup>. Submit your order to church for a 5 lb. pan for \$12.50 **by November 15<sup>th</sup>**. An order form is included in this newsletter, or contact the office or usher.

Orders can be picked up at the church from 11:00 AM-noon on **Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>** or **Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** after worship.

# Poinsettias add beauty to worship

Help decorate the sanctuary this Christmas with poinsettias in 6.5” pots with five blooms. The suggested donation is \$9.00 per plant.



To sponsor one or more plants, complete a Poinsettia Order form and return the form along with payment (checks made payable to NHELCC) to the church. Be sure to complete the entire form.

For your convenience, an order form is included in this newsletter. Additional forms are available from the church office or ask an usher on Sundays. Forms and payment should be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church office or dropped off at the mail slot next to the Fellowship Hall entrance **by November 29, 2020**.

Watch for announcements in future bulletins and the December newsletter for how and when you may pick up your poinsettias.

## A Thanksgiving to be Remembered

Things are definitely different this Thanksgiving. One may dwell or argue that there is less. Less gatherings less festive banquets, less of the things we hold dear. However, not everything has been taken away, and not everything has been less, I have experienced these past eight months.

For you see, I have experienced greater. The greater generosity of us pulling together to love our neighbors and each other. Let me explain greater.

I have witnessed the greater generosity of us in giving our money to support feeding and supporting people who we know, who we did not know, and those whom now we call friends. We have greatly changed and saved people’s lives this past eight months by our generous donations of money, time and talent. Each week there is a growing need to feed and peer support people of our community

to cope with life and to sustain life, and I see greater love pouring from you.

I have witnessed the greater generosity of time of us volunteering to making this community a better place to live.

I have grown to know more of us personally even in times of social distancing and

isolation. One may argue we have witnessed these past eight months more volunteers loving our neighbors than ever before. I challenged us in January to make history, and not be a museum. We have greatly made history in our worship, mission and serving our neighbors.

I have witnessed the greater generosity of talents of us in applying God’s gifts to change the world. While there is greater need for comfort, I have witnessed more Bosom Buddies, prayer shawls and caps adorn

those who need comfort to fight different diseases. These past eight months we have responded in great haste to bring meaningful and quality worship and faith formation to our homes. All done greatly with gifts of talent we found in challenging times.

We have greatly made history in our worship, mission and serving our neighbors..

Yes, these are challenging times, and only God

knows when they will change. However, I am greatly blessed to know you and I give God my Thanksgiving to have served with you and for you these past eight months. Please join me in this season of Thanksgiving to praise and thank God for molding, with the same hands of all creation, each and everybody who is in our community, God so named New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Peace, Pastor Scott



## Rejoicing Spirits goes out on the road

Well, we didn't have any roadies; however, we sure had fans cheering us! The Rejoicing Spirits worship team went on a road trip one fine autumn day. Donna Kehs, Todd and Stacey Rothermel and Pastor Scott and Marsh Staub visited four homes of our Rejoicers.

There were certainly tears and joys to share after nearly eight months of not worshipping together as a community. Each home welcomed us with great love, and we responded by sharing baked good and smiles. Due to the restrictions at the homes, social distancing is strictly required and many Rejoicers have not been out socializing in any way for eight months. A very challenging time for the residents and their care providers.

Last month the worship team provided a worship video for people to view and worship remotely. For November, plans are underway for a parking lot worship service when people can listen and view the worship team from their vehicles. The virus may keep us contained and separated physically; however, nothing can contain the Spirit of the Rejoicers! Come and join in the parking lot service with this precious community on **November 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM.**



## God's Work - Our Hands Celebration

I would believe nobody would argue that this past September 13<sup>th</sup> was like none ever before! In past years we celebrated our opening of the Sunday School year, and God's Work – Our Hands Sunday. However, this year was a little different.

Our official opening of the Sunday School year was virtual and occurred in late October. However, we did celebrate remotely doing God's Work Sunday. The celebration began by generous donations of food being collected at 9 AM in the

Picnic Grove. The donations were transported to the church facility and sorted by volunteers. The donation drive continued until noon in the church parking lot, while volunteers prepared over 300 meals to be delivered to people in need.

Afterwards volunteers packaged meals and placed them in boxes, and at 2 PM, volunteers arrived to deliver meals. The meals were delivered safely and with smiles!

Yes, it sure was different. However, many people

participated in this event which goes on each Sunday, while others helped their neighbors in many other ways of mission and service. There were no banners, no fanfare, and no fellowship gathering afterwards. Just the joy of loving our neighbors. Maybe like the angels singing above, we can raise our voice and give an Alleluia for the work we do every day to love our neighbors. In the meantime, Go Get'em!

Peace, Pastor Scott



## Third graders receive Bibles

We celebrate with Aidan Beaver, Madison Hansley, Malaina Meeker and Miller T Quigley upon receiving their new Bibles. They and their families are in our prayers for many wonderful adventures ahead with God's Word. Blessings upon this important faith mile marker!

## Faith Formation Bags-to-Go

We want to get our Sunday School Family Faith Formation Bags out to you. Contact Deacon Carol at [caroldetweiler@comcast.net](mailto:caroldetweiler@comcast.net) or call the church and leave a message for her so we can make sure you get it! Adult Faith Formation Bags are available too - just let Deacon Carol know you want one!

## We got to see each other! Family Faith Formation Fall Fest Recap

On Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup> we....

- ◆ Applauded our third graders upon receiving their Bibles
- ◆ Enjoyed a great scavenger hunt
- ◆ Had fun following a "faith formation" chalked obstacle course
- ◆ enjoyed some awesome decorated pumpkins
- ◆ got "Rainbow Rocks" to paint at home
- ◆ Thanked our 2019/2020 Sunday School Staff
- ◆ Picked up "Faith Formation Bags-to-Go" so we can keep learning about God while at home!
- ◆ And of course, enjoyed some treats!

**A huge thank you to all** who helped put the event together and run it. Many hands served as God's hands. The Christian Education Board is grateful for each and everyone of them!

## Faith Formation Webpage

Check out the new **Faith Formation Page** on NHELCC's website! Here's what you will find:

- ✓ Information about faith formation opportunities for all ages
- ✓ Updates about events, Zoom sessions, etc.
- ✓ **Sunday School Registration Forms for Children/Youth and Adults** These completed forms provide NHELCC with important information. All you need to do is go on the NHELCC webpage, click on "Faith Formation", then look at the Sunday School section. There you'll find two ways to register! Contact Deacon Carol with any questions.

## Volunteer "Story"

Once upon a time a woman had a dream. A dream to keep our seniors connected with the church during this pandemic. And this woman was not one to let a good dream go to waste. So... Vicki Mutter collected gift bags and began filling them. Initially connected with the Food Ministry Program she soon stretched the dream and formed her own little separate we're-thinking-about-you "company" and has now added others to the receiving list, who could just use a friendly "hello" from NHELCC. Monthly bags are filled with snacks, coloring pages and activity books and fun things. Sometimes there are decorated cards from some of our children. Her ministry grew and two other volunteers have joined her - Jean Moser and Jo Anne Wirt. Between the three of them, folks at Manatawny Manor, Walnut Woods, Chestnut Knoll and Frederick Living, along with some of our seniors, are the recipients of these delightful bags. Twenty five bags a month are bringing smiles to many faces! We lift up a BIG thanks to these three wonderful ministers for their caring compassion. Joy touches both the givers and the receivers. We at NHELCC are so very glad for Mrs. Mutter and her dreams!



## Coming soon

### Advent Faith Formation "Goodies"

The Faith Formation Bags-to-Go will include special children's stickers, Advent stars/devotionals and other learning resources for all ages for this very special season. Watch for details on how you can get your bag.

## Angel Tree



The Mission Services/Social Ministry team hopes children will feel that special joy of the Christmas Season. This year, in addition to bringing joy to children at Gemma (Silver Springs Martin Luther School), NHELCC is collecting gifts to be given to children through the Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities. The Cluster generally collects gifts at area businesses, but this year that is a challenge due to Covid-19.

Can we count on you to help bring joy to the children and youth this Christmas? **Choose one or two items from the list below and deliver them on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, or Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 - 10:00 AM. The drop them off in the marked bins located on the benches at the Fellowship Hall door. Be sure to leave the gifts UNWRAPPED, please.** Call Rosalie Lisa with any questions at (610) 416-8193.

Thank you all - the Mission Services/Social Ministry team cherishes your compassion and generosity.

### 2020 Gift Wish List

Baby and toddler books and toys  
 Games: Chess, Checkers, Mancala, Jenga, Apples to Apples, Scrabble, Trouble, Uno, Connect 4, etc.  
 LEGO Sets  
 Light up bouncy balls  
 Dream Lites or other soft night lights  
 Books for children and teens  
 Squishies toys  
 Remote controlled vehicles and robots  
 K'nex building sets  
 Rubik's cubes  
 Playing cards and card games  
 Superhero action figures  
 Water bottles - Contigo and Camelback brands are favorites  
 Nail polish, press on nails, lip gloss, lip balm, makeup

Hairbrushes and combs  
 Toiletry gift sets: body wash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant - Dove, Axe, and Bath and Body Works are favorites. Plastic bottles only, please.  
 Adjustable baseball hats - Nike and Philly sports are favorites.  
 Craft kits  
 Crayola art kits  
 Gel pen sets  
 Crayola Model Magic modeling clay  
 Coloring books and large coloring pages  
 Journals - no locks, non-spiral bound  
 Fuzzy posters to color  
 Crayons, markers, and colored pencils

Footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, and kickballs/playground balls  
 Football gloves - youth and adult sizes  
 Basketball shooting sleeves - youth and adult sizes  
 Over the door basketball hoops  
 Football, basketball, and baseball cards and binders/books for collecting cards  
 Socks for boys and girls - adult sizes 6-11  
 Hooded sweatshirts for girls and boys - youth sizes 12-18 and adult sizes S-XXL. Nike, Adidas, and Champion are favorite brands.  
 Pajama sets for boys and girls - youth sizes M-XL and adult sizes S-XL  
 Gift cards for teens

### Do you know someone who needs a prayer shawl?

The person doesn't have to be a member of NHELCC. Contact Pastor Scott or Deacon Carol at the church at (610) 326-1335.

### Congregation Council

#### Officers

Steve Eisenhart, president  
 Sally Sugita, vice-president  
 Barbara Repa, secretary  
 Andy Van Dyke, treasurer  
 Scott Geiser, financial secretary

#### Members

Robin Fatzinger  
 Nevada Grant  
 Jim Gross  
 Marty Hauser  
 Amy Hoffman  
 Vicki Mutter



# ☞ Congregation News ☜

**Jean Buckley** - 90 years old on November 4<sup>th</sup>  
2849 Big Road, Apt. 4022  
Zieglerville, PA 19492

**Betty Karver** - 95 years old on November 7<sup>th</sup>  
637 Highland Street  
Boyertown, PA 19512

**Ruth Wirt** - 101 years old on November 7<sup>th</sup>  
417 Moyer Road  
Pottstown, PA 19464

**Doris Gross** - 94 years old on November 12<sup>th</sup>  
163 Eisenhower Drive  
Boyertown, PA 19512

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

## Anniversaries

- 2 Timothy and Amy Hoffman
- 6 Jim Steber and Ruth Fisher
- 8 Dennis and Carol Detweiler
- 11 Ronald and Suzanne Weller
- 12 Mike and Natalie Lindenmuth
- 16 George and Stacy Trowbridge
- 18 Scott and Georgann Geiser Steve and Faye Weidner
- 19 Roger and Beth Yost
- 21 Larry and Yvonne Peto
- 28 Charles and Rosemary Forsythe

## Also celebrating a birthday in November

- 1 Barbara Boys, Mary Lang, Jeff Wise
- 2 Adam Becker, Delores Eidle, Ruth Fisher, Nathan Psota, Gladys Renninger, Shirley Renninger, John Scherer
- 3 Thom Heck, Paul Yanisko
- 4 Austin Holiday, Scott Repa
- 5 Madelyn Artim, Emily Fowler, Justin Green, Charles Rhoads, Sheri Wenerowicz
- 7 William Dugan, Brandy Marino
- 8 Chance Allen, Ryan McConnell, Jean Renninger
- 9 Wendy Helmer, Jared Miller, Tammi Wiley
- 10 Marty Hauser
- 11 Karen Rohrbach
- 12 Debra Black, Andrew Dodge, Rick Garcia, Bill Lowry, Hannah Phillips, Olivia Wiley
- 13 Edna Lightcap
- 14 Roxanne Hersh, Joshua Lynn
- 15 Kaylene Jackmore, Wendy Schiavo
- 16 Kelly Smale
- 17 Amy Agnew, Lyndsay Camp, Jenn Cavalari, Brooke Dowladow, Susie Moyer, Elizabeth Phillips, Miller Quigley, Joan Scheffey, Jim Yochem
- 18 Janet Burkhart, Fay Feick
- 20 Barbara Repa, Sharon Wise, Emma Wurst
- 21 Diane Laverty, Wade Miller
- 22 Benjamin Helmer
- 23 Stephen Repa
- 24 Amy Hoffman, Rebecca Wabish
- 25 Vivian Specca
- 26 Robert Cavalari, Jr., Barbara Faust
- 28 Jan Bechtel, Kathy Borneman, Sarah Bowman, Alyssa Dodge, Jared Dubbs, Ethan Hauser, Sharon Tracey, Aaron Wesner
- 29 Joseph Allen, Karalyn Forsyth
- 30 Betty Hedrick, David Mayan

## Check out this Bible Study

### On Facebook

[www.Facebook.com/  
NewHanoverLutheranChurch](http://www.Facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch)

### On Internet

[www.newhanoverlutheran.org](http://www.newhanoverlutheran.org)

A new Bible Study is available each week beginning on Wednesdays.

## CARD SHOWER

**Dan Johnson**  
whose wife Barbara passed away  
142 North Reading Avenue  
Boyertown, PA 19512

**Herman Richard**  
who is recovering from a fall  
522 Kleman Road  
Gilbertsville, PA 19525

**Barbara Morris**  
who is recovering from surgery  
2849 Big Road, Apt. 211  
Zieglerville, PA 19492

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Gilbertsville, PA 19525

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**New Hanover Lutheran Church is here for you**

**We offer opportunities  
online, outside and in the sanctuary**

**Check inside to see what's happening**



**Mission Statement**

The mission of New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church is to utilize the dedication of our church family, the strengths of our programs, the resources of our facilities, and history of our congregation to serve as a beacon of worship, welcome, peace, and support for our community.

**Vision Statement**

The vision of New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church is to love our neighbors as ourselves, and live and serve as an example of God's Grace for our community and our world.



**New Hanover Lutheran Church Fellowship Committee**  
**Thanksgiving Potato Filling Order Form**  
**Orders due by November 15, 2020**

The Fellowship Committee will be making potato filling on the morning of November 21<sup>st</sup>. Orders for a 5 lb. pan will cost \$12.50. Payment is due at the time of pick up. **Orders can be picked up at the church 11:00 - noon on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, or after worship on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Pans of Potato Filling \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost \_\_\_\_\_ Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Place this form in an envelope and mail to the church, insert it in the mail slot next to the Fellowship Hall door or place in the offering plate. Order deadline is **November 15, 2020.**

**New Hanover Lutheran Church**  
**Christmas Poinsettia Order Form**  
**Orders due by November 29, 2020**

Please indicate below how you desire the names to appear on the sponsor page in the Christmas Eve bulletins. This form along with your payment is due in the church office by Sunday, November 29, 2020.

*("In memory of" if deceased; "In honor of" if living)*

In memory/honor of \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Circle one) (Please print) (Please print)*

In memory/honor of \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Circle one) (Please print) (Please print)*

In memory/honor of \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Circle one) (Please print) (Please print)*

Cost per 5 bloom, 6.5" potted plant is **\$9.00** Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Place this form along with your payment in an envelope and mail to the church, insert it in the mail slot next to the Fellowship Hall door or place in the offering plate. Please make checks payable to **NHELCC**. Order deadline is **November 29, 2020.**

*(Check one)*

**I will pick up my poinsettia(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Please deliver to a homebound member** \_\_\_\_\_

Please watch newsletter and bulletin announcements as to when and how you may pick up your poinsettia.