

# New Hanover Highlights

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## In-person worship suspended

Due to the pandemic, in-person worship is suspended at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church (NHELC) until January 3, 2021. Worship can be viewed on YouTube and Facebook at 9 AM each Sunday or anytime afterwards.

## 2021 Council Members Needed

Several seats on the Congregation Council are available for next year and you are invited to join them! Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month to discuss and make decisions about the life and ministries of the congregation. Contact Steve Eisenhart, Pastor Scott or any current council member for more information or if you're interested in participating. Thank you!

## We're starting a Prayer Chain

Since the Thursday morning Mid-Week Study can't meet these days, they're "re-configuring." This group has volunteered to become an official NHELC Prayer Chain ministry. If you need a prayer, know someone else who could use one, or just want someone to pray about peace and healing for our communities, nation and world, this group is here for you. All information will be kept confidential. Just contact Deacon Carol with your prayer request at [caroldetweiler@comcast.net](mailto:caroldetweiler@comcast.net) or call the church office and leave her a voice mail and she will pass your prayer concern on to the prayer group. Your prayers will be "delivered"!

# JOIN THE REVOLUTION

## A Revolutionary Tale

Following defeat in battles, the Revolutionary Army in 1777, along with their wounded camped north of the Schuylkill River, in the Pottsgrove area. Our church building, newly dedicated in 1768, served as a field hospital for the wounded and we today, have entombed in our grounds the bodies of those Revolutionary soldiers, known and unknown, who fought and died to make this current Union a better country. The pastor during that period, Reverend Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg, son of Henry, later entered civil life and served both in the Continental Congress and the first Congress of the United States, where he became the first Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Truly, significant revolutionary tales to pass onto the generations of our future leaders and family of NHELIC. However, as we promised in the beginning of this year, and what a year it has been, "We will make history, and choose not to be a museum!" There is a revolutionary war yet to fight. A war not fought in large scale battles, however, small scale scrimmages where we use our individual talents, homes and neighborhoods to win.

Our enemy is not the British, it is Coronavirus. This enemy however, will not impede our promise to love our neighbor. While the enemy may seclude us in small groups, sequester us inside, and challenge our fortitude, we will be an army of saints fighting this enemy one person, one household, one neighborhood at a time. I pray you will join me in a "Mini Revolution."

Mini Revolutions where we find ways to use our time and talents inside ourselves, our homes, our neighborhoods to fight this enemy so that when we emerge from this winter, much like that of Valley Forge in 1777, we will find we have overcome hatred with love, complacency with action, food scarcity with abundance, and whatever you and I collectively can do.

Each of us has talents within us, given to us from God, that we can use for the better good. These talents vary. Some paint rocks at home to contribute to the peace garden; some use their Thrivent Action Team monies to buy groceries for the Food Ministry; some sew Bosom Buddies for recovering cancer patients; some knit prayer shawls and caps for those who need comfort; some color inspirational pictures for the home bound, etc. These people of all ages have started Mini Revolutions to make this world a better place one person, one house, one neighborhood at a time.

I look forward to fighting this common enemy of ours with you. What I have witnessed so far of our family during this pandemic, leaves me no doubt, that we shall overcome. Soon we will celebrate Advent. Advent is the season when we can say, "Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again." Until that day when Christ shall come again and destroy all disease and evil, we all can focus on Christ's final message of "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself", and fight this common enemy one Mini Revolution of Love at a time.

Peace and Merry Christmas my Revolutionary Family,

Pastor Scott

## Mini Revolutionary Tales

You are invited to share your own Mini Revolutionary Tales of love that you, your household, and/or neighborhood have accomplished through your talents. Revolutionary tales can be anything that has made yourself, your home, your neighborhood a better place in the Spirit of Loving our Neighbors. If you need help finding your talents, contact Pastor Scott at [pastor@newhanoverlutheran.org](mailto:pastor@newhanoverlutheran.org) or call him at (610) 326-1335.



## Cards of hope, love and peace

“I have been feeling that tug for “mini-revolution” ideas lately. I also thought the trinity approach to love was very interesting. Anyway, later in the day, I got the idea to use a massive stack of unused Christmas cards that have accumulated in my closet over the years. I thought I could send a Christmas wish of love and peace to all the families past and present that enjoy our meal ministry as well as, any others in our congregation or community.”

Thanks, Jenn D.

*“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”*  
*Romans 12:12*

## Free Thrivent money helps beat hunger

Nanc and I started our revolution since we were stuck at home this AM. Look for \$500 for food ministry from Thrivent action teams!

Jim G.

## Donations provide over 1200 meals

I asked my husband what can we do with our four Thrivent Action Teams? We decided to change the world in our own area by supporting the NHELC Food Ministry. We planned the teams with Pastor, Chris and teamed with volunteers to supply Thanksgiving and three other meals to provide over 1200 meals delivered for the Holiday season.

Beth S.



## Rejoicers paint rocks for peace garden

Ten of our family of Rejoicers volunteered to paint rocks for the peace garden.

## Gifts bring Christmas joy

I wanted to find a way to make the lives of those “Rejoicers”, (Rejoicing Spirits Worship), who have been quarantined since March have a Merry and Joyful Christmas. To let them know how much we miss them. I put together a Thrivent Action Team to communicate, purchase and distribute gifts to those “Rejoicers” who have been such a Joyful part of our NHELC Faith Community.

Marsha S.

# FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

## Pick up an Advent Faith Formation Bag-to-Go

**Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:00 - Noon Drive-by**

Simply get in your car and swing by the church. As you drive-by the special spot near the Sunday School wing you’ll

get your Advent Faith Formation goodies including:

- ◆ Nativity stickers for our youngest children
- ◆ “Families Celebrate Advent & Christmas 2020-2021” Activity Deck of Cards for families with Nursery-Elementary age children
- ◆ Our annual Fair Trade Sunday School ornament - a “peace theme” this year for each student, Nursery-Youth
- ◆ Advent Star & Devotional for all ages

- ◆ “Epiphany Chalk” and door blessing for all ages
- ◆ And some other faith forming resources!

Also, you can get some “take-out” treats AND **best of all**...hoping to have some **very** special four-legged guests here that morning to greet everyone. Fingers crossed!

Hope to see you drive-by that morning! Watch for any updates in the bulletin or on the NHELCC website Faith Formation Page. If you know you cannot get to church on December 6<sup>th</sup>, contact Deacon Carol so plans can be made for you to get your bag at another time.

P.S. sorry this is a week late for Advent’s start. Changing scenarios and longer-than-usual deliveries forced us to push this event back. But you’ll be able to catch up!

## Women’s Retreat 2021 will be online

Sadly, St. Francis Center for Renewal has had to cancel in-person retreats for this coming winter, including the one scheduled for New Hanover and Trinity. This is a first for us, but we’ll meet again. In the meantime we’ve planned a way to stay connected. You’re invited to join a special online nine week **Women’s Christmas Retreat** hosted by Deacon Karen of Trinity, Lansdale, beginning Thursday, January 7, 2021, from 7:00 - 8:00 PM.

“**Women’s Christmas**”  
(“*Nollaig na mBan*” in Irish)

Women’s Christmas is an Irish custom celebrating Epiphany when women took a break from the rest of the year’s household chores, let the men take those over and celebrated! It is their way of entering the new year.

Over the nine weeks, participants will enjoy the wonderful spirit-filled writings of author Jan Richardson from her annual “Women’s Christmas Retreat” resource. What a wonderful way to start our new year!

If you are interested or have questions, contact Deacon Carol. She can then forward the registration link to you. Please leave your email address if you leave a voice mail.

## Bible Study is available online

**On Facebook** [www.Facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch](http://www.Facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch)  
**On Internet** [www.newhanoverlutheran.org](http://www.newhanoverlutheran.org)

Watch for a new Bible Study each week beginning on Wednesdays.

## Faith Formation Webpage

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

- ✓ Faith formation opportunities for all ages
- ✓ Updates about events, Zoom sessions, etc.
- ✓ **Sunday School Registration Forms for Children/Youth and Adults** 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.



## Feeling stressed these days?

Check out the link “Prayers for When You Feel Anxious Coloring Pages” on the Faith Formation page under the “Faith Formation Moments” section on the NHELCC website. The pages are downloadable and suitable for all ages. And, the prayers are wonderful spiritual pick-me-ups!



# MISSION SERVICE/SOCIAL MINISTRY

## Thanks for donations

Thanks to the generous support of the NHELCC family, Mission Service committee collected **479 lbs.** of non-perishable items to be distributed to local families through the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Your caring support will help many of our neighbors.

## Angel Tree

Can we count on you to help bring joy to children and youth this Christmas through the Angel Tree project? Bring unwrapped gifts to church on **Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 AM - noon.** Drop them off in the marked bins located on the benches at the Fellowship Hall door. This year, gifts received through the Angel Tree project will bring joy to children at Gemma (formerly Silver Springs Martin Luther School) and children through the Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities. Choose one or two gifts from the list printed in the November newsletter. Be sure to leave the **gifts UNWRAPPED, please.** Call Rosalie Lisa with any questions.

## Prayer Shawl

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.

## Gold medal Olympic drives of love

Dr. Nicholas Romansky, Healthmark Foot and Ankle of Phoenixville, and his office staff were inspired by the stories of how NHELCC has been feeding and supporting our neighbors during this pandemic.

A long time doctor on the staff of the Women's US Olympic Soccer Team, Dr. Romansky knows first-hand how teams overcome challenges and win. It is in that same spirit that we at NHELCC are recognized as Gold medal winners in the fight to be a church during the pandemic.

To support our efforts, Romansky's office put together two food and clothing drives to support NHELCC's Food and St Luke Lutheran Church's Clothing Tree ministries. Their support helps the people in the greater Gilbertsville area fight hunger and be prepared for the winter season. We thank Dr. Romansky and his staff for all their love to help our neighbors.



# PEER SUPPORT MINISTRY

More people are seeking help during the pandemic and NHELCC's Peer Support Ministry is here to assist. Participants gather at church on Mondays, 6:30 - 8:00 PM. If you, or someone you know needs help, contact the Peer Support Ministry at (610) 326-1335 ext. 6 or email at [peersupport@newhanoverlutheran.org](mailto:peersupport@newhanoverlutheran.org).

## Testimony of gratitude

Hi. My name is Debbie. I have lived in the neighborhood of New Hanover Lutheran Church for over 15 yrs. I have passed by the church and the picnic grove thousands of times. Seeing all kinds of activities, camping tents, BBQ's, yard sales etc. but never stopped in. Lately though, in the midst of this pandemic, I've been trying to deal with feelings of such uncertainty in our world. Struggling with fear, anxiety, depression, addiction. Feeling so withdrawn and alone, as I'm sure most of us are. I've been praying so hard for guidance, peace and some sense of normalcy.

"My life seemed to literally change overnight in such a wonderful way."

One Monday evening, I drove past the picnic grove and saw a small group of people sitting at tables. Feeling so compelled to turn in, I followed my heart. As I walked towards them, I asked if they were a 12 step program. That's when I met Ryan, and he explained that they were a peer support recovery group provided through the church and that met regularly to share with each other anything that might be on their minds and sometimes play games or do crafts while doing so. He then asked me to join in the fun and paint a rock. Feeling a little awkward and caught off guard I sat down.

As Ryan handed me a rock of my own, he shared that he had a feeling that he needed to bring an extra rock to group that day, but didn't know why. I don't believe in coincidences, so I knew that rock was for me! At that moment, all the awkward feelings disappeared.

As we all spoke, I mentioned that I am training my miniature horse to become a therapy horse. And yep, you guessed it. She accompanied me to the next few meetings and brought with her all the comfort and unconditional love that only animals can bring. And, by the way, her name is "HOPE", again, no coincidence.

During my engagement with the peer support group, I was given information/resources about additional groups such as a 12 step fellowship meeting that also meets weekly and I now look so forward to attending those meetings as well. In doing so I have met some really wonderful people and have been reconnected to a recovery community that I was so desperately in need of. I've also

had the opportunity to volunteer at the church and I realized that depression can't live where I am helping others. My life seemed to literally change overnight in such a wonderful way.

In such a short time, I have met the kindest people. Strangers that have more in common than we realize. People from all walks of life that desire the same things. Love, compassion, hope. And with that, I would like to thank you, Ryan, and the rest of my peers in the peer support recovery ministry for being so kind to me. You invited in a stranger, I left you all a friend!

So, if anyone would have come to me in one of the darkest moments of my life and told me that if I were to follow my heart and turn into the New Hanover Lutheran Church picnic grove and that I would happen upon a wonderful peer fellowship group of masked strangers, painting rocks, in a park during a global pandemic and that in doing so, my life would be forever changed, I would have said they were crazy! But then again, it's 2020! And as long as I believe in the power of the Holy Spirit and have a little bit of hope, **ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE!**

Please be safe.

With sincere gratitude,  
Debbie

# FOOD MINISTRY

## Where's the beef?

Season's greetings from the Food Ministry. I would like to first thank everyone for their generous donations of food items, money and time that have made this mission possible. As of early November, we have served more than 20,000 meals through our ministry. Unfortunately, with new cases of COVID-19 growing, I fear demand for food in the coming year is only going to increase. How may I help, you ask? Well, there are a number of ways you can give. We are always looking for food items as well as monetary donations. Also, there is always

a need for volunteers in different areas of our ministry. And, we will be collaborating with Boyertown Area Multi-Service and the Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities on a food drive. We will be collecting nonperishable food at this year's Canigiani Christmas Light Show throughout the month of December. Details on the light show can be found on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CCLightShow>; please stop by. I would personally like to thank Pastor and everyone who has helped in making this program a success and wish everyone a safe and blessed Christmas Season.

Chris

## Want to help?

- ◆ Drop off food on Sundays from 1-2 PM. Items may be left on the cart at the church kitchen door.
- ◆ Sign up to deliver meals on Wednesdays and/or Sundays at [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com).

# REJOICING SPIRITS MINISTRY

## Rejoicing with the Spirit!

The Rejoicing Spirits (RS) NHELRC worship community held it's first drive-in worship on November 15<sup>th</sup>, together with St. James ELC of Pottstown. The worship was filled with laughter, dancing, singing and just plain good old rejoicing! Quarantined since March, our Rejoicers, their families of caregivers, and the NHELRC RS Worship Team have not had the opportunity to worship, see each other and have fellowship.

All of that was overcome with the Drive-In worship service. We danced, prayed and sang as usual, only in our cars and safely distanced. The Spirit was tremendous and filled the air as laughter and virtual hugs abounded. The Holy Siren even made a joyful appearance!



If you know of someone who could use a little of Rejoicing Spirit Worship, please check out our YouTube video of the Rejoicing Spirit worship! Video of worship, Bible studies, meditations, and children's messages are all online at [newhanoverlutheran.org](http://newhanoverlutheran.org).

# HOW TO HELP NHEL C MINISTRIES

## Joyful Giving in the Pandemic Season (Generosity)

Given the challenges of the pandemic and being together in person, I thought it would be helpful in communicating the ways you can support the great ministries of NHEL C. In this Season of Giving the normal channels of making contributions can be difficult. Here are some options when we cannot meet together in person.

### On-Line Giving Option

On-line giving is simple and effective. Simply go to our webpage at [newhanoverlutheran.org](http://newhanoverlutheran.org), and click on the Giving Tab on the top right corner of the page. You will be asked to Login. Simply log in using your email address, or if you already have a profile log in using your address and password. All this information is secure. You may then choose a specific or general ministry to support. You may then choose to make reoccurring donations or simply a one time donation. That's it! Easy.

### Mail-in Option

You can mail a donation made out to NHEL C by mailing it to:  
New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church  
2941 Lutheran Road  
Gilbertsville, PA 19525

### Drop Off Option

Drop off your donation in the mail slot at our church, located at the address above. The mail slot is next to the fellowship hall doors (across from the golf course). The mail slot is secure and donations will be collected every day. In addition, our staff will gladly receive your generosity. Please call (610) 326-1335 and we will make an arrangement to meet you at the office door.

### Mandatory Withdrawal Tax Free Option

Some of you may have to take a Mandatory Withdrawal from your investments. Here is how you can reduce your taxes and help NHEL C with its mission to change the lives of those needing help. Your required minimum distribution is the minimum amount you must withdraw from your account each year. You generally have to start taking withdrawals from your IRA, SEP IRA, SIMPLE IRA, or retirement plan account when you reach age 72 (70 ½ if you reach 70 ½ before January 1, 2020).

The amount of money you donate to NHEL C from your Mandatory Withdrawal is subtracted from your overall income, and may qualify you for tax deduction benefits. This is a win-win situation for both of us.

### Thrivent Action Teams

If you are a Thrivent Insurance or Investment member you may qualify for two \$250 Action Team Visa Cards. These cards can be used to benefit the NHEL C ministry of your choice. Its free money that you can use to change the lives of others in need. Please contact the Pastor to see how you can use your free money to help your favorite ministry.

### Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you are a Thrivent Insurance or Investment member you may qualify for free Thrivent Choice Dollars. The Dollars are yours to give to a charity of your choice. You earned them; however, each year the Dollars expire and are returned to Thrivent to distribute elsewhere. If you want to keep your hard-earned Dollars locally to help our neighbors, do it today. It's easy to give to NHEL C or your other favorite charity by logging into your Thrivent account and designating your Thrivent Choice Dollars. It is as simple as that to give your hard-earned money to help change the lives of others. Please contact the Pastor to see how you can use your Choice Dollars to help your favorite ministry.

*For all donations (other than Thrivent Choice Dollars or Action Team Cards) you will receive a tax deductible receipt.  
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\*All of your donations are confidential.

For those wishing to give in ways other than a monetary donation, contact the church office by phone (610) 326-1335 or email at [info@newhanoverlutheran.org](mailto:info@newhanoverlutheran.org).

Peace,  
Pastor Scott

## PRACTICING MINDFULNESS

As we move into the winter months (and, dare I say, the holidays!!), it is more important than ever that we take extra time to slow down and care for ourselves and our loved ones. This can be a daunting task with our busy schedules, but the good news is there are small ways that we can relieve stress and bring small pockets of peace every day doing everyday things using only our senses and our breath. Small intentional acts of bringing awareness to the present moment can even offer real health benefits. I'm talking about mindfulness.

Some equate mindfulness with meditation and say, "I'm just not the type to meditate or sit still for too long." Well, there is good news for those in that boat because, although mindfulness meditation is a real "thing", the two aren't mutually exclusive.

### What is mindfulness?

"Mindfulness is awareness that arises through paying attention, on purpose, in the present moment, non-judgmentally."

- Jon Kabat-Zinn

Practicing mindfulness does take effort and, well, practice, but if done for short periods of time on a regular basis, the benefits can add up! Research shows that practicing mindfulness can help support healthy sleep, improve mood and reduce anxiety and depression ([positivepsychology.com](http://positivepsychology.com), Courtney Ackerman MSc). Other research points to improved heart health ([health.harvard.edu](http://health.harvard.edu), Feb 2018) and better blood sugar control ([diabetesforecast.org](http://diabetesforecast.org)).

Here are some simple ideas for incorporating mindfulness into your day:

1. **Actively listen to a relaxing song.** Sit or lay down in a comfortable place to listen. Close your eyes if you like. Begin to notice your breath and maintain slow even breathing. Focus your attention on what speaks to you in that moment; a particular instrument, rhythm, harmony, etc. Allow any feelings or sensations to bubble up, feel and accept what comes and be willing to release them. As thoughts arise, simply focus attention back to your breath and the music.
2. **Breathe!** Just three deep cleansing breaths can help your central nervous system by lowering stress hormones and promoting a sense of calm. We breathe naturally, of course, but often end up holding our breath at various times through the day. Observe your breath throughout the day. Choose your three cleansing breaths any time of day and anywhere you feel comfortable to breathe in fully through the nose and then let it all out through the mouth. **TIP:** focusing on breathing out as long or longer than your breath in has even greater calming effects to your nervous system.
3. **Move mindfully.** Whatever you can do counts! If you're not an athlete or don't even like to exercise, consider a few minutes of light stretching, (seated, standing or lying down), tai chi or a short walk. As you move, bring awareness to how the movement feels in your body. Breathe slowly and fully. Notice what the air feels and smells like, what the ground feels like beneath your feet. Take in the sights and sounds around you.

Offer gratitude for what your body CAN do without judging or focusing on what it can't do. **TIP:** Commit only to five minutes and set a timer. Often, once we get started, we feel like going a little longer but if we can make it for just those five minutes, we have met our mindful movement goal!

4. **Eat mindfully.** It is so easy to rush through our meals and move onto the next activity without giving thought to where our food came from or who tended it in the field. It is easy to forget to offer thanks for our meal. Many of us even watch TV while eating so our attention is not even on our food (Eek, that's us most nights!). Pick a snack or meal and take time to bring awareness to how the food looks, smells, feels and tastes. Chew slowly and offer a prayer of thanks for the hands that nurtured it, that it may nourish your body, mind and spirit.
5. **Kindness counts!** Make an intention to be kind to yourself. We can be hard on ourselves and add to our stress by repeating negative self-talk. These negative thoughts and beliefs aren't ours to own. We are made in God's image and choose daily affirmations to help connect with "God in us." Pick a time each day to say something positive or encouraging to yourself. Take a cleansing breath and absorb your kind words. Feel God's wings cover and cleanse you. **TIP:** Write your kind words down and pick a quiet time to say them, maybe when you get up, at bedtime or with a cup of relaxing tea or coffee.

The above examples are just a handful of suggestions for incorporating mindfulness and self-care. In truth, there are countless ways to find mindful moments each day. Be creative! Consider times to include the kids and other family or friends. For example, when the snow comes, make snow angels or catch snowflakes together and marvel at all their unique and intricate patterns. This can be done mindfully by bringing awareness to how

the snow looks, feels and sounds. A cup of hot cocoa afterward also sounds pretty sweet!

Whatever you choose, enjoy the little moments you create with your intentions and senses. God's gifts are all around us and can be used to promote a calmer, healthier, happier life journey.

One final tip – an important part of mindfulness is that it is a practice. This means there is no wrong or right way to do it (i.e., non-judgmental) and never a goal of perfection (i.e., accepting what is). It will look different to each person. Life is hectic and busy, even more so during the holidays. Some days we can be fully present and some days it's a struggle. Know that this is okay and don't let the harder days discourage you from trying again. It is part of the journey and experience of being human; part of the practice.

Blessings and peace to you and yours,  
Leslie Gates

## CONGREGATION NEWS

### Congregation Council

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### In the mail

Dear members of NHEL C,  
 I wish to express my thanks to the members of the New Hanover E. L. C. for the many beautiful cards and your kind words. Also, the phone calls and flowers, which helped make my 101<sup>st</sup> birthday very special.

In Christian love,  
Ruth Wirt

Pastor Scott & Marsha Staub wish to thank everyone for your warm wishes, gifts and cards for our Birthdays and Pastor Appreciation. Your abundant generosity brought our household much Joy.

Thank You All Again!  
Peace.



**Dr. and Mrs. Ray Feick**  
who celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup>  
wedding anniversary on October  
21, 2020  
2987 Lutheran Road  
Gilbertsville, PA 19525

**Louise Karns**  
whose husband, John, passed  
away  
846 Oak Crest Road  
Pottstown, PA 19464-2816

**Catherine Underwood**  
who is now residing at  
Pennsburg Manor  
530 Macoby Street  
Pennsburg, PA 18073

**Doris Callow**  
whose son, Cliff, passed away  
19 Walnel Drive  
Royersford, PA 19468

**Marlyn Bieleski** - 93 years old on December 5<sup>th</sup>  
2300 North Charlotte Street  
Pottstown, PA 19464

**Fran E. Weaver** - 94 years old on December 8<sup>th</sup>  
2963 New Hanover Square Road  
Gilbertsville, PA 19525

**Also celebrating a birthday in December**

- 1 Kathy Kane, Michael Wirt
- 2 Chris Fatzinger, Elfriede Ilik, Rochelle Morrell
- 3 Thomas Hennessey
- 4 Daniel Dinsmore, Pat Freed, Bill Kingsepp, Samme Marazas
- 5 Alec Domenick, Daniel Smale
- 6 Nancy Gross, David Lynn, Camryn Urbassik
- 7 Becky Gallagher, Chase Sharp, Nathan Smoot
- 8 Peter Wurst
- 9 Jayne McHugh, Yvonne Peto
- 10 Doris Callow
- 11 Rachel Clark, Kendra Holiday, John Nuss
- 12 Ryan McNichol
- 13 Shannya Wentzel, Roger Yost
- 14 Peyton Comtois, Susie Edwards, Lois O'Dell, Angela Stapleton, Michelle Stapleton, Raymond Velazquez
- 15 Denise Gaugler, John LeVan, Jr.
- 16 William Boys, Wallace Van Dyke
- 17 Carl Asti, Rachele Kunsch
- 18 Bree Hennessy, Jonathan Mayan, Stacey Shirk
- 19 Domenic Capone
- 20 Scott Ehling, Jeffrey Moser
- 21 Justin Duncan, Landon Woods
- 22 Brittney Agliano, Paul Knauer, Michael Norris
- 23 Norman Hunsberger, Virginia Specht
- 24 Tom Kehs
- 25 Natalie Weller, Johnathan White, Nicholas White
- 26 Barbara Eisenhart
- 27 Jeffrey Antonuk, Darlene Medlar
- 28 Beth Yost
- 29 Julia Camp, Andrew Zuchero
- 30 Deb Becker, Joanne Evans, Joan Flack, Jennifer McCarthy, Helen Weaver
- 31 Joseph Allen, Ray Feick

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 12 Mike and Sheri Wenerowicz   | 28 Terry and Roxanne Hersh |
| 14 David and Bonnie Eichenlaub | 30 Bob and Elfriede Ilik   |
| 25 John and Hazel LeVan        | Richard and Emily Willis   |

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

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Mission Service Ministries      Peer Support Ministry  
Food Ministry                      Rejoicing Spirits Ministry

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### **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.

