



# Harvesting Hope Fair

Saturday, Oct 2, 2021 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

**New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church**

2941 Lutheran Road, Gilbertsville, PA

[www.newhanoverlutheran.org](http://www.newhanoverlutheran.org) for more details

*Sponsored by NHELC Mission Services Committee*

## Join us for a day of family fun!

- Touch a Truck
- Hayride
- Christmas Flea Market
- Bounce house & games
- Music by Richard Thomas 1-3
- Non-Profit Vendors
- Relay for life
- Trellis for Tomorrow
- Boyertown Library
- Boy Scout Troop 367
- PJ Project

*Bake Sale and Lunch Available*

*Cash and Checks only - Sorry, no credit cards*



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Community Event



## Designated October contributions generate bonus support

**Every Dollar you contribute to NHELCC Amazing Raise events, and during the month of October will receive a Bonus from the TCN Foundation.**

This year NHELCC is participating in the Amazing Raise sponsored by the TriCounty Community Network (TCN). The Amazing Raise is a movement that inspires and unites hundreds of donors, (foundations, corporations, individuals) to support participating non-profit organizations in our area. **Our Goal is \$15,000.**

The amount of money we receive through donations and fundraising **during the month of October** will be boosted by a bonus gift from the Amazing Raise's incentive fund. You can find our donation site at <https://www.amazingraisetricounty.org>. Also, all donations (by mail, or handed in, or online) designated for NHELCC Amazing Raise will receive the bonus.

NHELCC has a history of serving others and has recently initiated exciting ministries (Loaves & Fishes, Garden of Hope, Peer Support, FLUTTER Youth and Seniors). The monies raised during the Amazing Raise will help to fund these and all our ministries.

We are asking that you “**save the date**” – **October** – to make a special donation to NHELCC through the Amazing Raise. Make that end of the year donation a bit earlier in October, or that special donation in honor or in memory of a loved one, and/or share some of your investment's “minimum required distribution” in October. Every dollar counts – any amount is welcome. **Remember, what you give through the Amazing Raise is increased by bonus monies!**


More details will be posted about the Amazing Raise and our fundraising activities in October *which include the events on September 26 (Painting Party), October 2 (Harvesting Hope Fair) and October 23 (Living History Cemetery Tour)*. Check in at [newhanoverlutheran.org](http://newhanoverlutheran.org), Facebook, worship bulletins and our newsletters.




**Roast Beef Dinner**  
**Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**4 – 7 PM**

Dinner includes roast beef, sides and desserts.

Sit down meals and takeout are available.



A great big **THANK YOU** from the Great Swamp Picnic Committee!!! Thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's picnic a success. Thank you to those who helped with preparation, cooking, working, serving and cleaning up! Thank you to all of those people who supported the picnic by showing up to eat, shop, and enjoy the Boyertown Alumni Band. It really was a great day to come together to celebrate our church and our community.



# Recovery Is for Everyone



Every year around this time, I remember where I was 13 years ago because today, September 5, 2021 marks 13 years in recovery for me. I share this openly to raise awareness, reduce stigma around addiction/recovery and possibly give someone hope.

Recovery has given me such meaning and purpose in my life. At this very moment, I am at the beach in Cape May, enjoying this milestone with my wife and son. While I'm writing this, I'm looking out into the ocean and reflecting and thinking of the similarities between the ocean and my journey of recovery. The past 13 years haven't all been smooth sailing. Sometimes, there have been rough waters, high tides, crashing waves, and a strong rip tide. I think about how so much plays into the ocean's ecosystem, both internal and external, in all of its complexity. The ocean even connects with the moon. It's almost as complex as I am. Lol. Even the ocean doesn't change on its own. It has organisms, living and non-living things, interacting with it every second of every day. Very similar to the ripple effects that recovery has on the person, family, and community. When we are in the tough times in life/recovery, it's ok. Everyday can't be the perfect day at the shore, but it can still be beautiful and enjoyable though. There are many choices/pathways. Maybe we can fly a kite on the beach or build a sandcastle, go for a walk/run in the sand. The ocean is a magnificent force, and so is the process of recovery. Recovery is possible and probable for EVERYONE! Every Person, Every Family, Every Community. Every Day! I'm extremely grateful for everyone in a process of recovery and for everyone who has been a part of my recovery journey. Recovery is a "we thing." I could never do this alone. Thanks to EVERYONE who has participated in my journey and those who have allowed me to participate in theirs.

Each September, Recovery Month works to promote and support new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the emergence of a strong and proud recovery community, and the dedication of service providers and community members across the nation who make recovery in all its forms possible.

The 2021 National Recovery Month theme, "Recovery is For Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community, reminds people in recovery and those who support them that no one is alone in the journey through recovery. Everyone's journey is different, but we are all in this together.

Ryan Schweiger  
Director of Peer Support Recovery Ministry

# Adult Spiritual Renewal

**The *Word in Season* daily devotion books** October – December are available in the box outside the Sunday School door and are in the Welcome Center.

**Places of Reflection and Prayer** Did you know New Hanover has several places around the church that provide great places to connect with God? The gazebo located in the rear of the cemetery is maintained year-round and has recently been freshened up. Right now there are butterfly bushes and begonias blooming and it's a perfect place to read the Bible or pray. Also, a memorial bench, located on the south side of the church, is surrounded by nature and canopied by a large oak providing shade for those seeking a place of reprieve and solace. Take advantage of them and you'll find that God is ready both for listening and speaking.

**"Thursdays at Ten"** is a discussion/fellowship gathering which will meet Thursdays, 10 – 11:30 AM, room 33, to share good talk, good stories, good laughs and great chances to explore what God intends for our lives. Might even be some good snacks! Starting topic: **"A Quote A Day Keeps the Blues Away."** We'll explore all kinds of meaningful quotes – some well-known, some others not so much and figure out how they can nourish our spiritual lives and help us let go of some of the stresses surrounding us these days. Contact Deacon Carol for more information.

**Trauma: Travelling Through and Surviving by Pastor Scott** An Adult class discussion each Sunday at 10:15 AM in room 33 centering on the identification and effects of trauma, traveling through trauma and healing practices. We will study what one may learn through trauma, and how trauma may actually make us stronger if we allow ourselves to accept it and work through trauma.

**Wednesday Gospel Discussion** - Each week on our webpage and Facebook page, Pastor Scott and Pastor MaryAnn discuss this week's Gospel Lesson with inside context of the time, people and the language used in the Gospel lesson. Come join us for a fun filled 15 minutes of the upcoming Gospel lesson. You can find the discussion at: [Newhanoverlutheran.org](http://Newhanoverlutheran.org) , Faith Formation tab and Gospel discussions section and or our Facebook page at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/>.



## Food Ministry



More than 60,000 meals have been delivered!

NHELC's Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry is changing lives. And, you can be a part of the team. Here's how you can help.

You can donate food.

Drop off your donation on Wednesdays between 1 – 2 PM and Sundays between 11 AM - noon.

Items most needed include

Hamburger

Pasta (ziti, elbows, bowties)

Potatoes

Eggs

Chicken (thighs and breast meat)

Cheese (mozzarella, cheddar, parmesan)

Fresh fruit (apples, oranges, bananas)

Donate money through Thrivent Gift Cards, place monetary donation in the offering plate or mail to the church.

Deliver meals. Sign up at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/>.





# October – My Favorite Time of the Year (Maybe)

October in my family is filled with Birthdays, Halloween, and celebrations. The month was also a time to sigh a relief after the return to school madness started in September (Rally Day, God’s Work-Our Hands, and Harvest Home events), many weddings occurred, and last-minute vacations were taken. However, something has changed.

While that was before, somehow October has become just as busy, if not more. I find our church calendar packed with events and excitement as any great church season (Advent/Lent).

This year we start off with a Harvesting Hope Fair (Oct. 2) with exciting displays and demonstrations. Followed by a Living Cemetery Walking Tour, and if that is not enough we are having our largest generosity filled fund raising event for the entire month (Oct. 1 thru Oct. 30), ‘The Amazing Raise.’”

The Amazing Raise represents the opportunity to expand our ministries of Loving our Neighbors by feeding and healing them. Throughout the pandemic our main ministries aside from worship was feeding people to save and change their lives, create, and maintain a garden to supply fresh organic food to food deserts (areas with no fresh veggies available), and actively helping people in mental health and substance recovery. All that changed this fall.

As we reenter the building fielding a full Sunday School for all ages, complete worship, a dedicated Senior ministry, and an expanded youth program, we must find a way to compliment the existing ministries (Loaves & Fishes, Garden of Hope, Peer Support Recovery) that we have created and are thriving. Our new ministries have been recognized and reported on the internet, written publications, and TV news articles. Our Peer Support ministry was recognized by a regional mental health foundation and was selected to be a main presenter at a seminar.

Growth is great, as long as that is what you want. I believe it is, here at New Hanover. Come grow with us, check out the article on the Amazing Raise, check out our many volunteer opportunities to change and save people’s lives. October was once a quiet month; however, in a little over 500 years ago, a young monk named Luther posted a letter on a church door on October 31<sup>st</sup> that would change the world forever. Join me in changing the world; let’s make our own history in October!

Peace and Go Get’em, Pastor Scott



## Volunteers needed to work in the garden

Mondays	7-10 AM
Wednesdays	4:30-5:30 PM
Thursdays	7-10 AM
Saturdays	to be announced

Would you like to help but can’t serve during the designated hours? Additional hours and tasks can be coordinated with Donna Kehs. Contact Donna at [donnakehs@gmail.com](mailto:donnakehs@gmail.com).

# NEW HANOVER LUTHERAN CHURCH



## LIVING HISTORY CEMETERY TOUR

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COME DISCOVER THE LONG AND FASCINATING  
HISTORY OF NEW HANOVER LUTHERAN CHURCH  
AND IT'S MEMBERS

October 23, 2021  
(rain date: October 30)  
2 PM to 4 PM ~ tours every 20 min

Free will donation to fund  
cemetery restoration (part of the  
“Amazing Raise” project)



Please visit [www.newhanoverlutheran.org](http://www.newhanoverlutheran.org)  
for more information and details.

# Donate to help local families

During the month of October, Mission Service committee will receive donations of non-perishable foods, paper products and cleaning products for the Boyertown Area Multi-Service for their clients in the Boyertown, Oley, Hereford and surrounding areas.

The top ten items needed in each category are listed.

## Food

Cereal  
Canned fruit and vegetables  
Soup  
Boxed side dishes  
Crackers  
Cookies/granola bars  
Snacks (pretzels, chips, etc.)  
Jell-O and pudding mixes  
Applesauce  
Pasta and rice

## Non-food

Deodorant  
Hand soap  
Body soap  
Dish soap  
Detergent  
Toilet paper  
Paper towels  
Kleenex  
Diapers  
Conditioner

Also, sugar-free, sodium-free and low-fat items for those with dietary restrictions are greatly appreciated. Please do not bring items with an expiration date already expired, home-canned items or medicines. These items cannot be accepted. Collection baskets for your donations are located in the Welcome Center and Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!



## NHELCL at work

Praise be to God. 60,000 meals delivered to date with another 10,000+ donated to local food pantries from the Garden of Hope! Our harvest totals are nearing 3,000 pounds, with over 90% helping bring fresh organic produce to the intercity and home bound.

Congratulations to all who have been part of the Ministries that have changed and saved lives. Please keep us in prayer and thought when you can donate some time, money or food to help. We still need drivers every Wednesday and Sunday.



Check it out.

<https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/nhelc-and-the-amazing.../>

<https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/harvesting-hope-fair/>

<https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food.../>

# October Celebrations



## Birthdays

Happy birthday to Carol Howells, who will celebrate her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on October 15<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like to send birthday greetings to Carol, here is her address.

2849 Big Road Room 3111 Aspen  
Zieglerville, PA 19492

### Additional birthday greetings

- 1 Presley McNichol, Leona Renninger, Michael Smith, Jr.
- 2 Barbara Bower, Amy LeVan, Keith Renninger
- 3 Keith Weaver
- 4 Malaina Meeker, Corinne Schnee
- 6 Carolina Hansley, Tina Hennessey
- 7 Connor Harrity, Donna Smith
- 9 Ashlie Gorman, Marsha Staub
- 10 Teresa Yancik
- 11 Aurelia Cardillo, Shane Forsyth, Richard Freed
- 12 Lindsey Waltermeyer, Ryan Weaver
- 13 Kevin Brunner, Tim Evans, Georgann Geiser
- 14 Corey King, Diana Sisson
- 15 Carol Howells
- 16 Ed Phillips, Abby Sauers, Catherine Underwood, Seth Williams
- 17 Aidan Beaver, Kylie McAndrew, Emma Wenerowicz
- 18 Olivia Helmer, Michael F. Smith
- 19 Carolyn Fleming, Jackson Solarz
- 22 Sue Swartz, Doug Weaver
- 23 Suzanne Dodge
- 24 Cheyenne Cole
- 26 Julia DePaul, Bonnie Eichenlaub, Beckette Herold, Verdie Smith
- 27 Maya Brunner, Donna Evans, Kenneth Grzywacz, Judith Kingsepp, David Rhoads
- 29 William C. Moyer
- 30 Carol Detweiler, James Dugan, Jennifer Kurtz, Jared Pinter, Pr. Scott Staub, Sammy Young
- 31 Bethany Bechtel, Monique Becker, Barbara Morris, Ronald Weller, Kassidy Williams

## Anniversaries

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| 1 Daniel and Ranell Cole           | 16 David and Gwen Grant       |
| Jared and Valarie Dubbs            | Lincoln and Barbara Noecker   |
| Peter and Heather Wurst            | 17 Bruce and Bethann Ritter   |
| 2 Joe and Lisa Caputo              | Preston and Darlene Smith     |
| Cameron and Michele Parker         | 18 Norm and Brenda Hunsberger |
| Greg and Janet Psota               | 20 Ron and Lynn Fegley        |
| 9 Ryan and Diana Sisson            | Wayne and LuAnne Fowler       |
| 10 Josh and Morgan Fox             | 21 Ray and Fay Feick          |
| 12 Jason and Rachelle Kunsch       | 23 Matt and Amy Marazas       |
| 14 Thom and Lisa Heck              | 27 Jack and Kathleen Bowers   |
| 15 Bob Moyer and Kym Walther-Moyer |                               |