

New Hanover Highlights

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OH COME, LET US ADORE HIM, O COME, LET US ADORE HIM, CHRIST THE

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Christmas Eve services

Celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in worship on Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24th. Worship will be held at 4:00 and 7:00 PM. Both services will be candlelight.

Special Temple Talk

December 5th at 9 AM Worship

Executive Director of The Chosen 300 Ministries, Inc. Brian Jenkins will give a special Temple Talk about their meal ministry throughout our area and internationally. Our own Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry is planning to help supply meals locally one night a month to help. Check out their story at <http://www.chosen300.org/ourmission.html>.

Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 19th, 10:15 AM

Be sure to attend this meaningful, uplifting holiday tradition as part of your preparation for Christmas.

Actors Needed

Lines can be read and don't need to be memorized. Some evening practice times in early December will be scheduled. Contact Nikki Young ASAP if you are interested. (This would be mostly kids and youth, but if any adults would really like to participate, we will welcome you!)





Advent Craft Party

Saturday, December 11th, 10 AM – 1 PM

Mark your calendars and sign up NOW to join in the fun at the Advent/Christmas Craft Day. This event is for all ages. From 10 till noon, activities include making crafts, playing some games and having a scavenger hunt for the kids. At noon hotdogs and drinks will be provided for lunch. Please bring a side dish and/or a dessert to share. In order to have enough crafts and food for everyone, sign up at shorturl.at/lrMO5 or in the lobby on Sunday mornings! Also, we will prepare senior bags for a service project. Please consider bringing some items to include in the bags for our senior members. Things to bring include: Hand lotions, Chapstick, tissues, individually wrapped snacks, crackers, pretzels, chips, hot chocolate, word search books, individual cups of Jell-O, pudding, applesauce, fruit cups etc. If you have any questions or you would be interested in hosting a craft table, contact Nikki Young at nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org or 610-326-1335.



FLUTTER Youth Group Christmas Party

Sunday, December 5th, 11:15 AM – 1:15 PM

Join us for our FLUTTER Christmas party following Sunday School on Sunday, December 5th, from 11:15- 1:15. We will be having pizza for lunch. Also, we will play some fun Christmas games, including the big Saran wrap ball passing game, a favorite of the youth!

Join in breakfast fellowship

The women and men of NHELCC gather for a time of fellowship and breakfast at local restaurants every month. There is no agenda, just a friendly gathering for good food and good conversation.

Women's Breakfast Wednesdays, December 8th & January 12th, 8:30 AM

Shorty's Sunflower Café
1494 North Charlotte Street

Reservations are required. To reserve your seat, contact Sandy Wesner at (215) 679-9021 by Tuesday noon before the breakfast.

Men's Breakfast Saturday, December 11th & January 8th, 8:00 AM

Brookside Family Restaurant
1338 North Charlotte Street

No reservations needed. For more information, contact Ron Fegley.



Church office closes for the holidays

Christmas Holiday

Friday, December 24th
Monday, December 27th

New Year's Day

Monday, January 3rd

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Day

Monday, January 17th



Winter Themed Paint Day

Sunday, January 9th, 2:00 – 4:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

Back by popular demand, Amy, from Amy's Art Shack will lead us in another painting project – this time winter themed. If you missed our fall paint day you missed out on all the fun! Remember **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!** Amy is a great teacher, and we had a lot of fun and laughs. Join us on Sunday, January 9th from 2:00 – 4:00 in fellowship hall. Cost is \$40 per person and \$15 will be donated back to NHELCC Mission Services to be used for missions of our church (food ministry, peer support etc). Bring a snack to share! Sign up at shorturl.at/dnvwI or RSVP to Nikki Young at nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org or call the church at 610-326-1335.



Supply Chain of Blessings: Not a problem for God

For the past 20 some months we have witnessed the fragile nature of our supply chain for commercial goods. From electronic chips to toilet paper our nation has experienced shortages. However, there is one item that has not stopped being distributed in abundance.

That item is the Blessings from God. It may sound corny; however, it a true statement when one stops and looks around at what is going on in this community of faith and our neighbors. When one can overlook the availability of new cars or whatever their wants may be, and rather witness the abundance of joy our faith community is delivering through the blessings of God. Then one may see the true abundance of blessings God delivers.

Our food ministry is blessed to have you as volunteers and donors. The ministry has delivered over 70,000 meals to our neighbors who need the support. This past year, recipients of the meals, once healthy and recovered, have become financial donors and volunteer drivers themselves. In total, over 300 different volunteers and donors supported this ministry. I would say that is a blessing.

Our Garden of Hope provided over 16,000 meals through raising crops totaling over 8,000 pounds. The recipients of these blessings witnessed fresh

organic vegetables for the first time and increased their wellness. In all, the two food ministries provided close to 90,000 nutritious meals to battle food scarcity, poverty, and homelessness. The Garden’s Harvesting Hope Fair witnessed over 600 attendees in their first year! I would say that is a blessing.

Our Worship teams have quickly reacted and gained proficiency in live streaming and recording our worship videos. Combined with our in-person attendance there are over 200 people attending worship each week. That number is an increase over the attendance before the Covid pandemic. I would say that is a blessing.

While the nation and world are figuring out the supply chain challenge, God has steadily provided abundant blessings upon our faith community. Our challenge of loving our neighbors is being met with the help of God. While one may not get their new car or favorite toy, I know God will provide abundant blessings, that may not be under the Christmas tree or even on their wish list.

Merry Christmas to you all, Peace
Pastor Scott

Children, Family & Youth Ministries

December GIFT Sunday

Sunday, December 19th

Join us on Sunday, December 19th for GIFT (Generations In Faith Together) Sunday on December 19th after worship. We are planning a Christmas pageant (with a Christmas hymn sing) and sharing some refreshments. If you are able, bring a snack to share. Drinks will be provided. Come join the fun and get in the Christmas Spirit together.

January GIFT Sunday

Sunday, January 23rd

The January GIFT Sunday (Generations in Faith Together) will focus on some ways to work faith building into normal family routines. Also, some activities are planned to help us get to know some folks in generations that are not our own. This will be a great opportunity to get to know others in the congregation that you would not typically interact with! We truly want to practice being Generations in Faith...together.

Martin Luther King Day of Service

Monday, January 17th

NHELCC will host a Day of Service here at the church on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Details will be provided moving forward. If you have service project activities or are willing to help plan this day, contact Nikki Young at nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org or call the church office.

Sunday School and the Holidays

We will take a short winter hiatus from Sunday School on December 26th and January 2nd due to staff schedules and the way the holidays fall this year. Children and youth will resume Sunday School on January 9th. The adult Sunday school will resume on January 16th.

Seniors Ministries



“Deck the Halls”

Thursday, December 9th,
Noon – 2:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

Seniors are invited to ring in the holidays on Thursday, December 9th, noon – 2:00 PM.

Noon – 1:00 PM Lunch and Fellowship

- ✓ Bring your brown bag lunch
- ✓ Enjoy some of Chef Chris’ excellent homemade chicken pot pie soup and hot Wassail
- ✓ Bring a plate of Christmas cookies to share

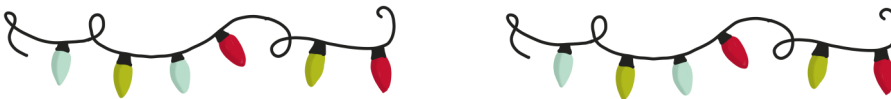
1:00 – 2:00 PM Christmas Customs & Traditions

- ✓ Bring some of your “growing up” Christmas stories to share
- ✓ Learn about PA German traditions

The Seniors Ministry hopes you’ll join the fun in getting the holiday season going with your “mature and wise” friends from NHEL.C.

And feel free to invite a guest from outside of the congregation!

We just ask that you RSVP on the sign-up sheet that will be in the welcome center on the “Seniors Table.” Or sign up by contacting Deacon Carol at carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org or leave her a message at the church office.



Senior Ministries Survey Form

It’s not too late to turn in a survey form! There are extra copies in the Welcome Center. They can be returned to the marked black tray in the welcome center. Or, contact Deacon Carol at carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org or call the church office and we’ll send you one!

Prayer Ministry

Prayer Chain

Need a prayer lifted up? The NHEL.C Prayer Chain Ministry is here for you. 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, we will lift those prayers up! All information will be kept confidential. To request a prayer, contact Deacon Carol at carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org or call the church office (610-326-1335), leave her a voice mail and she will pass it on to the prayer group. Also, you can contact Deacon Carol to update circumstances or have a name removed from the Prayer Chain. Your prayers will be “delivered”!

Prayer Shawls

If you know of anyone in need of a prayer shawl - feels like you are being hugged by prayers, healing and love - contact Deacon Carol or Pastor Scott. We will be glad to provide one! And a person doesn’t need to be a church member to receive one.

Additional knitters are needed. If that’s a ministry you would like to do, just contact Deacon Carol for more information!



Faith Formation

“Thursdays at Ten”

“Thursdays at Ten” is an informal discussion/fellowship gathering (with snacks!) which meets Thursdays, 10-11:30 AM in room 33. Beginning December 2nd, we will start a special Advent study “*Promise & Praise*” which will be a “word-a-day” Advent reflection - all of which will reflect the season and understanding of this sacred time of the church year. We’ll even learn these words in two different languages! Questions about the class? Contact Carol at carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org or leave a message with the church office. Join us as we celebrate Advent!

Coming in January....”*I Will Give You Rest...*” – a course that will focus on ways we can “be still” in the presence of God and learn how to rest and recharge our spiritual selves. Join us as we gather and take a step back from the world that is rushing a little crazily around us and explore ways to restore our souls.

How are you getting ready for Christmas?

Consider a time of devotion with the Advent study resource, *Promise & Praise*. *Promise & Praise* offers a “spiritual twist to the common Advent calendar. Daily reflections draw people to read and respond to a single word each day, words which will open our hearts and minds to the coming of the Christ child. The books are available in the welcome center on a first-come-first-serve basis. **Please note:** copies of the book were distributed to those who receive the senior bags and to participants in the “Thursdays at Ten” class. If you aren’t currently part of the “Thursdays at Ten” group, you are welcome to pick up a copy of this book and join the group for the month of December! Contact Deacon Carol for more information if needed.



Congregation News



Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 12th, 10 AM

This meeting will be held immediately following the morning worship service. Agenda items include the 2022 proposed budget and the sale of approximately ½ acre of land to a neighbor.

Copies of the 2022 proposed budget are available on the church’s website (www.newhanoverlutheran.org), in the welcome center and in the box outside the Sunday School door.

Do you enjoy reading the newsletter?

NHELK will soon discontinue mailing the *New Hanover Highlights* by third class mail. The newsletter will be sent out electronically. A limited number of printed copies will continue to be available for those who would like to pick up a copy at the church. If you do not have access to a computer and cannot attend worship but would like to continue receiving the newsletter by mail, we will gladly send you a copy by first class mail. Contact Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at (610) 326-1335. If you currently do not receive the newsletter link by email but would like to receive the newsletter electronically, send your email address(es) to Susan at susan.gutshall@newhanoverlutheran.org. Any questions about the newsletter mailing, contact Susan at the email or phone number listed above.

Annual reports are due

Attention committee chairs and liaisons.
Annual reports are due **Friday, January 7th**.

Winter Celebrations

Seniors (90 and older) Birthdays

Marlyn Bieleski

94 years old on December 5th

2300 North Charlotte Street
Pottstown, PA 19464

Ray Feick

90 years old on December 31st

2987 Lutheran Road
Gilbertsville, PA 19525

Wedding Anniversaries

December

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

January

- 3 Stern and Erin Nester
- 9 Chris and Robin Fatzinger
- 24 Walter and Betty Hinrichs



December Birthdays

- 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 Marlyn Bieleski, 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, Angela Kirn, Lois O'Dell, Michelle Stapleton, Raymond Velazquez
- 15 Denise Gaugler, John LeVan, Jr.
- 16 William Boys, Wallace Van Dyke
- 17 Carl Asti, Rachelle 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

January Birthdays

- 1 Michael Lindenmuth, Marlene Waller
- 4 Jennifer Haraske, Will Wilson v
- 5 Alexander McCarthy
- 6 Ryan Foskey, Herbert Vandergrift, Rachel Williams
- 7 Luke Sharp, Lillian Stapleton
- 8 Robyn Brunner, Tyler Hibbs, Vivien O'Donnell, Brennan Schweiger
- 9 Ranell Cole, Connie Norris, Ryan Pinter
- 10 Linda Motzer, Avery Spencer
- 11 Lynn Fegley, Stern Nester, Jr., Brad Zuchero
- 12 Kylie Ewing, Harold Smale
- 13 Ashley Allen, Nevada Grant, Mike Wenerowicz
- 14 Kenny Gahler, Graham Lindenmuth, William Kingsepp

- 15 Candace Shepherd, John Zuchero
- 16 Pat Smale
- 18 Joseph Kern, Pauline Meeker, Daniel Moser, Gavin Smith
- 19 Ray Green, Michael Norris, Herman Richard
- 20 Bill Bauer, Marcia Dey, Matthew McHugh, Michael Moehring, Keith Rohrbach
- 21 Christopher Morgan, Dylan Parker, Mark Warnquist
- 22 Emily Willis
- 23 Charles McNichol, Olivia Smith
- 24 Susan Fretz, Robert Heck, Jr., Brian Rohrbach, Kathleen Smoot, Rick Solazzo
- 26 Wendy Gahler, Denise Moyer
- 27 Justyn Forrest, Jenafer Mayan, Evan O'Donnell, Jack Repa, Jeff Smoot
- 28 Robb Davis, Kevin Jackmore, Jamie Kurtz, Esmee Miller
- 29 Patrick Agnew, Phillip Boyer, Amanda Dodge, Bill Tracey
- 30 Bruce Forsyth, Torry Gallagher, James Gross, Jr., Bob Moyer
- 31 Carolyn Snell

What an AMAZING Raise!

Together, we raised \$34,420.50 in October (\$27,292.63 via individual donations at church/Harvesting Hope Fair/Living Cemetery Tour/Paint Day Fundraiser—\$5,750 online donations—and a bonus gift from the Amazing Raise of \$1,377.87!). Together we held three amazing fundraisers; together we donated monies; together we supported our very special NHELCC.

While the majority of the money will be added to the church’s general fund, we respect any donors requests and have directed their donations to Peer Support (\$500), Loaves & Fishes (\$2,386), heating oil (\$1,200), Christian Education (\$100), FLUTTER (\$921), Garden of Hope (\$694), HVAC project (\$100), memorial gift for Jean Boyer (\$50). Donations received at the Living History Cemetery tour will be directed to funding cemetery restoration (\$820).

We wish to thank every volunteer, donor and attendee for their energy, generosity and enthusiasm.

Mission Service/Social Ministry Committee

Cemetery Tour Recap/Thank You

Words cannot express enough thanks for all who were part of this first time ever event here at NHELCC which was sponsored by our new Seniors Ministry. We raised over \$800 for our new cemetery restoration fund which will be set up to help out some of our “senior” tombstones out there.

A HUGE thanks to the actors: Olivia Helmer, Pastor Scott, Kevin Tracey, Lee Wesner, Sue Lowry, Norm Hunsberger, Denny Detweiler, Brenda Hunsberger and Jayne McHugh; the tour guides: Maddie Bowman, Carolyn Fleming and Nikki Young; the greeters and refreshment table folk: Jo Anne Wirt, Jane Manthorne, Jane Johnson, Joan Price, John and Hazel LeVan; and last but not least...co-director/right-hand person Amanda Schlick and “wardrobe mistress” Brenda Hunsberger. We couldn’t have done it without all of these wonderful volunteers!

We’ve already been told we have to do it again next year! There are plenty more stories to tell.



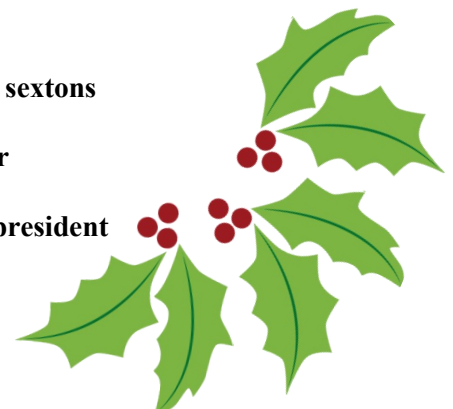
Congregation Council

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Here's a look at what's coming up

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| 12/5 | FLUTTER Christmas Party |
| 12/9 | Deck the Halls Seniors Gathering |
| 12/11 | Advent Craft Party |
| 12/12 | Special Congregational Meeting |
| 12/19 | Christmas Pageant |
| 12/19 | GIFT Sunday |
| 12/24 | Christmas Eve Services (4:00 & 7:00) |
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