

New Hanover Highlights

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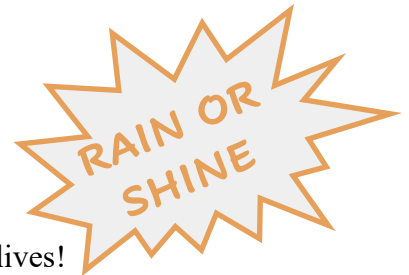
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2nd Annual Harvesting Hope Fair October 1st 11 AM - 3 PM



Join the fun for all ages and help change lives!

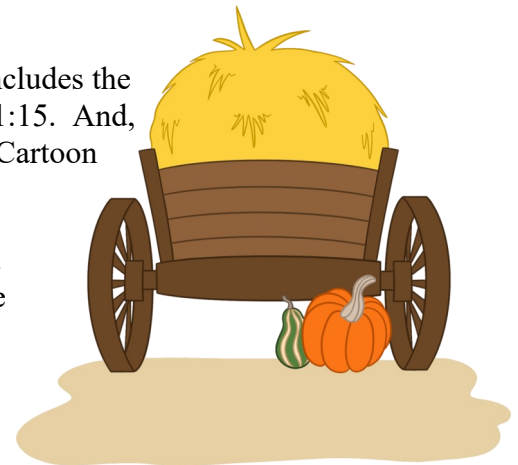
Touch a Truck	Drag Racing Cars
Tractors	Christmas Flea Market
Hayrides	Bee Demo
Non-Profit Ministry Fair	Family Fun and Games
Family Photo Booth	Bounce Houses
Organic Garden U-Pick	Food & Beverages

All event proceeds will support the New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church (NHELCL) Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry and Garden of Hope, nonprofit ministries feeding, saving and changing lives locally.

Special entertainment this year includes the MedEvac helicopter landing at 11:15. And, beginning at noon, Koo Koo the Cartoon Magician will amaze you.

So bring your family, friends and neighbors to the Harvesting Hope Fair at NHELCL.

In case of rain, the event will be held inside.





Wave of Light service for pregnancy and infant loss Saturday, October 15th 6:30 PM



On October 25, 1988, President Ronald Reagan designated October as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. This was a time to honor the young lives lost and a time to support the family and friends who endured the loss. A petition in 2002 generated October 15th as the National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day which is acknowledged in all 50 states.

This year, NHELCL will host a wave of light service on Saturday, October 15th, at 6:30 PM. If you know someone who was touched by a loss such as this, invite them to come. Weather permitting the service may be outside. Watch for further details in the bulletin or on Facebook. Contact Nikki Young with any questions.



NHELCL Book Club discusses *The Couple Next Door*

**Tuesday, October 4th
6:30 PM**

The church book club will be meeting at The Grind to discuss *The Couple Next Door* written by Shari Lapena. All are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!

To stay up to date with what's happening, join the group's Facebook page, NHELCL Book Club. If you aren't on Facebook, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com for information.



Pumpkin Frolic Sunday, October 23rd 2 – 4 PM

Come join the fun for an afternoon of pumpkin related activities including pumpkin decorating, fall crafts, scavenger hunt, games and snacks. Participants will be painting pumpkins, not carving them for safety purposes. Pumpkins and paint will be provided. This is a Thrivent Action team service project. There is no charge for this event; however, please bring some non-perishable food for Preston's Pantry at Boyertown Multi-Service. There will be a signup sheet on the desk in the welcome center or you may sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=s.ProcessSignup&urlid=10C0F4EAFA C2CAAF4C16-pumpkin>. **To be sure there will be enough pumpkins for those attending, sign up by October 16th.**

This event will be held in fellowship hall.



First Communion Class Saturday, October 22nd 9 – 11 AM

This year, students from 2nd grade and up may take the class at their parents' discretion. If you feel your child is ready to take communion, contact Nikki Young at nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org to sign up for the class. If possible, a parent or guardian should attend with the student. **Sign up by Sunday, October 9th**, so we can be sure to have enough workbooks etc. The First Communion class will be held in the youth room (32).

First Communion will be held on Reformation Sunday, October 30th.

NEW HANOVER LUTHERAN CHURCH



LIVING HISTORY CEMETERY TOUR

COME DISCOVER THE LONG AND FASCINATING HISTORY OF NEW HANOVER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND ITS MEMBERS



October 15, 2022
(rain date: October 22)
2 PM to 4 PM ~
tours every 20 min

12 PM: Dress Rehearsal
(open to those with
mobility issues ~
Fellowship Hall)

Free will donation to fund
cemetery restoration

Food will be available!

Help make the Living History Cemetery Tour a success

Help is needed for the Living History Cemetery Tour. Folks are needed to serve as tour guides, greeters and refreshment table servers. Contact Deacon Carol at carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org or leave her a message at the church office if you are interested or have any questions. This event is sponsored by the Seniors Ministry of NHELc.

Fall yoga class

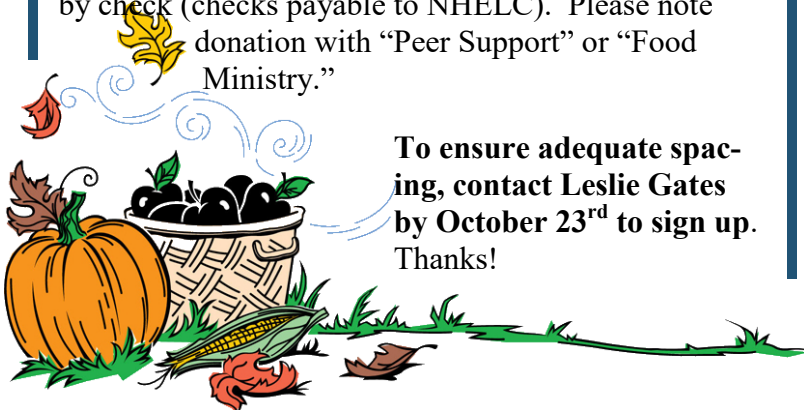
Thursdays, October 27th and November 3rd
Fridays, October 28th and November 4th
6:30 – 7:30 PM
Nursery (room 15)

These beginners/all levels yoga classes will include gentle yoga, some slow flow and restorative postures with the intention of calming and grounding. “Breath Prayers” will be incorporated into each practice as affirmations of God’s promises to love and care for us, to carry us, always, and to give us peace.

Anyone age 13 years and up can join. Youth ages 13 - 17 years old should be accompanied by an adult.

Classes are a free-will donation-based. Pay in cash or by check (checks payable to NHELc). Please note donation with “Peer Support” or “Food Ministry.”

To ensure adequate spacing, contact Leslie Gates by October 23rd to sign up. Thanks!



Breakfast Fellowship

The men and women of NHELc 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.

Men’s Breakfast
Saturday, October 8th
8:00 AM

Brookside Family Restaurant
1338 North Charlotte Street

Men meet the second Saturday of the month. No reservations required. For more information, contact Ron Fegley.

Women’s Breakfast
Wednesday, October 12th
8:30 AM

Shorty’s Sunflower Café
1494 North Charlotte Street

Women meet on the second Wednesday of the month. Reservations are required. To reserve your seat, contact Sandy Wesner at (215) 679-9021 by Tuesday noon before the breakfast.

Politics and Religion Bible Study

**Sundays at 10:15 AM in room 33
Starting October 2, 2022**

Now that I got your attention. Join me for a weekly public forum of how we as a people can share the wisdom of the Bible to create an atmosphere where listening, loving and helping one another is a priority, and power and dominance are not a platform for public forums and discussions.

The discussions will be posted on our website, and printed copies will be available to be picked up at the October 2nd forum.

Join a choir

Chancel Choir

Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 7 - 8:15 PM

Children's Choir

Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7 PM

For more information, contact Director of Music Ministry Patricia Nyce.

Bell Choir

Rehearsals are Thursdays,
6:15 - 7:30 PM

For more information,
contact Bell Choir
Director Barb Eisenhart.



October Blessings

October is a busy month in our church community and my own family. Each week there are special events such as our Harvesting Hope Fair and Living History Cemetery Tours, and milestone worships such as World Communion and Reformation Sundays. In my family each week brings several birthday celebrations, some celebrated and for some of us, silent remembrances. However, I look forward to October for the crispness of the air, and our church family is in full swing.

It is a time to be present in the moment, and not to look too far ahead to the not be mentioned yet holidays approaching and already advertised earlier and earlier each year. Whoever heard of Black Friday shopping in August? Amazon of course.

And that is what it seems to be anymore, looking ahead. So, I challenge you and I to stay in the moment, and why you may ask? I believe there are blessings we pass by when focused ahead. Planning is always good; however, I believe we have lost the art of celebrating the now. The accomplishments of the now.

On October 1st, we will celebrate 100,000 meals cooked, packaged and delivered by our Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry. A truly remarkable and blessed ministry changing people's lives. I pray that you look at our bulletins each week that include testimonies of the people we serve and help survive each week. That is just one of the blessings I believe we miss by taking it for granted, and/or by focusing ahead.

So I will start by thanking each and every one of you

who pray for us, who show up and serve, who worship, who attend Bible studies and JAM (Jesus And Me). When I enter the building, the lights are on and thanks be to God there is either heat or AC when needed, so thank you to all who donate and support our general operations and the Capital Campaign. These all seem like little things; however, I believe they need to be celebrated, so thank you.

May you find the blessings that are visible to you daily. May you find peace in knowing you are loved and therefore are blessed by God. May the Good Lord Bless you and keep you, and may you celebrate the blessings you witness this October. Keep your eyes, ears, and heart open for October Blessings. Let me know if you witness one.

Peace, Pastor Scott

Attic treasure donations support those with financial difficulties

This year’s flea market was another huge success! Thank you to all who donated their families’ beloved treasures to our cause. The donations this year totaled over \$800 and will help our Mission Service folks reach out and support those in need beyond our walls!



Everyone come out to the Harvesting Hope Fair where all of your wonderful Christmas treasures will further support our outreach.

Thursdays at Ten 10 – 11:30 AM

“**Fierce Women of the Bible**” Do you know the stories of “fierce women” in the Bible? Do you know the stories of “fierce women” in your family? Join the group as they move beyond the labels of *victim*, *tempter*, *silent* and read between the biblical storylines to come a little closer to who these women really were. Learn how their stories are not that dissimilar from our family’s stories, or our stories. See how their stories can help us discover more about ourselves, no matter whether we are male or female. Get ready for some “sassy” conversation and new insights into these remarkable biblical figures!

“Thursdays at Ten” is a faith formation opportunity for adults and is held in room 33. **All** are welcome. And not to worry if you can’t attend every week. There will always be a seat waiting for you! Any questions? Contact Deacon Carol.

Note: there will be no class on Thursday, October 6th.

Financial Record

The table below shows NHELCC’s income for the year as of August 31, 2022. The budgeted amounts are 8/12 of the approved 2022 budget to coincide with the months reported.

	August Contributions	Jan-Aug Contributions	Jan-Aug Approved Budget	Percent Budget
Offering				
Envelope	\$16,049	\$104,610	\$114,667	91%
Simply Giving	\$10,352	\$81,311	\$89,000	91%
Loose Offering	\$385	\$2,668	\$3,333	80%
Designated Contributions				
Fuel Oil	\$850	\$3,752	\$6,000	63%
Bulletin	\$0	\$180	\$800	23%
Flowers	\$35	\$1,868	\$2,000	93%
HVAC Project	\$16,620	\$19,055	\$22,667	84%
AVEL Project	\$17,160	\$21,010	\$0	-
Food Ministry/Garden of Hope	\$6,434	\$38,094	\$36,667	104%
Peer Support Ministry	\$3,065	\$9,947	\$2,667	373%
Grants				
Peer Support Ministry	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	0%
Food Ministry/Garden of Hope	\$0	\$44,180	\$10,000	442%





JAM brightens the day for hospitalized kids

The sixth and seventh graders have created “Good Neighbor Care Bags” for kids at CHOP. The care bags contain puzzles, games, bracelets, jokes and prayers. Our classes’ goal is to be a good neighbor and spread kindness whenever we can!



What are you thinking?

Watch for a “Seniors Suggestion Box” to appear soon on the information desk in the Welcome Center. We would love to hear what you would like to see happen with Seniors Ministry. We’d love to hear your thoughts!”



Prayer opens communication with God

Here are some prayer opportunities offered at NHELC.

Prayer shawls offer comfort

Do you know someone who could use a prayer shawl to help bring comfort, healing and good thoughts? If so, contact Deacon Carol or Pastor Scott and they’ll see that one is made available. We need additional knitters for this important ministry. Supplies and instructions are available now in the library located off of fellowship hall. Materials are on a bookcase close to the door. Contact Deacon Carol with any questions about this ministry.

Need a prayer lifted up?

The NHELC Prayer Chain Ministry is here for you. All information remains confidential. To request a prayer, contact Deacon Carol at cdetweiler01@comcast.net or call the church office (610-326-1335) to leave her a voice mail. Your prayers will be delivered! Also, you can contact Deacon Carol to update circumstances or have a name removed from the Prayer Chain.

Prayer Warriors wanted

You are invited to join the warriors on Monday at 1:15 PM in the sanctuary. Participants join in a brief devotion and then pray together. They give thanks and then lift up in prayers neighbors both near and far. See Donna Kehs or Marsha Staub if you have any questions.

Do you receive NHELC Seniors bags?

If so, make sure to check out the devotions that are included and tied in to the bag’s monthly theme - a “to-go” faith formation resource just for you!

Need help with a committee task?

Calling Committee Chairs and other NHELC leaders!

If your ministry has a task to be completed, look to the Seniors Serving Others for help. The seniors are ready and anxious to help! Contact Deacon Carol if you have a project in mind and the seniors will go from there!



October Celebrations

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Carol Howells. Carol will celebrate her 93rd birthday on October 15th. If you would like to send birthday greetings to Carol, here is her address.

Carol Howells
2849 Big Road Room 3111 Aspen
Zieglerville, PA 19492



And, see who else is celebrating a birthday in October.

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| 1 Presley McNichol, Leona
Renninger, Michael Smith, Jr. | 13 Kevin Brunner, Tim
Evans, Georgann Geiser | 24 Cheyenne Cole |
| 2 Barbara Bower, Amy LeVan,
Keith Renninger | 14 Corey King, Diana Sisson | 26 Julia DePaul, Bonnie
Eichenlaub, Beckett
Herold, Verdie Smith |
| 3 Keith Weaver | 15 Carol Howells | 27 Maya Brunner, Donna
Evans, Kenneth Grzywacz,
Judith Kingsepp, David
Rhoads |
| 4 Malaina Meeker, Corinne
Schnee | 16 Ed Phillips, Abby Sauers,
Seth Williams | 30 Jennifer Ammarell, Carol
Detweiler, Jim Dugan,
Jennifer Kurtz, Jared
Pinter, Pr. Scott Staub,
Sammy Young |
| 6 Carolina Hansley, Tina
Hennessey | 17 Aidan Beaver, Kylie
McAndrew, Emma
Wenerowicz | 31 Bethany Bechtel, Monique
Becker, Ronald Weller,
Kassidy Williams |
| 7 Connor Harrity, Donna Smith | 18 Olivia Helmer, Michael F.
Smith | |
| 9 Ashlie Gorman, Marsha Staub | 19 Carolyn Fleming, Jackson
Solarz | |
| 10 Teresa Yancik | 21 Ainsley Lucas | |
| 11 Aurelia Cardillo, Shane
Forsyth, Richard Freed | 22 Sue Swartz, Doug Weaver | |
| 12 Lindsey Waltermeyer, Ryan
Weaver | 23 Suzanne Dodge | |



Anniversaries

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| 1 Daniel and Ranell Cole
Jared and Valarie Dubbs
Peter and Heather Wurst | 12 Jason and Rachele Kunsch |
| 2 Joe and Lisa Caputo
Cameron and Michele Parker
Greg and Janet Psota | 14 Thom and Lisa Heck |
| 9 Ryan and Diana Sisson | 15 Bob Moyer and Kym
Walther-Moyer |
| 10 Josh and Morgan Fox | 16 David and Gwen Grant
Lincoln and Barbara
Noecker |
| | 17 Bruce and Bethann Ritter
Preston and Darlene Smith |
| | 18 Norm and Brenda
Hunsberger |
| | 20 Ron and Lynn Fegley
Wayne and LuAnne
Fowler |
| | 21 Ray and Fay Feick |
| | 23 Matt and Amy Marazas
Doug and Bette Senne |
| | 27 Jack and Kathleen Bowers |
| | 29 Joe and Kathy Jo Hoffman |

Can you help with the capital funds campaign?

A Capital Funds Campaign is underway. Help NHELCC raise \$247,500 for the HVAC and AVEL systems. A letter describing this campaign and an envelope for your contribution were mailed in August. Additional envelopes are available on the desk in the welcome center. For more information, contact the church office at (610) 326-1335.

Contact Information



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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.

Volunteer Opportunity

Reforestation at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church



We are requesting assistance from volunteers to help plant native trees and shrubs as part of a reforestation project at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church. The project is designed to protect and enhance wetland habitat in the Minister Creek Watershed.

Date: **Saturday, October 22**

Time: **10:00AM - 2:00PM**

Location: New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church
2941 Lutheran Rd.
Gilbertsville, PA 19525

To register, please email: Pastor Scott Staub
psstaub@gmail.com



Tools, instructions and refreshments will be provided to all volunteers.

Advance registration is required to receive project updates and/or notification of event postponement in the event of adverse weather.

This restoration project was made possible by the TreeVitalize Watersheds Grant program, managed by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, with funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Growing Greener program, PECO, and Aqua Pennsylvania for projects located within its source water protection zones.