

New Hanover Highlights

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Even indoors, the Harvesting Hope Fair was still sunshine, smiles, and success!

The second annual Harvesting Hope Fair was held on October 1st with the intention that all proceeds would help to fight hunger and in celebration of NHELc's Garden of Hope and our Loaves and Fishes ministries. We have celebrated 100,000 meals delivered in our community! In light of the recent devastation from Hurricane Ian, it was decided to also share a portion of the monies raised with those who suffered from the storm through Lutheran Disaster Relief.

Our church building became our fall playground—the Boy Scouts and children's games in the narthex, the ever popular and successful Christmas Flea Market, raffles, and non-profit groups in the Fellowship Hall, dining and bake sale in the All Purpose Room, and folks of all ages went coo coo over Koo Koo and his magic in the nursery. Participating non-profit groups included Genesis Women's Center, Pottstown Beacon of Hope,



PJ Project, Boyertown Public Library, and Trellis for Tomorrow. New Hanover Fire and Rescue members volunteered their time educating about safety, their services, and allowed children to explore their rigs. It was great to learn about the varied services that these organizations offer in our community.



Our gratitude to Chris Fatzinger and his tireless team of volunteers for preparing a feast of roasted pig, soup, and more! The youth held a bake sale; a sweet ending to our meal. We are blessed with many incredible bakers in our congregation.



A grand thank you to our sponsors! Sarah's Way Farm provided our fall décor and shared nutritional

information. Other sponsors included Jeff and Cindy Karver, Amy's Art Shack, HealthMark Foot and Ankle Associates, Young's Home Comfort, Jackie Rhoads/ReMax Homepoint, Chosen300, Unity Sober Living Homes, Fox's Lawn Maintenance, and Gilbertsville Golf Course.

The creative and energetic Harvesting Hope Fair Committee wishes to thank all volunteers and guests who attended with spirit and generosity. Save the date—the first Saturday of October for next year's Harvesting Hope Fair.

Hot Roast Beef Dinner

The Swamp Picnic Hot Roast Beef Dinner is back for its second year. On Saturday, November 12th, from 4:00-7:00pm, you can enjoy a delicious meal of hot roast beef with gravy on white bread, homemade potato filling, green beans, pepper cabbage, applesauce, dessert and a drink. You can eat in or get your meal to go. Adult meals \$16, Senior meals \$14, 6 to 10 years old \$8, 5 and younger eat free.

You **MUST** make a reservation for your meal(s) by noon on Sunday, November 6th. You can reserve your meal(s) online @ <http://www.newhanoverlutheran.org>, fill out an order slip at church or call the church office at 610-326-1335.

Calling all bakers! We need your help. Please consider making and donating a cake or pie to our Hot Roast Beef Dinner. Our bakers provided an amazing selection of delicious baked goods for the Great Swamp Picnic and we would love to be able to offer a yummy selection at this dinner. Donation drop off times will be announced. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Loaves and Fishes

Join us for dinner!

On the third Wednesday, November 16th, please join us for our

Loaves and Fishes monthly meal.

The meal is provided by Chef Chris.

If you are able please bring a dessert to share.



Thanksgiving Pie Fundraising Sale

Pack 367 and Troops 367 B & G are holding their annual Thanksgiving Pie Fundraising Sale. Fresh baked 9" pies with 2 lbs. of fruit from Frecon Farms are available for:

\$18/each - Pumpkin, Apple w/ Crumb topping, Apple w/Lidded Top, and Tart Cherry

\$20/each - Bourbon Pecan Apple, Apple Cherry and Rum Pecan

Orders are due Sunday November 6th. Payment at time of order is appreciated (Checks payable to NHELCC-Pack 367 or Venmo to @jennifer-vandyke-11) but will be accepted at time of pick up as well.

Complete the paper order form in the Welcome Center (and put payments in the lock box on the table) or submit orders at www.tinyurl.com/2022pies

Pick-up will be at the church Tuesday night 11/22 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm or Wednesday morning 10-11 am. Contact Jen Van Dyke (484-942-9802 or jtra367@yahoo.com) with questions.



Christmas Craft Day

The Christmas Craft Day will be held on Saturday, December 3rd from 10am-1pm. We will be doing Christmas crafts, games, and a scavenger hunt, etc.

We will do crafts from 10am-12pm and then enjoy lunch together.

You may sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-christmas1> or sign up in the welcome center.

*Please note, due to a scheduling conflict, we have changed this date from something previously advertised.

Paint Day – Christmas Edition

Back by popular demand another Paint Day Party.

Please join us on Saturday, November 19th from 1-3pm.

This time we are going to go to Amy's studio – Amy's Art Shack,

2210 Hendricks Road, Pennsburg.

If you are interested in meeting earlier for lunch and/or a carpool please let us know.

RSVP to Nikki Young or on the sign up genius

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eafac2caaf4c16-christmas>

This event is \$35/person.

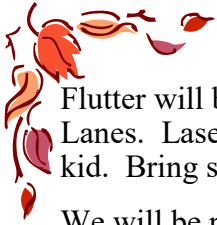


NHELCC Book Club discusses *The Book of Longings*

Tuesday, December 6th

The church book club will be meeting Tuesday, December 6th at 6:30 PM at The Grind to discuss *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd. All are welcome to attend!

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



Flutter News

Flutter will be heading to Jay Lanes on November 12th for laser tag and bowling. We will meet at Jay Lanes. Laser Tag starts at 7:00pm, and we will bowl afterward. The cost will be about \$16 per kid. Bring some extra cash if you plan to visit the snack bar.

We will be participating in the PJ Project during the month of November. This project will provide new pajamas (adult size small - XL) for teen boys and girls in the local area. Donations must be in by November 20th. The congregation is invited to participate!

On December 3rd, starting at 6:30pm, Flutter will be holding a lock-in at the church. We will be "locked in" until church begins the next morning. We will be playing games, watching a movie, and baking cookies for some of our members. Please pack a sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, and a change of clothing.

Any youth in grades 6-12 is welcome to participate in all Flutter activities. Please reach out to Jen Boyer (jcboyer0408@gmail.com) or Lindsey Waltermyer (GoldieLW@gmail.com) if you would like to be added to the Flutter email list.



Prayer opportunities 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. **And...please prayerfully consider:** the requests for our prayer shawls keep coming in. To make sure we will always have a shawl available when needed we could use some additional knitters to help with this important ministry. Please contact Deacon Carol if interested in doing this. Supplies and instructions are available in the library located off of Fellowship Hall, in a bookcase close to the door.

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.

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.

Women's Breakfast

Wednesday, November 9th

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.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, November 12th

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.

Living History Cemetery Tour

A HUGE thank you to all who helped make our 2nd annual “Historic Cemetery Tour” a success! Under the expert direction of Amanda Schlick who did the research and writing for six of our scripts, we were gifted with stories from our first pastor here, Rev. Daniel Falckner; one of our church builders, Peter Steltz; early settler Maria Gilbert; a Revolutionary War Soldier; Jeremiah DeKalb, a Civil War Veteran; Fredericka Schmearer whose four sons fought in the



Civil War; and Catharine Knipe, mother to three young women who died in the Boyertown opera house fire (the beautiful altar cloth these three ladies made hangs in our display case. During our event we discovered that they had sewn their “signature” onto the cloth!). Thanks to the cast and to the volunteers who helped with this Senior’s Ministry sponsored event. We are also grateful to Chef Chris for providing some wonderful refreshments! Monies donated for the tour will be given to our cemetery restoration fund.



Upcoming Senior events....

watch the bulletin for details. Hope to have something in December. Also we’re planning a “Making Prayer Beads” session sometime in the near future.

We’ll keep you posted!

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!

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.

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!

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.



Politics and Religion Bible Study

Sundays at 10:15 AM in room 33

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.



Financial Record

The table below shows NHELC'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%

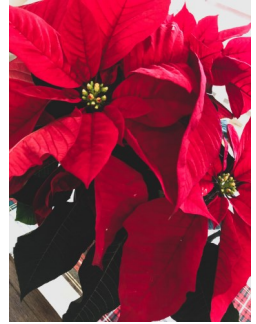


Christmas Tree Sponsors

During the season of Christmas, Christmas trees will adorn the sanctuary. Sponsors are needed for these two trees. If you are willing to sponsor one or both, please contact Susan Gutshall at the church office. Sponsors may be individuals, families, or groups. Thank you in advance for your help to beautify the sanctuary this Christmas.

Poinsettias Add Beauty to Sanctuary

Help to decorate the sanctuary this Christmas with poinsettias. The Altar Guild will order plants in 6.5" pots with five blooms. The suggested donation is \$10.50 per plant. Plants may be sponsored in memory of (for someone who has passed away) or in honor of (someone who is living). The sponsored plants will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletins.



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 include the number of plants you would like. Also, be sure to mark the order form if you will pick up your plants or if you wish to have the plant given to a homebound member. Plants may be picked up AFTER the 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service or the 9:00 AM service on Christmas Day.

For your convenience, an order form is included in this newsletter. Please call the church office if you need additional forms. Forms and payment should be mailed to the church office, placed in the offering plate, or dropped off at the mail slot next to the Fellowship Hall entrance. **Orders are due by November 27, 2022.**

Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

Orders due by November 27, 2022

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 27, 2022.**

("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 \$10.50.

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Place this form along with your payment in an envelope and return to the church office or place in the offering plate. Please make checks payable to NHELCC. Order deadline is **November 27, 2022.**

(Check one)

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

Plants may be picked up after the 7:00 PM Christmas Eve service or the 9:00 AM service on Christmas Day.

November Celebrations

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

- 2 Timothy and Amy Hoffman
- 8 Dennis and Carol Detweiler
- 11 Ronald and Suzanne Weller
- 12 Mike and Natalie Lindenmuth
- 13 Pat and Erica Lucas
- 16 George and Stacy Trowbridge
- 18 Scott and Georgann Geiser
Steve and Faye Weidner
- 19 Roger and Beth Yost
- 21 Larry and Yvonne Peto

Can you help with the capital funds campaign?

A Capital Funds Campaign is underway.
Help NHELIC 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.

You are invited to join in the community fun as Emmanuel Lutheran, 150 N. Hanover St. We are holding it earlier in the day so that more of the congregation can participate. Trunk Or Treat is a twist on Trick Or Treat, where instead of children going door-to-door, they come to one, safe place (our parking lot located behind the church building) and travel from space to space, collecting treats! You can participate in two ways! Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and their friends dressed in their Halloween finery to the event, OR volunteer to be a "Treat Stop" (as simply as bringing your lawn chair and enjoying the costumed kiddies to decorating a parking space or your car trunk) and hand out treats to the children. If you'd like to volunteer, please call the church office at 610-323-4312.



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Financial Secretary Scott Geiser

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Adam Becker

Flutter

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Nancy White

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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.