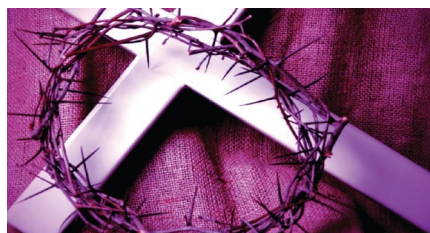


# New Hanover Highlights

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## Upcoming Services and Events Lenten Worship Schedule

February 22 – 12:00 & 7:00 PM –  
 Ash Wednesday Worship  
 February 26, March 5 (C), 12, 19, 26 – 9:00 AM -  
 Sunday Lenten Worship  
 March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – 12:00 PM & 6:30 PM –  
 Midweek Lenten Discussions

### Holy Week

April 2 – 9:00 AM - Palm Sunday - Communion  
 April 6 – 7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday –  
 Communion  
 April 7 – 7:00 PM – Good Friday  
 April 9 – 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM - Easter Worship -  
 Communion

**Thursday Morning Book Study** - each Thursday  
 at 10:00 AM in Room 33 - Come join us as we  
 study and discuss the “Fierce Women of the  
 Bible”. The study is open to all ages and  
 genders. So please join us for some lively  
 discussions and fellowship.

**Annual Congregational Meeting, New Member,  
 & Mardi Gras Dinner** - Sunday, February 19, 2023  
 following worship, we will have elections of  
 council members and acceptance of the  
 Annual report. Richie Musser from Kirby-Smith  
 Assoc. will present an executive summary of the  
 results of the feasibility study and capital  
 campaign.

Entertainment by the Children’s Choir and a jazz  
 band will be held in the Fellowship Hall

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immediately following the 9:00 A.M. worship service, followed by the Congregational meeting. The Congregational Dinner will follow the meeting (around 11:15 A.M.)

Dinner reservation forms will be available on line and at church. Complete the form and drop it in the basket on the desk in the welcome center or return to the office by Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

This year we are celebrating Mardi Gras at our dinner, the final celebration before Lent begins. You will enjoy a Mardi Gras feast featuring jambalaya, rice, seasoned roasted chicken, cornbread casserole, vegetables and salad. Attendees are encouraged to bring a dessert for our dessert table.

We hope to see you there!



**During the Lenten season,** we will be having our traditional Lenten suppers beginning March 1 through March 29<sup>th</sup>, starting at **6:00 pm each Wednesday.**

A simple, homemade supper will be offered each week. The Fellowship Committee is looking for people who are willing to bring desserts. Please sign up on the Fellowship bulletin board if you are willing to bring a dessert!

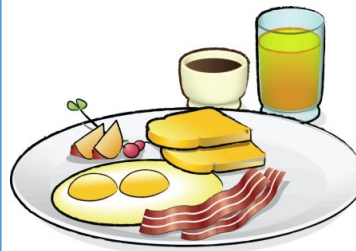
Thank you.

### Calling All Musicians

The GRACE team is looking for guitarists and singers for Sunday morning services. The praise musicians lead the congregation in singing 2 songs during the 9:00 worship service and get together once per week to practice. Anyone in 7<sup>th</sup> grade through adult is welcome to join.

If interested, contact Sharon Tracey at [LBD36@aol.com](mailto:LBD36@aol.com)

### Breakfast Fellowship



Come and join us! The men and women of NHEL C gather for a time of fellowship and breakfast at local

restaurants each month. There is no agenda just friendly conversation and good food.

### Women's Breakfast

*Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>*  
8:30 am

Shorty's Sunflower Café  
1494 North Charlotte Street

Reservations are required. To reserve your seat, contact Lee Wesner at 215-806-1807  
By Tuesday noon before the breakfast

### Men's Breakfast

*Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>*  
8:00 am

Brookside Family Restaurant  
1338 North Charlotte St.

No reservation required. For more information contact Ron Fegley.

### Praise Band Leader

The GRACE team is looking for a Praise Band Leader for our blended weekly worship service. Music experience is required. It is a part time position, requiring 4-6 hours a week. A job description is available.

If interested, please see Pastor Staub or contact Sharon Tracey ([LBD36@AOL.COM](mailto:LBD36@AOL.COM)).

**Medical Emergency Response Training – Not a question of if you will use it; however, when!**



Rick Becker, a flight medic and member of our congregation, conducted training of our usher teams of over twenty members. Rick gave a

basic overview of the location of emergency medical equipment, how to use it, as well as who to contact while first aid is administered. Well, one never could have imagined how timely the training became.

The following Sunday at worship, a member, required emergency medical assistance. Together with our excellent group of nurses, the usher team responded and treated the member until the emergency medical team arrived. Thanks be to God that the member is well, and for our dedicated teams of volunteer ushers and nurses who serve beyond the call of duty.

- \* Canned vegetables
- \* Rice
- \* Instant mashed potatoes
- \* Jello & pudding mixes
- \* Hamburger Helper meals

**Non-Food**

- \* Laundry detergent
- \* Bar soap (Unscented)
- \* Ladies deodorant
- \* Paper towels
- \* Shampoo
- \* Conditioner
- \* Feminine hygiene products
- \* Toothpaste
- \* Toilet paper
- \* Diapers

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 expire, home-canned items or medicines. These items cannot be accepted.

Collection basket for your donations are located in the Welcome Center, Fellowship Hall and Multi-purpose room.

Thank you for your generosity!

**Support Local Families**

During the month of March, Mission Service Committee will receive donation 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 needs are:



**Food:**

- \* Oatmeal (instant or regular)
- \* Pancake mix & syrup
- \* Canned soup
- \* Apple juice
- \* Crackers



## A New Look for Peer Support Recovery Ministries at NHELC

By Hope O'Brien  
Co-written by peer PAML

New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church is taking new approaches to our Peer Support Recovery Ministry. We are continuing the path of providing the community with a safe and welcoming environment in the community as well as at the church. We provide free, voluntary services for people wishing to build natural supports, discover new activities, use mutuality to locate resources while walking beside peers as we become stronger and better versions of ourselves.

### Upcoming activities

Current peers are planning activities in art, baking, electronics and creative writing. We aim to nurture peer to peer support naturally while doing creative activities. Because some peers have expressed interest, we also hope to offer volunteer opportunities in the Garden of Hope.

Because our peers find a flexible schedule helpful in their recovery, we are continuing personal one-to-one support and casual peer-to-peer meetups.

We look forward to great success in empowering our recovery community and helping them become independent and full of hope while pursuing goals they believe are important to them.

We thank the members at NHELC for supporting this program. Together we are helping people rebuild their lives with the help of people who "get it." We are also helping our church and the community at large to erase some of the stigma related to addiction and mental health issues.

\*\*Hope O'Brien joined us as a Peer Support Specialist in October, 2022.

## February Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

- 1 Nathan Domenick, Kathy Jo Hoffman
- 2 Kyle Trout, Michael Urbassik
- 3 Charlene Forsyth, Pat Fryer
- 5 Michael Artim, Vicki Beaver, Taylor Pell
- 6 Bill Morrison, Jeffrey Smith
- 7 Bill Borneman, Lauren Haraske
- 8 Jillian Grzywacz, Adelina Hublely, Jacob Moylan, Charlotte Moser, Jacob Moylan
- 9 Taylor Capone, Richard Garcia, Madison Shellenberger
- 10 Brooke Hedrick, Ethan Kunsch, Amy Sauers, Alexis Urbassik
- 11 Patricia Buchanan, Christopher Wiley
- 12 Gwenn Johnson, Austin Weidner
- 13 Corrine Bartholomew, Graham Herold, Sue Lowry
- 14 Ally Davis
- 15 Aidan Brunner
- 16 Zach Quigley, Chris Reinke
- 17 Doug Taylor
- 18 Matt Davis, Raymond Hibbs
- 21 Angela Ehling, Christine McNichol
- 23 Julie Frederick, Katie Hennessey, Carlie Schweizer
- 24 Harry Grant, Ava Hublely, Pam Law, Wyatt Wurst
- 26 Sullivan Miller, Romy Mulvihill, Darlene Smith
- 27 Louise Karns
- 28 Bethann Ritter

A graphic with the words "Happy Birthday" written in a red, cursive font. There are three small red stars above the word "Happy".

### Anniversaries

- 1 Ronald and Anita Rath
- 13 Marty and Kelly Hauser
- 27 Bill and Sue Lowry  
Zach and Hayley Quigley

A graphic with the words "HAPPY ANNIVERSARY" written in a colorful, blocky font. Each letter is a different color: H (purple), A (blue), P (green), P (yellow), Y (orange), A (red), N (purple), N (blue), I (green), V (yellow), E (orange), R (red), S (purple), A (blue), R (green), Y (yellow).

## Youth Retreats and Opportunities

### Box City - Grades 6-12 - March 11-12th

Box City 2023 is coming back (after a Covid Hiatus). This will be at St. James in Limerick with other youth from our Synod. This event raises awareness about homelessness and is a lock in type event. During the event, youth will hear real-life stories about homelessness, discuss and learn about this social issue in fun ways, and experience what it's like sleeping without proper shelter. (All Youth are welcome - for Catechism students this event can fulfill your service hours!). You are welcome to bring a friend. **Please let Nikki Young know if you are interested in attending!**

### Tuscarora Youth Retreat - Grades 6-12 - March 24 - 26 -

This is a weekend long retreat with other synod youth, but is a Lutheran retreat. The theme is "Do Justice, Show Love, Walk Humbly With God" The cost is \$125 if we register by January 29th. (If cost is an issue and you want to go please speak with me - we would not want that to stop anyone from going). You are welcome to bring a friend. **Please let Nikki Young know ASAP if interested in attending.** (this retreat requires proof of covid vax OR a negative rapid test result)

## Summer Camp Opportunities

Aside from our kids camp there are other summer camp opportunities coming up for our kids and youth!



**Camp Falckner** - This is our retreat for youth that have completed 5th grade - 12th grade. It is at the Grove and most campers camp out in tents. It's not required and if you work or have various sports you are permitted to come and go as needed. **Camp will be July 25 - 28.**

**Bear Creek Camp** - Bear Creek Camp's overnight camping program, for all children who have completed grades 1-12, is a traditional camp program centered on spiritual growth, outdoor living and small group development. Each age group experiences a mix of small-group and all-camp activities throughout their week to meet their group's spiritual, social and developmental needs. I am working on getting someone from BCC to come and talk to our kids about summer camp and what opportunities are available.

**Please let Nikki Young know if your kid is interested or planning to attend. We are trying to determine if we can offer some camp scholarships.**

## National Youth Gathering Interest Meeting



**National Youth Gathering - for youth in 8th to 12th grade in fall of 2023.** This event will be held July 16th - 20th in 2024 in New Orleans. We are going to have an INTEREST and INFORMATIONAL session **On Sunday, January 29th at 11:00** after Sunday School in the youth room. There is no commitment, just a time to talk about what it is and who

may be interested, fundraising etc. This event requires a lot of pre-planning and fundraising. If you are even a LITTLE interested in attending or just want to hear what it is, please plan on attending.

## Kids Camp 2023 Is Going to be Out of this WORLD

It may be February, but its time to think about Kids Camp (Formerly VBS). Kids that are in Pre-school (Potty trained) through those completing 4<sup>th</sup> grade (in the 2022-23 school year) are welcome to join us for Kids Camp. Any kids that have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend as youth helpers/junior counselors. We can use the help! You can register at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/22f9ff> or there will be paper forms in the Welcome Center. We also need helpers! Helpers can sign up at the same page or speak with Nikki. We are so excited to build on last year's momentum and need some volunteers to truly make this camp blast off!

### Kids Camp Decorations

Everyone can help out with our VBS decorations this year. Check the Welcome Center for planets, stars, rockets etc. that can help out with our decorations. If you would like a family project we will be looking for command centers that can largely be made with some cardboard and recyclable materials. Want to make a rocket or a planet – we'll take it. We are only limited by your imagination. Please contact Nikki Young if you would like to help out!

### NHELC BOOK CLUB DISCUSSES Gracie's Secret

**Tuesday, February 7  
6:30 pm**



The NHELC book club will be meeting at the Grind in Boyertown to discuss Gracie's Secret; by Jill Childs. All are welcome to attend!

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

### Game Night for all Ages



Beat the winter blues and come on out and join us for Game Night on **Saturday, Feb 25<sup>th</sup> from 4-7**. Bring your favorite game(s). Bring a snack to share and we can order some pizza! Watch our facebook page and emails

### Lego Club For Home school / Cyber School and any preschoolers

Do you homeschool/cyber school or have a preschooler home on



Wednesday afternoons? Join us for Lego club on Wednesdays from 2 – 4 in February. If you can bring your own legos to make your creations that would be great. It would help minimize germs. We will have a theme each week and general play time as well. We do have some lego and a small amount of duplo to share! We will be Feb 1, 8, 15

### GOD ON TAP

**Thursday, February 1  
6:00 pm**

**Main Street Pub, Bally PA**

Come join us for some good food, drinks, and lively conversation.

We meet the first Thursday of the month and discuss different spiritual topics and have a lot fun being together. Just let Pastor Scott know if you would like to join us so that we can be sure to save you a seat!

## March Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Sydney Renner, Kelli Ritter
- 4 David Evans, Kelsie Rohrbach, Ted Schweiger, Mason Williams
- 5 Fred Agliano, Jr., Kimberly Dinsmore
- 6 Zachary Mayan, Tyler Sauers
- 7 Leslie Gates, Derek Updegrove
- 8 Erik Johnson, Zachary Reed
- 9 Eric Hansley
- 10 Ethan Landis
- 11 Amy Foskey, Tyler Lynn
- 12 Alex Caputo, Brenda Hunsberger
- 15 Hilda Knauer
- 16 Colleen Christ, Kyle Culp, Christine Miller, Faye Weidner
- 18 Craig Geiser, Bobbi Nuss, Mary Ann Peters
- 19 Emerson Leydet
- 20 Steve Eisenhart
- 22 Kim Trout, Lee Wesner, Nancy Wolfe
- 23 Michael Freed, Dieter Gahler, Ryan Schatz
- 24 Ilana Bencsik, Robert Ganovsky, Roberta Ganovsky, Ron Hedrick
- 25 Noah Fatzinger, Bradley Fox, Jr.
- 26 Aiden Girard, Madison Hansley, Kevin Hauck, Cameron Parker, Courtney Schweizer
- 27 Joan Girard, Seth O'Dell, Madison Shirk
- 28 Eleanor Erb
- 29 Brent Feick, Andy Grzywacz, Alicia Smoot
- 30 Matthew Duncan, Wayne Fowler, Jr.
- 31 Pat Corcoran, Brian Hansley, Tom McHugh, Jr., Logan Weisbach



## March Anniversaries

- 5 Aurelio Zarza Rojas and Amanda Rojas
- 6 Barry and Sharon Spencer
- 10 John and Bobbi Nuss
- 18 Christopher and Rachel Clark
- 19 Bryan and Colleen Christ
- 24 Kerwin and Susan Reber
- 28 Kenneth and Pamela Shellenberger
- 29 Jeff and Kathleen Smoot



### Spaghetti Dinner Saturday, March 11th 4:00 – 7:00 PM



It's time for the annual **all-you-can-eat** Spaghetti Dinner. Enjoy all the spaghetti with homemade meatballs,

homemade sauce, homemade Italian bread, salad and beverage you want. But, be sure to save room for ice cream and Pizzelle for dessert. BYOB

The Spaghetti Dinner is a fundraising event to help maintain the picnic grove and support youth activities.

The cost is:

Adults - \$14.00

Seniors (65 and older) - \$11.00

Children (7-12) - \$7.00

Children (6 & younger) - free

What is a missionary's favorite vehicle?

A Convertible



## A Word From Our Pastor...

### Hope found in an Easter Egg Hunt

Hope can be found in a favorite Bible verse, uplifting ballad or in a fantastic display or courage by your favorite athlete. We have been talking about the concept of having hope in Christ a lot during Advent and Christmas, and hope is a central theme during Lent and Easter as well. However, Hope can be found in some of the most peculiar places, even in an Easter Egg Hunt.

Each year, my wife Marsha and I sponsor an Easter Egg hunt at our home. The hunt includes all ages. There is of course a head start for the younger children and the adults (the older children) are then given the go ahead to search and compete. That is the only rule, there are not others, and do they ever compete!

My Brother-in-law Felix also started a tradition within the Easter Egg Hunt. After everyone gathered their eggs and were ripping through to find their prizes, he would proudly and quietly sit on the front porch, slowly open his egg so all could see and pull out a \$50.00 bill from one of the eggs. He would exclaim his surprise and joy and snap the \$50.00 crisply in glee. It was a realized moment of hope as all then frantically opened their eggs.

Year after year, this scene would play out, and every year, the others hoped that they, rather than Felix found the prize egg. Marsha and I, nor Felix shared with the others that Felix stuffed his own egg (remember there are no rules), and there was no \$50.00 prize ever. Year after year, Felix always found the golden goose's egg so to speak; however, hope prevailed in the others.

With the unfortunate passing of Felix several years ago, Marsha and I decided to introduce the \$50.00 prize in honor of Felix and bring back the hope. The amazement on the face of the grandchild who found the prize was unforgettable, and as it was the tradition, everyone else feverously opened their eggs to see if they too had a generous prize. There was only one big prize; however, there were many other generous prizes as well, and everyone made out well, and hope prevailed.

At the end of the hunt, there is always talk about the big prize winner; however, there is much more talk about the competition, the bumps and scrapes, and the hope for next year. Easter has a way of doing that. The resurrection and promise of eternal life have us all in hope. Hope, shared in the stories we tell our children, family and friends of the day when we all will be rejoicing with our Lord. Like, in last years Easter Egg Hunt, the big prize of life in Christ is real today. However, with God's promise, we will all sit, and be amazed that God provides us all with the big prize of eternal salvation.

Happy Easter and peace,

Pastor Scott

