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Welcome Violet Mandic, Grace band leader

Welcome to Violet Mandic NHELCH's (New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church) new Grace Band Leader. Violet is leading our Grace Band as well as contributing to our worship planning team. She brings extensive praise and classical voice experience, along with instrument skills. Violet also teaches workshops on musical theater and vocal health. Join Pastor Scott in welcoming Violet to our community.



Gathering of Daughters

Sunday, May 7th, 12:00 Noon

In honor of Mother's Day, ladies and daughters are invited for lunch and fellowship. Menu consists of beef BBQ, chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, salad, applesauce and dessert. After lunch we will paint flower pots and plant a flower in them. There is no charge for attending but everyone is asked to participate in the service project by bringing diapers and/or baby wipes to be distributed to local families in need through the Boyertown Area Multi-Service.

Any questions, contact Jean Moser at 610-367-0342.



Music Sunday May 21, 2023



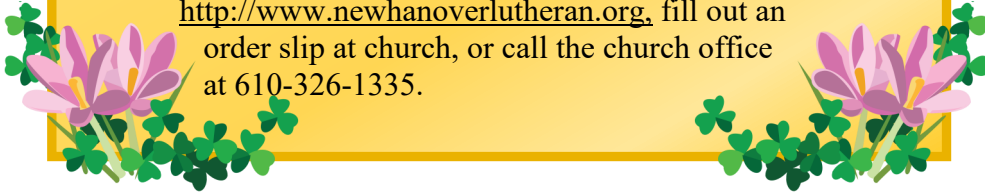
We have an exciting Sunday filled with music as we celebrate Music Sunday. The opening prelude will be a familiar piece entitled *Come, Christians, Join to Sing!* This piece features a collaboration by the Handbell Choir, the Chancel Choir, a Brass Quintet, Piano and Organ. The Children's Choir will be singing a fun piece entitled *Sing, Rejoice, Clap Your Hands*. The Grace Band will be leading us in song, and will be singing the much beloved hymns, *How Great Thou Art* and *Great is Thy Faithfulness*. Come in person if you are able, to enjoy and appreciate the hard work of all the musicians involved.

Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner!

Come out to the picnic grove on **Saturday, May 20th**, for a delicious chicken dinner. The meal includes grilled church chicken, homemade potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw and dessert. The cost is \$12 per meal.

Meals will be served from 4:00-7:00 PM at the grove. You can enjoy your meal at the grove or drive through to take your meal home. If you are eating at the grove, park in the grassy parking area. There will be signs. If you are eating at the grove we will have ice water, lemonade and iced tea.

You **MUST** make a reservation for your meal(s) by noon on Monday, May 15th. You can reserve your meal(s) online at <http://www.newhanoverlutheran.org>, fill out an order slip at church, or call the church office at 610-326-1335.



Meet me at Green Lane Park

On **Sunday, May 21st**, come on out for an evening of music and fellowship. Feel free to bring some snacks, appetizers, or dessert to share and pack a sandwich if you want. We will have a table set up around 5:30. We can sit together and enjoy the Quakertown Band which will begin their performance at 6 PM. Concerts are held at the Green Lane Park Amphitheater, located at 2298 Green Lane Road, Green Lane, PA 18054. Concerts are weather permitting. If you are able, let Nikki Young know you are coming OR sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAA4C16-meet1>.



Sign-up NOW for Kids Camp

Kids Camp is coming, and it is going to be out of this world. Camp is for pre-k (potty trained) through kids going into 5th grade at the start of the 2023-2024 school year. Those going into 6th grade and older can be junior counselors and helpers! Help with the planning by signing up now. Also, invite your friends and neighbors, grandkids and nieces and nephews to join us! Sign up at vbspro.events/p/22f9ff or speak with Nikki Young.



Donate to help your neighbor

Bring donations of nonperishable food items now through June to be distributed by Pottstown Cluster. These items can be placed in the collection boxes in the welcome center and fellowship hall. Thank you for your support.

Giving for the Future with our Future Celebration

Join us **Sunday, June 4th**, as we celebrate and recognize our new members comprised of our Confirmants of 2023, newly Baptized and adults received. In addition, we will celebrate God’s blessings for the capital campaign. Richie Musser, Kirby Smith Assoc., will give updates on our initiatives. Join us as we celebrate those who have given and those who will be giving NHELCC our future. The food reception and recognitions will follow the worship in the fellowship hall. Trinity Sunday Worship will start at 9 AM in the sanctuary.

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) needs teachers

Plans have begun to split our pre-school and elementary students into two groups next year after opening. A team of teachers is needed so that each teacher can take one Sunday a month to work with our Pre-k – 2nd graders OR 3rd – 5th graders. Will you volunteer ONE Sunday (or more if you’d like) a month and help this happen? Contact Nikki Young if you are willing to serve at Nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org.

NHELCC Book Club meets in June

The NHELCC book club will meet **Tuesday, June 6th, 6:30 PM** at the Grind restaurant. We are reading *Night Road* by Kristin Hannah. All are welcome!

Meet me at the Grove End of School Celebration

On **June 9th from noon – 2:00** meet me at the grove for an end of school celebration. We will have pizza, crafts, bubbles and play time. Let Nikki Young know you are coming so we can have enough food and crafts etc. for everyone or sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=w.manageSignUp#/42010038/share/>.



Meet me at the Reading Phillies

Come out to a Reading Phillies vs. the Richmond Flying Squirrels game on **Saturday, July 1st, at 6:45 PM**. This is a mega blast fireworks night!

Yes, this is pretty far in advance, but we need to be sure we can secure enough tickets. Nikki is waiting for the exact price of the tickets, but for now, she needs to determine the number of people who will be going. Tickets should be \$11 - \$15. Reserved parking is available for an additional \$5 – 7. Final pricing will be available soon. RSVP to Nikki Young or sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-meet3>.

Easter Egg Hunt, a tradition at NHELCC

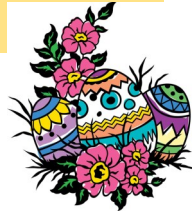
Although Easter eggs were once part of pagan spring festivals, they've become Christian symbols of new life. A cracked-open shell also represents Jesus' empty tomb on Easter morning.



The early Christians of Mesopotamia began staining eggs red in honor of Jesus' blood shed on the cross. Red eggs remain part of Greek Orthodox celebrations today.



In medieval times, churches held "egg-throwing" festivals. The priest threw a hard-boiled egg toward the choir boys, who tossed it back and forth. When the clock struck 12, whoever was holding the egg got to keep it.



In some European countries, children go from house to house to collect Easter eggs.



The tallest chocolate Easter egg ever produced weighed 16,000 pounds — more than an elephant!



Joys of a Full Time Ministry

I am truly thankful of the commitment that New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church to sustain a full-time ministry. Yes, of course, one may say the obvious, well it's your job, and that is true. However, it is much more when one looks at what we provide to our and the greater community.

As May begins, the celebrations in worship and the outdoor ministries abound. The picnic grove gets active once again with scouts and ministries utilizing the grounds. The Garden of Hope is experiencing some early harvests and classes/fellowship events on gardening. Worship is witnessing celebrations for Mother's Day, Music Sunday, Children's Music Sunday, and Pentecost. Each day, each Sunday provides an activity to help our neighbors, and enjoy what our full-time ministry provides in leadership. Sadly, our JAM Bible school will take a respite for summer.

However, there is not time to mourn or rest as in June we will witness our Confirmands receiving membership, and the halls will be alive once again as Kids Camp begins. The picnic grove will begin preparations for the historic Falkner Swamp Camp and the Great Swamp Picnic, as well as other activities. While most church communities may be dormant, it is refreshing to witness that we provide support to our community in faith leadership, life sustaining meals, and just a place to be part of achieving the greater good.

There truly is a place for everyone to be part of this full-time, year-round ministry. Again, I am truly thankful. I invite you to ask me anytime of what is going on as it seems almost impossible to stay current with the great ministries being provided. So, while others may dismay that there is never a break, the job of a disciple is truly full time. Jesus reminds us all to the great things we all can do in John 14, "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father." (NLT) Hope to see you around this summer and lets rejoice in the fact that we are all doing full time ministry for the greater good throughout the year.

Peace, Pastor Scott

New copier lease agreement brings changes

The NHELIC Property Committee will be entering into a new lease agreement for copier services in early May 2023. The new lease agreement has changes which need to be communicated to all committees, boards, and chartered members. NHELIC will be reducing the number of copiers from two to one. Reasons for this reduction include:

- ◆ Current second copier (Volunteer Office) print totals are less than 10% of the overall print volume;
- ◆ Reducing to one copier is a significant cost savings to NHELIC (~\$7300 in lease, electric, and paper costs over the five-year lease term)
- ◆ Encouraging less use of printed materials is better for the environment.

Starting in early May, all committees, boards, and chartered members requiring printing or copying services may come to the church office and print/copy during normal business hours (9 AM to 2 PM, M-F). You may also email your document(s) to the Office Manager (susan.gutshall@newhanoverlutheran.org) by 12 (noon) on normal business days to have them printed and delivered to a church location where indicated. Documents need to be provided in "print-ready" format - PDF or MS Word. The church office is typically locked outside of normal business hours.

Property Committee

NHELC Capital Campaign Update

Our Capital Campaign will be kicking off this spring! A church capital campaign is a spiritual endeavor which will result in increased giving toward the church vision. Any funds raised are above regular giving and offerings within a set period of time, in NHELC's case, three years. Our campaign will focus on several important projects that will ensure the safety, security and longevity of our historic church. Depending on the funds raised, these projects include the HVAC, audio visual, electrical, lighting, sanctuary flooring, sanctuary exterior work, roof replacement, and organ repairs and enlargement.

We are very excited to announce that an anonymous donor gave \$20,000 towards our completed HVAC project (21% of the outstanding cost) and an additional \$20,000 towards our audio visual, electrical, and lighting project (25% of the anticipated cost). We are so blessed to have received this gift and hope that it encourages others to participate in the campaign as well as we seek to maintain and update our church home.

Total Contributions so far:



Detailed information on the proposed projects will be mailed to each household in May! Hold **Sunday, June 4th**, in your calendars as we will be holding an informational campaign reception after service. Hope to see you there!

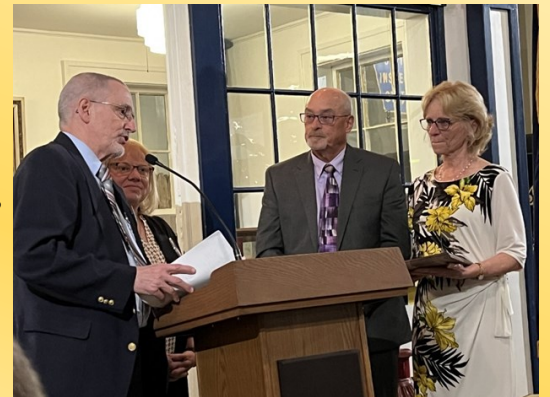
Check out the spring vegetables growing in the NHELC's Garden of Hope.



Member receives the Boyertown Community Citizen of the Year Award



Congratulations to Tom McHugh, a member of NHELCC and community leader, who was awarded the 2023 Boyertown Community Citizen of the Year Award. Tom has contributed countless hours to our community through his music; however, his contributions overall



throughout the region are experienced in his music, band leadership, teaching, coaching and umpiring. Tom was presented the award by Jim Davidheiser, past award recipient and the master of ceremony for the event. Jane McHugh, his family and friends from the congregation were on hand to congratulate Tom on his great achievement. Join Pastor Scott in congratulating Tom.



O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Psalm 95:1-2



May Celebrations

Anniversaries

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| 4 Andrew and Kendra Rothermel | 17 Dennis and Donna Smith |
| 5 Bruce and Charlene Forsyth | 20 Tobin and Amy Sharp |
| Doug and Kathy Taylor | 21 George and Pam Law |
| 9 Robert and Marilyn Malason | 25 Brent and Carol Feick |
| 10 Brian and Ariel Hansley | 28 Rick and Debbie Solazzo |
| 11 Ben and Amy Sauers | 29 Mark and Cheryl Goodwin |
| 13 Jim and Joan Brandt | 31 Phil and Jen Boyer Nelson and Judy Swartley |

Birthdays

Senior (90 and older) Birthday

Walter Hinrichs
 90 years old on May 9th
 2195 Martin Drive
 Gilbertsville, PA 19525

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| 1 Kathleen Bowers, Gabriella Cavalari | 14 Lauren Flack, Todd Gamler, Meagan Sproul |
| 2 Rodney Eidle, Jonathan Hauck, Kaitlin Robinson, Kayla Ruth, Scot Smale | 15 Heather Gahler, Patricia Hoffman |
| 3 Bonnie Lynn | 16 Garrett Halteman, Sherry Miller, Steven Peters, Nicholas Trowbridge |
| 4 John Dugan | 17 Anna Camp, Erika Culp, Kevin Dugan, Jean Moser, Ryan Waltermeyer |
| 5 Candis Peto, Kathy Smith | 18 Julia Clark, Gary Erb, Tim Hoffman, Morgan Sauers |
| 6 Ed Becker, Dan Johnson | 20 Erik Eichenlaub, Emma Hauser, Adam Reber, Jeff Renninger |
| 7 Mikela Lane, Zachary Van Dyke | 21 Ben Sauers, Sally Sugita |
| 8 Brett Boyer, LuAnne Fowler, Sara O'Dell, Jordan Shirk, Brittany Smith | 22 Kate Bealer, Joan Brandt, Connor Foskey, Kevin Galloway, Tara Murray, Charla Vandergrift, Will Wilson IV |
| 9 Laura Camp, Walter Hinrichs | 23 Pat Lucas, Kevin Tracey, Kym Walther-Moyer |
| 10 William Gaugler, Diane Van Dyke | 24 Steven Bealer |
| 11 Teri Bechtel, Robert Cavalari III, Jacob LeVan | 26 Ashley Fowler, Greg Psota, Donald Smale |
| 13 Alexander Medlar | 28 Patricia Hart, Don Wirt |
| | 29 Joan Comtois, Audrey Richardson |
| | 30 Emily Gates |
| | 31 Natalie Eshbach, Susan Reber |

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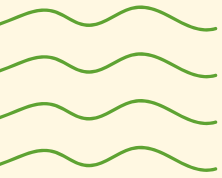
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Jim Gross
Vicki Mutter
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Nancy White

SUMMER 2023

Meet me at..



MAY

May 12 - 9-12 - Garden of Hope summer planting

May 20 - 4-7 - Chicken dinner at the Grove

May 21 - Green Lane Park - 6pm - 8pm. Bring a chair and some appetizers, snacks or dessert to share. We will have a table or 2 to put food on. Come to the band shell and enjoy the Quakertown Band. There is a playground nearby as well!

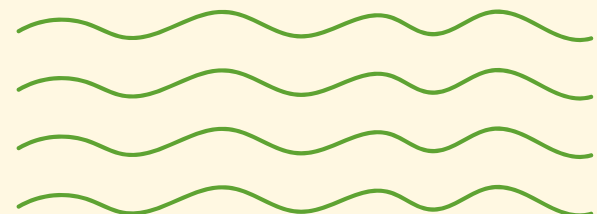
May 31 - 6-7:30 - Composting clinic and root beer floats

June

June 9 - 12pm - 2pm - Meet me at the Grove for an end of school celebration. Sign up and join us for pizza, crafts, bubbles, and play time!

June 19-23 - Kids Camp - Stellar

June 27 - 6pm - Meet me at the Garden - dinner followed by light gardening



SUMMER 2023 MEET ME AT...



July

July 1 - 6:45 - Reading Phillies game and Megablast fireworks (Reserve tickets with Nikki Young)

July 11 - NHELC - 6-8 - Hot Wheels and Cool Treats - Come for some bike or scooter riding in the church parking lot. We will have a bike rodeo and ice cream treats

July 20 - 10-12 - Meet me at the Grove. Playtime

July 23 - Breakfast at the Grove

July 25-28 - Camp Falckner (Youth Camp)

July 26 - 6 - 7:30 Disease and Pest ID clinic (AND make your own sundae!)

July 27 - Camp Falckner Galilean Worship

August

August 7 - 10-12 Meet me at the Grove - Playtime

August 18 - 9-12 Garden of Hope fall planting

August 26 - The Great Swamp Picnic

