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# NEW HANOVER HIGHLIGHTS

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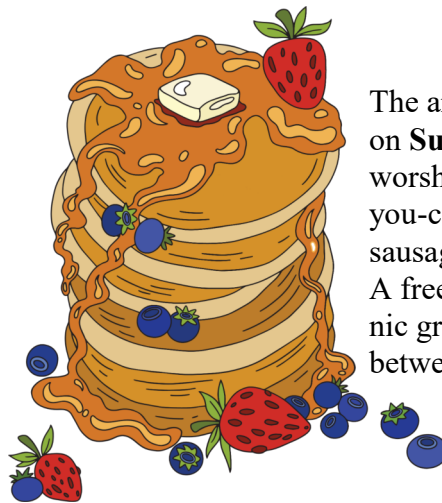
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## Altar Communion August 6<sup>th</sup>

Jesus, show me someone who needs a special act of friendship today so I may share your lovingkindness.

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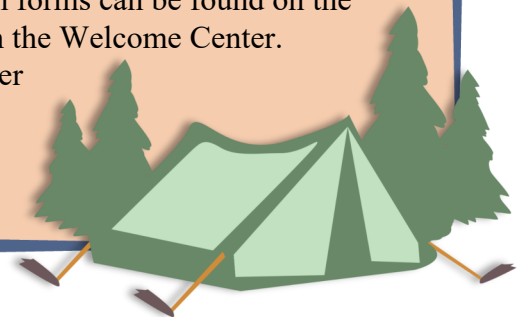


## Breakfast at the Grove

The annual breakfast at the grove will be held on **Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 10 AM** following the worship service. Come out for a delicious all-you-can-eat breakfast consisting of pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, coffee, tea, juice and milk. A free-will offering will be received. The picnic grove is located on Swamp Picnic Road between Lutheran Road and Charlotte Street.

## Were you too old for Kids' Camp?

Camp Falckner is right around the corner! Join us for an overnight camp experience in the church's picnic grove Tuesday, **July 25<sup>th</sup>, - Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**. All youth who finished grades 5 - 12 are eligible to attend. The theme this year is "The Jesus Way" and campers will be learning how to be a follower of Christ in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The week is full of service opportunities and lots of fun. Registration forms can be found on the church website or on the desk in the Welcome Center. Reach out to Lindsey Waltermeyer at 610-772-1915 with any questions.





# Class of 2023

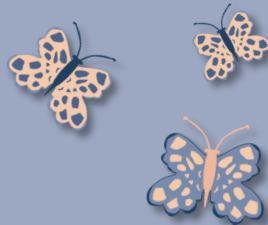


Congratulations to this year's graduates. May God bless them and walk beside them as they begin their new adventures in life.

**Cara Boyer** graduated from the Montgomery County Fire Academy in Conshohocken, completing Fire 1, a class of 200 hours of training. When turning 18 in July, Cara will receive her black helmet which means she can fight fires inside a building. Also, Cara graduated from Berks Career and Technology Center East Campus, earning her Cosmetology License and Nail Technician License. In addition, Cara graduated from Boyertown Senior High School. Cara plans to work at Lisa's Ultimate Image in Pottstown as a Stylist and Nail Technician. And, she will continue to serve her community as a Volunteer Firefighter at New Hanover Volunteer Fire and Rescue.



**Mackenzie Fatzinger** graduated from Drexel University on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Her future plans include working in television or film industry in Los Angeles or New York.



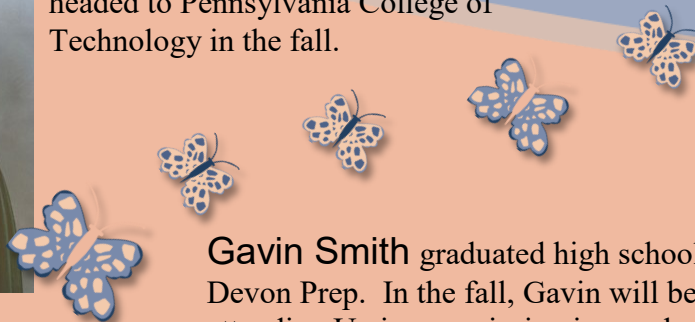
**Emma Hauser** graduated with honors from Millersville University. Emma will be working as a Learning Support Teacher at Fleetwood Middle School.



**Casey Flack** graduated from Alvernia University with a Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Science and Masters of Science in Occupational Therapy. Casey will be working in early intervention in pre-schools with Pediatric Therapeutic Services.



**Chase Sharp** graduated from Dock Mennonite High School and is headed to Pennsylvania College of Technology in the fall.



**Gavin Smith** graduated high school from Devon Prep. In the fall, Gavin will be attending Ursinus, majoring in psychology.



## Donations help local families

Throughout the month of July, New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church (NHELCL) is collecting non-perishable items for distribution to local families through the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Top ten items needed to help fill the shelves include the following.

### Food

Apple juice • Pancake mix and syrup • Tomato soup • Crackers • Peanut butter and jelly • Pasta sauce • Hamburger Helper meals • Jell-O and pudding mixes • Juice boxes • Instant mashed potatoes

### Non-Food

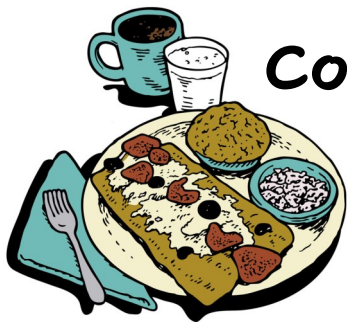
Shampoo • Conditioner • Paper towels • Toilet bowl cleaner • Deodorant (women and men) • Laundry detergent • Toilet paper • Diapers • Feminine hygiene products • School supplies (ex. pencils markers, rulers, notebooks, index cards, etc.)

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 expired, home-canned items or medicines. These items cannot be accepted. Items may be dropped off at the church. Collection boxes are located in the welcome center and fellowship hall.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

## Cruise the Manasquan River

Join the New Hanover Area AARP on **Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**, for a cruise along the beautiful waters of the Manasquan River lined with picturesque homes. Lunch at The Shrimp Box restaurant is included. The cost is \$125.00. The bus leaves NHELCL's parking lot at 9:15 AM. For more information and to reserve your seat, contact Carol Griffith at 484-363-7376.



## Come out for breakfast fellowship

The men and women of NHELCL 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, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 at 484-300-3025.

### Women's Breakfast

**Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## Tea and Bible Study

St. James Lutheran Church is hosting a Tea and Bible Study on **Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 – noon**. Bring your favorite teacup and saucer and discover how an everyday object can remind us of God’s consistent and constant ongoing work in our lives. RSVP by July 12<sup>th</sup> at [secretary@stjamespottstown.org](mailto:secretary@stjamespottstown.org) or [dprenn@gmail.com](mailto:dprenn@gmail.com). St. James is located at 1101 East High Street in Pottstown.



## Summer Meet Me at... continues

**First Energy Stadium for a Reading Phillies vs. Richmond Flying Squirrels Game and Mega Blast Fireworks**

Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:45 PM

**The Grove for playtime**

Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM - Noon

**The Grove for breakfast**

Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 AM

**The Garden of Hope for a clinic on plant disease and pest ID (and make your own sundae)**

Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

**Church parking lot for the Camp Falckner Galilean Worship**

Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:45 PM



**Classes resume  
September 10<sup>th</sup>  
9:15 AM**

## Special music enhances worship this summer

- July 2<sup>nd</sup> *March from the "Occasional Oratorio"*  
Vivian Speca and Patricia Nyce
- July 9<sup>th</sup> *Let There Be Peace on Earth*  
Bethlynn Bechtel
- July 16<sup>th</sup> Hymn Sing begins at 8:45  
*Give Me Jesus*  
Lee Wesner and Steve Eisenhart
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> *My Faith Looks up to Thee*  
Tom McHugh and Patricia Nyce
- July 30<sup>th</sup> *Jesus the Very Thought of Thee*  
Carolyn Fleming and Sue Lowry
- August 6<sup>th</sup> Hymn Sing begins at 8:45  
*Moment by Moment*  
Vivian Speca and Patricia Nyce
- August 13<sup>th</sup> TBD  
Finely Fluted
- August 20<sup>th</sup> *It Is Enough*  
Lee Wesner
- August 27<sup>th</sup> TBD  
Donna Kehs

## Do you need a lawn tractor?

The Cemetery committee is selling the 2007 John Deere 300R 17 HP tractor with a 42" cut. The tractor logged 640.4 hours. Asking price is \$1,000.00 or best offer. If you're interested or would like more information, contact Norm Hunsberger at 484-431-3622.



## Have You Seen Luis Velez?

That's the name of the book by Catherine Ryan Hyde and is the next book the NHELCC Book Club is reading. Check it out then join the Club for dinner and book discussion on **Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM** at the Grind restaurant.

## 2023 Confirmands

Congratulations to this year's Confirmands. May God bless them as they continue their faith journey.



**Michael Robert Artim** is the son of Rob and Renee Artim and the brother of Mason and Madelyn. Michael enjoys doing the audio/visual for the church services. He is a junior fire fighter and enjoys hunting and drag racing. Michael's favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4: 13, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."



**Charlotte Mae Lindenmuth** is the daughter of Mike and Natalie Lindenmuth and the sister of Graham and James. Charlotte's favorite activities at NHELCC are October Fest and The Great Swamp Picnic. Outside of church Charlotte loves to dance. Charlotte's favorite Bible verse is Joshua 1:9, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."



**Elsa Penelope Lucas** is the daughter of Pat and Erica Lucas and the sister of Ainsley. Her favorite thing to do at NHELCC during confirmation was to help with the Rejoicing Spirits Service. Elsa loves swimming and running track. Elsa's favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me."



**London Andrew Meeker** is the son of Christopher and Megan Meeker and the brother of Malaina Meeker. London likes helping with the Spaghetti Dinner, being an acolyte, and lector at NHELCC. Outside of church, he enjoys bowling, tennis, and making Perler Bead creations. London's favorite Bible verse is John 3:16, "For God so love the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."



**Elizabeth Jo Phillips** is the daughter of Ed and Tina Phillips and the sister of Hannah. Elizabeth enjoys participating in Flutter Youth Group activities. Outside of church she enjoys playing softball with her travel team, going to the beach and painting. Elizabeth's favorite Bible verse is John 3:16, "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him won't perish but will have eternal life."



**Kelsey Marie Renner** is the daughter of David and Dawn Renner and the sister of Sydney. Kelsey's favorite activity at NHELC is attending Camp Falckner. Outside of church Kelsey is a member of Pottsgrove's Marching Band and Musical Theatre. Kelsey's favorite Bible verse is Deuteronomy 31:6, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave nor forsake you."



**Addison P. Smith** is the daughter of Grant and Stacy Smith and the sister of Gavin and Cooper. Her favorite thing to do at NHELC is to learn about the Garden of Hope. Addison also enjoys playing soccer. Addison's favorite Bible verse is Micha 6:8 "Do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God."



**Ava Rayne Westrich** is the daughter of Eric and Amanda Westrich and the sister of Ethan. She is the granddaughter of Susan Dahl. Ava enjoyed helping out with any of the special dinners at NHELC. She enjoys soccer and hiking. Ava's favorite Bible verse is 1 Corinthians 16:13, "Be on your guard, stand firm in faith; be courageous; be strong."

## Resilience during Droughts and Floods

It certainly seemed like apocalyptic times were upon us recently in our summer weather pattern so far. First, we had in winter, no snow and quite temperate days and evenings. Second, we had a late frost that killed the majority of our recently planted tomatoes and pepper plants in the Garden of Hope. Third, we witnessed a drought along with cooler temperatures right into the later part of our spring, driving the once green lawns, trees and fields to a dry, brown dormancy. And lately we have steady rains each day, prompting some to stop saying “Well, I guess we need the rain.” In any case it has been an unusual start to the year.

However, in all of it, I witnessed the resilience in both plants, fauna, and people. It is as if, collectively thought by all creation, “God has this.” And that’s the beauty of it all. While we may search for answers to how to grow the garden during severe shifts in weather, despair was not an option. When it was temperate, we planted early and had an early harvest to help feed our neighbors. When the last frost hit, we replanted and are already seeing the promising small fruit of the tomato and pepper plants. When in drought our root vegetables and leafy greens kept on producing, and now with the rain, it’s into the garden to witness hundreds of pounds produced by the steady rain.

Weather surely can have a bearing on the growth of our garden and our outlook for each day. However, our outlook can also be managed by our faith practices. Starting each day with a positive devotion and prayer is proven to help one’s outlook for

the rest of the day. When we start positive and invite God to walk with us, we carry forward a spirit that will be hard to dampen. The American Psychological Association cites over 200 studies prove the positive effects on stress, anxiety and depression with meditative practices.

Droughts and floods do change the course of what we do and when we can do some things. However, we can stay resilient ourselves with a positive start to each day to meet the challenges that face us.

Here are some resources you may want to try:

⇒ <https://elca.org/Resources/Bible-Studies#Other>

⇒ <https://cac.org/daily-meditations/>

⇒ Or pick up a ‘Word in Season’ booklet here at the church

I am sure on your journey you will find several other resources that you find the most effective to give you a positive start to your daily life. Drop me a line and let me know if you have some meditation or devotion you would like to share. In all, I pray that you find starting with God in the morning will enable you to be resilient in an ever changing world.

Peace, Pastor Scott

The following items serve as “little guideposts on the footpath to peace,” according to author and pastor Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933):

- to be glad of life, because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars;
- to be satisfied with your possessions but not content with yourself until you have made the best of them;
- to despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness, and to fear nothing except cowardice;
- to covet nothing of your neighbor’s except [their] kindness of heart and gentleness of manners;
- to think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends and every day of Christ;
- to spend as much time as you can with body and with spirit in God’s out-of-doors.

### Looking Ahead

#### Backpack Blessing

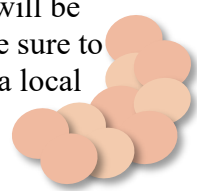
**Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM**

For students and teachers returning to class this fall

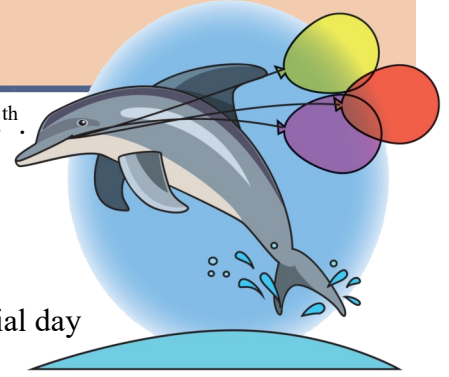
#### Great Swamp Picnic

**Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 - 8:00 PM**

Bring your family and friends to the annual church picnic. Children’s games and performance by the Boyertown Area Alumni Marching Unit will be provided for your entertainment. Also, be sure to stop by the flea market; proceeds benefit a local mission project.



# July Celebrations



Happy birthday to **Alice Nester**, who will celebrate her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 12<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to send birthday greetings to Alice, her address is below.

35 North Walnut Street Apt. 301  
Boyertown, PA 19512

Also, we wish a **happy birthday** to the following who will celebrate their special day in July.

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| 1 Gerald Dotterer, Jamie LeVan, Lucille Powell, Heather Wurst      | 15 Mason Artim   |
| 2 Lori Corcoran, Vicki Dotterer, Jamison Rothermel                 | 16 Matthew Cavalari, Jim Edwards, Blake Hennessy               |
| 3 Lisa Heck, Lisa Hibbs, April Smith                               | 17 Michael McCarthy, Randy Morrell                             |
| 4 Carol Estes, June Urbassik                                       | 18 Archie Allen, Jr., Lisa Evans, Todd Stapleton, Erik Yanisko |
| 5 Cara Boyer, Matt Landis, Mackenzie Shepherd, Carolyn Velazquez   | 19 Ronald Rath, Cameron Shepherd, Meredith Sugita              |
| 6 Pearl Moyer  | 20 Amanda Halteman, Kerwin Reber                               |
| 7 Barbara Dunn, Dominick Marino                                    | 21 Bill Helmer, Darby Smale Seng, Justin Trowbridge            |
| 8 Gianna Marino, Dave Pollock, Sr., Doug Rhoads                    | 23 Natalie Lindenmuth, Jordan Morrell, Don Swavely             |
| 9 Jack Bowers, Randy Dotterer, Stacy Trowbridge, Kate Wenerowicz   | 24 Kim Capone, Robert Snell                                    |
| 10 Ryan Schweiger, Taylor Waller, Logan Williams                   | 25 Julian Cole, Austin Spencer                                 |
| 11 Mabel Gaugler, Brian Hansley, Jr., Addison Smith, Steve Weidner | 26 Sarah Hollis, Mallory Sugita                                |
| 12 Lily Lane, Alice Nester, Anita Rath                             | 27 Mark Bowman, Kenneth Shellenberger II                       |
| 13 Ryan Dubbs, Scott Geiser, Gavin Quinn                           | 28 Alaina Christ, Patty Grzywacz                               |
| 14 Tom Holiday, Jonnelle Rath, Ryan Springer                       | 29 Lily Hoffman, Joan Price                                    |
|  | 30 Janet Psota, Brandy Smale                                   |

**Happy anniversary** to these couples who will be celebrating their special day in July.

- 5 Mike and June Urbassik
- 6 Russell and Lois Biehl
- 11 Kevin and Robyn Brunner
- 13 Mike and Jennifer McCarthy
- 17 Nicholas and Dana Gilbert
- 20 Alex and Darby Smale Seng
- 22 Allan and Sue Care
- 23 Pr. Scott and Marsha Staub
- 25 Kyle and Molly Woods
- 27 Jeff and Sharon Wise
- 30 Robb Davis and Jenn Dell'Alba
- 31 Bill and Wendy Helmer  
Don and Andi Swavely

*"You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand."*

— Woodrow Wilson

## Ingredients for true success

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these.

— George Washington Carver



# Kids' Camp 2023

## Stellar - Shine Jesus' Light

June 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>





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