

# NEW HANOVER HIGHLIGHTS

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Pumpkin Frolic



Men's Retreat



Wave of Light



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“The function of prayer is not to influence God but rather to change the nature of the one who prays.”

—Søren Kierkegaard

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## Pumpkin Frolic

Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
2:00 – 4:00 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 nonperishable 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/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-pumpkin!>

To be sure there will be enough pumpkins for those attending, sign up by Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. This event will be held in fellowship hall.



## Reformation Activities

Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

Come celebrate Reformation Sunday and First Communion. During JAM time we will have Reformation Day activities and a reception in honor of those receiving first communion. Come and celebrate this special day!

# The Sky is the Limit! Men's Mission Trip

**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>  
9 AM - 8 PM**

Come join us as we take off in our faith; and the sky is the limit. Highlights include bus transportation, the General Spaatz (First Chief of Staff - Air Force) Museum Tour, the Mid-Atlantic Air Museum Tour, Group Bible Studies, a Brewery Tour, Lunch at Klinger's Restaurant and Dinner at the Saucony Creek Brewing Company.

The price of admission to the museums will be \$20.00 total. Cost of the meals is on your own. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-thesky>.

Information for the museums can be found at <https://www.maam.org/> and <https://www.spaatzmuseum.org/>.

For questions contact Pastor Scott at [psstaub@gmail.com](mailto:psstaub@gmail.com) or Jim Davidheiser at [Jimindeed@comcast.net](mailto:Jimindeed@comcast.net) to register.



## Staff Appreciation Fellowship Hour

**Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

Gather in Fellowship Hall, immediately following the church service to show your support for the NHELCC staff. The fellowship committee will host this event to honor all of our staff for their hard work and service.

## Wave of Light

**Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 PM**

Have you, or someone you know been touched by a pregnancy or infant loss? New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church (NHELCC) will host a Wave of Light service to support family and friends who have endured such a loss. Plan now to attend this inspirational service. Weather permitting the service may be outside. Watch for further details in the bulletin or on Facebook. Contact Nikki Young with any questions.

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 15<sup>th</sup> as the National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day which is acknowledged in all 50 states.

## First Communion Class

**Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 – 7:30 PM**

The First Communion class is available for students ages second grade and up and is at their parents' discretion. Parents, who feel their child is ready to take communion should contact Nikki Young at [nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org](mailto:nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org) to sign up for the class. If possible, a parent or guardian should attend class with the student. Sign up by October 1<sup>st</sup> so we can be sure to have enough workbooks. The class is held following the Loaves & Fishes dinner so be sure to come early and enjoy a meal at church.

First Communion will be held on Reformation Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

# Help local families

Throughout the month of October, NHELC is collecting non-perishable items for distribution to local families through the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. The Pantry is running low on the following items.

## Food

Granola bars • Crackers • Coffee • Pancake mix • Oatmeal • Cereal • Jelly • Sugar-free items

## Personal Care

Shampoo/conditioners sets • Unscented bar soap • Dish soap • Hand soap • Laundry detergent • Paper towels • Toilet paper • Diaper (size 4T/5T and size 6)

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, fellowship hall and multi-purpose room.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

# Breakfast Fellowship

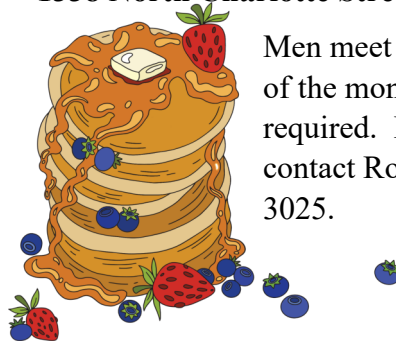
## Women's Breakfast

Wednesday, October 11<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.

## Men's Breakfast

Saturday, October 14<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.

# Hot Roast Beef Dinner

Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 – 7:00 PM

The Swamp Picnic Hot Roast Beef Dinner is back for its second year. 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  
6 to 10 years old    \$8

Senior meals        \$14  
5 and younger eat free

You **MUST** make a reservation for your meal(s) by **noon on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

## Calling all bakers!

We need your help. Consider making and donating a cake or pie for the Hot Roast Beef Dinner. Our bakers provided an amazing selection of delicious baked goods for the Great Swamp Picnic and we would love to offer a yummy selection at this dinner.

Donation drop off times will be announced. Thank you in advance for your consideration.



## Christmas Pageant

This year we are doing a Christmas Pageant that requires just one rehearsal. We will rehearse during JAM on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, (10:15-11:15). The pageant will be on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, following worship and in place of JAM. Contact Nikki Young if your child would like to participate. There are plenty of parts for the younger kids and older kids and youth are needed to read. This year's pageant is Stellar Christmas and it will use some of the music from VBS and some Christmas music too. It will be out of this world!



*"I am always doing what I cannot do yet, in order to learn how to do it."*

—attributed to Vincent van Gogh

## Inclusive and safe ministries

**Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Upper Dublin Lutheran Church**

Keynote speaker is Pastor Noah Hepler. In God's Image is a program of worship, workshops, conversation, and resources and is sponsored by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA. Folks from all over the region will gather to share their experiences, learn about ministry potentials in their contexts, and share joys and concerns about inclusive and expansive ministry. The event aims to equip those who are passionate about ministry for and with LGBTQIA+ folks in their congregation, their families and their workplaces to be able to reach out in love and support for their beloved.

Sign up in the welcome center. Contact Sharon Tracey at [lbd36@aol.com](mailto:lbd36@aol.com) for more information.

# "If"

## A time to come as you are

Every Thursday in the morning, we will meet to discuss several questions posted weeks beforehand. The questions will pertain to our everyday lives, no matter who we are, where we are in life or age. We will apply our collective experiences, wisdom and Bible scriptures to help the discussion along. There are no prerequisites; come as you are, and everyone is invited. If you like to listen or talk, please come. Contact Pastor Scott if you have any questions and look in the bulletin or website for posted dates and questions.



## Total trust

Missionary and author Elisabeth Elliot says our sovereign God is worthy of unquestioning obedience in matters both large and small. Such trust yields mighty results, she adds, providing Christians with rest, peace and guidance.

"God is God," says Elliot. "Because he is God, he is worthy of my trust and obedience. I will find rest nowhere but in his holy will that is unspeakably beyond my largest notions of what he is up to."

About the role of obedience in prayer, Elliot asks, "Does it make sense to pray for guidance about the future if we are not obeying in the thing that lies before us today? How many momentous events in Scripture depended on one person's seemingly small act of obedience! Rest assured: Do what God tells you to do now, and, depend upon it, you will be shown what to do next."



# 100 Days to Brave Challenge IF Table Talks

Annie F. Downs, a spiritual writer remarks about our ability to measure our lives into lengths of time. She describes this phenomenon as: “I’m thinking a lot about chunks of time lately, how we chop up time for our own understanding and sanity. We must, I think. Humans need things to start, and they need things to end. We need markers along our journey that show us how far we have gone or how long we have done the thing. Beginnings matter, but so does the finish line.

Ever since I wrote 100 Days To Brave, I’ve wondered what can really happen in 100 days. If that is the chunk of time you set apart to truly focus on something, what can happen? How different could things be?” And it started me thinking what I could do to change myself and the world around me.

I believe each of us has something we always wanted to change about our habits, our bodies, our thinking, or whatever. Many wait to the beginning of the new year and make a resolution. But what IF? What IF we start something now. Each day dedicated to something that will make us better and inevitably the world, our family, our homes, our community a better place to live in.

As part of our Gathering Series of events, I invite you to join on a 100 Day to Brave Challenge. We are today about several weeks into the IF table Talk process; however, it is never too late to start. Each week we will have a devotion and questions to discern then challenge ourselves to look ahead 100 days to be brave and make a change in our lives in the church, our community, and our homes. Each week on Thursday at 10 AM in classroom 29, we will meet personally to discuss our bravery to change, create support and fellowship on our journeys of change. The devotions will be in our bulletins and online each week at <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1->

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usp=drive\_link.

Think about it. After a hundred days we start a new year and IF we did something to change, the whole year may seem quite different, better, a Happy New Year. Then we could keep challenging ourselves and building upon the success of the last 100 days. I look forward to hearing the stories about how you challenged yourself and made a difference.

Peace, Pastor Scott



**Community  
Thanksgiving Day  
Service**  
**Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>  
9:00 AM**

Invite your family and friends to worship with you at NHELCC this Thanksgiving Day.

# Meet our new members

We welcome Keith, Cathy, Ryan and Stephanie to the NNELC church family.

## Keith and Cathy Crowther

Keith and Cathy Crowther joined NHELIC on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Keith works in the construction industry and in his free time enjoys hunting and fishing. Cathy specializes in employee benefits in her company's human resources department. Cathy's hobbies are crocheting and reading. Keith and Cathy have a Labrador retriever named Huckleberry and a grey tabby cat named Winston.

## Ryan and Stephanie Fegley

Ryan and Stephanie Fegley joined NHELIC on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Ryan, the son of members Ron and Lynn Fegley, is returning to NHELIC. A laborer, Ryan enjoys hunting, fishing and watching sports. Stephanie works for Scholastic Book Fairs and in her free time enjoys crafting, cooking and baking. Ryan and Stephanie were married at NHELIC on April 30, 2022. Ryan and Stephanie have a goldendoodle named Grayson.



Thank you to everyone in our church family for all your support of our family at a very difficult time in our lives. The loss of

Brian was unexpected and an emotional time for us. We greatly appreciate the cards, expressions of sympathy, calls, text messages, J-Walker donations and just the general outpouring of sympathy. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful church family. We cannot express our gratitude enough. Brian will be greatly missed but we have felt the love of all of you as we try to get through this time.

With sincere appreciation and great thanks:  
Marlene, Brian Jr, Eric, Ariel, Madison and  
Carolina Hansley

## What is Reconciling in Christ?

Reconciling in Christ (RIC) is a program of Reconciling Works, an independent Lutheran organization that works collaboratively with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The purpose of the RIC Program is to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; work for racial equity and commit to anti-racist work and support the national program.

The RIC program is a voluntary program that congregations can choose to participate in. Congregations that participate in the RIC program are listed on the Reconciling Works website and are provided with resources to help them become more welcoming and inclusive communities.

# Come to the Loaves & Fishes mid-week dinner

Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

5:45 PM

"If you feel like you're losing everything, remember that trees lose their leaves every year and they still stand tall and wait for better days to come."

—Unknown





### Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Carol Howells. Carol will celebrate her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 15<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to send birthday greetings to Carol, here is her address.

2849 Big Road Room 3111 Aspen  
Zieglerville, PA 19492

### Also celebrating a birthday

- 1 Presley McNichol, Leona Renninger, Michael Smith, Jr.
- 2 Barbara Bower, Amy LeVan, Keith Renninger
- 3 Keith Weaver
- 4 Dot Pollock, Malaina Meeker, Corinne Schnee
- 6 Carolina Hansley, Tina Hennessey
- 7 Connor Harrity, Donna Smith
- 9 Ashlie Gorman, Marsha Staub
- 10 Teresa Yancik
- 11 Aurelia Cardillo, Shane Forsyth, Richard Freed
- 12 Lindsey Waltermeyer, Ryan Weaver
- 13 Kevin Brunner, Tim Evans, Georgann Geiser
- 14 Corey King, Diana Sisson
- 16 Ed Phillips, Abby Sauers, Seth Williams
- 17 Aidan Beaver, Kylie

- McAndrew, Emma Wenerowicz
- 18 Olivia Helmer, Michael F. Smith
- 19 Carolyn Fleming, Jackson Solarz
- 21 Ainsley Lucas
- 22 Sue Swartz, Doug Weaver
- 23 Suzanne Dodge, Valentina Sabastro
- 24 Cheyenne Cole
- 26 Julia DePaul, Bonnie Eichenlaub, Beckette Herold, Verdie Smith
- 27 Maya Brunner, Donna Evans, Kenneth Grzywacz, Judith Kingsepp, David Rhoads
- 30 Jennifer Ammarell, Jim Dugan, Jennifer Kurtz, Jared Pinter, Pr. Scott Staub, Sammy Young
- 31 Bethany Bechtel, Monique Becker, Ronald Weller, Kassidy Williams

## Taking awe breaks

Many of us are juggling so many things that we are run by our lives rather than living them as gifts from God. What if we could learn to stop for a moment many times a day? What if in those moments we could decide to notice the sheer miracle of being alive? We would then be taking awe breaks instead of coffee breaks.

—Gunilla Norris, Weavings, July/August 2008

### Happy Anniversary

- 1 Daniel and Ranell Cole  
Jared and Valarie Dubbs  
Peter and Heather Wurst
- 2 Joe and Lisa Caputo  
Cameron and Michele Parker  
Greg and Janet Psota
- 9 Ryan and Diana Sisson
- 10 Josh and Morgan Fox
- 12 Jason and Rachelle Kunsch
- 14 Thom and Lisa Heck
- 15 Bob Moyer and Kym Walther -Moyer
- 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



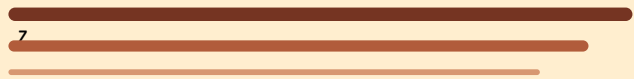
# Hidden blessings

Dear friend, God may send you some valuable gifts wrapped in unattractive paper. But do not worry about the wrappings, for you can be sure that inside he has hidden treasures of love, kindness and wisdom. If we will simply take what he sends and trust him for the blessings inside, we will learn the meaning of the secrets of his providence, even in times of darkness.

—A.B. Simpson

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