

# NEW HANOVER HIGHLIGHTS

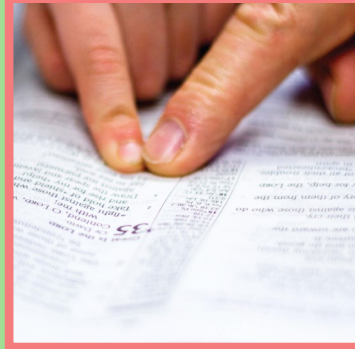
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“You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand.”

— Woodrow Wilson



## Candy Bar Bingo

Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM

Join us for a fun night at the picnic grove for Candy Bar Bingo. Help us plan for enough prizes by signing up today at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-50165165-candy>. If you are able, bring a snack or treat to share with those attending. All ages are welcome!

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## Not too late to register for Camp Falckner

Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, - Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

Camp Falckner is an overnight camp for youth who have finished 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Camp Falckner will take place in our church picnic grove. Registration forms can be found on the desk in the Welcome Center, or you can register online at <https://newhanoverlutheran.org/nhelc-camp-falckner-2024/>.

## HEY KIDS!

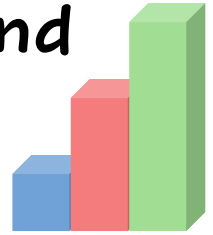
# Ride on up for hot wheels and cool treats

Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Come on out for a bike derby, some fun bike riding and some cool treats. We will be at the church parking lot! You may sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-50165243-hotwheels>. Just bring your wheels and a helmet!



# Now you can listen to praise band songs on Spotify



Do you enjoy the praise band songs? Would you like to get to know them better? This playlist includes over fifty songs that our praise band has done, and more will be added in the future. You will need to download Spotify (it's free!) to listen to the songs. Click on this QR Code to get started today!



# Summer hymn sing returns

July 28<sup>th</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup>  
8:45 AM

Did you enjoy the patriotic hymn sing on June 30<sup>th</sup>? Be sure to arrive early for worship on July 28<sup>th</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup> to participate in this summer's old-fashioned hymn sings.



# Grab a cool drink and a good book

The NHELC Book Club is reading *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. You are invited to meet with the Club on Tuesday August 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM at Plaza Azteca in Greshville for dinner and book discussion. For more information, contact Sharon Tracey.

# Christmas (appeal) in July

As the congregation looks towards her 325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration beginning this fall, a poinsettia tree in the Welcome Center is being planned for Christmas. This Christmas (appeal) in July is for members, friends, individuals, families or groups to contribute to the cost of the poinsettia tree. Approximately \$1,100 is needed for plants and supplies. Can you help? Contact Barbara Eisenhart at 610-316-5909 or [eisenbarb@aol.com](mailto:eisenbarb@aol.com) by July 31<sup>st</sup> and indicate the amount you want to contribute. (This will help with financial planning.) Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration and support of this project. A poinsettia tree in the Welcome Center will add to the beauty of the Christmas season as the congregation celebrates Jesus' birth for the three hundred twenty-fifth time during our anniversary year.





# Breakfast Fellowship

## Women's Breakfast

Wednesday, July 10<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, July 13<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.

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

### Non-Food

Shampoo and conditioner • Paper towels • Deodorant (women and men) • Laundry detergent • Toilet paper • Toilet bowl cleaner • Diapers • Feminine hygiene products • Hand soap • 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, Fellowship Hall and Multi-purpose Room.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

## Relax on a riverboat cruise

Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

You are invited to join the New Hanover Area AARP on a Manasquan River cruise aboard The River Queen. The narrative cruise features beautiful waters and picturesque homes. An included lunch at The Shrimp Box Restaurant along the harbor in Point Pleasant Beach, NJ will be enjoyed before the cruise. The cost is \$135.00. The bus leaves NHELCL parking lot at 8:45 AM. For more information and to make your reservation, contact Carol Griffith at 484-363-7376.





# Meet me in the garden

**Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM**

We'll gather for dinner and socializing before heading to the garden to do some light gardening.

**Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 PM**

An Agriculture Innovations Manager from Trellis for Tomorrow will be in the garden to check on the health of our crops, scout for pests, and disease, and answer any questions we might have.

## Welcome to NHELCC

Meet Terry Santangelo, who joined NHELCC on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Terry is a retired payroll manager and fitness instructor who enjoys staying fit, solving puzzles, reading, going to the beach, kayaking and baking. Terry and her husband Saverio live in Gilbertsville.



## Summer solace

The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature. As long as this exists, and it certainly always will, I know that then there will always be comfort for every sorrow, whatever the circumstances may be. And I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles.

—Anne Frank,  
*Diary of a Young Girl*

# Council Corner

Here are the highlights from the June Council meeting.

- ✦ Please plan to attend the Special Congregation Meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 9:00 AM worship service. This is an important vote in the forward progress of the NHELCC Learning Center ministry.
- ✦ Thank you to Jim Davidheiser for acting as our Food Ministry Chef during Chris Fatzinger's medical leave.
- ✦ Please inform Susan Gutshall if you are planning to use any church space for events and meetings; coordination is key in support of the many activities and meetings in a given month.
- ✦ If you unlock a door for church access, lock the door behind you. Doors have been left open causing a security risk.
- ✦ Giving/offering envelopes - if you do not need offering envelopes please see Scott Geiser or Susan Gutshall (Simply Giving, other electronic giving).



## Enjoy a patriotic concert

**Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM**

The Boyertown Alumni Marching Unit presents a patriotic concert at Soul Joel's Historic SunnyBrook Ballroom. Enjoy music of America both past and present. Tickets at the door are \$15; online at SoulJoels.com or from a band member tickets are \$10. SunnyBrook Ballroom is located at 50 Sunnybrook Road in Pottstown.

# Pastor's Message

## Gratitude

This past month I spoke about Gratitude. I became aware of the need to practice gratitude for the world has, as I believe, stretched us in many directions. The world has told us we can multitask whatever and achieve all you are doing at 100% effectiveness and efficiency. (Science proved this to be wrong, look it up).

The reality, I believe, is that each of us has special gifts. Each of us is unique in the things we can excel at and that is why we need community. God created us to be in a community. We live and worship together, whether in person or virtually. Sometimes we find isolation, and that's ok too. For that is a special gift for some, and I am grateful for those.

Gratitude per Alex Elle, a writer who heals, describes gratitude as that moment when one does something that they are special at, and the act cre-

ates joy within them. Gratitude is an alignment of one using the special gifts with them to make the world a better place.

Gratitude is not about achieving many tasks at one time or even the total tasks achieved in a day. Gratitude is first a gift to us individually and then to others. Why? Because, I believe, one is most happy doing the things they love to do and are good at.

That makes the world a better place by making ourselves joyful. If you are searching to find gratitude in your daily life, contact me. I will help you on your journey.

I am grateful I have you to support spiritually, Peace.

Pastor Scott

## Congratulations to our graduates



### Amanda Dodge

Amanda graduated from The University of Maine with a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science. She is currently employed by the Girl Scouts of Eastern PA.

### Lauren Flack

Lauren graduated from The University of Illinois with a Master of Education in Education Policy, Organization, and Leadership - Diversity and Equity in Education.



### Hannah Phillips

Hannah, daughter of Ed and Tina Phillips, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Immaculata University on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, with her Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Science. She will be attending Drexel University in the fall to obtain her Doctoral degree in Physical Therapy.

# Lessons from hiking



Whether I'm hiking an easier stroll or a 20-mile trek, I've noticed parallels to my journey with Christ.

- ★ This is my journey. Too often I waste time comparing my stride, pace or equipment to that of fellow hikers.
- ★ I don't know what's around each bend, but God does. I can't let anxiety steal my joy.
- ★ It's best to balance hiking in silence with sharing the trail with friends.
- ★ I'll be sore tomorrow, and that's okay. Engaging new muscles leaves a reminder that growth is uncomfortable.
- ★ Being prepared is good; being *too* prepared makes for a heavy backpack. I need to do my due diligence and let God handle the rest.
- ★ It's not a race, so finishing quickly offers no reward. When I'm not in a hurry, I tend to notice more of God's blessings.
- ★ I need to look up, enjoying God's creation as I let him determine my steps.

—Janna Firestone



## The origins of Sunday school

Sunday school began in England as early as 1751. Better known is Robert Raikes' work in Gloucester 30 years later. Concerned about poor children who worked in factories six days a week and often turned to crime, he offered classes on the only day kids were free. Soon various organizations offered a loose network of such Sunday schools, which taught basic reading and writing, using the Bible as a text.

Ten years later, Samuel Slater started the first U.S. Sunday school in his Rhode Island textile mills. By the mid-1800s, Sunday school attendance was an almost-universal childhood experience. As society became more secular and public education was mandated by the 1870s, Sunday schools focused on spiritual practices: prayers, hymns, catechism knowledge and Scripture memorization.

Well into the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Sunday school served as the church's main outreach tool. Many adults fondly remember their teachers and lessons, and Sunday school continues to play a significant part in faith development.

### A POINT TO PONDER

"My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it."  
—Clarence Kelland



# July Celebrations

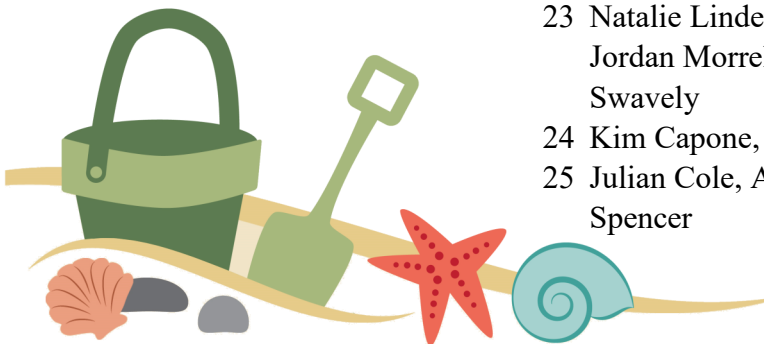
Happy Birthday to Alice Nester, who will celebrate her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 12<sup>th</sup>. For those who would like to send Alice a birthday greeting, here is her address.

Walnut Woods Apt. 301  
35 North Walnut Street  
Boyertown, PA 19512



## Also celebrating a birthday in July

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|--|--|--|
| 1 Gerald Dotterer, Jamie LeVan, Lucille Powell, Heather Wurst    | 11 Mabel Gaugler, Brian Hansley, Jr., Addison Smith, Steve Weidner | 26 Sarah Hollis, Mallory Sugita                  |
| 2 Lori Corcoran, Vicki Dotterer, Jamison Rothermel               | 12 Lily Lane, Anita Rath   | 27 Mark Bowman, Kenneth Shellenberger II         |
| 3 Lisa Heck, Lisa Hibbs, Rylan Rupell, April Smith               | 13 Ryan Dubbs, Scott Geiser, Gavin Quinn                           | 28 Alaina Christ, Patty Grzywacz                 |
| 4 Carol Estes, June Urbassik                                     | 14 Tom Holiday, Ryan Springer                                      | 29 Lily Hoffman, Joan Price                      |
| 5 Cara Boyer, Matt Landis, Carolyn Velazquez                     | 15 Mason Artim   | 30 Janet Psota, Brandy Smale                     |
| 6 Pearl Moyer  | 16 Matthew Cavalari, Jim Edwards, Blake Hennessy                   | <b>July Anniversaries</b>                        |
| 7 Barbara Dunn, Dominick Marino                                  | 17 Michael McCarthy, Randy Morrell                                 | 5 Mike and June Urbassik                         |
| 8 Gianna Marino, Dave Pollock, Sr., Doug Rhoads                  | 18 Archie Allen, Jr., Lisa Evans, Todd Stapleton, Erik Yanisko     | 6 Russell and Lois Biehl                         |
| 9 Jack Bowers, Randy Dotterer, Stacy Trowbridge, Kate Wenerowicz | 19 Ronald Rath, Meredith Sugita                                    | 11 Kevin and Robyn Brunner                       |
| 10 Ryan Schweiger, Taylor Waller, Logan Williams                 | 20 Amanda Halteman, Kerwin Reber                                   | 13 Mike and Jennifer McCarthy                    |
|  | 21 Bill Helmer, Darby Smale Seng, Justin Trowbridge                | 17 Nicholas and Dana Gilbert                     |
|  | 22 Natalie Lindenmuth, Jordan Morrell, Don Swavely                 | 20 Alex and Darby Smale Seng                     |
|  | 23 Kim Capone, Robert Snell  | 22 Allan and Sue Care                            |
|  | 24 Julian Cole, Austin Spencer                                     | 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<br>Don and Andi Swavely |





# Council



# The holy space of love

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An ancient story is told of two brothers who shared grain fields and a mill and, at day's end, equally divided the results of their labor. But the unmarried farmer felt that his brother, with a family to support, should have a greater share. So each night, under cover of darkness, he added some of his grain to his brother's.

Meanwhile, the married brother was concerned that his single brother would have no children to care for him in his old age. So each night he, too, added to his brother's granary.

One night, the selfless brothers ran into each other. Grasping what was going on, they laughed and embraced. Rabbinic legend holds that on that spot — where love was freely shared — God decided his Temple should be built. Wherever people act in sacrificial love, the space between them is holy.



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**Call for an appointment.**