

# NEW HANOVER HIGHLIGHTS

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Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Romans 12:12

## DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!

# The Great Swamp Picnic

Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 - 8:00 PM

Bring your family and friends to the annual Great Swamp Picnic. We will have lots of food and fun for all ages. Menu favorites include hot roast beef sandwiches, pulled pork sandwiches, grilled chicken, potato salad, baked beans, French fries, ice cream and more! We offer free kids games, a flea market to benefit a local charity and entertainment by the Boyertown Area Alumni Band.

### Help Needed

Lots of volunteer opportunities are available leading up to and on the day of the picnic. A schedule of volunteer opportunities will be available in early August. If you are willing to help, contact Sally Sugita at 610-505-9682.

### Flea Market Treasures

Drop off flea market donations under the pavilion at the picnic grove any-time on Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Or, if you need to drop off your donations earlier, bring them to the fourth grade classroom (#30). Please do not bring large and/or upholstered furniture or any appliances. Call 484-363-0639 with any questions.

**The picnic grove is located on Swamp Picnic Road between Rte. 663 and Lutheran Road.**

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# Mini Golf and Ice Cream

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM



You are invited to join NHELCL for mini golf and ice cream at Waltz Golf Farm. All are welcome! Silly prizes will be given for hole in one, best score and highest score. \$13/ player gets you a round of golf and ice cream. We will start at 6 PM! See you at Waltz at 303 W. Ridge Pike, Limerick, PA. Sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-50165350-mini>.



## Backpack Blessing

Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>

Join us for worship at 9 AM on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> for our annual backpack blessing. Students and teachers/school staff can bring their backpack or work bag and we will bless them as we prepare to head back to school.

## Hymn Sing

August 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:45 AM

Come to worship early to participate in this summer's last hymn sing.

## Grief Share support offered

A GriefShare grief support group for people grieving the death of a loved one is starting soon. Join us on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM beginning Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church. At GriefShare you'll watch a weekly video with counsel and insights from respected grief experts and relatable personal stories— followed by a time of sharing and support. Session topics include

- ✓ what's normal in grief
- ✓ how to handle difficult emotions
- ✓ and what to do with regrets, questions and worries.

If you know of anyone that would benefit, please invite them. For more information, contact Nikki Young at [nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org](mailto:nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org) or 610-326-1335.

Please register at <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/241433>.



## JAM KICKOFF



# God's Work Our Hands and Church Picnic

Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

Save the date for September 8<sup>th</sup> for our Move Up Sunday. Third graders will receive their Bibles in worship. Following worship and for our J.A.M. Kickoff we will be participating in God's Work Our Hands Sunday, completing some service projects. Afterwards, at 11:15 we will head to the Picnic Grove for an NHELCL Church Picnic. Fellowship will provide the main dish and drinks. We are asking everyone else to bring a side or a dessert to share!

# August Gathering

August 15<sup>th</sup>, Noon

Our mission project is almost complete! Come on out for fellowship, lunch and mission. We will be completing the pillow cases and quilts to bring smiles to the faces of children in critical care. No sewing talents needed.

You can sign up on [newhanoverlutheran.org](http://newhanoverlutheran.org). Click the "Get Involved" tab and then click "NHELHC Sign-ups" or write your name and number of guests on the signup sheet in the welcome center.

# See the musical GREASE

Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

New Hanover AARP is hosting a bus trip to see the play, Grease, at the Bucks County Playhouse. **You are not required to be an AARP member to participate.** This trip is open to all ages. Free time in Peddlers Village and lunch at the Cock & Bull Restaurant will be enjoyed before the performance. The cost is \$150.00. The bus leaves NHELHC parking lot at 8:45 AM. Contact Carol Griffith at 484-363-7376 for more information and to make your reservation.

# Meet me in the garden

Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM

**Dinner - Conversation - Garden Maintenance**  
No gardening experience necessary. For more information, contact Donna Kehs at [donnakehs@gmail.com](mailto:donnakehs@gmail.com) or 610-212-2673.

# Come for breakfast and fellowship

## Men's Breakfast

Saturday, August 10<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, August 14<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.

# BIG BAND MUSIC



# entertains in the park

Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

The Boyertown Director's Big Band is presenting an end of summer concert at the Spaatz Pavilion Band Shell in the Boyertown Community Park. No ticket needed. Bring your lawn chairs and come out to the park for an enjoyable afternoon listening to the music from the Big Band era! Any questions, contact Jayne McHugh at 610-781-8859.

To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek God the greatest adventure; to find God, the greatest human achievement. — St. Augustine

# The Choral Music Ministry at New Hanover WANTS YOU!

A lot of people love to sing and be part of a group that can bring blessings and encouragement to others. Some may feel a particular “call” of God to join the choir and contribute their singing gift. And choir singing is often a great “uplifting” to people as music often can lift a heavy heart and shed away a load of burdens.

### Fun Facts of singing in our choir:

- ♪ You do not have to audition in order to join the choir.
- ♪ Typically, there are people who are secretly dying to be allowed to sing in the choir.
- ♪ Worshipping with singing is very fulfilling and helps you to connect with your true self and with God.
- ♪ Singing in the choir will give you mental peace.

- ♪ You are guaranteed of going to heaven after death.
- ♪ YES! It is great fun to be a choir member.
- ♪ Singing in the choir is a great way to get to know other church members much better.

The point of church music is to help others access the prayer that lies hidden in the depths of their hearts. All God expects is that we make a joyful noise unto God.

Won't you consider trying us out? Rehearsals are every Wednesday evening from 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM. Contact Patricia Nyce at [patricia.nyce@newhanoverlutheran.org](mailto:patricia.nyce@newhanoverlutheran.org), or by calling 267-252-3020, or see Patricia after church! We have a seat waiting for you!



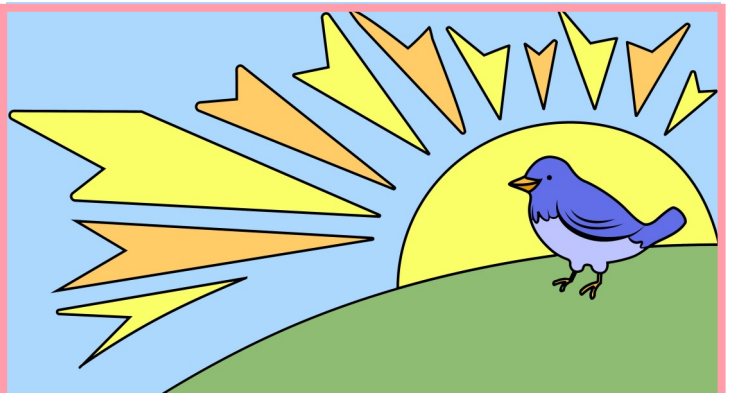
## Can you help



NHELCL is collecting non-perishable food items and full-sized personal hygiene items throughout the months of August, September and October. Donations will be distributed through the Pott-

stown Cluster. Collection boxes are located in the welcome center, fellowship hall and multi-purpose room for the donations.

This spring, we collected 91 pounds of food and personal care items that were taken to the Pottstown Cluster for distribution. Thank you for your contributions that will help those in need.



It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night.  
For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your  
work;  
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Psalm 92:1-2, 4

# Pastor's Message

## Season Changes

I know it's only August, and fall doesn't begin officially until September; however, it seems like summer is ending. Teachers and students are seemingly starting school earlier and earlier each year. That summertime to recharge and annual planning for church staff seems to slip away in between camps and ever-increasing activities and events.

However, I would like to focus on the "beginnings" rather than the "endings" of things. Don't get me wrong, endings are great for celebration and thanking God for those blessings received. The Apostle Paul teaches that when we put on the cloak of Jesus, we take off the old self and put on the new self in the likeness of God.

We, along with our saints who have gone before us these past 325 years as a worshipping community have celebrated many great blessings and have created many more. When we thought we could not sustain and achieve any more new ministries, we found a way to answer God's calling and proceed

on a journey to become a Christian family learning center.

Inspiring families from the community to join in putting on the cloak of Jesus that shares all in the likeness of God. Wearing that cloak brings all an awareness and the teaching of the love of Jesus for all. The teachings of Jesus brings critical values to a world that so desperately needs the peace of the Holy Spirit descending upon it.

Endings and beginnings are a way of life. Within each of our own time on earth, we all have the opportunity to change the world, some in the beginning and some at the end of our seasons. What better way for us to unite, those at the beginning and end of our seasons, to equip our community's children with the cloak of Jesus, teaching them loving neighborly values for life.

Thank you all for your service to God, and Peace,  
Pastor Scott

## News from Pottstown Beacon of Hope

Dear Supporters,

We are thrilled to share the news we've all been waiting for-Pottstown Beacon of Hope can now start the building process for our 24-7 shelter! After two years of persistence and working through title issues on the 601/619 West High Street property, we officially took ownership of the property this week.

Your support over the past two years has been invaluable. During the prolonged title situation, our volunteers and donors gave us the energy and determination to keep pushing forward.

The 24-7 shelter will allow us to provide an environment of hope, love, and grace around the clock. We'll build trusting relationships with our guests and coordinate the necessary resources to help them achieve personal growth, independent living, and permanent housing. Our goal is to open the 24-7

shelter in the fall of 2025. In the meantime, PBOH will continue to operate the Winter Warming Center, offering a warm, safe place to sleep in an atmosphere of hope, love, and grace for Pottstown residents experiencing homelessness.

Thank you again for your unwavering support. We ask for your continued prayers and support as we move toward making the PBOGH 24-7 shelter a reality.

Get involved and stay updated by following us on our social media pages for the latest news and events! Facebook: Pottstown Beacon of Hope; Instagram: pottstownbeaconofhope; X: pottstownbeacon; website: pottstownbeaconofhope.org.

In gratitude,

Tom Niarhos and the PBOH Board of Directors

# Council Corner

The following list highlights the Council meeting on Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.

- ✚ The results from the Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, Special Congregational Meeting were 71 total votes: 61 yes votes, 10 no votes. This action gives the Council permission to approve expenditures for the NHELCL Learning Center planning process and feasibility study continuation above the constitutionally imposed limit of 3% of the 2024 annual budget total. The amount for this approval has been capped at \$50,000 above the 3% limit.
- ✚ Thank you to Jim Davidheiser for acting as our Food Ministry Chef during Chris Fatzinger's medical leave.
- ✚ Garden of Hope expansion is underway, please walk/drive back to the garden to see the progress.
- ✚ 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).
- ✚ Space utilization - please let Susan Gutshall know if you are planning to use any church space for events and meetings.

## 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

# Cemetery tour brings stories from the past alive

Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendars now and come out for an entertaining and informative event this fall. Actors will portray several people who are buried in the NHELCL cemetery. Travel back in time to the 1700s when the story of New Hanover had begun. This church was home and a place of comfort for many who were building new lives in a new land. These immigrants funneled through here by the thousands. Most moved on to homes west and north in PA and south along the Alleghenies, but many of them remained nearby. Many of these pioneers and their descendants are buried right

here in the cemetery next to the church.

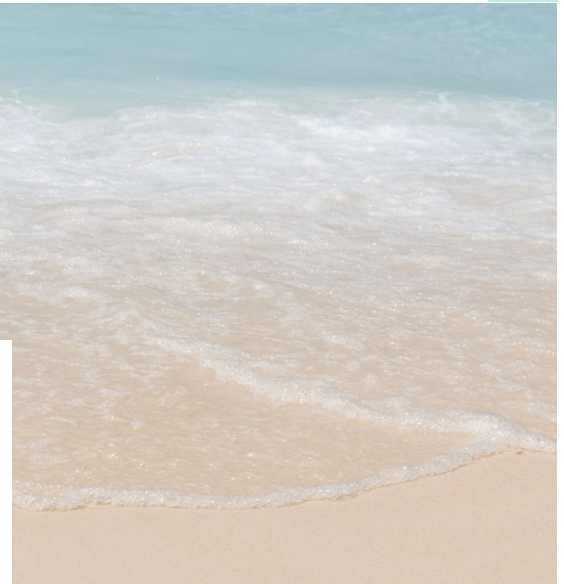
The 325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is planning this event. They are seeking volunteers to help with the planning and to man the information and snack tables at the event. Also, a few more "actors" are needed to be in the cemetery telling the stories of those who have been laid to rest here. To volunteer or to get more information, contact Jane Manthorne at [jane.manthorne@gmail.com](mailto:jane.manthorne@gmail.com).

Rain date is Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

# August Celebrations

Happy Birthday to Jo Heck, who will celebrate her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. For those who would like to send Jo a birthday greeting, here is her address.

1452 Yoder Avenue  
Gilbertsville, PA 19525



## Also celebrating a birthday in August

- 1 Nathaniel Bechtel
- 2 Ryan Camp, Patrick Dinsmore
- 3 Mason Kemp, Brittney Miller, Vicki Mutter, Andrew Parker, Ada Poster, Lilly Smith
- 4 Timothy Eddinger, Luca Galliano
- 5 Brent Corcoran, Gerald Eisenhart, Tina Phillips, Tessa Schiavo
- 6 Bruce Ritter
- 7 Kenneth Motzer, Sue Norris, Laurie Pinter
- 8 Jessica Harrity, Tanner Quigley
- 9 Collins Quigley, Matthew Shirk, Jo Anne Wirt
- 10 Casey Agliano, Keith Crowther
- 12 Will Davis, Dana Gilbert, Tyler Landis, Sarah Ray
- 13 Melanie Bauer, Erica Lucas, Lori Weisbach
- 14 Amy Sharp, Autumn Wojnarek
- 16 Hunter Houseal
- 17 Andy Van Dyke
- 18 Alex Boys, Shirley Miller,
- Andi Swavely, Gregory Wirt
- 19 Elese Christ, Troy Girard, Henry Houseal, Rachel Magee, London Meeker, Morgan Pell, Kayleigh Urbassik, Lauren Waller
- 20 Brian Bechtel, Caleb Woods
- 21 Daniel Cole, Donna Landis, Brianna Lynn
- 22 Andrew Mayan
- 23 Alex Eisenhart, Karen Williams
- 24 Tom Faust, Mary Alice Mack
- 25 Gabriel Cole, Jace Kunsch, Ben MacLuckie, Jane Manthorne, George Trowbridge
- 26 Pamela Shellenberger
- 27 Dorothy Stapleton
- 28 Glenn Hoffman
- 29 Tyler Smith
- 30 David Gaugler, Claire Hennessey, William Kehs, Jackie Rhoads, Alyssa Soupik, Sharon Spencer
- 31 Emma Allen, Kathy Delaney

## August Anniversaries

- 1 Scot and Kelly Smale
- 2 Todd and Stacey Rothermel
- 7 Michael and April Smith
- 8 Ron and Corrine Bartholomew
- 10 James and Rebecca Wabish
- 12 Bill and Kathy Borneman
- 14 Don and Jo Anne Wirt
- 20 Michael and Christine Miller
- 26 Bob and Suzanne Dodge
- 31 Michael and Debra Black Doug and Jackie Rhoads



# Wine Label Contest Winner



We have a winner(s) for the 2024 Communion wine naming contest. Because the submissions were all so close and good, the committee chose to incorporate ideas from each of the submissions. The collaboration, we believe, best represents our anniversary celebration.

Congratulations to Randy Dotterer, Barb Eisenhart, Leslie Gates, and Todd Rothermel. Each winner will receive a bottle of wine, and have bragging rights for one year (until the 326<sup>th</sup> year communion wine is made). Thank you to all submitters.

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**Office Hours**  
Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
**Call for an appointment.**

## Council

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