

# NEW HANOVER HIGHLIGHTS

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Thanksgiving Eve



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## Three Hundred Twenty-five Years Strong

### A CHURCH, A COMMUNITY, A CELEBRATION

On Sunday, November 2, 2025, at 3:00 PM, the New Hanover Lutheran congregation will gather in joyful reverence to celebrate its Three Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary - a milestone that honors generations of faith, resilience and community. The Reverend Bryan Penman, bishop of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, will preach and preside at this Festival Service of Holy Communion. The worship service will contain reflections on church history and a variety of music by choirs and instrumentalists. A prelude of special music will begin at 2:30 PM.

As we give thanks for the past, we also turn our hearts toward the future, recommitting ourselves to the mission of love, service and renewal. Don't miss this festival service of gratitude and anticipation as we embrace the journey ahead, trusting that the same grace that carried us through centuries will continue to guide us forward.

Following the service, a buffet-style dinner in the Fellowship Hall, catered by New Hanover's Chef Chris, has been planned.

*Celebrating 325 Years*  
1700-2025



*Still Making History*

## Advent Social is fun for all ages

Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2 - 4 PM

Activities include making crafts, playing games and decorating cookies, bags and cards for NHELHC homebound members. Snacks will be served.

Bring a donation of personal care items such as tissues, toothpaste, toothbrushes, Chapstick, lotion, individually wrapped snacks, etc. to be put in the homebound members' December senior bags. There will be a paper sign-up sheet on the desk in the welcome center and also a signup genius. To help with planning for this event, sign up by Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>.

## God on Tap

Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM  
Main Street Pub, Bally

Come enjoy a dinner and discussion at the next God on Tap. The discussion topic will be "Who or what do you take for granted"? Do we take God for granted, knowing that He will always be there for us? What about spouses? Let's see how much trouble we can get into by talking about it? RSVP to Randy Dotterer via email ([rdptw6489@gmail.com](mailto:rdptw6489@gmail.com)) or text (610-306-0621) by noon on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!

## Thanksgiving Eve service

Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM

NHELHC will host a Community Thanksgiving Eve Service. A community choir will be singing *We Will Give Thanks* by Mark Patterson. Be sure to invite your family and friends to this service of Thanksgiving.



Consider helping to beautify the sanctuary this Christmas with poinsettias. The Altar Guild will order plants in 6.5" pots with five blooms. The suggested donation is \$11.00 per plant. Plants may be sponsored in memory of (for someone who has passed away) or in honor of (someone who is living). The sponsored plants will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

To sponsor one or more plants, complete a Poinsettia Order form and return the form along with payment (checks made payable to NHELHC) to the church. Be sure to include the number of plants you would like. Also, be sure to mark the order form if you will pick up your plants or if you wish to have the plant given to a homebound member. Plants may be picked up AFTER the 8:00 PM Christmas Eve Service. If you are unable to pick up your poinsettia at that time, call or text Barb Eisenhart at 610-316-5909.

For your convenience, an order form is included in this newsletter. Call the church office if you need additional forms. Forms and payment should be mailed to the church office, placed in the offering plate, or dropped off at the mail slot next to the Fellowship Hall entrance. **Orders are due by November 23, 2025.**

## Angel Tree

The Mission Service team will be hosting the annual Angel Tree gift program from November 9<sup>th</sup> - December 7<sup>th</sup>. Look for the Angel Tree in the welcome center and for more information on how you can brighten the lives of children and youth through this holiday gift giving program.



# Fall yoga classes begin

## Root to Rise: Embracing Change with Grace

Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:30 – 9:30 AM

This class offers a gentle grounding practice designed to release negativity, instill peace and embrace a new season with grace and ease. The class is open to adults and teens, who are age 13-17 as long as they are accompanied by an adult. Classes are held in the church nursery suite (room 21).

Four – five sets of blankets and blocks will be available; contact Leslie Gates ahead of time if you need to reserve a yoga mat.

Classes are free-will donation-based for the Food Ministry. Pay in cash or check (payable to NHELCC). A signup sheet is in the welcome center and on the church’s website.

Any questions, contact Leslie Gates.



## Mission Service folks need your help!

Friends, our church has been helping to feed the hungry at Emmanuel Lutheran Church every month. We discovered their clothes closet needs help. We ask for used, clean, in good condition, warm clothes. Also, hats, gloves, mittens and hoodies are needed too! The ladies at the closet are in need of NEW socks and undergarments. Our junior/senior high Sunday School class decorated a box that is in the welcome center for your donations.



## Book Club meets

Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 PM

The NHELCC Book Club is reading *True Colors* by Kristin Hannah. Join the club for dinner and discussion at the WQ Diner in Pottstown. Any questions about this event, contact Sharon Tracey at [LBD36@aol.com](mailto:LBD36@aol.com).

## Breakfast and Fellowship

### Men’s Breakfast

Saturday, November 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, November 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 Lynn Fegley at 484-300-6281 by Tuesday noon before the breakfast.

POINT TO PONDER

“Let gratitude for the past inspire us with trust for the future.”

—François Fénelon

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

# Seasonal Change

While we adapt and have to embrace seasonal changes as we have no control of them (other than snow birds), we don't always embrace them with passion. With Change, that cringing six letter word, sometimes comes fear and doubt. However, like in the case of the seasons, if we don't change our clothing we either freeze or are uncomfortable (unless you are like those school children who wait for the bus in January with sandals, shorts and a tee-shirt, I envy them).

And the time between the then and the now can be rather rapid. Our two-month-old phone is now the old phone, the style that was in, is shortly out. Change can certainly be challenging.

Jesus offers such a challenge for his believers and followers to accept "Change." The challenge to the first century disciples is the same, however, to us today. Jesus spoke about putting aside societies norms, that is to say, that which is fashionable, politically correct or popular and instead, doing something rather different. Jesus calls us, his disciples, to embrace the challenge to help the poor, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and be hospitable to strangers and those who are marginalized.

Hospitality stood as a sacred law, commandment, for the Jews. So Jesus in his challenge to his disci-

ples to change their ways, was actually an old tradition spoken by God which brings peace to the community. The change, rather than new, was something familiar to his disciples, familiar in the words spoken in the temple and their teachings as children.

We too, I believe, hear the words spoken in our sanctuary, in our devotions and in our classes as children and adults. Rather than seeing Jesus' challenge as change, it is simply embracing proven God given practices that hold a community together rather than tear them apart. Sharing the gifts we are blessed with the poor, feeding the hungry with the abundance of food we have, sharing the abundant clothing we have, and welcoming and inviting all to our sanctuary for worship and to our community to do God's work are all good things. In reflection, these challenges by Jesus do not demand change; however instead, for us to simply be who we say we are in worship and in our biblical studies.

Peace to you during our time of seasonal transition,

Pastor Scott

## Scout Frecon Farms Pie & Cookie Fundraiser

Pick up your items just in time for Thanksgiving on Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, from 4 to 7 PM in Fellowship Hall at the Church.

Order Deadline: Tuesday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>; 11:59 PM

### Easiest way to order - ONLINE:

1. To enter the online store, go to <https://367scouts.org/Pies> or use the QR code and use the password [367pies25](#)
2. Select from six varieties of pies and six varieties of cookies!

3. Proceed to Checkout
4. **VERY IMPORTANT >> Enter YOUR NAME AND "NHELIC" in ORDER NOTES** section so we can be prepared at the pick up time.
5. Complete the transaction with online payment.

A paper copy order form will be in the Welcome Center until Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.



# Guest preachers help celebrate anniversary

- 11/2 Festival Service of Holy Communion with SEPA Bishop Bryan Penman preaching and presiding over communion
- 11/9 The Rev. Dr. Karl Krueger will speak on the German Lutheran contributions in the Revolutionary War, including Peter and Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg. Dr. Krueger will teach and offer more information during Sunday School (J.A.M.).
- 11/23 Deacon Carol Detweiler, New Hanover's former Director of Christian Education and Director of Senior Faith Formation
- 11/30 The Rev. Thomas Lang, former pastor of New Hanover
- 12/7 The Rev. Rebecca Knox, former Intern at New Hanover, who will celebrate her 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination with us that day

Fellowship Hours will follow the services on these Sundays (11:00 AM on November 9<sup>th</sup>).

At the Pumpkin Frolic on October 19th participants showed off their decorating talents and enjoyed fellowship.



# Members send a note of gratitude

To the members of New Hanover:

The family of Michael McHugh would like to send out their heartfelt thanks for all the years of praying for him on the Military Prayer List. Michael has served in the Air Force for 20 years and on September 1, 2025, he [had] retired as Master Sergeant.

He is truly grateful for all the prayers and thoughts sent his way throughout the years.

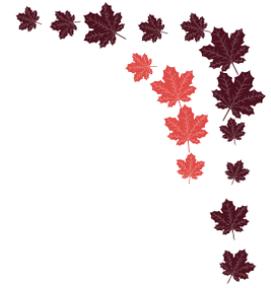
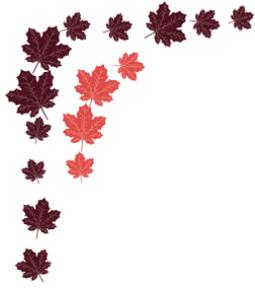
Most importantly, the McHugh family wants everyone to continue to pray for all our servicemen and women.

Thank you for having Michael on this prestigious list.

God bless,

Jayne and Tom McHugh





# Council Corner

## Highlights from the October 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting



- ✚ Finance continues to monitor the 2025 Annual Budget against actuals. The total income at the end of September (75% of the year) was at 111% of budget (77.6% offerings to budget) and expenses were at 77.9% of budget. It should be noted that there were several recent large donations and a bequest which has yet to be distributed per policy – these funds are currently in the General Fund and skew the total income percent above. Next month financials should reflect a more realistic view of income year to date.
- ✚ Finance, based on recent unexpected donations, is projecting the 2025 budget deficit to be minimal (current budget was approved with a ~\$60,000 deficit built in). Thank you to those who contributed in support of this deficit reduction.
- ✚ The approved 2025 General Fund budget is still a *deficit* budget of ~\$60,000. In order to continue eliminating the deficit (or have surplus going into 2026), provide for timely benevolence payments, continue programs, and maintain our staff the Council is strongly encouraging each giving unit to increase giving to the extent possible by 20%. On average across all giving units this equates to \$7/week, \$30/month, or \$361/year. Please consider your giving in 2025 and for 2026.
- ✚ The 2025 Council has nine Councilmembers out of twelve expected positions. Council members may be appointed by the standing Council at any time of the year to one-, two-, or three-year terms. If you have an interest in serving as a Councilmember please talk to any current Councilmember.
- ✚ The NHELIC Constitution has been under review and revision by the Council (Thank you Andy Van Dyke and Harry White!). The larger ELCA modifications/amendments are in place and significant changes to the by-laws and continuing resolutions have been made to better reflect how NHELIC is organized and functions. The Constitution is in review by the Synod at this time. Because of the changes to the Constitution and By-laws it will require congregational ratification over two congregational meetings. Watch for informational sessions to be scheduled in November and/or December to review the changes.
- ✚ As a reminder - the pastor is available for personal meetings Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM by appointment only. Please make an appointment by calling (610) 326-1335 or email at [psstaub@gmail.com](mailto:psstaub@gmail.com). Given prior commitments and events, some appointment times are not available.
- ✚ All meeting and event requests by committees, members or non-members are to be communicated to the Church Office Manager. Susan Gutshall, church office manager, manages the master calendar for all activity and facility use to support minimizing conflicts. Committees and boards - please be sure to notify Susan of all activities planned at the church. This is especially important during the Sunshine Learning Center renovation process.
- ✚ If you unlock a door for church access, lock the door behind you. Doors have been left open causing a security risk.
- ✚ Next Council meeting (open to all members) is scheduled for November 20, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

# What have the Scouts been doing?

Scouting America Troop 367 currently has over 25 adult leaders, twelve female youth, and 21 male youth. The troop has been enjoying a lot of fun adventures.

Our most recent adventures include hosting the Cardboard Boat Regatta for the Continental District in September. The Troop leaders ran seven of the ten stations for the event. The event is growing with a total of 15 patrols from six different units participating this year. We also invited the AOLs from Pack 367 to camp with the Troop for the weekend and event. The AOL patrol Rock Stabbers had the fastest time of eight minutes 31 seconds for the boat race.

We went Whitewater Rafting in the Poconos for our October trip. Scouts had a great time swimming in the Lehigh River as they enjoyed the fall foliage. The patrols also held a desert contest and made some very delicious pumpkin cupcakes, fire-side cookie skillet, and a Dutch oven cookie pie.

The scouts are busy prepping for the upcoming community service event opportunities. They are working to plan fun games for the Trunk or Treat on October 25<sup>th</sup>. We are partnering with Pack 367, NHELCC, and the Sunshine Learning Center to open the Trunk or Treat event to the community. This is meant to be an open house and recruiting event. The Troop scouts are working hard to create some fun game stations for the event. Keep an eye out for more details.

The Troop and Pack will also be participating in Cradle of Liberty Councils Scouting for Food event. Keep an eye out for food donation bins starting in November. The scouts will be delivering all donations to Preston's Pantry in Boyertown on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for all of the support NHELCC offers our Troop and Pack scouts!

# Living the Great Commandment

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:34-35

E. Trey Clark, a Professor of Preaching and Spiritual Formation shares their thoughts of the planting, ripening, and harvesting of one's faith and commandment of Jesus to look outside of one's needs and to love one another.

This is the season of gathering in, the season of the harvest in nature. Many things that were started in the spring and early summer have grown to fruition and are now ready for reaping. Great and significant as is the harvest in nature, the most pertinent kind of in-gathering for the human spirit is what I call “the harvest of the heart.” Long ago, Jesus said that [people] should not lay up for themselves treasure on earth, where moths corrupt and thieves break in and steal, but that [people] should lay up for themselves treasures in heaven [Matthew 6:19–20].

This insight suggests that life consists of planting and harvesting, of sowing and reaping. We are always in the midst of the harvest and always in the midst of the planting.... Living is a shared process. Even as I am conscious of things growing in me planted by others, which things are always ripening, so others are conscious of things growing in them planted by me, which are always ripening. Inasmuch as I do not live or die unto myself, it is of the essence of wisdom for me conscientiously to live and die in the profound awareness of other people. The statement, “Know thyself,” has been taken mystically from the statement, “Thou has seen thy brother, thou hast seen thy God.” [1]

[1]Howard Thurman  
Deep Is the Hunger: Meditations for  
Apostles of Sensitiveness  
(Friends United Press, 1978), 180–181.

# Peer Support Ministry Message on Grieving

## Learn from Almost-Despair

Turns out, we weren't built for endless resilience. A devotion on tending to each other during grieving by Kate Bowler  
October 22, 2025

There are the things you can say out loud, and then there's all you can't.

Like when someone asks, "How are you?" and you almost say, "I spent forty-five minutes this morning researching if stress can make your teeth fall out," but instead go with, "Oh, you know. Busy." Some unsaid things are holy—allowing sorrow to take up all the room it demands. And some silences are devastating.

I recently sat down with one of my Canadian heroes, the brilliant and hilarious Miriam Toews, who knows all about the silences that rearrange a life. Her novels (*All My Puny Sorrows*, *Fight Night*, *Women Talking*) manage to hold sorrow in one hand and humor in the other. We grew up 45 minutes apart in the frozen flatlands of Manitoba. If you haven't been, think: endless sky, icy winters, and a sense of existential smallness that builds character. (I should probably pitch myself to be an honorary member of the Tourism Board. VISIT MANITOBA: Land of Floods and Incredible Pie-rogis.)

We have both been deeply influenced by the Mennonite culture and faith that surrounded us there in the prairies. Mennonites are an ethno-religion: an ethnic group and a Christian denomination tied up in one Russian-Dutch-German bow. They are the peaceable people whose theological roots go back to the earliest days of the Protestant Reformation when they said "no, thank you" to taking up arms and building the nation-state. They are wizards with Jell-o, a bun recipe, and flat-pack furniture.

Miriam's new memoir, *A Truce That Is Not Peace*, takes on the ache of growing up in her Mennonite

family. The title comes from a line by the poet and essayist Christian Wiman. It's such a perfect image for the way so many of us live now—caught between endurance and despair, between what we hope for and what just.keeps.happening.

She has a question that everyone seems to be asking in one form or another right now:

*Should we despair? Because we're not sure just how far reality should take us. How far down reality should take us.*

For everyone who lives close to despair—through illness, injustice, grief, or fear, it's not that despair doesn't mean something. It's that it means so much. To name it, to walk that far toward its depths, takes incredible courage. Miriam's life has demanded that kind of courage. Her family, like so many others, carried deep, unspoken pain. Mental illness. Faith communities that made little room for fragility. Her beloved father and sister lost to suicide. And around it all: silence.

Miriam doesn't tie anything up neatly. She describes her experience of despair not as something melodramatic, but as chemical, haunting, and deeply misunderstood.

It's not easy to have hope in the midst of despair. As Miriam describes, there are times when "everything is dark, everything is fade-to-black and it's god-awful and there is no hope and yet...if we are able to survive long enough through those periods, a hope will return to us. I really believe that."

But what do we do for those in the midst of such suffering? What do we do when the silence is too heavy to bear?

One of the stories Miriam tells is about her friend whose child died of cancer. When people would

say, "I can't imagine what you're going through," she wanted to scream:  
Try. Please try.  
Try to imagine.  
Try to stay.  
Try to speak when silence seems tempting.  
Try to say yes to life.

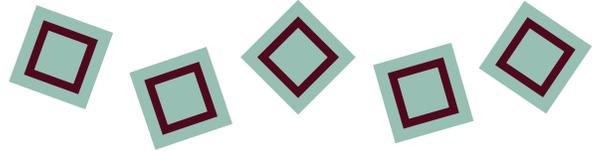
Maybe that's the truce that's not peace. The part of faith that holds the tension, that says: I will not turn away. I'll keep staying, keep hoping, keep practicing courage.

Copy and paste this link to your favorite browser link to listen to the full interview or watch: <https://>

[omny.fm/shows/everything-happens-with-kate-bowler/naming-the-silences-with-miriam-toews](https://omny.fm/shows/everything-happens-with-kate-bowler/naming-the-silences-with-miriam-toews)

And, hey. You do not have to carry any manner of despair by yourself. Call or text 988 for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. Remember, you are not alone.

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### Gratitude Shift

When we look at what we want, and then compare that with what we have, we shall be unhappy. When we think about what we really deserve, and then compare that with what we actually have, we shall thank God.

## ▶▶▶ November Celebrations ◀◀◀

Happy Birthday to the following ladies, who will celebrate a 90+ birthday.

#### **Gladys Renninger**

Celebrates her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on November 2<sup>nd</sup>

2849 Big Road Apt. 4203  
Zieglerville, PA 19492

#### **Jean Buckley**

Celebrates her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 4<sup>th</sup>

2849 Big Road Apt. 4022  
Zieglerville, PA 19492

#### **Betty Karver**

Celebrates her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 7<sup>th</sup>

637 Highland Street  
Boyertown, PA 19512

#### **Doris Gross**

Celebrates her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 12<sup>th</sup>

163 Eisenhower Drive  
Boyertown, PA 19512

#### **Fay Feick**

Celebrates her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on November 18<sup>th</sup>

2987 Lutheran Road  
Gilbertsville, PA 19525

#### **Sarah Bowman**

Celebrates her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 28<sup>th</sup>

2849 Big Road Apt. 107  
Zieglerville, PA 19492

#### **Betty Hedrick**

Celebrates her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 30<sup>th</sup>

537 Buchert Road  
Gilbertsville, PA 19525



## Also celebrating a birthday in November

- 1 Barbara Boys, Mary Lang, Jeff Wise
- 2 Adam Becker, Delores Eidle, Nathan Psota, Shirley Renninger, John Scherer
- 3 Thom Heck, Paul Yanisko
- 4 Austin Holiday, Scott Repa
- 5 Madelyn Artim, Justin Green, Sheri Wenerowicz
- 7 William Dugan, Brandy Marino
- 8 Chance Allen, Jean Renninger
- 9 Wendy Helmer, Jared Miller, Tammi Wiley
- 10 Marty Hauser
- 11 Karen Rohrbach
- 12 Debra Black, Andrew Dodge, Rick Garcia, Hannah Phillips, Olivia Wiley
- 14 Roxanne Hersh, Joshua Lynn
- 15 Kaylene Jackmore, Wendy Schiavo
- 16 Skylar Harrington, Kelly Smale
- 17 Lyndsay Camp, Jenn Cavalari, Brooke Dowladow, Elizabeth Phillips, Miller Quigley, Joan Scheffey, Jim Yochem
- 18 Janet Burkhart
- 20 Barbara Repa, Sharon Wise, Emma Wurst
- 21 Diane Laverty
- 22 Benjamin Helmer
- 23 Stephen Repa
- 24 Amy Hoffman, Rebecca Wabish
- 26 Robert Cavalari, Jr., Barbara Faust
- 28 Jan Bechtel, Kathy Borneman, Alyssa Dodge, Jared Dubbs, Ethan Hauser, Sharon Tracey, Aaron Wesner
- 29 Joseph Allen, Karalyn Forsyth
- 30 David Mayan

## Anniversaries

- 2 Timothy and Amy Hoffman
- 11 Ronald and Suzanne Weller
- 12 Mike and Natalie Lindenmuth
- 13 Pat and Erica Lucas
- 16 George and Stacy Trowbridge
- 18 Scott and Georgann Geiser  
Steve and Faye Weidner
- 19 Roger and Beth Yost

## Giving Thanks for All Things

It's easy to list the blessings in life: good health, family, a satisfying career, a comfortable home. We might even be thankful for things others take for granted such as freedom and clean drinking water, reliable transportation and food enough to eat. Then there are the little things, such as gardens, sunrises, pets and coffee.

But what about life's storms or unanswered prayers? Should we be thankful for these? Loss and hardship remind us of our dependence on God. He uses trials to draw us closer to him, to show us that He is our rock and refuge. In misfortune and grief, we discover God's comfort and strength. Should we not, then, be thankful for the storms, too?

## Let's keep in touch

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### Lutheran Church

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Gilbertsville, PA 19525

610-326-1335

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[facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch](https://facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch)

### Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 9 AM – 2 PM

Call for an appointment.



## 2025 Council

- Edward Becker, treasurer  
Monique Becker, secretary  
Scott Geiser, financial secretary  
Marty Hauser, vice-president  
Jim Mack  
Yvonne Peto  
Todd Rothermel, president  
Andy Van Dyke  
Nikki Young  
The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor



# RECONCILING IN CHRIST

Praise be to God! As Jesus has called us to love one another, we as a community deeply rooted in an open and welcoming spirit announce that The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church has been recognized as a Reconciling in Christ partner congregation of Reconciling Works. It is with Christ's love we are called to welcome all God's children into our congregations, communities, and our world.

This recognition means that the congregation will be listed on a roster of congregations, organizations and synods in the United States and Canada providing a message to all that we are safe place to worship and serve. However, how we welcome and what we do as a Reconciling in Christ partner congregation is uniquely ours to create and our journey to walk together. We invite you to join us in celebrating God's love for all.

## POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Orders due by November 23, 2025

Poinsettias will beautify the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve services. Please help by sponsoring poinsettias. Indicate below how you desire the names to appear on the sponsor page in the bulletins. This form along with your payment is due in the church office by **Sunday, November 23, 2025.**

*("In memory of" if deceased; "In honor of" if living)*

**PLEASE PRINT**

In memory/honor of: \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Circle One)*

In memory/honor of: \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Circle One)*

In memory/honor of: \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Circle One)*

Cost per 5 bloom, 6.5" potted plant is \$11.00.

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Place this form along with your payment in an envelope and return to the church office or place in the offering plate. Please make checks payable to NHELCC. Order deadline is **November 23, 2025.**

**(Check one)**

**I will pick up my poinsettia(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Please deliver to a homebound member** \_\_\_\_\_

Plants may be picked up after the 8:00 PM Christmas Eve service. **If you are unable to pick up your plants at that time, please call or text Barbara Eisenhart at 610-316-5909.**