

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

...**Lois Vermeer**, mother of Marianne Vermeer, who is in declining health.  
...**Michael and Karen Chandler**, as Michael continues to struggle with health issues.  
...**Dan Douglas and Cass** as Dan recuperates from surgery.  
... Continue prayers for **Jeff and Christy Presseau**.  
...**Donna Headley**, for both comfort and healing.  
...for Summer Foley's father, **Bruce**, and the **Foley family**.  
  
...All those in our congregation who are unable to attend church regularly due to illness or limited mobility.  
...Our nation, its leaders, and our troops serving around the globe.

If you have a prayer request, update, question, or concern please contact the church office at (804) 730-9700 or email Robert Johnson at [robert.johnson@newhanoverpres.org](mailto:robert.johnson@newhanoverpres.org).

**Children from ages 4 to 10 are welcome to attend Children's Sunday School which is held during the service. Nursery care is provided for infants and children up to three years of age.**

**Please join us in the Laburnum Commons for refreshments after today's service.**

**The weekly contribution amount** needed to meet budget is \$4,783 which enables us to continue to do God's work in the community. Last week we received \$4,025.39.

**Church Contact Information**

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**Office Hours:** 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

**New Hanover**

**NEWS**



**Sunday, December 29, 2019**

**IF YOU ARE A GUEST TODAY – WELCOME!**

We are so glad you're here with us. Please sign the guest register with your contact information so we can thank you for being with us today.

We are a community of faith seeking to follow Christ. If you are looking to follow Jesus in your daily life with the support and fellowship of a company of believers, you have found the right place. If you seek to commit to active involvement in worship, service, and study, we invite you to join us in membership.

**Thank You to Today's Volunteers!**

Ushers/Greeters: *Melinda Lassiter & Frank Jolliffe*

Lay Reader: *Stan Parcell*

Refreshments: *Christy & Jeff Presseau*

Sound Board: *Steve Harmon*

**Thank you for all the volunteers that have served during 2019.**

**Your dedication and willingness to serve are some of the many things that make New Hanover Presbyterian Church so special.**

## Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

\*8:50 a.m. – Choir Warmup

\*9:30 a.m. – Worship Service

\*10:30 a.m. – Fellowship – Laburnum Commons



- The church office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1 -

- No Adult or Children's Sunday School today -

- No Adult Sunday School next Sunday -

## Adult Sunday School

Beginning on January 12, 2020  
a 4-week series on World Religions

On Sunday, January 12, Tricia Vesely, will begin teaching a 4-week Adult Sunday School class on the world's religions. We will learn a little bit more about Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, and Islam. **The first class will be on Hinduism.**

Along with Tricia's position of NHPC Music Director, she is also an Adjunct Professor of Bible at Union Presbyterian Seminary and has taught classes in World Religions at VCU.

Tricia is eager to share her knowledge with you.

- Please Join Us -

- Mark Your Calendars -

Congregational Meeting & Valentine Making on February 9<sup>th</sup>

Immediately following the Worship Service

### A Message from Mary Gayle Brittingham

My family and I thank you all so much for your support, prayers, cards, calls, food and love during my mother's illness and at her passing. I was overwhelmed by your attendance at the visitation and funeral, and by the food you provided for the reception. Your support and prayers have given me much peace and strength during this time and has exemplified the love that God has for us. Words cannot express how thankful I am for all of you.

Mary Gayle Brittingham and the family of Mary Gentry

## Celtic and Pot Luck

Next Sunday, January 5, we will hold a Celtic Worship Service. Following the service, there will be a reception in Hanover Commons to celebrate the great work of **Terry Diebold**, as she steps down from her post as Parish Associate, here at New Hanover.

Terry will continue her work as a pastoral counselor in private practice, and to our collective benefit, continue in leadership to countless people on the social justice front.

Bring a dish and join us in celebrating an accomplished woman who serves the Lord and her community each and every day.

## DEADLINE FOR 2019 YEAR-END GIFTS

Knowing that members and guests will make year-end gifts or pledge payments to the church to qualify for 2019 tax-deductions, here are three reminders:

\* For checks, be sure your check is dated in December 2019.

\* Put your check in the offering plate at worship December 29th OR mail / deliver it so that your check arrives in the church office by Friday, January 3.

OR

\* Make your gift online through **Breeze**, which houses New Hanover's gift portal. You can make the gift by credit card or debit from your bank account. The link is: <https://newhanover.breezechms.com/give/online>.

Your gift support for our Church's mission is deeply appreciated!

**We will NOT be undecorating the church after the service today. That popular event will be happening next Sunday. Please plan on joining us then. Take time to enjoy the Chrismon Tree before it comes down on January 5th.**

## Shepherd's Way Relief Center

### Thank you for filling the box!

During this Advent season, we have focused on our friends at **Shepherd's Way Relief Center**, a faith-based outreach ministry that provides food to their neighbors in need.

Margaret Elliott and the rest of the Missions Team thank all of you for your support. Our box was running-over with donations, and Margaret delivered them to **SWRC** in time for Christmas. Please continue your support throughout the cold winter months. Donations should consist of **ready-to-eat foods**, such as peanut butter, vienna sausages, protein bars, instant soup bowls, fruit cups, canned ravioli, tuna, crackers, and more.