



The CHIMES

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

✚ INSTALLATION OF PASTOR LAUREN

Please join us **NEXT Sunday, February 10 at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary** as we celebrate the formal installation of Pastor Lauren Miller at Muhlenberg! Pastor Michael Church will preach and Pastor Rob McCarty, Dean of the Southern Valley Conference of the Virginia Synod, will preside. In celebration of Pastor Lauren's installation, we invite you to enjoy light refreshments and fellowship in the Gathering Area following the service.

✚ PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER LUNCH

Join Pastor Lauren and Evangelism Committee members for a lunch/orientation **NEXT Sunday, Feb. 10**. See p. 3 for details.

WELCOME GUESTS

We are blessed to welcome our guests today. We have a gift waiting for you at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Area (main church entrance) and ask that you complete a blue guest card and/or sign our guest



register. If you prefer, you may scan this QR code or to securely register online visit us at www.muhlenberglutheran.org.

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

“SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY

TODAY we hold our annual friendly competition to see if Muhlenberg members can predict the winner of the Super Bowl. Support your team by bringing extra items to benefit Patchwork Pantry (canned foods, paper products, cleansers, diapers, and personal hygiene items - no glass). Place donations in your team's designated bin in the Gathering Area. Last year we collected 205 pounds. **This year our goal is 400 pounds.**



If you want to help but prefer to make a cash donation, place a check payable to Muhlenberg in the offering plate (write Patchwork Pantry on your check and envelope). This year we are setting an additional goal of \$500. Your



generous support will help feed our hungry neighbors!



Please wear a nametag for the next few weeks to help Pastor Lauren learn your name.

Supplies are in the Gathering Area.

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG (CONT'D)

FIRST SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

We receive **non-perishable food donations** in the Gathering Area for local area food pantries.
See p. 1 for details about today's collection.

Lay Communion Ministers will take Holy Communion to our sick and homebound members.

CALLING ALL SHEPHERDS



The Care Committee will hold the annual Shepherd meeting **TODAY, 12:15 – 2:00 pm** in Wayland Hall. Light lunch provided. If you are not currently a shepherd but want more information, please plan to attend for information only — there is no obligation.

SECOND HOME SUNDAY

Second Home is a wonderful ministry offered here at Muhlenberg. Without it, many young children in our neighborhood would be going to an empty house after school. With their parents working, the children would be on their own to do homework and feed themselves a healthy snack.



For this month, we ask you to donate *pretzels (any variety; larger bags preferred)* **Sunday, February 17**. Place donations in the designated bin in the

Gathering Area. If you wish to help and prefer to make a cash donation, designate *Second Home food* on your check and envelope.

FINANCIAL NEWS

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 Worship	85	Wed. noon	9
9:30 Worship	120		
11:00 Worship	<u>161</u>		
Total	366		

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through December 2018			
	Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Budget	Y-T-D Last Year
Gifts & Offerings	\$750,583	\$877,169	\$789,569
Total Receipts	\$845,873	\$971,097	\$881,199
Expenses	\$846,372	\$971,097	\$842,012
Excess Income/ (Expenses)	(\$499)	\$0	(\$39,187)

Giving in support of our Spending Plan	\$	10,571.60
Giving to Other Designated Funds	\$	2,641.18
Total Giving for the Week	\$	13,212.78

See Connection Center notebook for details.



To give online, scan here →

Interfaith Association of Harrisonburg-Rockingham

INTERFAITH ASSOCIATION

The Interfaith Association of Harrisonburg-Rockingham will hold a meeting **THIS Thursday, February 7 at 12 noon** in the West Dining Hall at EMU. Ramona Sanders will speak about how to Green Congregations. Ramona will be joined by Charles Henricks from Park View Mennonite and Rick Comstock from Trinity Presbyterian Church. *For more information, contact Ramona Sanders (rsanders9@verizon.net or 433-1165).*

THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

RUTH SIGMON CIRCLE

Meets **TOMORROW Monday, Feb. 4, 6:30 pm** in the Augsburg Room. The Bible study, *Meeting with Jesus, Session One*, will be taken from *Gather* magazine. All women are welcome. For more information, *contact Louise Johnson* (gfriender07@verizon.net or 433-1047).

ELDERCARE SUPPORT GROUP

Meets **TOMORROW Monday, Feb. 4, 7:00 pm** in the Kairos Room. *Contact Jennie Warner* (mjwarner1@aol.com or 476-2020) for details.

GO-GO GROUP (55+)

Join the Go-Go Group for lunch **THIS Wednesday, February 6, 1:00 pm at the Harrisonburg Bar & Grill** (at Valley Mall). *Call Dan Werner* (433-3912) for more information.

CALLING ALL COMFORT MAKERS!

Join us Thursdays between 8:00 and noon for fun and fellowship! *Contact Linda Morrison* with any questions (glenn778@comcast.net or 383-5085).

MARY MARTHA OUTING

Mary Martha will go to the Blackfriars Theatre to see *Anne Page Hates Fun* **THIS Friday, February 8**. The show starts at 7:30 pm and it is *pay what you will* — watch the show and make a donation at the end of the performance.

For those interested in carpooling and having dinner at Mill Street Grill in Staunton prior to the performance, we will meet at Muhlenberg at **5:00 pm**. *If you have questions, contact Kathy Holm: 540-435-4643 or holmkathy@yahoo.com.*

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER LUNCH & ORIENTATION

Are you curious and want to learn more about Muhlenberg? We invite you to explore with us what it means to be a Christian, a Lutheran, a follower of Jesus and a member of the Muhlenberg family.

Meet with Pastor Lauren and the Evangelism Team for a **Prospective Member Lunch & Orientation, NEXT Sunday, February 10, 12:15 – 2:30 pm** in Wayland Hall. We'll discuss more in depth the mission and ministries of Muhlenberg and how you can be part of the life of this congregation as a member or associate member.

New members will be received Sunday, February 24 during the 11:00 service, followed by a reception.

If you are interested in attending the Lunch and Orientation, please sign up at the Welcome Desk or in the activities notebook at the Connection Center in the Gathering Area.

For more information, talk with Kathy Thompson, Chair of the Evangelism Team (thompskb@jmu.edu or 540-578-4830), Parish Administrator Linda Depoy (depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496), or Pastor Lauren (miller@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SOPHIE MOELLER CIRCLE

Meets **NEXT Tuesday, February 12, 1:30 pm** in the Kairos Room. All are welcome, and we would love for you to join us as we share a time of fellowship and discuss the lesson from the Lutheran women's magazine *Gather*. Hope to see some new faces Tuesday! Contact *Marilynn Jarrells* (marilynnjarrells@gmail.com or 246-5753) for details.

FAMILY CAMP NIGHT



The Virginia Synod Southern Valley Conference is holding Family Camp Night **Sunday, March 24, 5:00-7:00 in the MAC**. Staff from Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp will present an evening at camp with dinner, games and information about the camp. Sign up at the Connection Center for food planning purposes. For more information, contact *Diane Bayer* (bayer@muhlenberg.lutheran.org or 434-3496).

ACTS SPRING COURSE

*When I in Awesome Wonder: Liturgy
Distilled from Daily Life*

April 6 and May 11, 9:00 – 3:00 at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Waynesboro. Dr. Jill Y. Crainshaw will present on Spirituality and Leadership, and that all life is liturgy and how people encounter God as they live, work and play in human communities and as they work to sustain the health of communities and the ground on which communities are built. Registration forms can be found at the Connection Center in the Gathering Area. Scholarships cover the cost for Muhlenberg attendees. Contact *Diane Bayer* if you are interested.

MUHLENBERG NEWS

CREATION CARE TIP



Creation Care offers a simple tip that will help you protect God's earth. Contact Ramona Sanders for more information: 433-1165 or rsanders9@verizon.net.

Trade your plastic water bottle for a stainless-steel version. Stainless-steel water bottles look trendy, but more importantly, they are free of biphenyl A (BPA), a toxic substance used to make clear and shatterproof plastic.

RESERVING ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2019 chart is available in the sign-up book at the Connection Center. Reserve your special dates to remember or honor a loved one! We offer the opportunity for two families to sign up each week and **request payment (\$25/vase) at the time of sign up**. We will send reminders as needed. Thank you in advance for contributing to the worship experience.

BE ALERT!

Between Second Home and Harrisonburg Rockingham Child Day Care Center, we host approximately **200 children on our campus** Monday - Friday, along with all the pedestrian and car traffic that comes with hosting them.

Please be extra alert and slow down in the parking lot to avoid accidents and injuries. Pedestrians, please use sidewalks to avoid potential injury.



REMINDERS

COMMUNION IN THE PEWS



Holy Communion

For those who desire communion and are unable to come forward, communion is served in the pews. In addition to bread and wine, **white grape juice and gluten-free bread** are also available. Please indicate your preference for juice to the Lay Assisting Minister and take gluten-free bread from the small container beside the regular communion bread.

COMMUNICATING WITH OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Members of the congregation who are homebound and cannot read *The Chimes* online may request a copy be mailed to them weekly.

If you are interested, or know a member who is, contact Parish Administrator Linda Depoy (depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496).

PRAYER CARDS

Thanks to the suggestion of one of our thoughtful youth, we have a prayer request box on the welcome desk. You can find prayer request cards in the back inside cover of the worship book in your pew or at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Area.

On the form, you will see that one option is to share the prayer request with the “prayer chain.” Our prayer chain is an email group that receives and covenants to pray for these requests, as well as hold them confidential. To receive these emails (an average of three per week), email depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org with your request.



Prayer
Requests

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Natural disasters cause widespread destruction. 100% of gifts given to Lutheran Disaster Response go directly to aid in disaster relief. Here are ways you can give:

- **Online:** www.elca.org.
- **Phone:** 800-638-3522 Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:00 Central Time.
- **Mail:** send checks made payable to Lutheran Disaster Response and designated for *Indonesian Tsunami* Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.
- **Offering plate:** make check payable to MLC and designate *ELCA Disaster Response* on your check and envelope.
- **Via Thrivent:** Thrivent members can direct their Choice Dollars to Disaster Relief and/or make a personal donation that will be matched by Thrivent. Visit thrivent.com Disaster Response for details.

DID YOU MISS WORSHIP LAST WEEK?

If you miss worship one Sunday, chances are you feel a bit out of the loop. Extra copies of *The Chimes*, worship booklets, and sermons are available on the credenza in the administrative hallway. Stop by and catch up on what you’ve missed.

Additionally, you can get sermons and *The Chimes* from our website:

www.muhlenberglutheran.org.



LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION

A NOTE FROM PATCHWORK PANTRY...



Patchwork Pantry
a 501(c)(3) organization

The Board of Directors and volunteers of Patchwork Pantry express deep appreciation for the support you have extended to the hungry in the Harrisonburg Community through our pantry during 2018. Month after month, you faithfully contribute food and paper products. Patchwork Pantry could not help those who come on Wednesday evenings without your help. May God bless your many ministries and most especially your ministry to those in need of food. We look forward to a continued partnership in 2019.

YOUR DONATIONS HELP OTHERS

During 2018, Muhlenberg members donated the following:

- **\$5,347.94** to ELCA World Hunger
- **\$3,940.00** to ELCA Disaster Response
- **\$1,316.57 and 1,762 pounds** of non-perishable foods, paper and personal hygiene products to Patchwork Pantry, a local food pantry located at Community Mennonite Church.

We thank God for using our abundance to care for others in need. You can donate to these missions at any time via the offering plate with a check made out to Muhlenberg and the name of the organization on the memo line.



CAN YOU PROVIDE SNACKS?

Second Home is in need of the following snacks for students on an on-going basis:

- **oatmeal packets**
- **granola bars**
- **bread**
- **tortilla chips**



If you are interested in providing any of these snacks (possibly with a friend), *please contact Susan Gallaher* (palosva@gmail.com or 867-5017). Thanks so much for your consideration of this worthy cause.

Visit the Connection Center for a complete list of organizations our Local & Global Ministry team has chosen to support.

BRIDGE OF HOPE

Bridge of Hope is looking for Neighboring Volunteer Groups consisting of 6-10 committed people who will walk alongside and encourage a family in their program.

Bridge of Hope works with single-parent families (children under 18) facing homelessness in our community. The program lasts 12-24 months. Initial training, ongoing relational support, and planned monthly gatherings will be provided.

Please contact Chris Hoover Seidel, Director, at director@hr.bridgeofhopeinc.org or cell: 717-602-0871 if you are interested.



YOUTH & CAMPUS NEWS

For more information, contact Mycah McNett (mcnett@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496).



WINTER CELEBRATION

Winter Cel 2019 was amazing! Charlie Britt, Lily Harmison, Sarah Furr, June Holm, Schuyler Harmison, Grayson Campbell and Abby Moyers enjoyed a faith-filled weekend at Eagle Eyrie. With large group and small group sessions, and a Saturday night worship, the event was meaningful for everyone. Ask the youth about their experience!

UPCOMING JCREW EVENTS

First and third Sundays of the month--meet in the Campus Room after church for lunch and fellowship time. Mark your calendars for these additional events...

- **TODAY** - meet in the Campus Room at 12:15 for lunch and be part of the planning for summer mission trip!
- **March 16** - Bishop's Day in Charlottesville
- **April 6 and 7** - King's Dominion trip

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

We invite JMU students, faculty, and staff to fellowship during lunch. Mark your calendars to join us **Mondays, February 11, March 11 and April 8, 12 noon** in D-Hall.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

Contact Christian Formation Minister Diane Bayer (434-3496 or bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org) for more information.

SHARING GOD'S WORD

Classes begin in designated locations **Sundays at 9:30**. Children should be picked up immediately following the 9:30 liturgy.

Children's Church is held on the 1st & 3rd Sundays during the 11:00 service for children 3-7 years old. After Children's Time with the pastor, children are escorted downstairs to the Nielsen Room. Children return to their parents in the Sanctuary during the Sharing of the Peace.

Pick up a green Christian Formation brochure from the Connection Center. It contains information about classes for children and adults.

ATTENTION 5TH & 6TH GRADERS

7th Day, the Synod youth event, will be held March 2-3 at Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg. If you are interested, **contact Diane Bayer for a registration form or pick one up from the table outside her office**. You can also print one from the Synod website, vasynod.org (under the Youth and Young Adults link, *7th Day*).

Registration forms and checks made out to Muhlenberg for half the registration fee (\$57.50) need to **be returned to Diane TODAY! We must postmark them on February 4 in order to receive the early bird discount.**

JAMERS (2ND – 5TH GRADERS)

Meets **NEXT Sunday, February 10, 12:15-2:00** in the MAC to work on a service project. Lunch provided. Come join the fun and fellowship as together we make ponchos and blankets for those in need!

JOYS, THANKS & CONCERNS

This is the space for sharing joys, thanks, and concerns of our congregation, our synod, and the wider church. Please lift these up as a part of your daily prayers. To share joy, thanks, or concern (e.g. birth, illness, injury, or death of an immediate family member; thank-you and congratulatory notes, etc.) contact Parish Administrator Linda Depoy at 434-3496 or depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org. Submissions will be printed with consideration for space and appropriateness at the discretion of the pastors & editor.

✚ Thank you to our church family for all of the food dropped off, messages, phone calls and emails checking in on us for the past 5 weeks during the government shutdown. We are so overwhelmed with gratitude and we are so blessed to have a wonderful church family!

Dave, Kelly and Kylie Jo Good

✚ Muhlenberg's own Remington Willis is serving this year as a member of the Lutheran Episcopal Volunteer Network in California. If you would like to learn more about what Remington is doing, stop by the Connection Center for a copy of her "Month Five Update."

CONTACTING PASTOR LAUREN

Email Pastor Lauren anytime at miller@muhlenberglutheran.org.

Reach her anytime by calling the church office (434-3496).

- During office hours, ask to speak with Linda Depoy. She has Pastor Lauren's schedule and can assist you.
- After hours leave a message on Pastor Lauren's voice mail and it will be immediately forwarded to her cell phone. She will respond as soon as possible.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

PRAYING OUR FAITH TOGETHER!

For individual and family use. Scripture citations taken from ELW's 3-Year Daily Lectionary, p. 1143- 1153, (Year C).

Mon.	1 Cor. 2:6-16	Thu.	Acts 9:19b-25
Tue.	1 Cor. 14:13-25	Fri.	Acts 9:26-31
Wed.	Luke 19:41-44	Sat.	Luke 4:42-44
	Sun.		Luke 5:1-11

In the Name of the Father and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

February 4 - 10, 2019

Mon.	6:30 pm	Ruth Sigmon Circle
	7:00 pm	Eldercare Support Group
Tue.	4:45 pm	SonShine Singers
	5:30 pm	Cherub Choir
	6:30 pm	Celebration Singers
	7:00 pm	Gloria Dei Ringers
Wed.	12 noon	Holy Communion
	1:00 pm	Go-Go Group Lunch
	7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Thu.	8:00 am	Comfort Makers
Fri.	5:00 am	Mary Martha Group
Sun.	8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am	Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Christian Formation
	12:15 pm	New Member Lunch/Orientation
	12:15 pm	JAMers
	4:00 pm	Installation of Pastor Lauren

The weekly deadline for routine articles for *The Chimes* is Thursday at 8 am. Requests for a series, inserts or full-column articles should be made two weeks in advance. Submit information to Linda Depoy (depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org/434-3496).

Additionally, requests to utilize space in the Gathering Area on Sunday or post information at the Connection Center should be made to Linda as soon as planned, but no later than Thursdays at 8 am.

Check bulletin boards for community information.
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