



The CHIMES

MUHLENBERG: A WELLSPRING OF GRACE

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

† **INSTALLATION OF PASTOR LAUREN**
Please join us **TODAY 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.



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

Supplies are in the Gathering Area.

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 securely register online at www.muhlenberglutheran.org.



TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

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 TODAY, 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.

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).

MUSIC NEWS

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE BASS!

Gloria Dei Ringers recently welcomed some new bass chimes to their instrument cache. These large chimes play one octave lower than our lowest bells and produce rich, resonant pedal tones to support all the bells and chimes above them. Thank you to the ringers who funded these new chimes - we're just 2 shy of a complete bass set!

If ringing intrigues you, *please talk with Kath Wissinger* (Longwalk3@aol.com or 289-6973) about joining this wonderful small group.

THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

MINISTRIES NIGHT

Tomorrow Evening, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Join us as we strengthen our ministries, plan new initiatives, dream new dreams, and serve one another and the wider community! **All committees welcome new members.**

SOPHIE MOELLER CIRCLE

Meets **THIS Tuesday, February 12, 1:30 pm** in the Kairos Room. All are welcome. The lesson is from *Gather* (Lutheran women's magazine). We hope to see some new faces! Contact *Marilynn Jarrells* (marilynn.jarrells@gmail.com or 246-5753) for details.

SECOND HOME FOOD COLLECTION



NEXT Sunday, February 17. This month, we ask you to donate *pretzels* (any variety; larger bags preferred) 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	78	Wed. noon	13
9:30 Worship	142		
11:00 Worship	<u>143</u>		
Total	363		

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	\$	11,204.20
Giving to Other Designated Funds	\$	8,894.27
Total Giving for the Week	\$	20,098.47

See *Connection Center notebook* for details.



To give online, scan here →

OTT STREET PROPERTY PURCHASE

Negotiations ended with a sales transaction for the Ott Street house. On January 31, Muhlenberg's campus got a little bit bigger! At our November Congregational meeting, Council was approved to spend up to \$225,000 to purchase the house. The sales price was \$215,000, and we also purchased additional title insurance. Clark & Bradshaw handled the title search and closing. The final cost was \$217,599.

Plans are under way to transfer utilities, bring the house under our insurance policy, and begin prioritizing what needs to be addressed first. Before we use it, we need to be sure the house meets ADA codes and proper safety standards. Thanks to everyone who had a hand in this process — it's a great milestone in Muhlenberg's history!

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.

Drafts seep in through your electrical outlets and let heat escape. Insulated electrical outlet plates are simple to install — just unscrew the existing outlet cover and replace it with the new cover. They cost less than \$2 at home improvement stores. It's a small change that will improve energy efficiency.

FAITH IN ACTION

VIGIL OF SOLIDARITY

Faith in Action and the Northeast Neighborhood Associate invite the community to join in solidarity with individuals and families directly impacted by local incarceration.

We meet **Saturday, February 16, 10:30 am at Court Square** for silence, songs, prayers, words, banners and community.

The Faith in Action Covenant Assembly, in which Muhlenberg is a covenant member, continues to work toward progress in our goals to encourage the City Council and County Board of Supervisors to approve the hiring of a Community Justice Planner, to eliminate the jail keep fee, and to increase opportunities for minor offenders to participate in the restorative justice process.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BRIDGE OF HOPE

BENEFIT CONCERT

Friday, March 1, 7:00-9:00 pm

at Court Square Theatre



The Walking Roots Band and The Clymer Kurtz Band

will perform. Proceeds fund Bridge of Hope's efforts to end homelessness in the Valley. *For more information, visit hr.bridgeofhopeinc.org.*

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

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

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.

JCREW NEWS

For more information, contact Clay Arthur (clay@muhlenberglutheran.org or 540-758-3208).

JCREW SUMMER MISSION TRIP

Make plans to join JCrew for an amazing mission trip to Philadelphia, July 14-19. The **deadline to sign up and submit your \$50 deposit is Friday, March 1!** The cost per person is \$354, but we will be fundraising to help cover the cost. Limited spaces are available so don't delay!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

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

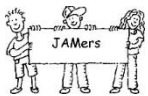
SHARING GOD'S WORD

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 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.

JAMERS (2ND – 5TH GRADERS)



Meet TODAY, 12:15-2:00 in the
MAC to work on a service
project. Lunch is provided. Come
join the fun and fellowship together as 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.

✠ We offer sympathy to the family of Carol
Propst following her death last Sunday,
February 3. A funeral service was held at
Muhlenberg this past Wednesday.

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. 14:26-40 Thu. Acts 13:26-34
Tue. 1 Timothy 3:1-9 Fri. 1 Peter 1:17-2:1
Wed. Luke 5:27-32 Sat. Luke 11:24-28
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 11 - 17, 2019

Mon. 2:00 pm Weekly Staff Meeting
5:30 pm Executive Committee
7:00 pm Ministries Night
Tue. 1:30 pm Sophie Moeller Circle
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
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir
Thu. 8:00 am Comfort Makers
Sun. 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am Holy Communion
Second Home Food Collection
9:30 am Christian Formation

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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