



# The CHIMES

## MUHLENBERG: A WELLSPRING OF GRACE

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## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

### WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

#### ✚ OTT STREET PROPERTY PURCHASE

On January 31, Muhlenberg's campus got a little bit bigger! Negotiations ended with a sales transaction for the Ott Street house. At our November Congregational meeting, Council was approved to spend up to \$225,000 to purchase the house. The sale 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!

### 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](http://www.muhlenberglutheran.org).*



### TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

#### SECOND HOME FOOD COLLECTION

**TODAY** 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.



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

*Supplies are in the Gathering Area.*

### THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

#### GO-GO BREAKFAST (55+)

**THIS Tuesday, February 19, 8:30 am** at Thomas House in Dayton. *Contact Dan Werner at 433-3912 for more information.*

#### NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

**NEXT Sunday, February 24** at the 11:00 service. A reception will be held in the Gathering Area after the service – be sure to stop by and welcome our new members.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**BRIDGE OF HOPE BENEFIT CONCERT**  
Friday, March 1, 7:00-9:00 pm at Court Square Theatre. Visit [hr.bridgeofhopeinc.org](http://hr.bridgeofhopeinc.org).

## FAMILY CAMP NIGHT

The VA Synod Southern Valley Conference is holding Family Camp Night **for all ages Sunday, March 24, 5:00-7:00 in the MAC.** Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp staff will present an evening with dinner, games and information about camp, including adult activities! Sign up at the Connection Center for food planning purposes. Contact Diane Bayer ([bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org) / 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](mailto:Longwalk3@aol.com) / 289-6973) about joining this wonderful small group.

## THANK YOU, JAMERS

Using their hands for God's work, JAMers had a great time last Sunday making fleece blankets for those in need at Our Community Place. JAMers have been learning what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, and this was a hands-on example. Great job, JAMers! It is a pleasure to see you grow in faith and care for each other, your church and your community.

## FINANCIAL NEWS

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 Worship	78	Wed. noon	13
9:30 Worship	116		
11:00 Worship	<u>133</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>327</b>		

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Through January 2019			
	Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Budget	Y-T-D Last Year
Gifts & Offerings	\$48,402	\$64,742	\$55,138
Total Receipts	\$54,516	\$71,351	\$60,639
Expenses	\$85,975	\$101,192	\$82,188
<b>Excess Income/ (Expenses)</b>	<b>(\$28,459)</b>	<b>(29,841)</b>	<b>(\$21,549)</b>

Giving in support of our Spending Plan	\$	23,859.14
Giving to Other Designated Funds	\$	<u>2,870.71</u>
<b>Total Giving for the Week</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>26,729.85</b>

See Connection Center notebook for details.

To give online, scan here →



## 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](mailto:rsanders9@verizon.net).

Instead of chemical-laden solutions designed to keep ice from building up on your car windows (or letting your car idle to warm up and melt the ice), rub the inside of the windows with a sponge soaked in salt water. You won't notice it but the salt residue will remain on the windows and will help ward off frost.



## LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

- ✦ On “Souper Bowl” Sunday, we collected 150 lbs. of food/goods to support the Patriots and 175 lbs. to support the Rams. While we didn't predict the winner, our hungry neighbors were provided with 325 pounds of food and personal items through Patchwork Pantry, a mission of Community Mennonite Church. *(We continue to collect non-perishable food, paper products, and personal care items on the first Sunday of every month. You can also contribute via the offering plate with a check to Muhlenberg – just write Patchwork Pantry on the check and envelope.)*
- ✦ Muhlenberg received a thank you note from Our Community Place for donations totaling \$965 during 2018. In addition, some members help keep the OCP pantry stocked with regular food donations, and some members provide support by having lunch there on Fridays. OCP also caters box lunches for events. Thank you for your support. *(OCP is a community center open to all, especially dedicated to including those struggling with poverty. Services include four meals/week, computer access, restrooms, telephone access, worship times, meetings, classes, activities, counseling, food service experience, and a safe daytime place. Go to [ourcommunityplace.org](http://ourcommunityplace.org) or Facebook for more information.)*
- ✦ The Local and Global Mission Committee thanks everyone who prepared food and helped serve the dinner for homeless guests at the Open Doors Shelter on February 6. We are especially grateful for our Muhlenberg Campus Ministry group who partnered to serve and visit with guests that evening!

*For a complete list of funds Muhlenberg regularly supports, visit the Connection Center.*

## COMBINED YOUTH NEWS

### MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE IN DC

Calling all youth and families! JAMers, Alpha Teens, and JCrew youth groups are planning a trip to the Museum of the Bible in Washington, DC **Saturday, May 18**. If you are interested, please sign up in the youth binder at the Connection Center. Pricing is still to be determined - right now we are looking for interest in the trip and how many people want to attend!



## JCREW NEWS

*For more information, contact Clay Arthur  
([clay@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:clay@muhlenberglutheran.org) / 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!

## ALPHA TEENS NEWS

*For more information, contact Mycah McNett  
([mcnett@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:mcnett@muhlenberglutheran.org) / 434-3496).*

### ALPHA TEENS OUTING!

**Saturday, March 9** we will meet at Valley Jump Trampoline Park, Route 33 in Penn Laird at 10:20 for a 10:30 jump session. The cost is \$12 for an hour of jumping and \$2 for jump socks (unless you already have them). Sign up at the Connection Center in the Youth Binder.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

Contact Christian Formation Minister Diane Bayer  
(434-3496 / [bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
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.*

### FIRST COMMUNION CLASS



Sundays, March 3, 17 & 31  
at 12:15, led by Pastor  
Lauren. We ask that one  
parent/guardian attend the  
class with your child. *Please contact Diane  
Bayer if your child plans to attend.*

On Saturday, April 13, students will make  
communion bread in the MAC and go to the  
sanctuary to review the service for their First  
Communion. They will **receive communion  
with their families Palm Sunday, April 14.**

Most often, first communion class is for  
students in the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grade whose  
parents/guardians think this is the appropriate  
time for their child to start the class. Younger  
or older children are welcome to participate. If  
you have a younger child that you feel is ready  
for communion, they are invited to the class and  
may commune after parent/guardian consul-  
tation with Pastor Lauren.

## 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. 15:20-34 Thu. Romans 8:1-11  
Tue. 2 Cor. 1:12-19 Fri. 1 John 2:12-17  
Wed. Luke 11:37-52 Sat. Luke 12:57-59  
Sun. Luke 6:17-26

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

## WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

February 18 - 24, 2019

Mon. 2:00 pm Weekly Staff Meeting  
6:30 pm Congregation Council Mtg.  
Tue. 8:30 am Go-Go Group Breakfast  
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  
9:30 am Christian Formation  
11:00 am New Members Received  
12:15 pm New Member Reception

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](mailto: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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