



The CHIMES

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March 12, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTO DATES

NEXT Sunday, March 19, 8:45-12:30

Sunday, March 26, 8:45-12:30

Photos taken in Wayland Hall. There will be information cards for you to complete. More picture taking dates will be added as needed.

- † We offer many activities to enrich your Lenten journey. *See p. 3 for details.*
- † The students and staff of Second Home have been working hard to present Annie KIDS, the musical, to the congregation and community. *See details on p. 6.*

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 visit us at www.muhlenberglutheran.org to securely register online.



TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

BAPTIZED, NEW CHILD OF GOD

Welcome **Paul Eugene Mabrey IV**, son of Paul and Erika Mabrey, into the Body of Christ and the Muhlenberg family at the 11:00 service. Gene's sponsors are Chrissy Mabrey & Matt Brigham.



BASKETS OF PROMISE

TODAY, we collect **LIGHTWEIGHT BATH TOWELS** (52"x27", prefer dark colors). *Lightweight towels dry quicker in the sun!*

Next Sunday, we collect **ADULT TOOTHBRUSHES** in original packaging.

Look for a complete list of the items at the Connection Center. *Contact Diane Bayer at 434-3496 with any questions.*

ALPHA TEENS (GRADES 6-8)

Meet **TODAY, 12:15-2 pm** in the Nielsen Room. We'll have lunch, play some active games, and close with a brief devotion. Join in! Friends welcome!

JAMers (GRADES 2-5)

Meet **TODAY, 4:00 – 5:30 pm** in the MAC for activities related to our Lenten journey. We'll play some fun games and end with a treat!

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG (CONT'D)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Due to illness, the Hogans were unable to join last Sunday, but will today at the 11:00 service.



Jim and Barbara Hogan

1730 Glenside Drive

Harrisonburg, VA 22801

437-8819 / Blhogan1935@gmail.com

Jim and Barbara moved from McCormick, SC. They have a daughter in New Jersey, a son in Maryland, and a daughter who is currently relocating from Seattle to Boston after getting married. They have 7 grandchildren.

The Hogans are retiring to Sunnyside. Jim will be retiring from the real estate business. Barbara retired from The American Cancer Society.

The Hogans own a time-share at Massanutten and have been coming to the Valley for 13 years to meet family. They frequently attended Muhlenberg and celebrated Easter here one year! They like the order of the service and people always greet them, which is special in a church so large.

The Hogans' sponsors are Dan and Barbara Werner.

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 Worship	67	Wed. noon	21
9:30 Worship	128		
11:00 Worship	<u>162</u>		
Total	357		

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Pastor Neal Boese wrote the spiritual gifts inventory for the ELCA and says, "when a congregation enables members to understand their gifts and use them, unimagined ministry occurs." He wrote the manual *Spiritual Gifts-Power that Drives the Congregation* to share his findings. In the coming weeks, we will highlight some ways for you to consider sharing your gifts.

Apostle is the gift that gives a believer the courage and the urgency to express faith in settings where the gospel is rarely heard. 1 Corinthians 12:28

Craftsmanship/Artistry is the gift that gives the believer the skill of creating artistic expressions that produce a spiritual response of strength and inspiration. Exodus 31:1-11

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through January 2017			
	Y-T-D <u>Actual</u>	Y-T-D <u>Budget</u>	Y-T-D <u>Last Year</u>
Gifts & Offerings	\$56,721	\$60,537	\$54,335
Total Receipts	\$63,582	\$68,414	\$61,048
Expenses	\$84,292	\$91,145	\$82,146
Excess Income/ (Expenses)	\$(20,710)	\$(22,731)	\$(21,098)

Giving in support of our Spending Plan:	\$	11,059.00
Giving to Other Designated Funds:	\$	<u>9,194.74</u>
Total Giving for the Week	\$	20,253.74

March Thrivent Choice Dollars: \$294

To give online, scan here →





LENTEN
ACTIVITIES
at Muhlenberg

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP TAIZÉ SERVICE

March 15, 22, 29 & April 5

Join us each Wednesday at **6:30 pm** among lit candles, silence, and prayers. Taizé songs are very simple and repetitive in nature, so that our singing becomes a prayer, out of the community in Taizé, France. Each week we will hear and briefly discuss a portion of the Lord's Prayer from Luther's Small Catechism. These services will be renewing and rich – peaceful and prayerful. Make this commitment to come and worship each Wednesday evening and be blessed by an enriched Lenten season!

LENTEN MIDDAY RECITAL SERIES

Martin Luther said: "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world."

Please join us Thursdays at noon during the Lenten season as we feature a variety of incredible musicians. Each week this 30-minute program offers an opportunity to temporarily release the stress of the mid-day and be rejuvenated through the power of music. Concerts are free and open to all. Artists performing this season:

- Mar 16 Gianne Ge Zhu, piano
- Mar 23 Kevin Stees, tuba
- Mar 30 Edward Gant, cello
- Apr 6 MLC Members, voice, instrumental

ANIMATE: BIBLE

Are you intimidated about reading the Bible? Looking for a good intro, refresher, or overview? Curious or struggling with what the Bible's all about or what it is to you? We'll meet weekly in the Nielsen Room **Wednesday nights (7ish-8:30), Thursday mornings (9-10:30)**, or online if you can't make either time work.

Together we'll watch the brief video with a leading theologian/scholar and then join in conversation - all in a setting that welcomes questions and doesn't put anyone on the spot. The course has a journal which draws you in to reflect, go deeper, and check out scripture. The cost is \$14 (can be confidentially covered if needed).

BEING CHURCH TOGETHER IN A CHANGING WORLD

What does it mean to be Church in these times? With each other, with partners who share our Christian faith? With our neighbor? Interested in an adult discussion during Lent on the importance of the church? *Tapestry*, the Virginia Synod Steering Team on engaging "diversity in context," has put together a 5-week Lenten study series called "Being Church Together in a Changing World." Participate in one or more of the sessions led by Pastor Bob on **Wednesday evenings at 7:00ish** (following our prayer service at 6:30 pm) in the Campus Room.

Weekly Webinars will be accompanied by Scripture and discussion questions. Visit the Connection Center for details.

THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

MINISTRIES NIGHT

Tomorrow Evening

Monday, March 13, 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 **Tuesday, Mar. 14, 1:30 pm**, Wayland Hall. Marilynn Jarrells will present the program and Juanita Propst will serve refreshments. All are welcome! Come join us!

MARY/MARTHA GROUP

All women of Muhlenberg are invited to join us for an evening with Pastor Brett **Thursday, March 16, 7 pm in the Gathering Area**. Pastor Brett will lead our discussion. This will be a relaxed, fun evening of conversation and fellowship.

DEADLINE APPROACHING!

BUS TRIP TO INNER HARBOR, MD

The Fellowship Committee has chartered a bus **Saturday, May 13**. We currently have signups for about half of the bus. ***Deadline to reserve your seat and pay for the trip is Sunday, March 26***. We will then open the trip to the community.

Stop by the Gathering Area **TODAY** or the **next two Sundays** for more info or sign up. Cost: \$30 per person round trip. Contact **Machelle Rader** at raderpm@jmu.edu or 820-4784.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FOCUS GROUPS!

The Evangelism team is working with JMU students on a public relations project. Part of their research into our internal communications is a conversation with YOU! Please volunteer to participate and have your voice heard. We meet **Tuesday, March 14, 6-7 pm in the Nielsen Room**. Sign up at the Connection Center to participate! Contact Mycah McNett mcnett@muhlenberglutheran.org for details.

ANXIETY MANAGEMENT 101

Facilitated by Todd Hedinger, Licensed Professional Counselor and MLC member. Participants learn ways to manage stress and anxiety. Dress comfortably and be prepared to have fun, share, and learn in a supportive, loving environment. Sign up for ONE class (classes are repetitive). Class dates/locations:

Tuesday, 3/14, 7:15-8:30 pm, MAC

Thursday, 3/23, 7:30- 8:45 pm, Kairos Rm.

Saturday, 4/1, 10:00-11:30 am, MAC

Details/sign-up sheet are at the Connection Center. *Call Todd at 435-4632 with questions or to sign up confidentially.* He will need your name, phone number, and the class you wish to attend. Note: This class is not intended to substitute for therapy, or for medical intervention. Please let Todd know if you are currently receiving help for anxiety.

SECOND HOME FOOD COLLECTION

NEXT Sunday, March 19, we will collect ***non-refrigerated chocolate & vanilla pudding cups*** to serve as snacks for students at Second Home.

If you wish to help and prefer to make a cash donation, designate "Second Home food" on the memo line of your check and envelope. Thank you!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

INDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

The War Room (a Christian drama, rated PG), **Friday, March 24, 7-9 pm in the Nielsen Room.** Visit www.thewarroom.com to see a trailer. Watch *The Chimes* for details or contact *Machelle Rader* at 820-4784 or *Hilary Buckless* at 820-1099.

RECITAL AT MUHLENBERG: 3/25

Martin Luther says... "music is the art of the prophets and the gift of God." JMU Professor **Chris Carrillo** will present a faculty recital at Muhlenberg on **Saturday, March 25, 5:00 pm.** Instruments include baroque trumpet, trumpet, and flugelhorn. Elizabeth Williams and Christine Carrillo will assist. The recital benefits MLC's Special Music Performances Fund. Admission is free and donations are welcome. Reception to follow. You will not want to miss this spectacular performance!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

You're here for worship - why not take a turn and serve? We are always in need of all types of servants in worship - lectors, ushers, acolytes, communion assistants, greeters, etc. Sign up for the month of **April (including Holy Week and Easter)** in the notebook at the Connection Center or online at <https://goo.gl/npvKbO>! One-on-one training can be arranged - just indicate the training needed on the sign-up sheet or contact *Kathy Thompson* (578-4830 or thompskb@jmu.edu).
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Prefer to work behind the scenes? There are many opportunities including set up and clean up for communion. Talk with Kathy to learn how you can serve.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER LUNCH AND ORIENTATION

Have you recently joined the church? Are you considering membership? Are you curious or just want to learn more about



us? 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. We will meet after worship for lunch/orientation **Sunday, April 2, 12:15 -2:30 pm** in Wayland Hall (downstairs).

New members will be received Sunday, May 7, 2017 during the 11:00 service, followed by a reception.

If you are interested, please sign up at the welcome desk or in the activities notebook at the Connection Center in the Gathering Area. *You may also talk with one of our pastors or call Linda Depoy in the church office at 434-3496 for more information.*

BELLS BENEFIT FOR SECOND HOME



The Mosaic Handbell Ensemble and Muhlenberg's own Gloria Dei Ringers will present a free handbell concert **Sunday, April 2, 3 pm at Skyline Middle School, 470 Linda Lane in Harrisonburg.**

Andi Arndt will emcee this afternoon concert sharing some interesting background for each of the solo and joint pieces you will hear! Proceeds from a free-will offering will benefit Second Home. *Contact Barbara Roadcap at 830-1896 for more information.*

MINISTRY NEWS

KEEP AN EYE OUT!

Sometime in the coming week, you should receive a survey from Muhlenberg asking about your experience with our communication. This is an effort we are putting forward with a research group from JMU, and would love your feedback. Please return your survey to the church by March 22. The surveys can be returned directly to Mycah McNett, the church office, or a locked box at the Connection Center. Thank you!

MINISTRY NEWS

REFUGEE ADVOCACY & SUPPORT

At this time, the Church World Service (CWS) Refugee Resettlement office is not expecting any new arrivals, but there are still ways to help. You can make a difference:

donate a used vehicle to Way2Go, which helps refugee families obtain a car so they can get to and from their jobs.

Watch *The Chimes* for more ways to help, and (we hope) exciting news about a full sponsorship coming up soon. Contact Andi Arndt at andioarndt@gmail.com or 908-9053.

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 rsanders97@verizon.net.

Curl up with a documentary about the environment. DVDs like *An Inconvenient Truth*, *The 11th Hour*, or *Last Call at the Oasis* highlight the severity of the environmental issues around the globe and offer solutions for change. Invite friends and family to watch with you and begin talking about how you can help protect the environment from further degradation.

SECOND HOME NEWS



Second Home will present *Annie KIDS*, the musical, on **April 7 at 7:30 pm** and **April 8 at 3:00 & 7:30 pm** here at Muhlenberg! Seating will be first come, first served. There is no ticket charge. Proceeds from a free-will offering will benefit Second Home.

Based on the popular comic strip, "Little Orphan Annie," *Annie KIDS* tells of a spunky Depression-era orphan determined to find her parents, who left her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City orphanage run by the cruel Miss Hannigan. In adventure after fun-filled adventure, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's evil machinations, befriends President Franklin Roosevelt and finds a new family in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary Grace Farrell, and a lovable mutt named Sandy.

Annie KIDS reminds us about the importance of community. By engaging her community in the search for her parents, this charismatic orphan finds her family in a way she never anticipated. Similarly, Second Home students, who all have different strengths and interests, have worked together to offer their own unique interpretation of this musical to our community.

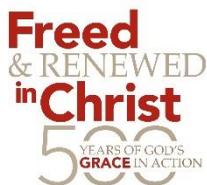
Second Home students often do not have the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities such as drama or art, so we brought the fun to them! Utilizing our talented staff and with support from our community, including the Arts Council of the Valley, we are so proud to have the opportunity to put on this production.

MORE NEWS

LENTEN LUNCHES

The Interfaith Association of Harrisonburg/Rockingham Co. will sponsor a Lenten Lunch Series on the theme of "Service and Sacrifice." The weekly gathering during the following **Wednesdays of Lent (Mar. 15, 22, 29, and April 5) will be held 12 noon-1 pm at Broad Street Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg**, and will provide an opportunity to hear from various leaders and organizers sharing their thoughts on the theme. Lunch is provided and donations will be accepted. Visit the Connection Center for a list of speakers and additional information.

500TH YEAR COMMEMORATION THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY Where We've Come From – Where We're Going



As we celebrate the 500th year Commemoration of the Reformation, our own Virginia Lutheran history can help us as we move forward as Christ's Church in the 21st

Century. Dr. Susan McArver (Professor of History and Educational Ministry at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary) will help guide us to look for the ways God continues to reform Christ's Church. Join us **Saturday, March 18, 1:30 – 3:00 pm** at Grace Lutheran Church (500 S. Wayne Avenue, Waynesboro, VA). There will be refreshments and time for discussion.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

Contact Christian Formation Minister Diane Bayer at 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 at 11:00 for children 3-7 years old (held in the Nielsen Room). After Children's Time with the pastors, children's church leaders will accompany children downstairs to the Nielsen Room. Children will return to their parent(s) in the sanctuary during the sharing of the peace.

For more information, pick up a green Christian Formation brochure from the Connection Center in the Gathering Area.

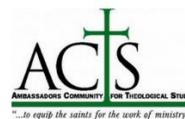
SPRING 2017 ACTS COURSE

INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT

Leader: The Rev. Dave Delaney



MARCH 11
APRIL 1



REGISTER NOW FOR THE SPRING 2017 ACTS COURSE

Join us April 1 at Grace Evangelical Lutheran in Waynesboro (or at two simulcast locations). Hear Rev. Dave Delaney present an introduction to the Old Testament, providing participants a broad view of the history of Ancient Israel and how their scriptures came to be. Muhlenberg covers the cost for anyone attending this course. Contact Diane Bayer at 434-3496 for simulcast locations or more information.

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 depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org. Submissions will be printed with consideration for space and appropriateness at the discretion of the pastors & editor.

✦ We offer sympathy to members who recently lost loved ones:

- Mark Hudy (brother, Roger)
- Bruce Matthias (step-father, Arthur Fulton)

✦ We very much appreciate the cards, thoughts, and prayers following Fenwick's recent baptism.

Dan & Amanda Sawyer

✦ Congratulations to Kristy and Mark Kipps following the birth of Ethan Alexander on March 1.

✦ The youth and adults who attended 7th Day (the Synod youth event for 5th & 6th graders) would like to thank the congregation for all your prayers and support. We had a wonderful experience as we heard about the Widow's story in the Gospel of Mark 12:38-43. We sang, made crafts, did service projects, played games, made new friends and most importantly we grew in faith!



DAILY DEVOTIONS

PRAYING OUR FAITH TOGETHER!

For individual and family use. Scripture citations taken from ELW's 3-Year Daily Lectionary, p. 1121-1132, (Year A).

Mon. Hebrews 3:1-6 **Thu. Col. 1:15-23**
Tue. Romans 4:6-13 **Fri. Eph. 2:11-22**
Wed. John 7:53—8:11 **Sat. John 4:1-6**
Sun. John 4:5-42

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

March 13 – March 19, 2017

Mon. 5:30 pm Executive Committee Mtg.
7:00 pm Ministries Meetings

Tue. 1:30 pm Sophie Moeller Circle
6:30 pm Celebration Singers
7:00 pm Gloria Dei Ringers

Wed. 7:30 am Before Work Bible Study
12 noon Holy Communion
4:45 pm Cherub Choir
5:15 pm SonShine Singers
6:30 pm Taizé Service
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir
7:00 pm Adult Study

Thu. 8:00 am Comfort Makers
9:00 am Animate: Bible
12 noon Lenten Concert Series
7:00 pm Mary/Martha Group

Sun. Third Sunday in Lent
8:00, 9:30, 11:00 Holy Communion
Second Home Food Collection
9:30 am Christian Formation Classes

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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