



# The CHIMES

## MUHLENBERG: A WELLSPRING OF GRACE

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April 14, 2019

## SUNDAY OF THE PASSION / PALM SUNDAY

### WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

✚ **CALL COMMITTEE NEWS:** I am happy to report that the Call Committee has actively begun the call process for an Associate Pastor. We met with a Synod representative and are now reviewing information on several candidates. We are holding interviews this month. On behalf of the Call Committee, I look forward to keeping the congregation updated on our progress. Karen Thomsen, Call Committee Chair

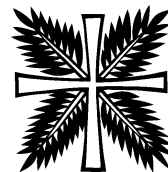
✚ **HOLY WEEK:** For information about service times and activities during Holy Week, see p. 3.

✚ **PARKING: TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY** will have parking challenges. For tips and information about where to park, see p. 6.

### TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

#### SUNDAY OF THE PASSION PALM SUNDAY

Worship today begins in the Gathering Area with the Blessing of Palms and a procession to reenact Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. After glorious and uplifting anthems of praise from the choirs, the tone shifts quickly to the story of Jesus' suffering and death as recorded in the Gospel of **Luke**.



Today begins the holiest week of the year for Christians as we enter into the story of Jesus' passion. On Thursday, we will commune with him at the Last Supper. On Good Friday we will watch him die on the tree of the cross, and on Saturday at the Easter Vigil, we will celebrate his rising and our rising with him in baptism.

The Great Three Days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday will deepen your faith and your life and make Easter Sunday's worship an even greater gift. Of course, it doesn't stop there. The Easter season stretches on for seven weeks of joyful celebration!

### 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

### NO CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**TODAY, Palm Sunday,** please have your child (ages 2-9) pick up a palm branch and gather in the Gathering Area close to Pastor Lauren. Children will be part of the Processional at the beginning of the service. At the 9:30 service, children will be dismissed to class after the Processional.

### WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE!

Today during the 11:00 service we celebrate and welcome the following children to the Lord's Table. We ask God to bless them and their families on this milestone in their faith journeys!

*Isaac Andrews*

*Benjamin Fletchall*

*Will Fletchall*

*Henry Perritt*

*Anna Stees*



## FINANCIAL NEWS

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 Worship	73	Wed. Noon	12
9:30 Worship	90	Wed. PM	55
11:00 Worship	<u>167</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>330</b>		

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Through <b>March 2019</b>			
	Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Budget	Y-T-D Last Year
Gifts & Offerings	\$147,417	\$206,145	\$159,197
Total Receipts	\$204,678	\$238,320	\$188,620
Expenses	\$210,086	\$256,040	\$211,060
<b>Excess Income/ (Expenses)</b>	<b>(\$5,408)</b>	<b>(17,720)</b>	<b>(\$22,440)</b>

Giving in support of our Spending Plan	\$	10,482.00
Giving to Other Designated Funds	\$	<u>6,419.50</u>
<b>Total Giving for the Week</b>	\$	<b>16,901.50</b>

See Connection Center notebook for details.

March Thrivent Choice Dollars: \$311

To give online, scan here →



## PASTORAL CARE

### CONTACTING PASTOR LAUREN

Email Pastor Lauren anytime at [miller@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto: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.

### URGENT PASTORAL VISITS

With Pastor Lauren serving as our solo pastor, Pastor Bill Nabers has graciously agreed to help with urgent pastoral care until we call an Associate Pastor. You may see him making visits to hospitals, nursing homes, and members' homes. We are grateful for his ministry among us! (Note: many long-time members will remember Pastor Bill from his previous service at Muhlenberg.)



# HOLY WEEK & EASTER



## **WEDNESDAY NOON EUCHARIST – APRIL 17**

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 18 – 7 PM**

Worship with foot/hand-washing and Holy Communion

## **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19 – 7 PM**

Dramatic procession with the cross and passion narrative

Ecumenical walk downtown, 12 noon - *see p. 8 for details*

## **EASTER VIGIL, APRIL 20 – 8 PM**

Begins in Woodbine Cemetery (*next block*)

This powerful service focuses on baptism and moves us from the stark Good Friday experience to the celebration of Easter.

## **EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21**

Festival Worship at all morning liturgies - **8:00, 9:30, 11:00**

Children's Activities – **9:30**

Following the children's message at the 9:30 service, Christian Formation leaders will take children ages 2-5<sup>th</sup> grade to the MAC for an easter egg hunt, story time and craft. If preferred, parents may take children to the MAC and rejoin the service in the Sanctuary.

**Join us – all are welcome!**

## **THE AMAZING THREE DAYS**

Attention parents of children ages 2 ½ to 10 years old, please pick up the information on the table in the Gathering Area explaining the *Amazing Three Days*. This information will help you prepare with your children for Holy Week services.

## THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

### GO-GO GROUP BREAKFAST

Are you 55+ and enjoy fellowship with others? Join the Group **THIS Tuesday, April 16, 8:30 am** at Thomas House in Dayton. *Contact Dan Werner at 433-3912 for more information.*

## LENT AT MUHLENBERG

### CULTIVATING & LETTING GO

#### *CULTIVATING AND LETTING GO*

Visit the Gathering Area for information and supplies needed to finalize our Lenten program, *Cultivating and Letting Go*. You will find a devotional, origami instructions and materials, extra weekly coloring pages and a large coloring page that ties each week together.

### WORLD HUNGER

#### LENTEN COLLECTIONS

You may bring your **World Hunger coin boxes and/or children's Sunday School Lenten Coin Folders** to church **NEXT Sunday, April 21**. Thank you for helping those in need as part of your Lenten journey.

#### BASKETS OF PROMISE

During Lent, Christian Formation (through the JAMers elementary youth group) and Local & Global Mission are sponsoring Lutheran World Relief's *Baskets of Promise* appeal by collecting items for personal care kits. *Contact Diane Bayer ([bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org) or 434-3496) with any questions.*

**TODAY, April 14**, we collect **SOAP** (individual packages) or **MORE NAIL CLIPPERS** or **LIGHTWEIGHT, DARK COLORED TOWELS**.

## EASTER OPPORTUNITIES

### ALTERNATIVE GIVING

#### SIGN-UP DEADLINE TODAY



Alternative Giving  
Opportunity

If you wish to remember/honor a loved one in a different way, choose a local or global opportunity in **Second Home** or **ELCA World Hunger**:

1. Sign up in the notebook (**lavender forms in the front cover pocket**) at the Connection Center. **Sign up deadline is TODAY, APRIL 14.**
2. **Make your contribution** by placing your check in the offering plate. Ensure correct credit/designation by indicating "**Second Home Easter Gift**" or "**World Hunger Easter Gift**" on the memo line of your check/envelope.

*On Easter Sunday, we will publish the names of loved ones remembered with Easter lilies or alternative giving.*

### EASTER BREAKFAST

You are invited to Easter Breakfast in the MAC between services Easter Sunday! With serving times **before and after the 9:30 service**, you can come early or stay late, as you prefer. If you would like to *help with breakfast*, contact **Mark Kipps** ([mkipps@valleyesp.com](mailto:mkipps@valleyesp.com) or 383-5498). Donations will be accepted to support our Rebuilding/Relief team.

Muhlenberg has a history of relief/rebuilding work. Recent examples are flood recovery in Rainelle, WV and hurricane recovery in Florida. A trip is being planned for this year (more info to come). If you are interested in joining the team or want more information, contact **Rebecca Pettit** ([pettitre4@gmail.com](mailto:pettitre4@gmail.com) or 304-939-0528) or **Kevin Shipe** ([kevinjshipe@gmail.com](mailto:kevinjshipe@gmail.com) or 304-376-3887).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### LEGISLATIVE REVIEW MEETING

Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy (VICPP) will hold Legislative Reviews around the state to share what happened during this year's 2019 General Assembly. Muhlenberg will host a meeting **Wed., April 24 at 2 pm** in the Nielsen Room. Kim Bobo, Co-Executive Director of VICPP and Amanda Silcox, Economic Justice Program Manager (and former ELCA YAGM) will present the program. Many in the Harrisonburg area including members of Muhlenberg did advocacy work during this year's session. This is a great way to hear more!

### SECOND HOME FOOD COLLECTION



For this month, we ask you to donate *wheat crackers (family size)*

**Sunday, April 28 (one week later than usual due to Easter).** 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.



### SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Last year's summer service schedule was a big hit with many members. **Starting June 2, service times will be 8:45 and 10:30.** We will have fellowship between services every Sunday, and Christian Formation will meet five Sundays throughout the summer at 11:30.

Stay tuned for details!

## PROSPECTIVE MEMBER LUNCH & ORIENTATION

Have you recently joined the church? Are you considering membership? Are you curious or just 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. We invite you to meet with us for a **Prospective Member Lunch & Orientation, Sunday, May 19, 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, May 26 at the 11:00 service.

If you are interested in attending the Prospective Member 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, contact ...*

- *Kathy Thompson, Evangelism Chair*  
([thompskb@jmu.edu](mailto:thompskb@jmu.edu) or 540-578-4830) or
- *Pastor Lauren* ([miller@muhlenberg.lutheran.org](mailto:miller@muhlenberg.lutheran.org) or 434-3496).

## PARKING INFORMATION

### DO YOU KNOW WHERE TO PARK?

Parking for today and next Sunday will present a challenge. We ask for your patience! To help with the parking challenge consider these ideas:

- carpool with family members and friends
- attend the 8:00 am service
- parking attendants can help you find a space on Easter Sunday

### PARKING ALERT!



If you park in a numbered space at the lot on the corner of Ott and Water Streets (behind the MAC), **your car may be towed!** That lot is leased by Urban Exchange and no other vehicles are permitted.

You may park in the “sister lot” with un-numbered spaces closer to the church (beside the white house) for worship services and weekday church activities after 5 pm.

Additionally on Sundays, you may park in the **Farm Credit lot** across E. Market St. or the law office **Wharton, Aldhizer & Weaver lot** between W. Water Street & Newman Avenue. Visit the Connection Center for a parking map.

### PARKING COURTESY

From young families juggling little ones to older members and all those in between, there are many folks whose lives could be made a little easier or safer by parking closer to the church entrances. While we have a few designated handicapped parking spots, at times on Sunday morning those can be full. Let's be hospitable to each other and visitors who might simply be helped by a closer space. If you usually park closer, maybe take a spot a little further back so others who need it may have a safer spot. Thank you for your consideration.

## MUHLENBERG NEWS

### COMFORT MAKERS UPDATE

Muhlenberg recently gave comforts to several community groups. May they be a blessing to all who receive them.

- The American Red Cross – 40, box of lap robes
- First Step (women's and children's shelter) - 10
- Refugee Resettlement - 20 regular size, 2 children's and 5 baby comforts

### HOME HEALTH SUPPLIES

There is a considerable number of walkers, bath and raised toilet chairs, crutches, etc. available in our church attic. *Please contact Linda Morrison (glenm778@comcast.net or 383-5085) or Sandy Randolph (cerprek@gmail.com or 820-9654) if you have a need for any of this equipment.*



### CREATION CARE TIP



*Creation Care offers a simple tip that will help you protect God's earth. For more information, contact Ramona Sanders (rsanders9@verizon.net4 or 433-1165).*

Store your winter clothes without mothballs. Mothballs might keep moths from nibbling holes in your favorite sweater, but their toxins are harmful to the environment. Mothballs are made from dichlorobenzene, a pesticide that may get into groundwater and can be toxic to animals.

There are more environmentally friendly options for storing your winter clothes. For example, put them in an airtight container with bay leaves or cedar blocks — both are natural materials that will repel moths and keep your clothes smelling fresh until next year.



## LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION

Contact Local & Global Mission Chair  
Karen Matthias ([kfmatthias@gmail.com](mailto:kfmatthias@gmail.com) or 434-4625)  
for more information.

### TENTS WANTED



Have an old tent you don't need? Our Community Place (OCP) is collecting tents for the homeless.

Please deliver tents to OCP (17 East Johnson Street, across from Little Grill/Whitmer's Tires) Monday – Thursday, 9 am – 2 pm. Have questions? Call OCP at 442-7727.

### DONATE ANYTIME

Muhlenberg members can donate to many organizations (People Helping People, ELCA World Hunger, ELCA Disaster Response, etc.) and Muhlenberg funds (e.g. Second Home, Clothing Fund) via the offering plate at any time. The complete list is available at the Connection Center. Please designate the name of the organization or Muhlenberg fund on your check and envelope.

### OPEN DOORS FOOD TRUCK FEST

**Saturday, April 20, 12-6 pm**  
**On Sunny Slope Farm**

Sponsored by Green Valley Auctions & Moving

**15 Food Trucks**  
**3 Bands**  
**20+ Vendors**



All event proceeds benefit Open Doors, providing warmth, shelter and support for our homeless. Visit the Connection Center for more information.

## YOUTH NEWS

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

### NO CONFIRMATION CLASS

There will be no Confirmation class **next Sunday (Easter), April 21**. Please join your family in worship or help Christian Formation with children's Easter activities (be in the MAC by 9:15).

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

For more information, contact Christian Formation Minister Diane Bayer ([bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org) or 434-3496).

### SHARING GOD'S WORD

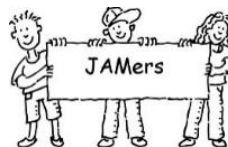
Classes **begin in designated locations Sundays at 9:30**. Children should be picked up **immediately** following the 9:30 liturgy.

**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 a 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 more information about classes for children and adults.*

### JAMERS (LOCATION CHANGE)

Meet **today, 4:00 – 5:30 pm** in **WAYLAND HALL** to assemble *Baskets of Promise* kits and enjoy fellowship with your church friends. We hope to see all 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders there!



## 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](mailto: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 Bernice Snyder who passed away this past week. Arrangements were pending at the time of printing, but we are planning for a memorial service sometime this week.

## GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL WALK

The annual Harrisonburg downtown ecumenical Good Friday prayer walk, based on the "Stations of the Cross," will be held Friday, April 19, 12 noon - 1:00 pm.

The walk begins at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and ends at St. Stephens United Church of Christ, stopping at 10 downtown churches and public buildings. Led by someone carrying a large cross, we will stop at each station to hear a passage from the Gospel told by members of the Biblical Story Tellers including Muhlenberg members. A local church leader will lead us in prayer. Pastor Lauren is participating this year. The walking route is accessible for wheelchairs and strollers.

## SPECIAL DEADLINE FOR *THE CHIMES*

Holy Week and Easter bring busier than usual production of worship booklets and *The Chimes*. The deadline for the Easter (4/21) edition of *The Chimes* is **Tuesday, April 16 at noon.**

## 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.	John 12:1-11
Tue.	John 12:20-36
Wed.	John 13:21-32
Maundy Thu.	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Good Friday	Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Vigil of Easter	John 20:1-18
Easter Sunday	Luke 24:1-12

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

## WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

April 15-21, 2019

Mon.	6:30 pm	Congregational 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.	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Fri.	12 noon	Ecumenical Walk Downtown
	7:00 pm	Good Friday Service
Sat.	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil Service
Sun.		Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Sunday
	8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am	Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Children's Easter Activities

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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