



The CHIMES

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RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD / EASTER DAY

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*

† **PARKING: TODAY** will bring parking challenges. For tips and information about where to park in the future, see p. 4.

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

EASTER & ITS SEASON

Easter is the crown of the church year, the queen of feasts, and as such it lasts for a week of weeks (7 weeks).



The Day of Resurrection is celebrated with gold paraments to give it unique prominence. The paschal candle burns near the altar throughout the season as a sign of the presence of the risen Christ. Lilies, symbols of the resurrection, surround us. Our liturgy is enhanced with processions, the return of the "Alleluia" and joyful music.

We invite you to join us each week in Easter as we worship, pray, learn, support and serve together in ministry and mission.

EASTER BREAKFAST

You are invited to Easter Breakfast in the MAC between services! With serving times **before and after the 9:30 service**, you can come early or stay late, as you prefer. Donations will be accepted to support our Rebuilding/Relief team. *~continued on p. 2~*

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 (CONT'D)

EASTER BREAKFAST (CONT'D)

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 or 304-939-0528) or Kevin Shipe (kevinjshipe@gmail.com or 304-376-3887).*

NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

Due to the special Easter activities (*see p. 11*), there are **NO** classes **TODAY**.

LENTEN COLLECTIONS

Place World Hunger coin boxes and/or children's Sunday School Lenten Coin Folders **on the corner table in the Gathering Area**. If you forgot, please bring them next week. Thank you for helping those in need as part of your Lenten journey.

FINANCIAL NEWS

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 Worship	104	Wed. Noon	9
9:30 Worship	110		
11:00 Worship	<u>161</u>		
Total	375		

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through March 2019			
	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
Excess Income/ (Expenses)	(\$5,408)	(17,720)	(\$22,440)

Giving in support of our Spending Plan	\$	8,187.12
Giving to Other Designated Funds	\$	<u>4,024.52</u>
Total Giving for the Week	\$	12,211.64

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

- During office hours, ask to speak with Linda Depoy. She generally 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.)



TODAY AT MUHLENBERG (CONT'D)

LENT AT MUHLENBERG

CULTIVATING & LETTING GO

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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.

THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be **closed tomorrow, Easter Monday, April 22.**

NO VOCAL CHOIR PRACTICES

There will be **no choir practice** for children or adult vocal choirs this week.

COMFORT MAKERS

We will meet April 25 & May 2 to complete available tops. Contact Linda Morrison.

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, VICPP Co-Executive Director 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

NEXT Sunday, April 28 (one week later than usual due to Easter), we ask you to donate *wheat crackers* (family size). 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.

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, June 16 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 or 540-578-4830) or
- *Pastor Lauren* (miller@muhlenberg.lutheran.org or 434-3496).

PARKING: FUTURE REFERENCE

PARKING TIPS

If you experienced difficulties parking today, we appreciate your patience. For the future, especially festival Sundays, consider ...

- carpool with family members and friends
- attend the 8:00 am service
- we do our best to have attendants help with parking on days like 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 5:00 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.

SUMMER SCHEDULE



SUMMER WORSHIP 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.



MUHLENBERG'S SUMMER

INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAYS
Sundays, June 9 & 30, July 14 & 28,
August 11: 11:45 am – 2:00 pm

Starting Sunday, June 9, beginning at 11:45 in the MAC, we will have an intergenerational program. In the past, we have had wonderful success with our **Intergenerational Summer Sunday School.** Lunch will be provided and various agencies in our area will come and share what they are doing. We will hear a Bible story and discuss how we are putting our faith into action as we do a hands-on service project for the agency. **All ages are invited to take part in these meaningful family activities** (remember a family is whoever lives in your home)! *Please contact Diane Bayer (bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496) for more information.*

2019 Easter Offerings and Alternative Giving



Today's lilies are given to the Glory of God and in memory or in honor of those we wish to remember on this special day. If you are a donor, you may pick up your lily after the 11:00 am service. (If you signed up and your name is not on the list, please contact Parish Administrator Linda Depoy.) Keepsake copies are available at the Connection Center.

EASTER LILIES

DONOR

Louise Layman & Family

Tom & Daille Pettit

Mac & Carole Alfriend

Mac & Carole Alfriend

Mac & Carole Alfriend

Steve & Ann Bird

Joe & Diana Eneyd

Harold & Diane Scheidt

Fay Voigt

Fay Voigt

Sue & Mike Koch

Kimberly & Kevin Perkins

Kimberly & Kevin Perkins

Dennis & Darlene Baugh

Dennis & Darlene Baugh

IN MEMORY OF ...

Loretta Harris

Our Parents and Brother

Robert S. & Bergitte S. Einarsen
(Carole's Grandparents)

Robert H. & Ruby N. Einarsen
(Carole's Parents)

Joan V. Einarsen Ward and
The Rev. Thord K. Einarsen
(Carole's First Cousins)

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Jason Scheidt (Son)

Owen Voigt

Morgan

Our Parents

Kimberly's Father

Loved Ones

Virgil, Evelyn & Neil Piltingsrud

Bill & Gretchen Baugh

EASTER LILIES (CONTINUED)

DONOR

Tim & Kristy Peifer

Tim & Stefanie Eye

Dan & Liz Madish

Dan and Liz Madish

Tom and Don Yeakle

Opal Davis

Malcolm & Judy Wilfong

Malcolm & Judy Wilfong

Jeannette Williams

Jeannette Williams

John Derrick

Wendy Arbogast

The Washam Family

IN MEMORY OF ...

Moses Cabalse and Mary Simmons

Ollie Bates

Baptist & Eva Schlight (Parents)

John & Isabel Madish (Parents)

Bernice & Mervil H. Yeakle

William Gene Davis

Ronald & Helen Wilfong

Edith Baber

Jeannette & Richard Ralph (Parents)

Albert Williams

Carol and Lois Derrick

Grandparents

Doris Washam (Wife & Mother)

DONOR

Daille & Tom Pettit

IN HONOR OF ...

Our Daughters

(See Alternative Giving on next page)



ALTERNATIVE GIVING



Special offerings to Second Home Pantry and ELCA World Hunger are given to the Glory of God and in memory or in honor of those we wish to remember on this special day.



SECOND HOME

DONOR

Sandy Brzozowski
Tim & Kristy Peifer
Katie Ray
Phyllis Sonner
Susan Gallaher
Terry, Linda and Rion Looney
Norwood and Dick Beery
Bruce & Karen Matthias
Juanita Whitmire
Wendy Arbogast

IN MEMORY OF ...

Ted Brzozowski
Lillian Rasmussen
Harry E. Ray
Ray Sonner
Bill Leftwich
Thelma Maxwell (Linda's Mom)
Audrey Beery
Loved Ones
Bud Whitmire
Gina Arbogast

DONOR

B. J. Daniel
Kathy Thompson

IN HONOR OF ...

Zachary, Mary & Mark Daniel
Pastor Lauren and Elizabeth Williams

WORLD HUNGER

DONOR

Terry, Linda and Rion Looney
Kathy Holm & Scott Jost
Evan & June

IN MEMORY OF ...

Richard & Louise Looney (Terry's Parents)
Irene Holm and Walter Jost



MUHLENBERG NEWS

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED



We are always in need of worship servants: lectors, ushers, acolytes, greeters, sound techs, communion assistants/stewards, etc.

Sign up for **May** in the notebook at the Connection Center. One-on-one training can be arranged – just indicate the training needed on the sign-up sheet or contact *Kathy Thompson* (thompskb@jmu.edu or 578-4830). If you prefer to sign up online, follow the path below from our website:

Worship + Community > Worship: What to Expect > Worship + Music Leadership

Prefer to work behind the scenes? We have many opportunities – talk with Kathy to learn how you can serve.

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.net or 433-1165).



Celebrate Earth Day by planting a tree. The cooling effect of a young tree is equivalent to that of 10 air conditioners operating 20 hours a day. Planting a tree may significantly decrease energy bills.

Celebrate Earth Day **tomorrow, April 22** at Court Square Theater. See a free movie entitled “Red Turtle” starting at **7:00 pm**.



SECOND HOME NEWS

PETER PAN JR.

*Just past the second star to the right
and straight on til morning!*

Our Second Home children took the stage again and this time took us to Neverland! They enchanted us with their colorful costumes and delighted us with their enthusiastic performance! If you attended a performance, you saw how much work our kids, staff, and volunteers put into the show.



Many of those volunteers were Muhlenberg members who shared their talent of sewing, building, organizing and cooking. Special shout outs to church staff for helping us create a beautiful program; Cheryl Talley and Linda Morrison for their beautiful costumes; Hans Barthmus and Steve Reich for their building skills; and the Comfort Makers for donating a beautiful quilt featuring Tinkerbell!

A tremendous amount of learning takes place in preparing for and performing a play. They say it takes a village to raise a child. You have been part of the village, and we thank you for that!

Did you miss this year's show? Don't worry, we are already planning for next year! Let us know if you'd like to be part of the magic — all talents are welcome!



LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION

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

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. Designate the name of the organization or fund on your check and envelope.

Please do not feel overwhelmed by the number of ways to help those in need. **If you wish to participate, choose the organization that touches your heart**, knowing that others will be drawn to help with different needs.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Natural disasters can be devastating. 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 to ELCA, PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.
- **Offering plate:** make check payable to Muhlenberg 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 for details.

REMINDERS

COMMUNION IN THE PEWS

For those who wish to receive Holy Communion and are unable to come forward, communion is served in the pews – just let an usher know about your needs. 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 wheat communion bread.



WEDNESDAY MID-DAY EUCHARIST

12 Noon – 12:30 p.m.

Every Wednesday

Need a spiritual lift in the middle of your workweek? Come for this half-hour service of hearing the Word, silent meditation, reflecting on scripture, prayer and intercession and the sharing of the Lord's Supper. Food for the soul and strength for the journey!

PRAYER CARDS



Prayer
Requests

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 holding them confidential. To receive these emails (average of 3 per week), email Linda Depoy (depoy@muhlenberg.lutheran.org) with your request.

REMINDERS (CONT'D)

COMMUNICATING WITH OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Members of the congregation who are homebound and cannot read *The Chimes* online can 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).

LAY COMMUNION MINISTRY

This wonderful ministry equips members to bring Holy Communion to our homebound and sick members who wish to be included in a monthly extension of our Sunday morning worship. If you or someone you know would benefit from receiving home communion (even if it's on a temporary basis), contact Paula Caldwell at 383-6365 or paulafaye417@gmail.com.

CONTACT INFORMATION



With our ever-changing lifestyles, it's sometimes difficult to be sure everyone has your correct contact information. Have you recently ...

- moved?
- cancelled your home phone?
- changed your cell phone number?
- changed your home/work email address?

If so, please be sure your information is updated with the church. Contact Parish Administrator Linda Depoy (depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496).

SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTIONS

Are you on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter? Why not Like or Follow Muhlenberg? Get informative updates regularly throughout the week, photos, prayers, and inspirations/devotionals. It is also a great way to let your friends know about your church and our ministry. Find us on Facebook by searching for Muhlenberg Lutheran Church, or follow us on Instagram and Twitter at @MuhlenbergLC.

BUILDING USE REQUESTS

To schedule space or change building use arrangements, contact coordinator Lori Reich:

- **Email request:**
buildinguse@muhlenberglutheran.org
- **Leave a message** via building use voicemail (434-3496).
- **Complete a request form** (located beside the church mailboxes). Return completed forms to the building use mailbox.

Requests are not reviewed every day, but will be answered as soon as possible.

ALTAR FLOWERS

There are still some dates available on the 2019 flower chart. Each week, two families have the opportunity to donate flowers, which can be given as a memorial or in honor of special people in your life. **The cost for flowers is \$25/vase. Sign up at the Connection Center** to reserve your dates.

REMINDER: If you have signed up to provide flowers, please make your check payable to Muhlenberg Lutheran Church and indicate "flowers" in the memo line. Checks can be placed in the offering plate or turned in to the church office.

YOUTH NEWS

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

NO CONFIRMATION CLASS

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

STANDARD SUNDAY ROUTINE (Sept-May) CONFIRMATION (6TH – 8TH GRADES)

Confirmation Class is held **Sundays at 9:30** in the MAC (building behind the church), room 210. This spring, we are studying Lutheran theology. On the 2nd & 4th Sundays throughout the year, several students will be in Children's Church helping teach the lesson.

SENIOR HIGH (9TH – 12TH GRADES)

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

High School Christian Formation class meets Sundays at 9:30 in the Campus Room (downstairs). The topic changes from week to week, usually focusing on a faith conversation based on current world and local events.



CHILDREN'S BUSY BAGS

Special *busy bags* for children are available from ushers

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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

EASTER SUNDAY: NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

We invite children to take part in Easter events.

CHILDREN'S EASTER ACTIVITIES

Following the Children's Message at the 9:30 service, Christian Formation leaders will take children ages 2-5th grade to the MAC for an Easter egg hunt, story time, craft, and baking Resurrection Rolls! If preferred, parents may take children to the MAC and rejoin the service in the Sanctuary.



STANDARD SUNDAY ROUTINE (Sept-May)

All children age 3 to 3rd grade **begin at 9:30 on Sunday mornings, in the sanctuary** for a time with the Pastor. Those in Pre K will go upstairs to the Teddi Nelson Education wing and be picked up there by their family.

Children in K - 3rd grade go to the MAC (behind the church) on the 1st & 3rd Sundays; the 2nd & 4th Sundays, they go to the Nielsen Room for Children's Church and then return to their parents in worship.

Youth in 4th - 5th grades will start promptly at 9:30 upstairs in the MAC.

Children's Church during the 11:00 service for children 3-7 years old is held the 1st & 3rd Sundays. 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.

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 and editor.

✚ The JAMers (our elementary youth) thank everyone who participated in the collection of personal care items for Lutheran World Relief's *Baskets of Promise*. The youth put together 80 personal care kits thanks to your generous donations. Working together, using our hands to do God's work, we can make a difference in the lives of our sisters and brothers here at home and around the world.

DID YOU MISS WORSHIP RECENTLY?

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 (when available) can be picked up from the credenza in the administrative hallway. Stop by and catch up on what you've missed. You can also find *The Chimes* at muhlenberglutheran.org.

While Pastor Lauren is serving as our solo pastor, other priorities don't permit posting printed sermons. **However, we will post audio sermons online again beginning this week.** Look for printed sermons to be available once we have called an Associate Pastor.

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 Corinthians 5:6b-8
Tues. Revelation 12:1-12
Wed. Luke 24:1-12
Thu. Acts 5:12-16
Fri. Acts 4:17-26
Sat. Luke 24:36-40
Sun. John 20:19-31

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

April 22-28, 2019

Mon. Church Office Closed
6:30 pm Congregational Council

Tue. 7:00 pm Gloria Dei Ringers
No vocal choir practices

Wed. 12 noon Holy Communion
No vocal choir practices

Sun. 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am Holy Communion
9:30 am Sunday 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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