



The CHIMES

MUHLENBERG: A WELLSPRING OF GRACE

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

✚ The Call Committee is continuing to work diligently on the process of finding an Associate Pastor to join us in ministry at Muhlenberg. We have completed initial interviews with the candidates given to us for review by the Synod office. In the next couple of weeks, we will conduct second interviews with our top candidates. We hope to be able to make a recommendation to Congregation Council by mid-May. We ask for the prayers of the congregation as we proceed in our discernment process.

Karen Thomsen, Call Committee Chair

✚ **NEW PRESIDENT:** At their meeting Monday, April 22, Council elected Gary Calleo as our new Council President. Thank you for serving, Gary!

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

SECOND HOME FOOD COLLECTION

TODAY we collect *wheat crackers (family size)* for Second Home children to have as snacks. 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.



LENTEN COLLECTIONS

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

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.

REMEMBER ... NEXT SUNDAY

NAME BADGE SUNDAY

Make a badge so fellow members can learn your name.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS COLLECTED

(no glass jars, please)

LAY COMMUNION MINISTERS

SERVING OUR SHUT-INS

THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

GO-GO GROUP LUNCH (55+)

Are you 55+ and enjoy fellowship with others? Join the group for lunch **THIS Wednesday, May 1, 1:00 pm at Harrisonburg Sports Bar & Grill** (in Valley Mall). Call Dan Werner (433-3912) for more information.

MUHLENBERG NEWS

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).

Drip irrigation systems apply water slowly and directly to the roots of the plant, using up to 50% less water than a traditional sprinkler. You can buy simple drip hoses at home improvement stores. Choose a lawn sprinkler that has an automatic shutoff device and a moisture sensor to ensure you're only watering when the lawn really needs it.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

For more information, contact Christian Formation Minister Diane Bayer (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 1st & 3rd Sundays during the 11:00 service for children 3-7 years old.

Pick up a green Christian Formation brochure from the Connection Center. It contains information about classes for children and adults.

FINANCIAL NEWS

HOLY WEEK + EASTER ATTENDANCE

Maundy Thursday	105	8:00 Worship	172
Good Friday	85	9:30 Worship	327
Easter Vigil	45	11:00 Worship	<u>222</u>
		Total	721
Wed. noon		7	

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	\$	8,780.16	
Giving to Other Designated Funds	\$	<u>5,711.55</u>	
Total Giving for the Week	\$	14,491.71	

See Connection Center notebook for details.

To give online, scan here →



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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

RUTH SIGMON CIRCLE

Meets Monday, **May 6, 6:30 pm** in the Augsburg Room. The Bible study “Meetings with Jesus” Session Four will be from the April *Gather* magazine. All are welcome to join us.

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 (downstairs). 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).

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.

BRIDGE OF HOPE

On Sunday, May 12 in honor of Mother's Day, the Local & Global Mission Committee will hold a special appeal for funds and new volunteers to support Bridge of Hope. Your generous support will help single-parent families (with children under 18) facing homelessness in our community. Donations may be placed in the offering plate (make checks payable to Muhlenberg and designate *Bridge of Hope* on your check and envelope). Bridge of Hope Director Chris Hoover Seidel will be in the Gathering Area on May 12 to share information and answer questions.

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

✚ We offer sympathy to Bonnie Stidley following the death of her sister, Helen Smith, last Saturday, April 20.

✚ The Christian Formation Ministry team would like to thank the adults and youth who helped with our Easter Sunday activities. With assistance from wonderful volunteers, we were able to share the Easter story with 70+ children in various and fun ways. Thank you! Christ is risen, Alleluia! He is risen indeed! *Diane Bayer*

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. Rev. 1:9-20 Thu. Rev. 3:14-22
Tue. Rev. 2:8-11 Fri. Rev. 4:1-11
Wed. Luke 12:4-12 Sat. Luke 14:12-14
Sun. John 21:1-19

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

April 29 — May 5, 2019

Mon. 2:00 pm Weekly Staff Meeting
Tue. 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
1:00 pm Go-Go Group Lunch
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir
Thu. 8:00 am Comfort Makers
Sun. 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am Holy Communion
Food Pantry, Lay Communion &
Name Badge Sunday
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 (depay@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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