



# The CHIMES

## MUHLENBERG: A WELLSPRING OF GRACE

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**May 13, 2018**

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### WHAT'S THE BUZZ

*In case you missed it last week...*

#### **THANK YOU FROM MARK WARNER**

I want to thank you all for the support you have given me and the Call Committee during our process. When I accepted the position as chair, the one condition I had was that I would only be able to serve until May. I previously had made significant personal and family commitments that I want to honor.

Council will announce who the new chair is when they have made that decision. It has been my privilege to serve Muhlenberg as Chair of the Call Committee. Muhlenberg has a very bright future ahead. Thank you.

*Mark Warner*

*Council is grateful to Mark for his work as Call Committee Chair. His strong faith has always been evident, and his character in all he's done around MLC when called upon has been professional and personable. We congratulate him on his career and retirement from JMU.*

*Tim Peifer, Congregation Council President*

### CHECK IT OUT...

We offer many opportunities for worship, service, fun and fellowship. Here are just a few:

- ✚ **NEXT Sunday** is Pentecost Sunday! Wear red and join us for this major festival celebrating God's Spirit in our midst. Pastors Mark and Paul will present a dialog sermon for this festive day!
- ✚ The Finance Committee is looking for a volunteer Assistant Treasurer. See p. 3 for more information.
- ✚ For news about summer faith-forming programs and events, see pages 5-6.
- ✚ For updates and new information about youth activities, see page 7.

### 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 to securely register online visit us at [www.muhlenberglutheran.org](http://www.muhlenberglutheran.org).*



## THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

### MINISTRIES NIGHT

**Monday Evening, 7:00 – 8:30 pm**

Help Muhlenberg continue to grow during this time of transition by joining in as we strengthen our ministries, plan new initiatives, and serve one another and the wider community! **All committees welcome new members.**

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

Are you 55+ and enjoy fellowship with others? Join the Go-Go Group at Thomas House in Dayton **THIS Tuesday, May 15, 8:30 am.** Contact Dan Werner at 433-3912 for more information about the group and its activities.

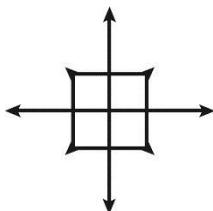
### CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

This will be the last week of rehearsal for the Cherub Choir and SonShine Singers until fall.

### HURRICANE RELIEF TRIP

We have reserved the workweek of Nov. 5-9, with travel days before and after for our Florida mission trip. Our group will be housed in a church in the Daytona area where the worksites are located.

There will be an information table in the Gathering Area **NEXT Sunday, May 20 and the following Sunday, May 27.** Please stop by to learn more about the trip and to purchase your Muhlenberg shirt. Proceeds will help defray the cost of the trip. Contact Herb Amato ([amatohk@jmu.edu](mailto:amatohk@jmu.edu)) for more information.



## TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 Worship	79	Wed Noon	14
9:30 Worship	94		
11:00 Worship	<u>135</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>308</b>		

### MINISTRY OF THE WEEK:

#### LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION (LGM)

*This space features one committee/ministry each week. Highlights are provided so we become more familiar with their work.*

LGM's focus for April was to provide school supplies and quilts donated by MLC Comfort Makers to Orphan Grain Train. In May the Adult Mission Team will sell MLC shirts in the Gathering Area to raise funds for the hurricane relief trip to Florida this fall.

*If you would like more information or are interested in joining our ministry, contact Council Liaison Karen Matthias at 434-4625 or [kfmatthias@gmail.com](mailto:kfmatthias@gmail.com).*

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Through **March 2018**

	Y-T-D <u>Actual</u>	Y-T-D <u>Budget</u>	Y-T-D <u>Last Year</u>
Gifts & Offerings	\$159,197	\$183,919	\$171,897
Total Receipts	\$188,620	\$215,505	\$202,670
Expenses	\$211,060	\$249,037	\$217,887
<b>Excess Income/ (Expenses)</b>	<b>(\$22,440)</b>	<b>(\$33,532)</b>	<b>(\$15,217)</b>

Giving in support of our Spending Plan: \$ 12,372.59  
 Giving to Other Designated Funds: \$ 9,812.75  
**Total Giving for the Week \$ 22,185.34**

*See details in the notebook at the Connection Center.*

To give online, scan here →



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### THE PITTSBURGH GIRLS CHOIR CHAMBER CHOIR

Chamber Choir is the premiere touring choir of the Pittsburgh Girls Choir composed of girls from 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades. They will perform at Muhlenberg **Thursday, June 21 at 7:00 pm.** The Chamber Choir sings a varied repertoire of multi-part women's choral music, both classical and contemporary. This choir has performed with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and at the Pacific International Children's Choir Festival and the Pittsburgh Jewish Music Festival. This year's tour theme is "Lux Aeterna" (Eternal Light). This program celebrates the beauty and joy of eternity. The concert is free.

### WALKING IN NEWNESS OF LIFE



#### POWER IN THE SPIRIT

July 12-14, 2018

Roanoke College, Salem, VA



Power in the Spirit is an inspirational conference for everyone who wishes to explore God's call to service through joyous worship, Bible study, keynote addresses, workshops, and fellowship.

*Details and registration information are available at the Connection Center.*

## FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

### ASSISTANT TREASURER POSITION DESCRIPTION

*One of the findings from an internal audit strongly recommended that we have an Assistant Treasurer. The Finance Committee developed the following job responsibilities and qualifications for this volunteer position (see below – copies available at the Connection Center). If you are interested, please contact Gary Calleo at [vnccall@yahoo.com](mailto:vnccall@yahoo.com) or Linda Depoy at [depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org).*

The Assistant Treasurer should have bookkeeping proficiency and knowledge of the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), proficiency with computer based accounting software, ability to understand and create financial reports, a willingness to learn, and be available for an average of 2-4 hours a month (with additional time for training)

Duties include:

- Assist/back up the Treasurer in the bookkeeping and accounting functions for the congregation to include general ledger review, journal postings, financial statement preparation, and account reconciliations.
- Assist/back up the Treasurer in the preparation of the monthly financial reports for the Congregation Council.
- Assist in the filing of all required tax forms.
- Provide the congregation with financial information deemed appropriate by the Congregation Council and/or the Executive Committee.
- Assist in the annual spending plan process with the Finance Ministry.
- Attend meetings when the Treasurer is unavailable to provide financial information.



## END OF LIFE RESOURCES

Participants in the recently concluded *Issues at the End of Life* class want you to know about some practical resources available at no cost to members and friends of the congregation:

- Copies of “Five Wishes,” a living will form that combines personal, emotional and spiritual wishes with medical wishes/advance directives, are available from the Connection Center. When signed and witnessed, Five Wishes is a legal document in Virginia.
- A form to let the church and your loved ones know about your preferences for your funeral or memorial service is also available. Printed copies can be found at the Connection Center. For an electronic copy, contact *Linda Depoy* (434-3496 or [depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org))
- Muhlenberg’s lending library (lower level beneath the Gathering Area) has a variety of books and videos on grief, suicide, and dying with dignity.
- The ELCA provides liturgies for “Commendation of the Dying” and “When Life-Sustaining Care Is Ended.” Class members found these rites beautiful and meaningful, and encouraged the pastors to make members aware of them.

## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY NEWS

### SPRINGTIME UPDATE

Have you moved since we last updated the directory? Has your family grown? We’d love to reflect any changes in the Muhlenberg Pictorial Directory.

Are you in the pictorial directory yet? If not, we’d love to include you! We will take photos and update information **Sundays, June 3 and 10, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm** downstairs from the Gathering Area. The whole process takes about 5 minutes. See you there.

*Mycah McNett & Neil Alexander*

### SOFTWARE UPDATE

Do you use our Pictorial Directory App? If yes, it just updated on iOS - you may have to sign in the next time you view the directory. Fun new features include being able to look at members by groups - which we have **organized as Shepherd Areas**. Say 'hello' to your Muhlenberg neighbors next time you see them!

## 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).*



A 30-minute workout on the treadmill uses approximately .75 kWh of energy per day. Run/walk “*unplugged*” twice a week, and over the course of a month, you will conserve the amount of energy required for 12 hours of television or 24 loads of laundry.

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

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



### SUMMER OF SERVICE Intergenerational Program Sundays, June 10 – August 26 9:30 in the MAC

The Summer of Service program held the last three years had wonderful success and we are offering it again this summer! Various agencies in our area will come to share what they do. We 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 of the day!

The program will start Sunday, June 10 at 9:30. (Children 0-2 years old have a class in the nursery during the 9:30 liturgy hour.) Children 3 years – 5<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the church for the *Children's Time*, then go to the MAC to join 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth and adults of all ages.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### “JESUS, THE STORYTELLER”



Jesus, The Storyteller  
VBS 2018  
Muhlenberg Lutheran Church

Come and join the fun at VBS 2018!

### JUNE 24-28 IN THE MAC

Dinner at 5:30  
VBS from 6:00 – 8:00 pm

For children 3 years old to 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
(6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders are asked to be helpers).

Adult class led by Pastor Bill Nabers.

Mark your calendars and get ready for a week of fun as we explore faith together!

Registration forms will be available  
in the Gathering Area soon.

Contact Diane Bayer if  
you are interested in helping  
with this fun, faith-forming event.

## SUMMER NEWS (CONT'D)



### SUPPLIES NEEDED

#### For Vacation Bible School

For one of our VBS service projects, we will be gathering **8 foot 2x4 boards** for Habitat for Humanity. The children will hear the Parable of the “Wise Man Built his house upon the Rock.” After the story the older children will write prayers and blessings on the boards, and the younger children will draw blessing pictures as they cover the Habitat for Humanity house with God’s love.

The main theme of VBS is service. If you would like to donate some of these boards, you also would be part of this service project. *Contact Diane Bayer (434-3496) for more information.*



## SECOND HOME NEWS

### JOB OPENING

Would you like to join the Second Home Team? Do you know someone who would be a good fit? We have openings for the 2018 - 2019 school year. We are looking for morning and afternoon teachers, afternoon program assistants, an administrative assistant, and a receptionist/Spanish translator. For more information,



- visit [www.secondhomeva.com/join-our-team](http://www.secondhomeva.com/join-our-team).
- contact Director Krisztina Szekely at [2ndhomedirector@gmail.com](mailto:2ndhomedirector@gmail.com).
- call 540-432-7989.

### HAVE THE HEART OF A SERVANT?

Want to spend a morning or afternoon each week in a welcoming environment while serving your church and community? The church office is looking for members who have time to serve in a volunteer capacity as an office assistant/receptionist in the Narthex and Gathering Area. Orientation and training are provided.

Can't make a firm commitment? You can still help. We also need assistants to *fill in* on occasion. Additionally, we periodically have special projects that may be done at the church office or sometimes from home.

To explore any of these opportunities, *please contact Parish Administrator Linda Depoy (434-3496 or [depoy@muhlenberg.lutheran.org](mailto:depoy@muhlenberg.lutheran.org))*. In compliance with state regulations and Safe Church policies, there is an interview and application process.

## YOUTH & CAMPUS NEWS

### JAMERS FAMILY COVERED DISH PICNIC

We will meet at **Westover Park pavilion #2, NEXT Sunday, May 20, 4:00 – 6:00 pm.** Hotdogs, plates, napkins, cups, and drinks will be provided. We ask each family to bring a dish to share. This is our last regular meeting until September. Let's make this a fun family event. *Please contact Diane Bayer ([bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org) or 434-3496) if you plan to attend so we can have enough supplies.*

### THEOLOGY FOR TEENS

Theology for Teens is a summer camp held at Roanoke College **June 17-23.** It introduces teens (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) to Biblical and theological scholarship, exploring contemporary challenges and how their faith tradition can meet those challenges. The group will focus on the life and thoughts of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, explore today's social issues, and encounter other faiths by engaging the students with leaders from those various communities. *Contact Mycah McNett ([mcnett@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:mcnett@muhlenberglutheran.org) or 434-3496) if you or your youth are interested in attending.*

### JUNIOR HIGH SERVANT EVENT

**At the Water's Edge** is a weeklong servant event **July 15 - July 20** held in Virginia Beach for youth who have completed the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and their adult advisers. We spend the week experiencing Christian life through worship, fellowship, service, and fun at the water's edge! If you are interested in going, *contact Mycah McNett ([mcnett@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:mcnett@muhlenberglutheran.org) or 434-3496).*

## JCREW NEWS

### Kairos Sign Up

Kairos is a weeklong faith formation event for rising 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students. It is held at Roanoke College **July 22-27** and is an amazing week of faith, fellowship and fun! Participant cost for the week, which includes lodging and meals, is \$370. Forms are in the youth notebook at the Connection Center. If you are interested in going, please complete and return a form to Clay Arthur ASAP so we can guarantee your space!



### Lunch & Treasure Hunting

JCrew meets **Sunday, May 20, 12:00-2:00.** We will gather for lunch and then spend some time treasure hunting at the local thrift shops! Make plans to join us!

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

*Contact Christian Formation Minister Diane Bayer (434-3496 or [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 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.*

## 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 (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 editor and pastors.*

✠ All of us at Second Home thank you for your help with our yard sale. We received many wonderful donations and your purchases have greatly benefited our program, helping us provide a safe and academically focused place for low-income families before and after school. Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$500 from this event!

✠ Bob and I thank our Muhlenberg Family for the cards, prayers and comforting words at the death of my sister Jane Garber. We also want to thank Linda Morrison for playing the harp for Jane. It is truly a blessing to be part of this wonderful family.  
*Margie Miller.*

✠ I would like to thank everyone for the pretty birthday cards and well wishes, calls, and visits. Thank you so much, I truly appreciate them.  
*Juanita Propst*



## DAILY DEVOTIONS

### PRAYING OUR FAITH TOGETHER!

For individual and family use. Scripture citations taken from ELW's 3-Year Daily Lectionary, p. 1132-1143, (Year B).

**Mon. Phil. 1:3-11**      **Thu. 1 Cor. 15:42b-49**  
**Tue. Titus 1:1-9**      **Fri. 1 Cor. 15:50-57**  
**Wed. John 16:16-24**      **Sat. John 7:37-39**  
**Sun. John 17:6-19**

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

## WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

May 14-20, 2018

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Weekly Staff Meeting</b>
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Executive Committee</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Ministries Meetings</b>
<b>Tue.</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Go-Go Group Breakfast</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Celebration Singers</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Gloria Dei Ringers</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>4:45 pm</b>	<b>Cherub Choir</b>
	<b>5:15 pm</b>	<b>SonShine Singers</b>
	<b>7:15 pm</b>	<b>Sanctuary Choir</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:00, 9:30 &amp; 11:00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Christian Formation Classes</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>New Members Received</b>
	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>New Member Reception</b>
	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>JAMers Picnic</b>

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. Like us at [facebook.com/muhlenberglutheran](https://www.facebook.com/muhlenberglutheran)