



# The CHIMES

**MUHLENBERG: A WELLSPRING OF GRACE**

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**May 19, 2019**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

## **WHAT'S THE BUZZ?**

### **COUNCIL TO INTERVIEW CANDIDATE**

The Call Committee will present their candidate to Congregation Council for an interview this **Monday, May 20**.

**If** Council approves, they will recommend the candidate to the congregation and members will receive a letter. The mailing will include name, bio, compensation package, and an invitation to meet the candidate personally.

**If** the process continues based upon Council's recommendation, we plan to welcome the candidate to preach and preside at both services **Sunday, June 2**. A **Called Congregational Meeting will be held at 11:45** that day to vote on extending a call to the candidate to be our Associate Pastor.

## **TODAY AT MUHLENBERG**

### **PROSPECTIVE MEMBER LUNCH & ORIENTATION CANCELLED TODAY**

Several people interested in membership are not available to meet today. If you are interested in membership at this time, please contact...

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

New members who express interest will be received Sunday, June 16. A reception will be held in the Gathering Area between services.

The next Prospective/New Member Lunch & Orientation will be **Sunday, September 22**.

## **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).

## **JAMERS FAMILY PICNIC**

**TODAY, 4:00 – 6:00 pm at Westover Park, pavilion # 2.** We will provide hotdogs, plates, napkins, cups and drinks and **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!

## TODAY AT MUHLENBERG (CONT'D)

### SECOND HOME FOOD COLLECTION



**TODAY** we ask you to donate **canned fruit** (large cans or individual cups). 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/envelope.

### CARD SHOWER

Pastor Lauren and Nate Eanes will be married Sunday, May 26 at Camp Caroline Furnace. We are collecting cards **TODAY - Sunday, June 2**. A basket for cards is available at the back of the sanctuary. You can also drop a card off to the church office during the week.



On **Sunday, June 2**, we will celebrate Pastor Lauren and Nate's marriage during fellowship time between services.

### PR. LAUREN'S TIME OFF

Pastor Lauren will be out of the office and unavailable **May 21-31**. During that time, services will be held as usual with the following pastors leading worship:

- Wednesday, 5/22 – Pastor Bill Nabers**
- Sunday, 5/26 – Pastor Paul Weber**
- Wednesday, 5/29 – Pastor Mark Radecke**

Pastor Bill Nabers will continue to provide urgent pastoral care. If you have an urgent need while Pastor Lauren is off, leave a voicemail message for Parish Administrator Linda Depoy and she will contact Pastor Bill as soon as possible.

## FINANCIAL NEWS

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 Worship	72	Wed. Noon	11
9:30 Worship	151		
11:00 Worship	<u>127</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>350</b>		

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Through April 2019			
	Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Budget	Y-T-D Last Year
Gifts & Offerings	\$231,661	\$273,132	\$232,615
Total Receipts	\$267,821	\$311,915	\$267,822
Expenses	\$279,355	\$336,155	\$278,780
<b>Excess Income/ (Expenses)</b>	<b>(\$11,534)</b>	<b>(\$24,240)</b>	<b>(\$10,958)</b>

Giving in support of our Spending Plan	\$	6,858.00
Giving to Other Designated Funds	\$	2,674.38
<b>Total Giving for the Week</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,532.38</b>

See Connection Center notebook for details.

April Thrivent Choice Dollars: \$117

To give online, scan here →



## THIS WEEK (CONT'D)

### GO-GO GROUP BREAKFAST

Are you 55+ and enjoy fellowship with others? Join the Group **THIS Tuesday, May 21, 8:30 am** at Thomas House in Dayton. *Contact Dan Werner at 433-3912 for more information.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### POWER IN THE SPIRIT: JULY 11-13

For information about this inspirational conference,

- visit the Connection Center
- contact Diane Bayer (434-3496 or [bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org))
- visit [vasynod.org](http://vasynod.org)
- watch *The Chimes*.

## MUHLENBERG NEWS

### A WORD FROM PASTOR LAUREN

Has this month's sermon series on Revelation left you wanting to learn more about this often-misunderstood book of the Bible? You can order a copy of *The Rapture Exposed: The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation* by Lutheran theologian Barbara Rossing on the order form at the Connection Center. The cost is \$12, and can be paid at the time of pick up. Contact Pastor Lauren with any questions.

### CREATION CARE TIP

 It takes a lot of energy to preheat the oven; the longer the oven is on but not used, the more energy it wastes. Your oven only needs a few minutes to reach the desired temperature, so heat it when you're ready to make dinner, not 30 minutes before. If you bake twice a week, you can save almost 50 pounds of carbon per year by not preheating the oven earlier than necessary.

## YOUTH NEWS

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

### KAIROS

Attention rising 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders: Kairos, the high school summer retreat, is **June 23-28**. Registration forms are in the youth binder at the Connection Center. Please turn in the form and a check for half of the registration cost by **NEXT Sunday, May 26**.

### ALPHA TEENS SUMMER TRIP

Attention rising 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> graders: this summer's trip is **July 21-26** at Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp! We will be at the Hammock Hangout. Please sign up through the camp website.

## 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

11:45 am - 2:00 pm

June 9 & 30, July 14 & 28, August 11

**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).

The first program June 9 will be presented by the Migrant Education Program. We will put together personal hygiene kits and do a clothing drive (see p. 4). Please contact Diane Bayer ([bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org) or 434-3496) with questions.

## LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION

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

### CLOTHING DRIVE

In coordination with the Summer Intergenerational Sunday June 9, LGM will collect gently used or new cool weather clothing for young male workers who will be living in the nearby migrant camps this fall. Needed most are men's small and medium sized (and some large) sweatshirts and sweatpants, jeans, hoodies, sweaters, jackets, long sleeved shirts, underwear and socks. Occasionally a family may need children's warm clothing for ages 8-13. Place donations in the designated bins in the Gathering Area June 2 and 9.

Stay through lunch and early afternoon June 9 to learn more about Migrant Education here in the valley during the intergenerational event!

## JOYS, THANKS & CONCERNS

✚ Thank you to my church family for the many cards of sympathy, hugs, prayers, and kind words on the loss of my sister the day before Easter. A special thank you to those who attended her funeral.

*Bonnie Stidley*

✚ A joyful thank you to all who kept me in their thoughts and prayers during my recent cataract surgeries and the surgery on my broken wrist! Your caring thoughts, cards, and calls were a tremendous source of comfort, and the prayers have sped healing and recovery! I deeply appreciate your loving and caring! *Kathy Thompson*

## 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. Acts 11:19-26  
Tue. Acts 11:27-30  
Wed. Luke 10:25-28  
Thu. Acts 15:36-41  
Fri. Acts 16:1-8  
Sat. Luke 19:1-10  
Sun. John 14:23-29

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

## WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

May 20-26, 2019

Mon. 2:00 pm Weekly Staff Meeting  
6:30 pm Congregation Council Meeting  
Tue. 8:30 am Go-Go Group Breakfast  
6:30 pm Celebration Singers  
7:00 pm Gloria Dei Ringers  
Wed. 12 noon Holy Communion  
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir  
Sun. 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am Holy Communion  
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 ([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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