



# The CHIMES

## MUHLENBERG: A WELLSPRING OF GRACE

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May 20, 2018

## DAY OF PENTECOST

### WHAT'S THE BUZZ

✚ Council had a special meeting Tuesday, May 8 to discuss the two vacant seats on the Call Committee. As planned, Mark Warner stepped down as Chair in May. Todd Hedinger needed to step away due to his family moving to Shenandoah County.

Our purpose was to identify nominees for Chair first and then the open seat. MLC's Constitution states that the Call Committee have six people. Conversations with folks are in the works and we're hoping to have both openings filled by the end of the month.

*Tim Peifer, Congregation Council President*

### 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)*



### TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

#### PENTECOST TODAY!

From the word "fifty," Pentecost is 50 days after Easter Sunday. The story of Pentecost is told in Acts 2, when the Spirit of the Living God was poured out upon diverse disciples from many lands and speaking many languages. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they burst from the house with a unifying story to tell – the story of Jesus, resurrected from the dead! The church marks this day with festive red, the color of the Holy Spirit and symbolic of the tongues of fire resting above the heads of each disciple.



Our task is to determine and live out the meaning of Pentecost for us today. God is at work here, now, in the world. The Holy Spirit, the Advocate and Comforter, enlivens our faith and emboldens our efforts to tell the Good News of Jesus in word and deed.

## TODAY AT MUHLENBERG (CONT'D)

### NEW MEMBERS

We receive new members **TODAY during the 8:00 & 11:00** services. There will be a reception in the Gathering Area at 12:15. See page 3 for details about our new members.

### HURRICANE RELIEF TRIP

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

Visit the information table in the Gathering Area **TODAY and next Sunday, May 27**. You can learn more about the trip and 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.

## 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**. This year's tour theme is "Lux Aeterna" (Eternal Light). This program celebrates the beauty and joy of eternity. The concert is free.

### POWER IN THE SPIRIT

**July 12-14 at Roanoke College, Salem, VA**  
An inspirational conference for everyone who wishes to explore God's call to service through joyous worship, Bible study, keynote addresses, workshops, & fellowship. Details are available at the Connection Center.

## TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 Worship	71	Wed Noon	10
9:30 Worship	118		
11:00 Worship	<u>133</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>322</b>		

### MINISTRY OF THE WEEK: **PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

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

The Property Committee would like to thank everyone who came out to help on our workday May 5. Going forward, please send us your property questions and concerns using our new email address [mlcpropcomm@gmail.com](mailto:mlcpropcomm@gmail.com). We have at least one person designated to check this account each day.

*For more info, contact Chair Chris Harbin ([charbin1177@gmail.com](mailto:charbin1177@gmail.com) or 820-7047).*

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Through <b>April 2018</b>			
	Y-T-D <u>Actual</u>	Y-T-D <u>Budget</u>	Y-T-D <u>Last Year</u>
Gifts & Offerings	\$232,615	\$260,597	\$239,997
Total Receipts	\$267,822	\$297,452	\$275,568
Expenses	\$278,780	\$327,116	\$291,279
<b>Excess Income/ (Expenses)</b>	<b>(\$10,958)</b>	<b>(\$29,664)</b>	<b>(\$15,711)</b>

Giving in support of our Spending Plan:	\$	8,321.70
Giving to Other Designated Funds:	\$	<u>1,637.00</u>
<b>Total Giving for the Week</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,958.70</b>

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

To give online, scan here →



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*Received today at the 8:00 service...*

### **Mark and Pam Briehl**

226 Kensington Drive  
Elkton, VA 22827  
540-298-0226

[msbriehl@gmail.com](mailto:msbriehl@gmail.com) (Mark),  
[pbriehl@gmail.com](mailto:pbriehl@gmail.com) (Pam)

Mark and Pam are originally from Maryland, but have lived in Virginia for many years. Their son Micah is married to Alexa and son Tim is married to Jessica. Tim & Jessica are the parents of Sophia Elizabeth. Pam and Mark also have two cats, Rex and Emmy.

Mark is a retired Virginia Synod, ELCA pastor. His retirement brought them to Muhlenberg. They love the music, programs, traditional services, and open arms. Pam has worked 42 years in the dental profession as front office/insurance coordinator.

Mark enjoys gardening, hiking, camping and learning to bake. Pam enjoys cooking, sewing, and going to the beach.

The Briehls sponsors are Wylie and Diane Walton.



*Received today at the 11:00 service...*

### **Carlton “Sam” Sampson and Denise Hill**

152 McKinley Drive  
Broadway, VA 22815  
540-820-6619 / [cpsamski@msn.com](mailto:cpsamski@msn.com)

Sam and Denise, sweethearts for many years, were married April 16 at Muhlenberg. Denise is originally from upstate New York and Sam is an Air Force brat. Both have lived and worked in the Shenandoah Valley for over 30 years. Denise is a retired teacher and Sam is a retired firefighter. They enjoy traveling together and are currently planning a fall honeymoon abroad.

Sam and Denise’s sponsors are Bill and June Nabers.



## 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 [vncall@yahoo.com](mailto:vncall@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.

## MUHLENBERG NEWS

### 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!

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Are you (or your son or daughter) a Muhlenberger graduating from high school? We want to know and celebrate with you! *Please contact Mycah McNett (434-3496 or [mcnett@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:mcnett@muhlenberglutheran.org)) by Sunday, May 27 with the name of the graduate, the school from which they are graduating and their plans after graduation. We will honor our graduates June 3 during the 11:00 service, followed by a reception.*



## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

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



**SUMMER OF SERVICE**  
**Starts Sunday, June 10**  
**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 June 10 – August 26. 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.

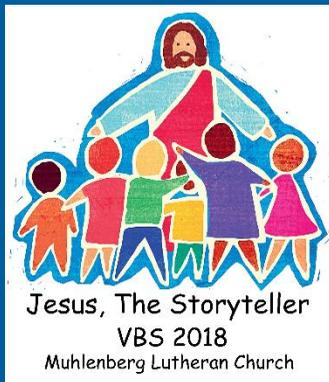
Below is information about the first few weeks of Summer of Service:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Project</u>
6/10	Hospice	Comfort kits
6/17	Pleasant View	Activities kits
6/24	Patchwork Pantry	Food kits

Watch *The Chimes* for more information as it becomes available.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

“JESUS, THE STORYTELLER”



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 SPF** (Spruce-Pine-Fir) **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. If you want to help but prefer to make a monetary donation, make your check payable to Muhlenberg and put “VBS” on the memo line.

The main theme of VBS is service. By donating some of these boards, you will also be part of this service project. *Contact Diane Bayer (434-3496) for more information.*



## SECOND HOME NEWS

### JOB OPENINGS

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.

## NEWS FROM OUR PARTNER

### INTERFAITH/VICPP MEETING

The Harrisonburg/Rockingham Interfaith Association will meet with the Director of the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy (VICPP) **Thursday, June 7, 12:00 noon in the Nielsen Room.** Director Kim Bobo will talk about the Center and give us an update on the work the Center has done toward Social Justice during the General Assembly in Richmond. VICPP is the social justice venue for Virginia Synod. Anyone interested in this work is invited to attend. *Contact Diane Bayer ([bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org) or 434-3496) for more information.*

## YOUTH & CAMPUS NEWS

### JAMERS FAMILY COVERED DISH PICNIC

We will meet at **Westover Park pavilion #2, TODAY, 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 **TODAY, 12:00-2:00.** We gather for lunch and then spend some time treasure hunting at the local thrift shops. Come 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.*

- ✠ We offer prayers for the family of Mary Ella Gibson who died May 15. Mary Ella was Jon Gibson's mother. A memorial service will be held at Harrisonburg Baptist Saturday, June 2 at 3:00 pm.
- ✠ We offer sympathy to the family of Jim Huffman who died this week.
- ✠ Bill, Crystl and I wish to thank everyone for the cards, prayers and support both before and after Bud's death. We are grateful for everyone who helped to make the graveside & memorial services so special. We are thankful to be among the Muhlenberg family. *Juanita Whitmire*

## 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).*

If you have a garden, you probably have weeds. Pulling them by hand takes more work, but it is much more environmentally friendly than dousing them with harsh chemicals. A hand trowel or small hoe might make the job easier. Pull weeds when the ground is moist and spread a thin layer of mulch to shade the surface of the garden and prevent weeds from germinating. Be sure to add the weeds to your compost pile.

## 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.	1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Tue.	1 Corinthians 12:12-27
Wed.	John 20:19-23
Thu.	Romans 8:1-8
Fri.	Romans 8:9-11
Sat.	John 15:18-20, 26-27
Sun.	John 3:1-17

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

## WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

May 21-27, 2018

Mon.	2:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting
	6:30 pm	Congregation Council Meeting
Tue.	6:30 pm	Celebration Singers
	7:00 pm	Gloria Dei Ringers
Wed.	12 noon	Holy Communion
	7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Sun.		Holy Trinity
	8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am	Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Christian Formation Classes

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](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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