



# The CHIMES

## MUHLENBERG: A WELLSPRING OF GRACE

*Muhlenberg Lutheran Church strives to be a Wellspring of God's Grace in Jesus Christ.*

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## THE HOLY TRINITY

### WHAT'S THE BUZZ

#### ANNOUNCING A SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



The Church Council has set a new summer worship schedule for **July 1 - September 2**. We will have **two worship services, 8:45 and 10:30 am**. A

Fellowship Hour will be held between the services in the Gathering Area. Christian Formation will be from 9:00-10:00 am.

We know that these new worship times will cause some inconvenience, but the benefits will enrich our congregational life:

- we will worship with members we have not seen for a while or even know
- we will be able to engage in conversation during a time of fellowship for young and old alike

This change assumes the goodwill of all worshippers and will be a positive challenge for our congregation. Our usual pattern of services will resume September 9.

### TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

#### THE HOLY TRINITY

Holy Trinity Sunday is a day the church meditates on the mystery of our God, one divine unity of three distinct persons. Each way that we speak about the Trinity is inadequate. The Christian writings of the first century give only the beginnings of what became the developed doctrine of the Trinity of **Father, Son, and Spirit**. St. John asks - how can we be assured of God's truth? Through the Son's faithful witness and sacrifice, and the Father's ongoing creation who, with the Son, sends the Spirit of truth to comfort and guide the faithful. Welcome into the mystery of faith we call "The Holy Trinity"!

#### 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 (CONT'D)

### 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**. 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.

### 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)) with the name of the graduate, the school from which they are graduating and their plans after graduation. The deadline is **TODAY!** We will honor our graduates June 3 during the 11:00 service, followed by a reception.

**We wish you a  
happy and safe  
Memorial Day.**

*The church office is closed tomorrow.*



## TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 Worship	82	Wed Noon	15
9:30 Worship	109		
11:00 Worship	<u>149</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>340</b>		

### MINISTRY OF THE WEEK:

#### STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

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

The members of the Stewardship Committee meet monthly, seeking ways to celebrate and inspire the gifts of Muhlenbergers' time, talent, and treasure in the service of God and all of God's people. If you have thoughts on how to help us all maintain a focus on joyful giving, please join us during Ministries Night (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month) in the Kairos Room. We always welcome new members!

*For more information, contact Stefanie Eye at [stefanie\\_eye@hotmail.com](mailto:stefanie_eye@hotmail.com) or 703-635-4937.*

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Through April 2018			
	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:	\$	11,173.04
Giving to Other Designated Funds:	\$	<u>1,967.12</u>
<b>Total Giving for the Week</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,140.16</b>

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

To give online, scan here →



## THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

### PICTORIAL DIRECTORY NEWS SPRINGTIME UPDATE

Have you moved since we last updated the directory? Has your family size changed? We'd love to reflect any changes in our pictorial directory.

Are you in the pictorial directory? If not, we'd love to include you! We will take photos and update information **NEXT Sunday, June 3 and June 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*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### 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.

### 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.

## 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.

# Lux Aeterna

Chamber Choir Spring Concert  
& Tour 2018

pittsburgh  
—girls choir—



Pittsburgh, PA • Saturday, May 12 | 2 PM | Shadyside Presbyterian Church  
Hilton Head, SC • Sunday, June 17 | 7 PM | St. Andrews By the Sea UMC  
Columbia, SC • Tuesday, June 19 | 7 PM | St. Peters Catholic Church  
Harrisonburg, VA • Thursday, June 21 | 7 PM | Muhlenberg Lutheran Church  
Accokeek, MD • Friday, June 22 | 7:30 PM | Christ Church Accokeek  
Mt. Lebanon, PA • Saturday, June 23 | 7 PM | Mt. Lebanon Lutheran Church

All addresses and locations listed on [pittsburghgirlschoir.com](http://pittsburghgirlschoir.com)

## 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.

## MUHLENBERG NEWS

### 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).

Schedule your errands back-to-back. Driving to the post office in the morning, the dry cleaner in the afternoon, and the supermarket in the evening burns a lot of gas. Starting a car with a warm engine results in five times less pollution than starting a car with a cold engine. You can make your errands more eco-friendly by scheduling them back-to-back, instead of over several days. You'll keep the engine warm, cutting down on harmful emissions. Making fewer trips will also help you save gas money.

### ATTENTION

#### MINISTRY/GROUP LEADERS

Is your Bible study, circle meeting or other activity taking a break for the summer? **To ensure the building space you desire is available when you return this fall, reserve it now:**



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

Your request will be answered as soon as possible.

## LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION NEWS

Contact Karen Matthias at 434-4625 or [kfmatthias@gmail.com](mailto:kfmatthias@gmail.com) for more information.

### ELCA WORLD HUNGER

We recently received a thank you note from ELCA World Hunger and Disaster appeal for our Lenten Alternative Giving donation of **\$1,510** ... Alleluia! He is risen indeed, and you are making Christ known. Thank you for your generosity!



*Donations to ELCA World Hunger can be made at any time via the offering plate. Designate ELCA World Hunger on the memo line of your check/ envelope.*

### LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES



We received a thank you note from Lutheran Family Services for our recent donation of **\$500** to assist Minnick School-Harrisonburg to continue to provide hot, nutritious breakfasts for their students through the remainder of the school year, including their summer program. "You have done a wonderful thing ... It is concerned, caring congregations like Muhlenberg that make us appreciate the value of our community. We accept your gift with grateful hearts and thank you for being part of our circle of caring."

*Minnick School – Harrisonburg is A Lutheran Family Services school which helps students achieve academic, behavioral, and developmental goals so they may return to their home public school or pursue a path to meaningful work. Donations to the school can be made at any time via the offering plate. Designate Minnick School on the memo line of the check/envelope.*

## 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**

Join us to 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 begins 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.

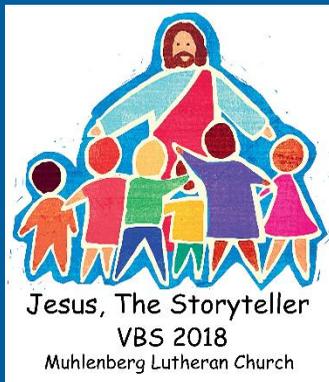
Below are agencies and service projects for June:

<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 information about Sunday Christian Formation opportunities in July and August.

## 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 are now available in the Gathering Area.

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

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES (CONT'D)



### SUPPLIES NEEDED

#### For Vacation Bible School

For one of our VBS service projects, we will gather **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.*



## YOUTH & CAMPUS NEWS

### 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@muhlenberg.lutheran.org](mailto:mcnett@muhlenberg.lutheran.org) or 434-3496).*

### 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 want to attend, complete and return a form to Clay Arthur ASAP so we can guarantee your space!

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

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

### FINAL CLASS OF THE SEASON

Today is the last Sunday of the season for Christian Formation classes and Children’s Church. Both resume Sunday, September 9.

**See page 6 for information about Summer Christian Formation Opportunities.**

## 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.*

✠ A special thanks to all the JAMers and their families for a wonderful picnic last Sunday. With so many attending, it made for a delightful afternoon. Parents, great job playing the “FAITH TALK” questions game and acting out the Easter story. Blessings to all those in fifth grade who will rise up to Alpha Teens. I have enjoyed each of you over the last 4 years and will miss all of you. God bless you! *Miss Diane*

## REMINDERS

### DID YOU MISS WORSHIP?

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 are available on the credenza in the administrative hallway. Stop by and catch up on what you’ve missed. Additionally, you can get sermons and *The Chimes* from our website, [www.muhlenberglutheran.org](http://www.muhlenberglutheran.org).

### CONTACTING OUR PASTORS

**Reach our pastors at any time by calling the church office (434-3496).** Ask to speak with Linda Depoy during office hours. After hours leave a message on their voice mail and it will be forwarded to their respective mobile phones at that time. They will respond as soon as possible.

## 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.	Revelation 4:1-8
Tues.	1 Corinthians 2:1-10
Wed.	Mark 4:21-25
Thur.	Romans 3:1-8
Fri.	2 Peter 1:1-11
Sat.	John 7:53—8:11
Sun.	Mark 2:23—3:6

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

## WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

May 28-June 3, 2018

Mon.	Memorial Day Church Office Closed
Tue.	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 Food Pantry, Lay Communion & Name Badge Sunday No Sunday Christian Formation Classes 11:00 am Recognition of Graduates

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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