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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WHAT'S THE BUZZ

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

I'm thrilled to inform you that we have a complete Call Committee once again. Ted Sudol has agreed to be the Chair, and Sue Totty will fill the other slot. We're now back up to six members and ready to go! I've been in touch with the Bishop's office to let them know we're ready to resume our call. Muhlenberg is on an amazing path. I ask us all to be prayerful about our task and open to the Spirit working among us. Council remains a supportive partner in our call and the work that needs to be done. Council agreed on the following mission statement for our work ahead:

The Call Committee is to search for a Lead/Senior Pastor who meets the needs of Muhlenberg Lutheran Church in Word and Sacrament as well as Pastoral Leadership, bearing in mind the skills and qualifications of our Ministry Site Profile while remaining open to the possibility that the Spirit might reveal new insights and possibilities.

Welcome Ted and Sue, and thanks to Mark Kipps, Meg Wightman, Oris Griffin and Katie Rinker for their continued work and service to the congregation.

Tim Peifer, Congregation Council President

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**.

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

We know 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 worshipers and will be a positive challenge for our congregation. Our usual pattern of services will resume September 9.

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

FIRST SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

TODAY we wear **name badges** to be welcoming and learn each other's names. Supplies are in the Gathering Area.

We receive **non-perishable food donations** in the Gathering Area for local area food pantries.

Lay Communion Ministers will take Holy Communion to our sick and homebound.

NO CLASSES TODAY

Christian Formation classes are taking a break this week. We will begin our Summer of Service **NEXT Sunday at 9:30**.

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 directory.

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

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

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 Worship	88	Wed Noon	8
9:30 Worship	96		
11:00 Worship	<u>115</u>		
Total	299		

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK:

YOUTH

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

As we begin June, so does a busy summer for the youth. Watch for reports from Youth Assembly, the National Youth Gathering, the Junior High Servant Event, and Kairos! We also encourage youth to attend summer worship and Christian Formation. We look forward to catching up in the fall. And Congrats to all you Grads!

For more information, contact Clay Arthur (clay@muhlenberglutheran.org) or Mycah McNett (mcnett@muhlenberglutheran.org).

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
Excess Income/ (Expenses)	(\$10,958)	(\$29,664)	(\$15,711)

Giving in support of our Spending Plan: \$ 6,511.50
 Giving to Other Designated Funds: \$ 4,322.68
Total Giving for the Week \$ 10,834.18

See details in the notebook at the Connection Center.

To give online, scan here →



TODAY AT MUHLENBERG (CONT'D)

Muhlenberg Graduates

High school and college graduates will be blessed **TODAY during the 11:00** worship service. Join them for a reception in the Gathering Area following the 11:00 am service.

Broadway High School

Maggie Johnston will attend Virginia Tech.

Central High School

Hannah Arthur will attend Lord Fairfax Community College with plans to transfer to JMU in 2 years.

Harrisonburg High School

Boroka Boisen will attend JMU to study flute and voice performance.

Julie Hedrick will attend VCU to study theatre performance, and dance/choreography.

Evan Jost will attend Virginia Tech to pursue engineering and be involved in the Honors program.

Massanutten Regional Governors School & Stonewall Jackson High School

Andrew Dotson will attend Virginia Tech to study business.

Eastern Mennonite University

Katy Pettit - Music Interdisciplinary Degree, with a concentration in Psychology.

Virginia Tech

Rebecca Pettit - B.S. in Biology Systems Engineering; will work at Merck in Elkton.

Perdue University

Remington Willis - B.S. in Brain and Behavioral Sciences. Hopes to serve a year with Lutheran Volunteer Corp. Has been accepted to Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, OH starting August 2019.

THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

ELDERCARE SUPPORT GROUP

Meets **TOMORROW, June 4, 7:00 pm** in the Kairos Room. *Contact Jennie Warner (476-2020 or mjwarner1@aol.com) for details.*

GO-GO GROUP LUNCH (55+)

Are you 55+ and enjoy fellowship with others? Join the Go-Go Group **Wednesday, June 6, 1:00 pm at Taste of Thai.** *Call Dan Werner (433-3912) for more information.*

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 update us on their work 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 for more information.

VIRGINIA SYNOD ASSEMBLY

We give thanks and offer prayers for the following members who will represent Muhlenberg at the Virginia Synod Assembly this Friday-Sunday: Diane Bayer, Bill Compton, Mycah McNett, Phil Peery, Tim Peifer. Youth Assembly participants are Charlie Britt, C. Campbell, Lily Harmison, and Mia Ryan.

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

THE PITTSBURGH GIRLS CHOIR CHAMBER CHOIR

Chamber Choir is the premiere touring choir of the Pittsburgh Girls Choir composed of girls from 7th - 12th 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.

Replace your plastic shower curtain liner. Most shower curtain liners are made from polyvinyl chloride (PVC), a material that emits harmful gases that can cause cancer and diabetes. You may be breathing in toxins every time you take a shower. Choose a nylon shower curtain instead. Nylon is waterproof and contains no PVC. It is also washable so when soap scum builds up, just toss it in the washing machine.

VIDEO COMMUNICATION PROJECT

This past semester several students worked with Muhlenberg on communication projects including an evangelism video. Check it out on our YouTube page and website or use this shortened URL: <https://goo.gl/4wXj5W>

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 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 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.

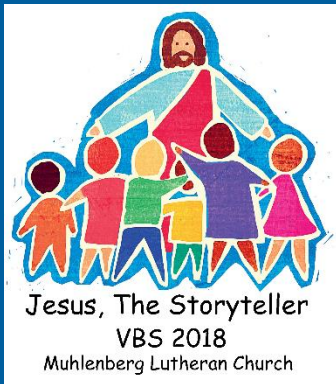
LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES

We received a thank you note from Lutheran Family Services for our recent donation of **\$500** to assist Minnick School-Harrisonburg in providing 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.

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 5th grade
(6th - 12th 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.

VBS SUPPLIES NEEDED

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

VBS SERVICE PROJECTS/SNACKS

We need the following items for snacks and service projects. Place items in the designated bins in the Gathering Area.

- 2 20 lbs. bags of **Kibbles and Bits**
- 5 bags of **Cat Chow**
- 4 lg. boxes **Milkbones** (medium size)
- 3 (2) Liter bottles of **tonic water**
- 4 gallons of **orange juice**
- 5 large bags of **pretzels**
- 3 pounds of **raisins**
- 5 pounds of **green grapes**
- 3 gallon cartons of **Goldfish** crackers
- 50 **brushes /combs** for children
- 25 boxes of **Band-Aids**
- 50 small bars of **soap**
- 10 bags of **cough drops**
- 50 personal size **tissue packs**

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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.



SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Contact Christian Formation Minister Diane Bayer
(434-3496 or 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 – 5th grade meet in the church for the *Children's Time*, then go to the MAC to join 6th – 12th 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.

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 6th, 7th, or 8th 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 or 434-3496).

KAIROS SIGN UP

Kairos is a weeklong faith formation event for rising 9th-12th 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
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for more information.

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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). Submissions will be printed with consideration for space and appropriateness at the discretion of the editor and pastors.

✚ The Gibsons would like to thank everyone in the Muhlenberg family for the prayers and cards following my mother's death. It is a true gift to be surrounded by such love and support. *Jon Gibson*

✚ Congratulations to Zachary Rinker and Brooke Burkey who were married May 26 in Lancaster PA. May God bless their marriage. Zach is the son of Jeff Rinker and the late Betsy McNeil.

✚ Zeus Willis was appointed as a student advisor to West Virginia University's Campus Ministry Board.

✚ Pastor Paul and Florence will attend the 12-day Bach Festival in Leipzig, Germany, and be out of town June 5-19. Famous musicians from around the world perform Bach's choral and instrumental works at churches Bach served as Cantor or Director of Music from 1723-1750, notably St. Thomaskirche and St. Nicolai. They will also experience two Sunday services with the St. Thomas congregation, one of which will use the order of service from 1750. Communion will be distributed in the chancel (where Bach is buried) using multiple common cups. Pastor Paul has visited St. Thomas on tours with choral groups but has never attended the Bach Festival. We wish him and Florence a wonderful and safe journey!

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. 2 Corinthians 11:1-15
Tues. 1 Corinthians 4:6-21
Wed. John 3:22-36
Thur. Acts 25:1-12
Fri. Romans 8:31-39
Sat. John 7:19-24
Sun. Mark 3:20-35

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

June 4-10, 2018

Mon. 2:00 pm Weekly Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Eldercare Support Group

Tue. 6:30 pm Celebration Singers

Wed. 12 noon Holy Communion
1:00 pm Go-Go Group Lunch

Fri-Sun. Virginia Synod Assembly

Sun. 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am Holy Communion
9:30 am Summer of Service

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).

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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