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DAY OF PENTECOST

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

HE SAID YES!



I am pleased to share with you that through the work of the Holy Spirit, Muhlenberg has new pastoral leadership. Pastor Alex Zuber has accepted the call to become our Associate Pastor.

At our June 2 congregational meeting, Council recommended that the congregation extend a call to Pastor Alex. Out of 155 valid ballots cast, 124 (80%) voted in favor of the recommendation, and the motion passed. In a second motion from Council, the compensation package was approved as recommended. Pastor Alex will start at Muhlenberg June 24.

Gary Calleo, Congregation Council President

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

PENTECOST TODAY!

From the word “fifty,” Pentecost is 50 days after Easter Sunday. The story of Pentecost, when the Spirit of the Living God was poured out upon diverse disciples who were from many lands and spoke many languages, is told in Acts 2. 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 discern 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 share the Good News of Jesus in word and deed.

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.



TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

WELCOME CAMP COUNSELORS

Today at the 10:30 service, we welcome summer camp counselors from Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp and Retreat Center. We are thankful for these young adults.

We thank Margie Miller and crew for providing their lunch. Please greet them and give them a good Muhlenberg welcome!

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.**

PIANO RECITAL

Alice Wightman, 12-year-old daughter of Bill & Meg Wightman, will present a 30-minute piano recital **NEXT Sunday, June 16, 3:00 pm**. Alice will perform a variety of musical genres including sacred, classical, & contemporary. She is a student of Elizabeth Williams. All are invited to this recital! Come out and support this aspiring young artist who is one of Muhlenberg's own!



FINANCIAL NEWS

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:45 Worship	191
10:30 Worship	192
Total	383

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
Excess Income/ (Expenses)	(\$11,534)	(\$24,240)	(\$10,958)

Giving in support of our Spending Plan	\$	27,423.00
Giving to Other Designated Funds	\$	20,943.13
Total Giving for the Week	\$	48,366.13

See Connection Center notebook for details.

May Thrivent Choice Dollars: \$9



To give online, scan here →

LINDA DEPOY OUT OF THE OFFICE

Parish Administrator Linda Depoy is having back surgery tomorrow, June 10. She will be out of the office 6 – 8 weeks, likely returning late July. She will work from home after the first few weeks, as her doctor allows.

Administrative Assistant Crystl Whitmire will continue her own work and pick up some major priorities from Linda's position: preparing worship booklets and *The Chimes*, answering emails and calls, and providing support to others when she can. She will not be in the office every day, but our faithful volunteer office assistants will be. Please email Linda as you normally do — she or Crystl will provide assistance as soon as possible.

SUMMER SCHEDULE CONTINUES TODAY!

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE: 8:45 & 10:30



Last year's summer service schedule was a big hit with many members. **Summer service times are 8:45 and 10:30.** We will have fellowship between services every Sunday, and Christian Formation will meet five Sundays throughout the summer. *(see details below)*



INTERGENERATIONAL SUMMER SUNDAYS

11:45 am - 2:00 pm

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

TODAY 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 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).

TODAY'S PROGRAM DETAILS

Today's program will be presented by the Migrant Education Program. We will put together personal hygiene kits and have a clothing drive *(see p. 5 for details).* *Please contact Diane Bayer (bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496) with questions.*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SECOND HOME FOOD COLLECTION



For this month, we ask you to donate *animal crackers* **NEXT Sunday, June 16**. 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 and envelope.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

There will be a *Faith Build 2020* meeting **June 25, 6:30 pm** in the Nielsen Room. This informational session will provide details about how we as a community can work together on this Interfaith Build. Habitat for Humanity seeks to put God's love into action and to bring people together to build homes. For more information, pick up a flyer from the Connection Center or contact *Diane Bayer* (bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496).

POWER IN THE SPIRIT

Power in the Spirit is an inspirational conference for anyone who wishes to explore God's Call to serve through joyous worship, Bible study, keynote addresses, workshops and fellowship. This year's theme is, "Children of the Same Heavenly Father." Join Lutherans from all across the state for this faith-filled conference held **July 11-13 at Roanoke College**. For more information ...



- Visit the Connection Center
- Contact Diane Bayer (434-3496 or bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org)
- Visit vasynod.org

MUHLENBERG NEWS

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We are always in need of worship servants: lectors, ushers, acolytes, communion assistants/stewards, greeters, sound techs, etc.



Sign up in the notebook at the Connection Center for **July**. Signing up really helps the schedulers avoid time calling/emailing. One-on-one training can be arranged – just indicate the training needed on the sign-up sheet or contact *Kathy Thompson* (578-4830 or thompskb@jmu.edu). If you prefer to sign up online, follow the path below from our website:

Worship + Community > Worship: What to Expect > Worship + Music Leadership

Prefer to work behind the scenes? We have many opportunities – talk with Kathy to learn how you can serve.

COMMUNION IN THE PEWS

For those who wish to receive Holy Communion and are unable to come forward, communion is served in the pews – **please let an usher know**. In addition to bread and wine, **white grape juice and gluten-free bread** are also available. Please indicate your preference for juice to the Lay Assisting Minister and take gluten-free bread from the small container beside the wheat communion bread.



CREATION CARE NEWS

CREATION CARE TIP

Creation Care offers a simple tip that will help you protect God's earth. For more information, contact Ramona Sanders (rsanders9@verizon.net or 433-1165).



Store leftovers in glass containers instead of plastic. Plastic storage containers are manufactured using a chemical called bisphenol-A (BPA). The toxic substance is released as plastics age and when they are washed or heated. It contaminates the foods it comes into contact with and can cause health problems like obesity and hyper-activity as well as problems with reproductive cycles.

EARTH DAY ANNIVERSARY

The 50th Anniversary of Earth Day will be celebrated April 2020. Plans include a part-time coordinator, to provide awareness and education about our harmful waste management practices and show how we can do better. Single-use plastic is of particular interest. You can help in one or more of these ways:

1. Attend a meeting June 27 at 6:00 pm at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church. A light supper will be provided. Please bring a drink and RSVP to rsanders97@verizon.net.
2. Share this information with your friends, colleagues, family, etc.
3. Put this information on community and work bulletin boards.
4. Most importantly, practice sustainable living.

For more information contact Ramona Sanders (rsanders97@verizon.com or 540-830-3084).

LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION

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

CLOTHING DRIVE

In coordination with today's Intergenerational Summer Sunday, we 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.



YOUTH NEWS

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

ALPHA TEENS SUMMER TRIP

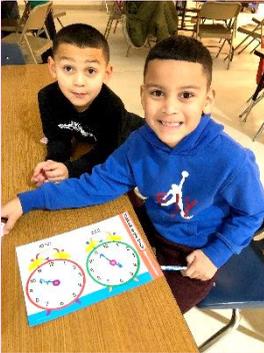
Attention rising 7th - 9th graders: this summer's trip is **July 21-26** to Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp! We will be at the Hammock Hangout. Please sign up through the camp website.



SECOND HOME NEWS



"... whoever is kind to the needy honors God." Proverbs 14:31



It is hard to believe that Second Home's 11th school year is almost over. What a year it has been! The program was full to capacity. Our fantastic staff assured that 54 students in the before school care program had breakfast, a safe and friendly place, and made it to school on time every morning. As of now, Second Home is still the only before school care program in the city, that is affordable for working class families and is open early enough (6 am) for parents to get to morning shifts.

90 kids in the after school care (many of whom came in the morning as well) had time to play and make friends, enjoy the outdoors, complement their nutrition with well-balanced snacks, get homework help and participate in literacy, math, science, and art enrichment.

Field trips, *Girls on the Run*, and a spring musical were only a few of the enrichment they took part in. Second Home is unique in the way it cares for the whole family, not just the children. We also help parents connect to local resources. For the first time, through a partnership with JMU Campus Kitchen, we were able to provide families with weekly take home dinners. Fresh vegetables were also provided through a gleaning program at the Farmers Market.

We have been blessed by the support of Muhlenberg members. Many of you volunteered your time and talent to work with children, make costumes, and create a nicer play area for Second Home kids. Because of your food donations, we were able to serve more nutritious snacks, including fruits and vegetables. Your school supply donations allowed us to budget more money for teacher wages. Your cash donations and participation in our fundraising events help us keep our fees low and offer scholarships to families who need them.

The actual cost of taking care of one child for the school year is \$1,600. Student fees only cover part of this. While we work hard to make up the difference from grants, as a small agency, it is difficult to find the funding. That is why we are so dependent on the community's help. Second Home is one of the local outreach ministries of Muhlenberg, and we appreciate how you support this program.



The children at Second Home are part of the future — the future of our community, the future of our country. It takes a village to raise a child, and we are all part of that village.

Second Home Director Krisztina Szekely

MORE SECOND HOME NEWS

HELP WANTED

Volunteer: The **Second Home Board** is looking for new members. If you are passionate about children and feel called to help low income families, we would love to talk with you. Experience and interest in fundraising is a plus. Membership term is one year, renewable for up to 6 terms.

Paid: Morning teacher (6:00 – 8:30 am) and **afternoon teachers** (3:15 – 6:15 pm) Monday – Friday, August 13, 2019 – June 9, 2020. Work as part of a caring team. Qualifications: Degree (or near completion) in education, social services, psychology or related areas and experience in teaching / working with children. A love of children, good social and personal skills, being able to multi task and work as part of a team are necessary. Ideal for retired educators, graduate students or college seniors. Paid hourly wage. Hiring contingent on successful national fingerprint background check.

If you are interested in these opportunities or have questions, *contact Executive Director Krisztina Szekely* (2ndhomedirector@gmail.com or 432-7989).



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 at depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496. Submissions will be printed with consideration for space and appropriateness at the discretion of the pastors & editor.

- ✚ Congratulations to our youth member Mia Ryan, daughter of Emily and Eric Ryan. She finished in fourth place in the 400-meter race at the state high school track meet last weekend in Lynchburg! Way to go, Mia!
- ✚ We offer sympathy to the family of Janice Mulder who passed away Saturday, June 1 after a fall at her home. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, July 13 at 11:00 am with reception following in the Gathering Area.
- ✚ June 7 was the last day of school and the last day for children at Second Home until August. June is always a bittersweet time. While we look forward to summer and a well-deserved break, many of our students wonder what will happen to them. Who will take care of them while their parents are at work? Will they be safe? Will there be enough food to go around for the whole family? These questions make Second Home staff wish we could be here for our families during the summer months as well, and hope that one day Second Home will be a year-round program. Please keep Second Home families and teachers in your prayers during the summer months.

JOYS, THANKS & CONCERNS (CONT'D)

Thank you so very much for your generous card shower and beautiful reception in honor of our wedding. We feel quite loved and incredibly blessed to be a part of this congregation. Thanks for celebrating with us!

*Pastor Lauren, Nate,
Donovan, Keira, Brendan, and Ana*



The newlyweds at Camp Caroline Furnace.

Note: Pastor Lauren's new email address is eanes@muhlenberglutheran.org.

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.** 1 Corinthians 2:1-11
- Tue.** 1 Corinthians 2:12-16
- Wed.** Luke 1:26-38
- Thu.** Ephesians 1:17-19
- Fri.** Ephesians 4:1-6
- Sat.** Luke 2:41-52
- Sun.** John 16:12-15

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

June 10 – June 16, 2019

- Mon.** 2:00 pm Weekly Staff Meeting
- 5:30 pm Executive Comm Mtg
- 7:00 pm Ministries Night
- Wed.** 12 noon Holy Communion
- Sun.** The Holy Trinity
- 8:45 & 10:30 am Holy Communion
- 10:30 am New Members Received
- 3:00 pm Recital

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 (depay@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).