



# The CHIMES

## MUHLENBERG: A WELLSPRING OF GRACE

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**June 10, 2018**

## THIRD 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*

#### SUMMER OF SERVICE

**STARTS TODAY**

**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 **TODAY** 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 *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/service projects for June:

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

In July and August, youth will gather in the MAC for a Bible story and activity each week.

## TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

### WELCOME CAMP COUNSELORS

Summer camp counselors from Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp and Retreat Center are with us today for the 11:00 service. We are thankful for these young adults. Please give them a Muhlenberg welcome! Thanks to Margie Miller and crew for providing lunch.

### PICTORIAL DIRECTORY NEWS

Are you in the pictorial directory? If not, we'd love to include you! We will take photos and update information **TODAY, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm** downstairs from the Gathering Area. The whole process takes about 5 minutes.

### CELEBRATION OF LIFE

A Celebration of Life will be held for Loretta Harris **TODAY at 2:00 at Keezletown Ruritan Hall** (1118 Indian Trail Road). All are 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.**

### 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)*



## TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 Worship	67	Wed Noon	10
9:30 Worship	102		
11:00 Worship	<u>118</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>287</b>		

### MINISTRY OF THE WEEK:

#### CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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

Join us for the Summer of Service intergenerational program **TODAY!** Through June, we will hear from three local agencies and take part in a service project each Sunday. Come be God's hands and help another. For July and August, youth will gather in the MAC for a Bible story and activity each week.

VBS is June 24- 28, 5:30 - 8:00 pm for children 3 years old-5<sup>th</sup> grade. There will also be an adult class. See p. 6 for details.

*For more information, contact Diane Bayer ([bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:bayer@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
<b>Excess Income/ (Expenses)</b>	<b>(\$10,958)</b>	<b>(\$29,664)</b>	<b>(\$15,711)</b>

Giving in support of our Spending Plan: \$ 27,391.75  
 Giving to Other Designated Funds: \$ 6,836.00  
**Total Giving for the Week \$ 34,227.75**

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

To give online, scan here →



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Congregation Council has set a new summer worship schedule for **July 1 - September 2:**



**8:45 am**      **Worship**  
**9:00 am**      **Christian Formation**  
**9:50-10:20**   **Fellowship in Gathering Area**  
**10:30 am**      **Worship**

We hope these new worship times will enrich congregational life:

- We will **worship with members we have not seen for a while or even know.**
- We will **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.

### POWER IN THE SPIRIT

**July 12-14, Roanoke College**

Power in the Spirit is an inspirational conference for everyone who wishes to explore God's call to service through joyous worship, Bible study, keynote addresses, workshops, and fellowship.



*Details and registration information are available at the Connection Center.*

## 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 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)

## You Won't Want to Miss this Top-Notch Group!

### 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

### PASTOR PAUL ON VACATION

Pastor Paul and Florence are attending the 12-day Bach Festival in Leipzig, Germany, and will be out of town through June 19. We wish him and Florence a wonderful and safe journey.

### 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).*

Repair your leaky faucet. Leaky faucets can waste up to 20 gallons of water per day. Stop the dripping-and conserve water-by replacing the washer. It's a simple fix that will cost a few dollars. If you're not comfortable doing it yourself, call a professional.

### 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 the month of **July when our new summer schedule starts: 8:45 & 10:30!** 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](mailto: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.



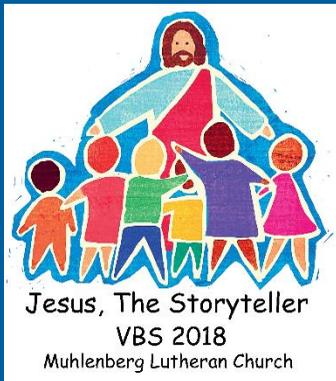
### END OF LIFE RESOURCES

Participants in the recently concluded *Issues at the End of Life* class want you to know about some practical resources available at no cost to members and friends of the congregation:

- Copies of “Five Wishes,” a living will form that combines personal, emotional and spiritual wishes with medical wishes/advance directives, are available from the Connection Center. When signed and witnessed, Five Wishes is a legal document in Virginia.
- A form to let the church and your loved ones know about your preferences for your funeral or memorial service is also available. Printed copies can be found at the Connection Center, or contact Linda Depoy ([depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org)) to have an electronic copy emailed to you.
- Muhlenberg’s lending library (lower level beneath the Gathering Area) has a variety of books and videos on grief, suicide, and dying with dignity.
- The ELCA provides liturgies for “Commendation of the Dying” and “When Life-Sustaining Care Is Ended.” Class members found these rites beautiful and meaningful, and encouraged the pastors to make members aware of them.

# 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.*

## 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.



## SECOND HOME NEWS

The United Way, a major financial sponsor of Second Home, is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary by honoring community leaders who go above and beyond to make this a better place for all. Patty Sensabaugh, Muhlenberg member and former Executive Director of Second Home, is being honored, as is Delores Jameson, Executive Director of Harrisonburg Rockingham Child Day Care Center.

To purchase tickets for the dinner **June 20 at Sunny Slope Farm**, call the United Way at 540-434-6639 or go to their website [www.uwhr.org](http://www.uwhr.org) and click on “give.” Your purchase helps to provide care for children who attend these programs at Muhlenberg.

## LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION

### MARYLAND DISASTER RELIEF

On May 27, a storm dumped 10.5 inches of rain in Howard and western Baltimore counties, resulting in tremendous flooding. Want to help? Be part of ELCA’s Disaster Response:

- **Pray:** Please pray for the people who have lost loved ones to disaster. May God’s healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need.
- **Give:** You can donate online at [elca.org](http://elca.org) or place your check in the offering plate, designating “Disaster Response.”
- **Connect:** Stay connected to the latest events and the response to this and other disasters:
  - Like Lutheran Disaster Response on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/LutheranDisasterResponse) and follow them on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/LutheranDisasterResponse).
  - Sign up at [elca.org](http://elca.org) to receive Lutheran Disaster Response alerts and check the Lutheran Disaster Response blog.

## 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!

### FORWARDING FAITH CAMPAIGN

Over the past 36 years the Virginia Synod has seen youth events expand to five+ excellent opportunities for over a thousand youth every year. Many of those kids have come back as small group leaders and are sending their own kids to Virginia Synod youth events. We simply must continue this legacy That’s what **ForwardingFaith** campaign is all about.

Each of us has the opportunity to help make certain youth events continue for many years. You can do so by making a donation to the VA Synod ForwardingFaith Campaign. At the Connection Center you will find more information about [ForwardingFaith and the impact VA Youth Ministry has made for others!](#)

## 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.*

### RAIN, RAIN GO AWAY!



A call to action went out to all members this past Sunday when we were met with upwards of two inches of standing water in two-thirds of our basement. The Campus and Nielsen Rooms were spared. I am very proud

and thankful for everyone who helped in the myriad of ways tackling this great task on Sunday. It was amazing to see the power of social media as we had responses from members all through the day, even from Bishop Bob and Barbra! I was humbled to see the youth who stepped up and did their share of work. It was a perfect example of them living their baptism by seeing others do the same without question. Food appeared, as well as fans, wet vacs, dehumidifiers, and boxes for books. Not to mention all the elbow grease and folks simply doing what needed to be done. I'm grateful for the impromptu Executive/Council meetings and for their well thought out decisions on the fly. Also for members who had reliable contacts we could call for professional advice. Thanks for Pastors Mark and Paul as they led us in worship while keeping abreast of all that was happening. I understand the sermon was about work on the Sabbath! We're not out of the woods yet. There's still work to be done, but we are in a much better place now than we were last Sunday morning. Thank you Muhlenberg family! *Tim Peifer*

## 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. Romans 9:19-29**  
**Tues. Acts 15:1-5, 22-35**  
**Wed. John 5:1-18**  
**Thu. 1 Peter 4:7-19**  
**Fri. 2 Corinthians 5:1-5**  
**Sat. Luke 8:4-15**  
**Sun. Mark 4:26-34**

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

## WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

June 11-17, 2018

**Mon. 2:00 pm Weekly Staff Meeting**  
**5:30 pm Executive Committee**  
**7:00 pm Ministries Night**

**Wed. 12 noon Holy Communion**

**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](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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