



The CHIMES

MUHLENBERG: A WELLSPRING OF GRACE

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

Open ✚ Authentic ✚ Relational ✚ Serving

Published Weekly by Muhlenberg Lutheran Church

281 East Market Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801 ✚ Phone: 540-434-3496

E-mail address: info@muhlenberglutheran.org ✚ Website: www.muhlenberglutheran.org

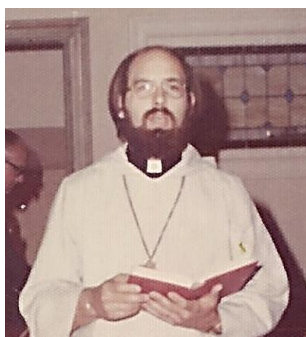
Pastor Mark Radecke: radecke@muhlenberglutheran.org ✚ Pastor Paul Weber: weber@muhlenberglutheran.org

June 17, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WHAT'S THE BUZZ

PASTOR MARK CELEBRATES 40TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY



Today we give thanks for the call and ministry of Pastor Mark as he celebrates the 40th anniversary of his ordination! It is our privilege to celebrate this milestone with him and his wife, Tami.

Muhlenberg benefits from the life experience gained from such a storied career in ministry. Pastor Mark's experience in and out of the pulpit has been just what we've needed during our Call Process, and we give thanks for it!

Congratulations, Pastor Mark!

Visit the Gathering Area for photos of Pastor Mark.

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

TEMPLE TALK

Thanks to **Lily Harmison** who will give a brief Temple Talk at all three services. Along with fellow members Charlie Britt, C. Campbell, and Mia Ryan, Lily participated in the Virginia Synod Lutheran Youth Assembly at Roanoke College last weekend.

SUMMER OF SERVICE

9:30 in the MAC

Join us to hear a Bible story and discuss how we are putting our faith into action as we put together activities kits for Pleasant View.



The program is held 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 *Children's Time*, then go to the MAC to join 6th – 12th grade youth and adults of all ages.

Next Sunday, we will hear from Patchwork Pantry and assemble food kits for them.

In July and August, youth will gather at 9:00 am in the MAC for a Bible story and activity each week.

THIS WEEK

PASTOR PAUL ON VACATION

Pastor Paul and Florence are attending the Bach Festival in Leipzig, Germany. Pastor Paul will return to the office June 20.

GO-GO GROUP BREAKFAST (55+)

Are you 55+ and enjoy fellowship with others? Join the Go-Go Group at Thomas House in Dayton **THIS Tuesday, June 19, 8:30 am.** Contact Dan Werner at 433-3912 for more information about the group and its activities.

CHILD CARE LEADERS HONORED

The United Way, a major financial sponsor of Second Home, is celebrating its 60th 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 **Wednesday, June 20 at Sunny Slope Farm**, call the United Way at 540-434-6639 or go to their website www.uwvr.org and click on "give." Your purchase helps to provide care for children who attend these programs at Muhlenberg.

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 | 62 | Wed Noon | 11 |
| 9:30 Worship | 113 | | |
| 11:00 Worship | <u>130</u> | | |
| Total | 305 | | |

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK:

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

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

The MLC Endowment Fund has reached a balance of \$500,000 – an amount never achieved before. The Endowment Committee is encouraged and hopes to see continued giving and growth through estate planning, designated memorial gifts, and weekly offerings. We will continue to share information about this fund with MLC in various ways. Please consider this way of giving for the future – which also results in present day funding for non-budgeted items through dispersal of a percentage of the fund's interest that accrues. *For more info, contact Janet Simmons (gandjsimmons@gmail.com / 434-5258).*

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through **May 2018**

| | Y-T-D <u>Actual</u> | Y-T-D <u>Budget</u> | Y-T-D <u>Last Year</u> |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Gifts & Offerings | \$290,119 | \$322,072 | \$294,416 |
| Total Receipts | \$332,101 | \$365,096 | \$336,113 |
| Expenses | \$341,230 | \$403,972 | \$362,645 |
| Excess Income/ (Expenses) | (\$9,129) | (\$38,876) | (\$26,532) |

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Giving in support of our Spending Plan: | \$ 6,449.25 |
| Giving to Other Designated Funds: | <u>\$ 5,389.00</u> |
| Total Giving for the Week | \$ 11,838.25 |

See details in the notebook at the Connection Center.

To give online, scan here ➔



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

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 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.**

FLOODING UPDATE



When we arrived Sunday, June 3, we were met with 2-3 inches of standing water in two-thirds of our basement. We are very proud and thankful for everyone who helped in a myriad of ways to deal with this situation.

Now, we are working hard to get the downstairs area back in working order. A contractor came this past

Monday to test moisture levels to be sure it is safe to start putting things back in place. He found that most of the areas with drywall still have 100% moisture readings near the bottom of the walls. Our carpets and vinyl floors are still holding moisture as well.

There will be some construction in the downstairs area for the next few weeks as we open up walls and possibly take up/replace flooring to let things dry out and prevent mold growth.

We are sorry for the disruption this will cause with meetings and other gatherings during this time.

Evening meetings can still take place in their regular location.

If you have daytime meeting scheduled, please contact Linda Depoy (ldepoy@muhlenberglutheran.org) or 434-3496) to determine the best space for your group.

Chris Harbin, Property Chair

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.

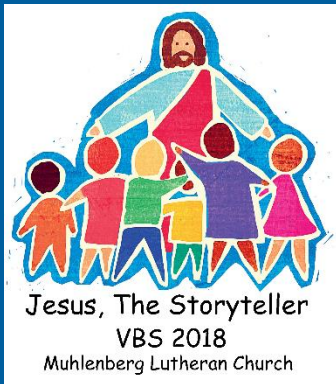
This change assumes the goodwill of all worshipers and will be a positive challenge for our congregation. Our usual pattern of services will resume September 9.

HEIFETZ CONCERT

The unique excitement and stunning artistry of a summertime Heifetz concert will be available to audiences all around Virginia for the first time, starting here at Muhlenberg **Sunday, July 8 at 3:00 pm!** Their *Sundays in Virginia* series will feature a broad array of faculty, students, and outstanding alumni of the Music Institute. Catch the memorable experience of a Heifetz concert. Come and bring a friend. Tickets are \$15.

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.

If your child plans to attend VBS, pick up a music CD from the Gathering Area.

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.



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.

Make a list of items you can borrow this summer. If you're going to need a chainsaw or punch bowl, borrow them instead of buying brand new. It's an especially good idea if you're borrowing things you only use occasionally. Instead of shelling out big bucks for specialty tools, you can rent them at most home improvement centers. Borrowing will save you a lot of money and help you conserve resources.

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).*

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.

VIRGINIA SYNOD ASSEMBLY

ONLY BY GRACE CAN WE STAND

Highlights from this year's Synod Assembly are available at the Connection Center. The theme for this year was *Only by Grace Can We Stand*. The scripture was from Ephesians 2:19-21 and Bishop Bob helped us explore the theme. If you want to know more, talk to one of our delegates: Tim Peifer, Bill Compton, Phil Perry, Diane Bayer, and Mycah McNett.

BISHOP HUMPHREY'S SERMON

Bishop Bob preached a wonderful sermon at the Saturday evening service titled *The Bridge that Binds Us Together*. Copies of the sermon are available at the Connection Center.

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.seconhomeva.com/join-our-team
- contact Director Krisztina Szekely at 2ndhomedirector@gmail.com
- call 540-432-7989.

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 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/lutheran-disaster-response) and follow them on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/lutheran-disaster-response).
 - Sign up at elca.org to receive Lutheran Disaster Response alerts and check the Lutheran Disaster Response blog.

REMINDERS

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>.

SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTIONS

Are you on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter? Get informative updates, photos, prayers, and inspirations/ devotionals. It is also a great way to let your friends know about your church and our ministry. Find us on Facebook by searching for Muhlenberg Lutheran Church, or follow us on Instagram and Twitter at @MuhlenbergLC.

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@muhlenberg.lutheran.org or 434-3496).



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. The **ForwardingFaith** campaign is all about continuing this legacy.

Each of us has the opportunity to help make certain youth events continue for many years. You can do so by donating to the Virginia 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 depoym@muehlenberglutheran.org). Submissions will be printed with consideration for space and appropriateness at the discretion of the editor and pastors.

✠ We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and food during Jim's sickness and death. *The Jim Huffman Family*

✠ It was great to have summer camp counselors from Caroline Furnace here worshipping with us last Sunday. Caroline Furnace is a Lutheran Camp in the beautiful mountains of Fort Valley. If you haven't signed your child or grandchild up for a camp this summer, think about sending them to Camp Caroline Furnace. Find information about the camp outside Diane Bayer's office and on the bulletin board at the back church entrance or visit www.carolinefurnace.org



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 20:1-6
Tues. Revelation 20:7-15
Wed. Luke 11:14-28
Thur. Hebrews 2:5-9
Fri. Hebrews 11:4-7
Sat. Mark 7:1-20
Sun. Mark 4:35-41

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

June 18-24, 2018

Mon. 2:00 pm Weekly Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Congregation Council Mtg.
Tue. 8:30 am Go-Go Group Breakfast
Wed. 12 noon Holy Communion
Thu. 7:00 pm Pittsburgh Girls Choir
Chamber Choir
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 ([depoym@muehlenberglutheran.org/434-3496](mailto:depoym@muehlenberglutheran.org)).

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/muehlenberglutheran