



The CHIMES

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WHAT'S THE BUZZ

† Our Summer Worship and Christian Formation schedules begin **NEXT Sunday, July 1**. See today's insert for details. *Copies are also available at the Connection Center.*

† The Call Committee is back in the swing of things. Ted Sudol has met with his team, spoken with Council, and communicated with the bishop's office. The Bishop has multiple candidates for us, and the Committee will begin reviewing resumes right away. Council gave the Call Committee a mission statement: *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.*

We've also modified the call process to include face-to-face interviews with the strongest candidates. Please continue to pray for Muhlenberg, our Call Committee, and interested candidates. May the power of the Spirit guide us in this process.

Tim Peifer, Congregation Council President

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

BAPTIZED, NEW CHILD OF GOD

Welcome Myles Peyton Dyer, son of Alan and Brittany Dyer, into the Body of Christ and the Muhlenberg family at the 9:30 service.

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

At the 11:00 service, we will bless youth attending the National Youth Gathering. *See p. 4 for details.*

SUMMER OF SERVICE

Join us to hear a Bible story and put our faith into action by making food kits for Patchwork Pantry. The program is held at **9:30 in the MAC**. 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.



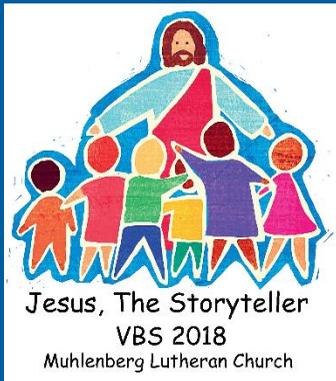
WELCOME GUESTS

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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

“JESUS, THE STORYTELLER”



Come and join the fun at VBS 2018!

STARTS TODAY!

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.
Haven't registered? Complete a form (available in the Gathering Area) and join us!

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 Worship	81	Wed Noon	11
9:30 Worship	97		
11:00 Worship	<u>103</u>		
Total	281		

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK: EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

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

The Evangelism Ministry focuses on how we as a congregation can be more intentional in our outreach about MLC and the Gospel. We have been working this year on improving our communications, both within Muhlenberg and externally. We welcome anyone interested in working with us on outreach, visitor response, prospective new members, or new member sponsors. *Contact Kathy Thompson (thompskb@jmu.edu) or join us on Ministries Night.*

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:	\$	7,964.00
Giving to Other Designated Funds:	\$	<u>3,575.50</u>
Total Giving for the Week	\$	11,569.50

See details in the notebook at the Connection Center.

To give online, scan here →



FLOODING UPDATE



When we arrived 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 tested moisture levels. 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. **This includes areas we previously thought were unaffected, including the Nielsen Room.**

We recognize the disruption this is causing with meetings and other gatherings during this time. We greatly appreciate your understanding and patience.

Evening meetings can still take place in their regular location.

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

Chris Harbin, Property Chair

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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.

MUHLENBERG NEWS

CREATION CARE TIP

Make a few eco-friendly changes to keep mosquitoes at bay. You don't need a bug zapper or harsh chemicals to control mosquitoes. Standing water in your yard is a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Drill holes in the bottom of your plant pots, recycling bins, and trashcans. Be sure to replace the water in birdbaths, water fountains, and pet bowls regularly to prevent mosquitoes from laying eggs.

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).

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.

✠ Keep in prayers all those attending the National Youth Gathering this week from the United States and around the world. We especially keep in mind our 11 participants: Jenna Gabb, Karl Gabb, Maggie Johnston, Schuyler Harmison, Lily Harmison, Abby Moyer, Connor Wells, Chris Campbell, Mia Ryan, Charlie Britt, and Sarah Furr; Adult Leaders: Clay Arthur and Mycah McNett; and Event Volunteer: Rachel Peters.

✠ We wish to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, food, visits, and prayers through Loretta's illness and death. Your love and support made her *Celebration of Life* so very special. We are grateful for our Muhlenberg family and their continued love and comfort since childhood. God bless each one.

Loretta Harris & Louise Layman families

✠ Thank you for remembering me! Your notes, calls, and visits have been so very comforting to me. I hope to be back with you soon. God bless you. *Pat Jones*

✠ Congratulations to Remington Willis for being one of nine accepted into a year of service with LEVN (Lutheran Episcopal Volunteer Network). Remington will spend a year in Sacramento, CA working for a non-profit organization dealing with social justice issues.

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. Galatians 6:11-18
Tues. Revelation 21:22—22:5
Wed. Luke 6:43-45
Thu. Acts 20:1-16
Fri. Acts 21:1-16
Sat. Luke 21:25-28
Sun. Mark 5:21-43

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

June 25—July 1, 2018

Mon. 2:00 pm Weekly Staff Meeting

Wed. 12 noon Holy Communion

**Sun. New Summer Schedule Begins!
8:45 & 10:30 am Holy Communion
9:00 am Summer Christian Formation**

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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