



The CHIMES

MUHLENBERG: A WELLSPRING OF GRACE

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WHAT'S THE BUZZ

✚ On behalf of the Call Committee, I am delighted to share with you that we are currently reviewing the profiles of a healthy number of candidates who have expressed an interest in being considered. While we know well that the process will involve a series of thoughtful and prayerful considerations, we are committed to moving forward with equal measures of diligence and urgency, ever mindful of the importance of this work as we all contemplate the future of our congregation. Your prayers support us and the Spirit guides us.

Ted Sudol, Call Committee Chair

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

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 **TODAY at 3:00 pm.** Their *Sundays in Virginia* series will feature a broad array of faculty, students, and outstanding alumni of the Music Institute. Bring a friend and catch the memorable experience of a Heifetz concert. Tickets are \$15.



PASTOR MARK ON VACATION



Pastor Mark is taking a well-deserved vacation and will return to the office **Monday, July 16.**

If you have a pastoral need, contact Pastor Paul or Parish Administrator Linda Depoy at 434-3496.

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.



THIS WEEK'S NEWS

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.**

Lutheran Campus Ministry will not meet this Monday but the following Monday, July 16, 5:30 pm in the Campus Ministry Room.

SECOND HOME FOOD COLLECTION



Second Home is a wonderful ministry offered here at Muhlenberg. Without it, many young children in the neighborhood would be going to an empty house after school. With their parents working, children would be on their own to do homework and feed themselves a healthy snack.

This month, we ask you to donate **peanut butter NEXT Sunday, July 15.** 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 the memo line of your check and envelope.



POWER IN THE SPIRIT

July 12-14, 2018



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.

You can register at the event!

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:45 Worship	144	<i>No Wednesday Service</i>
10:30 Worship	<u>132</u>	
Total	276	

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

The Finance Committee creates and oversees programs and systems to effectively monitor and manage the finances of the congregation. We receive input from other ministry teams on their requests for finances when building the annual spending plan and then make recommendations to Council. We also develop an action plan to address items discovered during financial audits. We welcome anyone interested in learning more about the finances of the congregation to join us.

Contact Gary Calleo (vnccall@yahoo.com or 540-421-5463) 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:	\$	29,316.50
Giving to Other Designated Funds:	\$	<u>2,445.20</u>
Total Giving for the Week	\$	31,761.70

See details in the notebook at the Connection Center.

To give online, scan here →



MUHLENBERG NEWS

COMMUNICATING WITH OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Members of the congregation who are homebound and cannot read *The Chimes* online can request a copy be mailed to them weekly. If you are interested, or know a member who is, contact Parish Administrator Linda Depoy (depay@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496).

ASSISTANT TREASURER POSITION FILLED!

Sandra Harbin is the new Assistant Treasurer for our congregation. She will serve as back up to Treasurer Terry Looney, providing assistance in bookkeeping and accounting functions.

Sandra is a lifelong Muhlenberg member. She is currently a member of the hand bell choir and has previously served on church council, was a lay minister, coordinated VBS for several years, and assisted with Christian Formation.

Sandra is the bookkeeper at Montevideo Middle School and is familiar with computer based accounting programs. We welcome Sandra to this role!



LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)

The Local & Global Mission Committee will hold its **annual fund drive for People Helping People** **NEXT Sunday, July 15 and again, July 22.** Please help us reach our goal of \$1,000 to help local neighbors in need. Make checks payable to Muhlenberg, designating People Helping People on the memo line of your check and envelope.



PHP is an ecumenical, cooperative ministry supported by 57 local congregations. They provide financial assistance to community members living in poverty that are facing emergency situations. Assistance is provided for utilities, medicine, obtaining birth certificates, identification cards, and other basic needs. Referral to other local resources is also provided as needed. On average the ministry serves 2,500 families each year. It is funded totally by community donors.

PHP has been on Muhlenberg's campus since its inception and is currently housed in the MAC. Muhlenberg makes a monthly monetary donation and donates space for PHP's use. Several Muhlenberg members are volunteers and/or serve on the PHP board.

In the past 9 years alone PHP has distributed over \$1,000,000 dollars to local clients! All donations stay within the Harrisonburg and Rockingham County communities.

For more information about PHP, or to volunteer, call their office at 540-433-7286 or visit peoplehelpingpeople-harrisonburg.org.

Donations can be made to PHP at any time. Make checks payable to Muhlenberg and designate People Helping People on the memo line of your check and envelope.

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS."

ELCA DAY OF SERVICE

God's work.
Our hands.

Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly and serve joyfully. The date for the **2018 "God's work. Our hands." Sunday is September 9** or a time that works best for individual congregations.

Since 2013, thousands of ELCA congregations have participated in this dedicated Day of Service, gathering to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people. The event has quickly become an anticipated way to be "church together" and "church for the sake of the world." All of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace. "God's work. Our hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. You work every day to make your community a better place. Let's do this work together!

MINNICK SCHOOL

Muhlenberg volunteers will **paint classroom doors at Minnick School** (1661 Virginia Avenue) **Saturday, August 18.** The



school is part of Lutheran Family Services and offers students age 5-22 a chance to achieve academic, behavioral and developmental goals in an alternative setting. Coordinators this year are Susan Lawrence and Jackie Wells. *Contact Susan (lawrensj@comcast.net or 540-908-0073) for details.* If you can help paint, sign up in the notebook at the Connection Center.

BLOOD DRIVE



As part of our Day of Service, Virginia Blood Services will be here September 9, 8:30 am - 1:00 pm. If you regularly donate blood, you can give up until July 15 and still give again on September 9. What better way to serve, than to give the gift of life!? *Call Linda Morrison at 383-5085 with questions.* Eat iron-rich foods until then!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Christian Formation's Day of Service activity will be packing lunches for Second Home students **September 9 at 9:30.** Pre K- 5th grade students will be involved.

The lunches will go home with the Second Home children Monday, September 10. *Contact Diane Bayer (bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496) for details.*



HURRICANE RELIEF TRIP

We have reserved the workweek of November 5-9 for our Florida adult mission trip. Can't go on the trip but want to help?



Monetary donations can be made to Muhlenberg, designating Adult Mission Trip on the memo line of your check and envelope.

Visit the information table in the Gathering Area **Sunday, September 9.** You can learn more about the trip and purchase/order your Muhlenberg shirt. Proceeds will help defray the cost of the trip. *Contact Herb Amato (amatohk@jmu.edu) for more information.*

Watch *The Chimes* for additional information and ways to serve.

FLOODING UPDATE



When we arrived June 3, we were met with 2-3 inches of standing water in two-thirds of our basement. **Now, we are working hard to get the downstairs area back in working order.**

A contractor tested moisture levels and found most of the areas with drywall had 100% moisture readings near the

bottom of the walls. Our carpets and vinyl floors were still holding moisture as well.

Using professional grade equipment, the contractor was able to save all of the carpet downstairs. The contractor also found two problems with the door leading out of the Nielsen room that allowed water to come in. They have corrected the problems, and hopefully this will protect that room from future flooding.

We started putting things back together Monday, July 2.

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

VIRGINIA SYNOD NEWS

WOMEN AND JUSTICE ELCA Draft Social Statement

Virginia Synod Council member Judy Casteel will lead a discussion concerning the Women and Justice draft social statement **Wednesday, August 15, 6:30 pm** in the



Nielsen Room. This is an opportunity for us to have a voice, and share our thoughts with the church at large.

After all Synods have shared their input, the draft will be adapted and presented to the Churchwide Assembly in 2019. It will be voted on as a new ELCA Social Statement.

You can read the draft by visiting ELCA's website (www.elca.org) and typing "Women and Justice" in the search bar. Please join us! Contact Diane Bayer (bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496) with any questions.

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, or 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.

VBS UPDATE

THANK YOU, VBS WORKERS



Jesus, The Storyteller
VBS 2018
Muhlenberg Lutheran Church

We thank members involved with VBS from those who donated food and service project supplies to the teachers, helpers, kitchen workers, snack workers, music leaders, game leaders,

service project presenters, and anybody who gave of their time to be part of our VBS Faith Forming program. Thank you to Thrivent Financial for the funds that paid for the delicious meals. We also thank the wonderful children who attended from our own church, Second Home, Day Care and surrounding neighborhood. You made this a great time filled with learning about God's love, serving others and making new friends.

- Flowers & vegetables were planted relating to the Parable of the Mustard Seed
- Personal *Get Ready* care bags were made relating to the Parable of 10 Bridesmaids
- 2 x 4 boards had pictures drawn and prayers written on them relating to the Wiseman Built his house on the Rock
- Soup was made for Our Community Place relating to the Rich Young Man's Question
- Cat/kitten & dog/puppy bags were made for the SPCA relating to the story of the Good Shepherd

"I have been made a servant of the church by God who gave me this task to perform. It is the task of fully proclaiming the Message..."

Based on Colossians 1:25-39



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! Contact Mycah McNett (mcnett@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496) for more information.



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!](#) Watch *The Chimes* for details about **Muhlenberg's campaign that will run September 15 - October 31.** Contact Kati Derrick (coachkati@hotmail.net or 433-0730) for more information.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

Contact Christian Formation Minister Diane Bayer (434-3496 or bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org) for more information.

SUMMER CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Children PreK – 5th grade start in the sanctuary at **8:45 to hear the reading of the scripture and the Pastor's message.** After that children



go to the MAC where they will hear a Bible story related to the scripture for the day. Several Sundays this summer, we will work on a service project for Minnick School, People Helping People and Second Home! Adults are welcome!

Children should be picked up **immediately** following the 8:45 liturgy and before fellowship in the Gathering Area so children and leaders can be part of the Fellowship time.

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.



If you're driving around with the cooler, beach chairs, and charcoal grill in your trunk from your last vacation, you're not getting good gas mileage. An extra 100 pounds in the trunk can reduce your car's fuel efficiency by up to 2%, so take the time to store the gear in the garage. You can also boost your mileage by removing the roof rack. The extra weight and the aerodynamic drag on the car both negatively affect your fuel efficiency.

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

✠ Congratulations to Kelly and Dave Good who were blessed with a new family edition. On July 2, they welcomed their little girl, Kylie Jo Good.

REMINDERS

CONTACT INFORMATION

In our ever-changing lifestyles, it's sometimes difficult to be sure everyone has your correct contact information. Have you recently ...

- moved?
- cancelled your home phone?
- changed your cell phone number?
- changed your work/home email address?

If so, please be sure your information is updated with the church. Contact Parish Administrator Linda Depoy (depoym@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496).



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 8:16-24
Tues. 2 Corinthians 9:1-5
Wed. Mark 9:14-29
Thur. 1 Corinthians 4:8-13
Fri. 2 Corinthians 10:7-11
Sat. Matthew 8:18-22
Sun. Mark 6:14-29

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

July 9-15, 2018

Mon. 2:00 pm Weekly Staff Meeting
6:00 pm Executive Committee Mtg.
7:00 pm Ministries Night

Wed. 12 noon Holy Communion

Thu-Sat. Power in the Spirit

Sun. 8:45 & 10:30 am Holy Communion
Second Home Food Collection
9:00 am Summer Christian Formation
Jr. High Servant Event begins

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@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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