



# The CHIMES

## MUHLENBERG: A WELLSPRING OF GRACE

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## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### WHAT'S THE BUZZ

#### CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

We have completed our review of the profiles prepared by interested pastors from Virginia and across the country. A number of the candidates are now part of a more intensive review that includes consideration of sermons they believe offer a glimpse of them while in the pulpit. In addition, we will be arranging interviews with the candidates who continue to move forward in the process.

I can tell you that faith in the presence of the Holy Spirit is strengthened by this work; there is no question that we are not alone in our discernment. We know well that the person who will step into Muhlenberg as our next pastor will have immense opportunities to lead our congregation, and we are confident that person is out there for us.

On your behalf, we are committed to thoughtful reflection and prayerful consideration as we proceed step by step along the way. And, we are ever thankful for your prayers in support of the call process.

*Ted Sudol, Call Committee Chair*

### TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

#### PASTOR MARK ON VACATION

Pastor Mark is taking a well-deserved vacation and will return to the office **TOMORROW**.

#### SECOND HOME FOOD COLLECTION

*Even though the students are away for summer break, we are still collecting nonperishable food items to stock our pantry for the beginning of the school year.*



**TODAY** we collect *peanut butter* 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.



### 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).*

## TODAY AT MUHLENBERG (CONT'D)

### PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)



**People  
Helping  
People**

The Local & Global Mission Committee will hold its **annual fund drive for People Helping**

**People TODAY and NEXT Sunday, July 22.**

Please help us reach our goal of \$1,000 to help local neighbors in need. Make checks payable to Muhlenberg, designating PHP on the memo line of your check and envelope.

PHP is an ecumenical, cooperative ministry that provides financial assistance to community members living in poverty and facing emergency situations. 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](http://peoplehelpingpeople-harrisonburg.org).

### NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

What an amazing week for the 11 youth and 2 adults who attended the National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas! Our trip included service projects, interactive learning, a day to spend with the Virginia Synod folks who were there, and daily mass gatherings. All this culminated in a communion worship service Sunday with 35,000 of our Lutheran neighbors!

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Thanks so much to all of you for making this trip possible! The support of the congregation, Council and Endowment Committee is so appreciated!

Tune in during the sermon time today for more information about our trip!

## TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:45 Worship	148	Wed. Noon	11
10:30 Worship	<u>138</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>286</b>		

### MINISTRY OF THE WEEK:

#### LOCAL AND GLOBAL MISSION (LGM)

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

The mission of the LGM team is to provide relief for unmet needs for food, water, clothing, housing, health issues, and disasters both locally and around the globe. Please join our team the second Monday of each month at 7 pm in the church library to help determine how to best utilize Muhlenberg's time, talent, and resources to benefit God's people in need.

Contact Council Liaison Karen Matthias at 434-4625 or [kfmatthias@gmail.com](mailto:kfmatthias@gmail.com).

### 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	\$338,395	\$388,760	\$353,526
Total Receipts	\$385,909	\$437,053	\$400,204
Expenses	\$410,000	\$481,918	\$430,204
<b>Excess Income/ (Expenses)</b>	<b>(\$24,091)</b>	<b>(\$44,865)</b>	<b>(\$30,000)</b>

Giving in support of our Spending Plan:	\$	12,284.40
Giving to Other Designated Funds:	\$	<u>4,950.00</u>
<b>Total Giving for the Week</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>17,234.40</b>

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

To give online, scan here →



## THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

### GO-GO GROUP BREAKFAST (55+)



Go-Go  
Group

Are you 55+ and enjoy fellowship with others? Join the Go-Go Group at Thomas House in Dayton **THIS**

**Tuesday, July 17, 8:30 am.** Contact Dan Werner at 433-3912 for more information about the group and its activities.

## 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 ([depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:depoy@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!

## FLOODING UPDATE

We are making really good progress downstairs. Most of the drywall is up and patched, and painting is nearly finished. Flooring in front of the bathrooms will be done soon. We still need to get replacement flooring for the Nielsen Room. If all goes as planned, the downstairs should be fully functional by the end of July or first week of August. Thank you for your patience during the renovation!

## CREATION CARE TIP

Give your breakfast to the birds! Instead of tossing stale bagels in the trash, tie a piece of string around the bagel and hang it in a tree. Birds - and the occasional squirrel - will flock to your yard for breakfast. As an extra treat, spread peanut butter on the bagel and roll it in birdseed. Best of all, there is no waste!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



### THRIVENT FINANCIAL APPRECIATION EVENT

Thrivent Financial representative Sherry Ritenour is hosting a Member Appreciation Event and would love you to join her **Tuesday, August 7, 6:00 pm** in the Nielsen Room.

Thrivent members are making a difference every day by using their ABCs. Learn about Thrivent Action Teams, how to participate in Thrivent Build opportunities, and the importance of your Thrivent Choice Dollars.

Enjoy an evening of fun and learning more about Thrivent member opportunities. Dinner will be provided. Bring a friend! *RSVP to Sherry at 540-325-4233 as soon as possible*

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

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

### SUMMER CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Children PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> grade start in the sanctuary  
at 8:45 to hear the Pastor's message, then go to  
the MAC for their class.

### Summer of Service Projects



Children and adults are invited to a  
time of serving. Meet in the MAC  
the following Sundays at 9:00 am!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Agency/Projects</u>
July 29 & August 5	<b>Minnick School</b> Breakfast boxes
August 12 & 26	<b>People Helping People</b> Summer Survival kits
August 19	<b>Second Home</b> Snack Boxes

### 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 August!** 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.

## 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).

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 11:16-33</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>James 5:7-12</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>John 7:1-9</b>
<b>Thur.</b>	<b>Colossians 2:1-5</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Colossians 4:2-18</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Luke 1: 57-80</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Mark 6:14-29</b>

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

## WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

July 16-22, 2018

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Weekly Staff Meeting</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Congregation Council Mtg.</b>
<b>Tue.</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Go-Go Group Breakfast</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:45 &amp; 10:30 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Summer Christian Formation</b>

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)).

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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