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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

As the call process moves forward, I have good news to share with you. We have identified two candidates we would like to meet in person. Our goal is to use the time we have together to explore in great depth their interest in coming to Muhlenberg to serve as our pastor as well as our interest in considering them for this role.

We will meet informally over a meal, tour our church and community, and engage in a formal interview. This is a special time in the process for both the candidates and the Call Committee.

While this is an important step, it is not the final step. There will be ample opportunity to reflect and pray, that perhaps one of these individuals may move forward in our process.

Because scheduling anything in the summer is a challenge, we anticipate completing the in-person interviews by mid-September.

Your prayers and support continue to be an important part of our work, and we thank you!

Ted Sudol, Call Committee Chair

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

WELCOME HEAVEN PROPST

We welcome Heaven Propst to our staff as the new part-time Nursery Coordinator Assistant. Heaven was highly recommended by Nursery Coordinator Crystal Weaver. After a great interview with Diane Bayer, Heaven was hired. Heaven has provided interim coverage in the nursery and always done a wonderful job caring for our little ones. She will be a great assistant. Welcome, Heaven!

ATTENTION MINISTRY CHAIRS

Please be sure to get your 2019 Spending Plan submitted to Treasurer Terry Looney as soon as possible this week.

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.

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG (CONT'D)

FIRST SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

TODAY we wear **name badges** to be welcoming and learn each other's names. Supplies are in the Gathering Area.

We receive **non-perishable food donations** in the Gathering Area for local area food pantries.

Lay Communion Ministers will take Holy Communion to our sick and homebound members.

GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL



Summer will soon be over for Harrisonburg City kids and we want to be sure Second Home students and teachers have supplies they need to start the school year. Local and Global Mission will collect school supplies in the designated bin in the Gathering Area **TODAY and NEXT Sunday, August 12.** Today is the final day of *Tax-Free Weekend.*

Below are just a few of the items needed. A complete list of items is available at the Connection Center.

If you would like to help but prefer not to shop, please consider a donation to Second Home's general operating fund. Designate "Second Home Back to School" on the memo line and envelope.

colored pencils

pencil sharpeners (individual, med. size)

markers (washable, permanent & dry-erase)

backpacks

card stock

paint brushes

Sharpies (all colors/sizes)

Germ-X hand sanitizer

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:45 Worship	126	Wed. Noon	13
10:30 Worship	<u>115</u>		
Total	241		

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.

Our mission statement for Christian Formation is
God's love...see it, learn it and share it.

We are a team dedicated to helping youth and adults learn the Bible stories and what it means to live out our baptism. The late Teddi Nelson once stated, "It takes one generation not to share the story, and the story will stop being shared." Let us all take the time to learn about God's love and make sure we are sharing the story, so we are forming a strong foundation with God in our hearts and lives.

For more information, contact Diane Bayer
bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through June 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
Excess Income/ (Expenses)	(\$24,091)	(\$44,865)	(\$30,000)

Giving in support of our Spending Plan	\$ 25,121.75
Giving to Other Designated Funds	\$ 4,510.43
Total Giving for the Week	\$ 29,632.18

See details in the notebook at the Connection Center.

To give online, scan here →



THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

ELDERCARE SUPPORT GROUP

Meets **TOMORROW, August 6, 7:00 pm** in the Kairos Room. Negotiating the journey of eldercare together...we listen, we laugh, we cry, and we hope you'll join us! *Contact Jennie Warner (476-2020 or mjwarner1@aol.com) for details.*

THRIVENT FINANCIAL APPRECIATION EVENT



Thrivent Financial representative Sherry Ritenour is hosting a Member Appreciation Event and invites 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. Let's share some ideas on Thrivent Action Teams, how to participate in Thrivent Build opportunities, and the importance of your Thrivent Choice Dollars.

Join Sherry for an evening of fun with dinner provided. Bring a friend.

CHURCH PICNIC



Mark your calendar for our annual Church Picnic, **Sunday, August 26** at Purcell Park, Shelter #2. Join us for games at 4:30.

The picnic meal will begin at 5:30. Watch *The Chimes* for details.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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@muhlenberg.lutheran.org or 434-3496) with any questions.*

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

We will bless K-12th grade students, teachers and staff at each service **Sunday, August 19.**

SOUTHERN VALLEY CONFERENCE GATHERING



Sunday, August 19, 4:30 pm at Salem Lutheran Church (417 Salem Church Road, Mt. Sidney). Meet with Bishop Bob Humphrey and his staff as the Synod office works to bridge connections with congregations. They want to hear from you how the Synod office can best serve its churches and their communities.

MUHLENBERG NEWS

NEW BUILDING USE COORDINATOR

Thanks be to God for Lori Reich who has agreed to share her time and talent as our new Building Use Coordinator. Lori, her husband Steve, and children Annaka and Riley have been Muhlenberg members for more than 10 years. Lori recently retired professionally, allowing flexibility to serve Muhlenberg in this capacity.

A BIG thanks to Mycah McNett who served as Interim Building Use Coordinator and created a new Google calendar system!

BUILDING USE REQUESTS

We joyfully share our campus with many different ministries and groups. We need your help to ensure the space you want to use or a suitable alternative is available. To schedule space, contact Building Use Coordinator Lori Reich **before you plan an event**. Also let her know about changes to previous requests.

- Email your request to buildinguse@muhlenberglutheran.org
- Leave a message via building use voicemail (434-3496).
- Complete a request form (located beside the church mailboxes). Return completed forms to the building use mailbox.

ATTENTION

MINISTRY/GROUP LEADERS:

The fall schedule is already filling up.

Be sure to get your requests in early.

Do not assume space used in the past will be available again without booking it.

NEW WEDDING COORDINATOR

We give thanks to Lesa Calleo for sharing her time and talent as our new Wedding Coordinator. Lesa and her husband Gary have been members of Muhlenberg for more than 10 years. Lesa will serve as Wedding Coordinator and Wedding Liaison. She will also recruit additional Liaisons as needed to work with individual weddings.

If you are interested in holding a wedding at Muhlenberg, email Lesa at vnccall@yahoo.com or call the church office at 434-3496.

COMMUNICATING WITH OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Members of the congregation who are homebound and do not have access to *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 or 434-3496).

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.



Recycle your milk and juice cartons. The average American consumes more than 3,200 half gallons of milk during their lifetime, but just 2 percent of the paper cartons are recycled. It takes more than one *trillion* kilowatt hours of energy and more than 740 million tons of greenhouse gases to manufacture, ship, and provide landfill space for that many milk cartons. The same amount of energy could power New York City for 16 years!

PROPERTY COMMITTEE NEWS

FLOODING UPDATE

We are on the home stretch of the downstairs flood renovation. Within the next week and a half all projects downstairs should be done and spaces back to normal use. I would like to thank everyone who pitched in, worked with us to move your meetings, the office staff for helping us make sure everyone was taken care of, and a special thanks to everyone for your patience during the whole process. We couldn't have done this without our great contractor Bob Halskey and his crew at Custom Painting and Remodeling. Thank you everyone for all of your support during this time.

BALCONY CEILING REPAIR

You may have noticed paint scaling on the ceiling over the sanctuary balcony. This is due to a condensation leak from the air conditioning unit above the balcony. The Property Committee is working with two different contractors to have the problem solved and the ceiling repaired.



CHILDREN'S BUSY BAGS

Special *busy bags* for children are available from ushers

LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION

SECOND HOME FOOD COLLECTION

A HUGE thank you to those who donated **50 jars of peanut butter** to help fill Second Home's pantry. Part of our mission is to provide nutritious snacks before and after school. Good nutrition, along with strong mentors, tutoring, and enrichment for success in school are critical factors in helping children overcome the oppression of poverty.

On August 19, we will collect granola bars (Costco or family size).

If you would like to contribute a specific snack food weekly or monthly, *contact Susan Gallaher* (palosva@gmail.com or 540-908-0073).

If you would like to contribute through tutoring, mentoring, providing enrichment opportunities, or volunteering in other ways, *contact Krisztina Szekely or Leeanne Shepherd* (secondhomeharrisonburg@gmail.com or 432-7989).

SECOND HOME NEWS

TEACHERS NEEDED

Do you love children? Second Home is looking for teachers for its after school program, Monday - Friday when Harrisonburg City Public Schools are open. We are looking for people with a degree (or near completion) in education, psychology, social services, or a related field and/or experience in working with children. Any offer will be contingent on a successful national fingerprint background check.

Please apply now for an August 15 start date. Send cover letter, resume, and at least three references to Krisztina Szekely at 2ndhomedirector@gmail.com.

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

We will **paint classroom doors at Minnick School** (1661 Virginia Avenue) starting **Lutheran Family Services of Virginia** at **9:00 am Saturday, August 18**. The school is part of Lutheran Family Services and offers students a chance to achieve academic, behavioral and developmental goals in an alternative setting. Coordinators are Susan Lawrence and Jackie Wells. We can use your help! Sign up in the notebook at the Connection Center. Supplies provided. Contact Susan (lawrensj@comcast.net or 540-908-0073) for details.

BLOOD DRIVE

Virginia Blood Services will be here **September 9, 8:30 am - 1:00 pm**. What better way to serve than to give the gift of life!? Sign up at vablood.org. Click on Blood Drives, then Schedule An Appointment. On the scheduling page, **change the date on the right to 9/9/18** and scroll down to choose "Muhlenberg" and "select" below. Choose the time you'd like to donate and fill in your information. If you prefer, sign up in the notebook at the Connection Center under "Special Events." Contact Linda Morrison (glenm778@comcast.net or 383-5085) with any questions.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Christian Formation's Day of Service activity will be packing lunches for Second Home students **September 9 at 9:30**. Children and adults are invited to participate. 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 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 sweatshirt. Proceeds will help defray the cost of the trip. Contact Herb Amato (amatohk@jmu.edu or 540-830-7910) for more information.

REMINDERS

CONTACT INFORMATION

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With 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 home/work email address?

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

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 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>
TODAY	Minnick School Breakfast boxes
August 12 & 26	People Helping People Summer Survival kits
August 19	Second Home Snack Boxes



"Principal Diane" of Minnick School is beyond grateful for our Summer of Service Project to provide breakfast food for her students.

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.

✦ Thanks to everyone who made donations to People Helping People to provide gasoline and bus transit tickets to our neighbors needing help with transportation. Donations totaled **\$1,852** in July, which was nearly double our goal!

Donations can be made to PHP via the offering plate at any time. Just write your check payable to Muhlenberg and note People Helping People on your check and envelope.

PRAYER CARDS



Prayer
Requests

Thanks to a suggestion from one of our thoughtful youth, we have a prayer request box on the welcome desk. You can find prayer request cards in the back inside cover of the worship book in your pew or at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Area.

On the form, you will see that one option is to share the prayer request with the “prayer chain.” Our prayer chain is an email group that receives and covenants to pray for these requests, as well as holding them confidential. To receive prayer chain emails (an average of 3 per week), contact 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. Philippians 3:10-20
Tue. Romans 15:22-33
Wed. Mark 6:35-44
Thu. 1 Corinthians 11:17-22
Fri. 1 Corinthians 11:27-34
Sat. Matthew 16:5-12
Sun. John 6:1-21

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

August 6-12, 2018

Mon. 2:00 pm Weekly Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Eldercare Support Group

Tue. 6:00 pm Thrivent Event

Wed. 12 noon Holy Communion

Sun. 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* (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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