



# The CHIMES

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**August 27, 2017**

## TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

#### FROM OUR CONGREGATION COUNCIL LEADERS...

A letter was sent to members this week announcing the timeline and interim pastors that will guide us toward calling new pastoral leadership. Highlights are below:

- Today we celebrate Pastors Bob and Brett.
- August 28<sup>th</sup> - September 5<sup>th</sup> pastoral care provided by Pastor Kirk Shipley, ELCA pastor and member of Muhlenberg.
- September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Assistant to the Bishop Chris Price will serve as supply pastor.
- September 6<sup>th</sup> - Pastor Paul Weber will begin as part-time Interim.
- September 15<sup>th</sup> - Pastor Mark Radecke will begin as full-time Interim.

#### 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 visit us at [www.muhlenberglutheran.org](http://www.muhlenberglutheran.org) to securely register online.*



### TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

#### BAPTIZED, NEW CHILD OF GOD

Welcome **Wendy Jane Wilson**, daughter of Robert and Shannon Wilson, into the Body of Christ and the Muhlenberg family at the 9:30 service. Wendy's sponsors are John and Michelle Wilson.

#### WELCOME CHILD TO THE LORD'S TABLE!

Today as we celebrate holy communion, we welcome **Ryan Moyers** to the table! God welcomes all to the table and it is a joy to celebrate first communion with our children.

#### FAREWELL LUNCHEON FOR PASTOR BOB AND PASTOR BRETT

Join us for a farewell potluck luncheon **TODAY at 12:15 pm** in the MAC as we say goodbye to Pastor Bob & Barbra and Pastor Brett & Evan. It is a time for us to celebrate our years together and wish them well on their next call.

A basket will be available for cards. **You will have the opportunity to participate in gifts to the pastors from the congregation. Details will be announced at the luncheon.**

## TODAY AT MUHLENBERG (CONT'D)



### SUMMER OF SERVICE

TODAY Sunday, at 9:30 we conclude Summer of Service in the Muhlenberg Activities Center (MAC) changing lives for local neighbors — all ages, all generations serving side-by-side.



Last Sunday, we learned about Camp Caroline Furnace and put together water test kits for their use. Visit [carolinefurnace.org](http://carolinefurnace.org).

**Today's Agency: ARC of H'burg/R'ham Co. (activities kits)**

## THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

### RUTH SIGMON CIRCLE

Meet for dinner and fellowship at Vito's Monday, August 28 at 5:00. Contact Sandy Randolph ([cerprek@gmail.com](mailto:cerprek@gmail.com)) / 828-2033 for more information.

### LIFE ON TAP

Meets THIS Tuesday, August 30 @ 7:30, at Three Notch'd Brewing. Join in a conversation about one of the ELCA social statements, Find the group on Facebook to see future meeting times and topics. Beer is optional - great fellowship and conversation is a given!

## TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 Worship	88	Wed. noon	14
9:30 Worship	173		
11:00 Worship	<u>164</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>422</b>		

### MINISTRY OF THE WEEK: LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION

This space features one committee/ministry team each week. Highlights are provided so we become more familiar with their work. Come to Ministries Night (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month) to join in or learn more.

**Save these Dates** – see p. 7 for details.

- **September 10** is ELCA God's Work/Our Hands Day of Service with a focus on local and global hunger needs. We will be raising money for Minnick School so they can continue to provide a healthy, hot breakfast for students each day.
- **September 16**: in continuation of Day of Service, we will join Grace Lutheran Waynesboro to pack dried meals for distribution to our hungry world.

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

### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### Through July 2017

	Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Budget	Y-T-D Last Year
Gifts & Offerings	\$429,365	\$451,848	\$405,907
Total Receipts	\$481,269	\$505,710	\$456,819
Expenses	\$506,207	\$539,945	\$483,255
<b>Excess Income/ (Expenses)</b>	<b>\$(24,938)</b>	<b>\$(34,235)</b>	<b>\$(26,436)</b>

Giving in support of our Spending Plan: \$ 7,447.32  
 Giving to Other Designated Funds: \$ 610.00  
**Total Giving for the Week \$ 8,057.32**

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

July Thrivent Choice Dollars: \$319

To give online, scan here →



## FROM OUR PASTORS...

### A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BOB

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The day to say farewell has arrived and as much as I have pondered it, I still do not know how to express my deep love and appreciation for you. You have stood with me and Brett in every aspect of our shared ministry and mission. We have accomplished much. You have allowed me the holy privilege to serve as your pastor in some of the most personal and poignant times in your lives. You have served Barbra and me and surrounded us with support and prayers in some of the most personal and poignant times in our lives. God has forever blessed us through you, and we will forever thank God for you. May we all "Go in Peace, and... Serve the Lord!" Amen.



### A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BRETT

What an amazing journey these five years together have been! It's been a holy privilege to be with you in joys and sorrows, to work alongside of you for the sake of the gospel, and to ask together where God is calling us.

Thank you for your faithful support, earnest challenge, heartfelt prayers, and tireless hard work and service. There is much to celebrate! You - and ministry in this place has shaped me - for which I will always give thanks. Perhaps in some small way I have also shaped you. The surprises of the last few months have been a faith-affirming reminder that God has plans for all of us - certainly true for this amazing community at Muhlenberg! As Jesus shares with us in John 14 - "peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you."

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## NOW A NEW CHAPTER BEGINS

It is the policy and practice in our denomination that when pastors complete their call they really do leave. So, as much as we love you and treasure these years together, we will not return to preside at worship or visit dear ones in the hospital or spend time talking with members about pastoral concerns or parish issues. We will support your new Interim Pastors, Mark and Paul, as well as those who follow them through our prayers, absence, and in our words and deeds. When and if we see you, we will rejoice in that reunion and look forward to hearing how you are, but still refrain from talking about Muhlenberg or engaging in pastoral conversations. We thank you in advance for keeping us in your prayers and not inviting us to step over these boundaries.

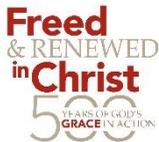
## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### BISHOP INSTALLATION

Pastor Bob will be installed as Bishop of the Virginia Synod, ELCA **Saturday, Sept. 9 at 1:00 pm** in Waynesboro at First Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, will preside and preach at the installation service. A reception will follow at Grace Lutheran Church.

**Bishop Bob's Buspalooza 2017:** Don't miss the bus! Parking will be tight, so take advantage of our complimentary bus service. Sign up at the Connection Center. The itinerary for that day is also available there. Have questions? Contact Greta Willis (502-500-4939 [phone/text] / [gretakwillis@gmail.com](mailto:gretakwillis@gmail.com).)

### 500<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION



Christian Formation has plans for the congregation to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation:

- A Reformation Block Party **Sunday, September 24, 3:00-7:00 pm.**
- A Martin Luther music class (led by Jon Gibson).
- Children in Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade will study Martin Luther in October.
- Color handouts of the “95 Theses.”
- “Flat Luther” copies provided for members to send out and see where he travels.
- Copies of Luther’s Small Catechism available for members.

Mark your calendars and come and be part of the celebration! *For more information, watch The Chimes or contact Christian Formation Minister Diane Bayer ([bayer@muhlenberg.lutheran.org](mailto:bayer@muhlenberg.lutheran.org) / 434-3496).*

### “NO COMMITMENT” LUNCH AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBER LUNCH & ORIENTATION

Have you been visiting Muhlenberg? Are you considering membership? Are you curious or just want to learn more about us? We invite you to explore with us what it means to be a Christian, a Lutheran, a follower of Jesus and a member of the Muhlenberg family. We will meet after worship for a “**No Commitment**” **Lunch Sunday, September 10 at 12:15 pm** in Wayland Hall (downstairs). This will be an informal time to ask questions and make connections over pizza and dessert.

Then, if you're interested in pursuing membership (or if you've recently joined and haven't attended an orientation), we invite you to meet with us for a **Prospective Member Lunch and Orientation Sunday, Sept. 24, 12:15 – 2:30 pm** in Wayland Hall. We'll discuss more in depth the mission and ministries of Muhlenberg and how you can be part of the life of this congregation as a member or associate member.

New members will be received Sunday, October 1 during the 11:00 service, followed by a reception.

If you are interested, please sign up at the welcome desk or in the activities notebook at the Connection Center in the Gathering Area. *You may also talk with Kathy Thompson, Chair of the Evangelism Team ([thompskb@jmu.edu](mailto:thompskb@jmu.edu) / 540-578-4830) or Parish Administrator Linda Depoy ([depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org) / 434-3496) for more information.*

**Who We Are and Christian Formation brochures are available at the Connection Center today!**

## MUHLENBERG NEWS

### HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR TRANSITION?

Share questions, concerns, ideas, or just your feelings about our pastoral transition with members of the **Transition Communication Team** (wearing green nametags). Team members: Neil Alexander, Rachel Peters, Lily Harmison, Kathy Thompson, Mark Byerly, Tim Peifer, Margie Miller, and Brad Moyers. They will provide any answers they have and pass along general themes to Congregation Council. You may also share directly with **Congregation Council** members (wearing white nametags).

### FAITH IN ACTION

We are completing our 2017 listening campaign. If you would like to have your concerns about social justice heard and haven't yet been contacted, please contact one of our committee members **BEFORE September 5**. The FIA team will analyze the congregation's input and will present the top issues to the Faith in Action assembly in early September. We expect to announce the 2018 issue in October! *Contact Nancy Martin-Finks (540-241-8199) or Stefanie Eye (703-635-4937) with your concerns or questions.*

### 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 [rsanders97@verizon.net](mailto:rsanders97@verizon.net).*

When making dinner, cover your pots and pans to keep heat from escaping. The heat from the burner that enters the bottom of the pan will exit through the top if the pot isn't covered. It takes about half the time and energy to boil water in a covered pot.

*See more Muhlenberg News on p. 10*

## MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

### ATTENTION ALL CHOIR MEMBERS (AND NEWBIES TOO!)

Rehearsals will begin soon! Thanks to all of our "current choristers" for your ongoing participation and dedication to singing God's praises! If you are new to Muhlenberg, or simply new to singing, and you are interested in one of our choral groups, *please contact Music Minister Elizabeth Williams (434-3496 / [williams@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:williams@muhlenberglutheran.org)).*

### WE DO HAVE A GROUP FOR YOU!

**Celebration Singers** (10<sup>th</sup> grade on up!) **Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 pm.** A "joy of singing" is your only requirement!

**Sanctuary Choir** (10<sup>th</sup> grade on up!) begins **Wednesdays 7:15 – 8:45 pm.** Former choral singing is graciously welcomed!

**Cherub Choir** (ages 4 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) begins **Wednesday, September 6, 4:45 – 5:15 pm.**

**SonShine Singers** (grades 3 – 6) begins **Wednesday, September 6, 5:15 – 6:00 pm.**

**Gloria Dei Ringers** (Handbell Choir) begins **Tuesday, September 5, 7:00 – 8:30 pm.** We invite ringers to join in our fellowship, fun and service. Music reading skills is a plus, but we can teach you everything you need to know. If you've heard one of our preludes or offertories and thought, "Gee, I wish I could be part of that," here's your opportunity to try your hand at ringing.

If you are interested in joining this dynamic and loving group, *contact Handbell Director Kath Wissinger ([longwalk3@aol.com](mailto:longwalk3@aol.com)).*

# CHRISTIAN FORMATION FESTIVAL DAY

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AT 9:30 AM**

*Class information for September 2017 – May 2018*

## **SHARING GOD'S WORD**

Christian Formation is *Sharing God's Word* from the planning and implementing of new opportunities (Bible studies, women's and men's groups, support groups, youth groups, Sunday morning Christian Formation groups), to new music programs and fellowship events. Here are opportunities for all ages, birth to adults:



**Infants to 2 years old** will be in the nursery. During the 9:30 hour, little ones will listen to simple Bible stories and songs.

\***Children 3 years to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade** begin in the Sanctuary. After Children's Time with the pastors, children go to their classes listed below:

- Preschool children go upstairs to the Teddi Nelson Education Wing.
- Children K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade will go to the MAC (Muhlenberg Activities Center – behind the church).

\***Children in grades 4-5** start at 9:30 upstairs in the MAC.

\* **Special project Sept. 10: K-5<sup>th</sup> graders take part in ELCA Day of Service.** See details p. 9

*All children should be picked up from their classes immediately following the end of the 9:30 service.*

**Grades 6-12 – see Youth Ministry information on page 9 for details.**

**All adults** are invited to take part in one of these adult classes that meet downstairs:

- **No Experience Necessary:** for beginners to old-timers you need have no experience and all are welcome. Meets in the Library.
- **40-Day Journey:** Readings, Reflections & Spiritual Growth: an interactive class where Christian literature is read and discussed. Meets in the Kairos Room.
- **Christ-Coffee-Conversation-Connecting:** a discussion class to share and support one another as the ELCA Social Statements are studied. Meets in the Augsburg Room.

**Children's Church at 11:00** is for children 3-7 years old (*held downstairs in the Nielsen Room*). Children will join their families in the Sanctuary during the Offertory.

You are encouraged to pick up a green **Christian Faith Formation brochure** from the Connection Center and check out all the opportunities. We hope you will find one or two that fit your and/or your family's needs as we grow together in faith!

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

## LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION

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

*One purpose of the Local & Global Mission Team is to inform the congregation of the many opportunities to use our time, talent, and/or resources to help others. The needs are abundant. Please do not feel overwhelmed by the number of opportunities to help. Choose the organization(s) that touch your heart knowing that others will be drawn to help with different needs. On behalf of our neighbors in need both near and far, thank you for your generosity.*

### DAY OF SERVICE

**God's work.  
Our hands.**

In celebration of the ELCA Day of Service **September 10**, our congregation is helping

fight hunger in the following ways:

- Local & Global Mission will collect funds to help feed a hungry child breakfast at Minnick School. It costs \$11.40 to feed one child breakfast for one month. It costs \$102.60 to feed one child for the academic year. Donations of any amount are gratefully accepted. Place them in the offering plate, noting Minnick School on your check and envelope. Did you know the following statistics?
  - Across the U.S. 30% of children have parents that lack secure employment.
  - 22% of U.S. children live in poverty.
  - In developing countries, 11 million children under the age of 5 die every year, more than half from hunger-related causes.

Visit the Connection Center for more statistics and info. Have questions? Contact Susan Gallaher ([palosva@gmail.com](mailto:palosva@gmail.com) / 867-5017) or stop by our table in the Gathering Area Sunday, September 10.

### DAY OF SERVICE (CONT'D)

- Christian Formation will have kids (preschool - 5<sup>th</sup> grade) pack brown bag lunches for Second Home families. If you would like to support this project, place items listed below in the designated bin in the Gathering Area **August 27 or September 3:**



**Peanut Butter  
Cheese slices  
Juice boxes  
Napkins**

**Jelly  
Fruit cups  
Brown lunch bags  
Plastic spoons**

- **On September 16**, several Muhlenberg members will join Grace Lutheran Church, Waynesboro, to assemble and package dehydrated meals for distribution with a goal of finishing 10,000 meals at \$0.33 per meal.

### OUR COMMUNITY PLACE (OCP)

*A community center dedicated to including in its activities those struggling with poverty, homelessness, addiction, and difficult life circumstance.*



OCP needs help with basic food supplies like coffee, oil, flour, salt, etc.

They'd like to have some regular sponsors willing to buy and deliver the items every month. For example, this could be one 25 lb. bag of rice for \$14, or 3 boxes of tea bags for \$11 each month. If you or your family (great activity to do with your children!) would be willing to take on a monthly sponsorship, contact Kitchen Coordinator Randi B. Hagi, at 540-405-2694. Tell him you're from Muhlenberg!

## SECOND HOME NEWS

*Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:9*

Second Home Learning Center is a social outreach ministry of Muhlenberg that was built on God's grace and caring. We are ready to open our doors to local school children and begin the Center's 11<sup>th</sup> year of service. Students will be back in the MAC and on Muhlenberg's campus at 6:00 am tomorrow, August 28.

Second Home staff is excitedly awaiting 81 returning and 31 new students for the before and after school program. Our Learning Center is welcoming 6 new staff members and 6 returning staff members who will be combining all their talents, experience, and love of children to help students learn and grow in a caring, safe, and engaging environment.

The first weeks are always full of excitement and anticipation as students reunite with their teachers and new and continuing students and teachers get to know one another.

This fall is especially exciting as we are celebrating Second Home's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday. Many special activities will mark this year and we hope you will celebrate with us. We welcome your talents and support as you are able to volunteer; to provide food, supplies, and monetary donations; and most of all prayers for a successful year.

Would you like to get to know us better? Contact *Krisztina Szekely* ([2ndhome.director@gmail.com](mailto:2ndhome.director@gmail.com)) / 432-7989 or stop by for a visit.

## SECOND HOME CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Since September 2007, with a focus on academics, Second Home's mission has been to ensure that working families have access to safe, affordable quality child care before and after school. When Spotswood Elementary School Principal Ann Conners identified the need of care for latchkey students, Muhlenberg and the community worked to develop Second Home as a fully licensed before and after school day care/learning center for children grades K-5. And since 2007, Second Home's reach has expanded to five schools in Harrisonburg.



Second Home provides care for over 100 children who might otherwise be home alone. **Two events in September** will mark this occasion:

- **September 17** is “Second Home Sunday” here at Muhlenberg. Second Home Children's choir will join us in worship at the 11a.m. service. Please join us **after each service**, for a celebration reception.
- Then, **September 28**, you are invited to join us as the Second Home Board hosts a special evening at Bluestone Vineyards. Please stop by the Second Home information table in the Gathering Area **TODAY** – your invitation is waiting for you! Invitations will also be available at the Second Home table September 3, 10, and 17.

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

### CONFIRMATION STUDENTS GRADES 6-8

Join Mycah, Clay and the high school youth in the Nielsen Room starting **September 10 at 9:30 am**. We will look at Lutheran Liturgy to kick off fall, having large group time for part of the morning, then breaking into Confirmation and high school age small groups.

### HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY MORNINGS

Christian Formation begins **September 10 at 9:30 am**. Meet Clay in the Nielsen Room to begin a partial joint lesson on Liturgy with the Confirmation Class. We will spend part of the Formation hour in a large group, and then break off into high school and Confirmation groups.

### JCREW STARTS SEPTEMBER 10

Our first meeting is Sunday, **September 10, noon – 2:00 pm**. Join Clay in the Campus Room. We'll walk to lunch and discuss plans for the upcoming year of fellowship.

## CAMPS MINISTRY NEWS

College students - join Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM), a group of students who meet for fun, food, fellowship and faith building through our college years. We also hope to help you connect with Muhlenberg as a church home and provide support. Look for Lutheran Campus Ministry at Muhlenberg on Facebook and watch *The Chimes* for details about upcoming events:

- 9/6, 11:30-1:00 meetup at Dunkin @ SSC (JMU)
- 9/12, 6:30 @ DHub (JMU), Game Night and other things coming.

Email Peer Minister/Leader Maren Corliss at [corlisme@dukes.jmu.edu](mailto:corlisme@dukes.jmu.edu)!

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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

### SUMMER OF SERVICE

Sundays at 9:30, children newborn-2 years old have a class in the nursery. Children 3 years-5<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the church for the Pastor's Children's Time, then go to the MAC to join 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth and adults of all ages.

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

#### CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

**Sunday, September 10** as part of the curriculum for children K-5<sup>th</sup> grade, students will learn about hunger and take part in the ELCA Day of Service. Using their hands to do God's work, children will make bag meals for Second Home children to take home Monday.

#### JAMERS (ELEMENTARY YOUTH GROUP)

All students in grades 2-5, this is your youth group. Please join your friends **Sunday, September 10, 12:15-2:00 pm** in the MAC. We will have lunch together (lunch provided) and play some fun group building games as we get to know each other better. We will also make ice cream sundaes.

*Who We Are and  
Christian Formation  
brochures available at the  
Connection Center today!*

## 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 at 434-3496 or [depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org). Submissions will be printed with consideration for space and appropriateness at the discretion of the pastors & editor.*

✚ Last weekend, high school youth from around Virginia gathered for Kairos 2.0, here at Muhlenberg. In addition to fun and faith conversations, they also 350 pounds of food for Patchwork Pantry! Wow!

✚ Congregation Council would like to convey its gratitude and appreciation to Anna Derrick, youth representative to Council for the past two years, as she departs for her freshman year at Roanoke College! Thank you for your service and leadership, Anna!

## MORE MUHLENBERG NEWS

### FOOD COLLECTION REMINDER

**NEXT Sunday, September 3** in the Gathering Area, we collect non-perishable food items, paper products, cleansers, diapers, and personal hygiene products for Patchwork Pantry. No glass jars please. Thank you for your support.

### SERVICE OF PRAYER, WORD & SONG

Need a spiritual lift in the middle of your workweek? Come for a half-hour Service or Prayer, Word & Song **Wednesday at noon**. This is a great way to add a boost to your week.

## DAILY DEVOTIONS

### PRAYING OUR FAITH TOGETHER!

For individual and family use. Scripture citations taken from ELW's 3-Year Daily Lectionary, p. 1121-1132, (Year A).

Mon.	Romans 2:1-11
Tues.	Romans 11:33-36
Wed.	Matthew 26:6-13
Thu.	Ephesians 5:1-6
Fri.	2 Thessalonians 2:7-12
Sat.	Matthew 8:14-17
Sun.	Matthew 16:21-28

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

## WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

August 28—September 3, 2017

Mon.	Second Home Returns
2:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting
5:00 pm	Ruth Sigmon Circle
Tue.	6:30 pm Celebration Singers
7:30 pm	Life on Tap
Wed.	12 noon Service of Prayer, Word & Song
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Sun.	Food Pantry, Lay Communion & Name Badge Sunday
8:00, 9:30, 11:00	Holy Communion

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](mailto: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.

Like us at [facebook.com/muhlenberglutheran](https://facebook.com/muhlenberglutheran).



Intersections Life  
 Faith

**“INTERSECTIONS” - SUMMER SERIES**

Our “Intersections” summer series concludes today. Worship features a more relaxed feel, familiar hymns and a simpler liturgy. **Use this back page of *The Chimes* for further personal reflection** to engage with the scripture. Jesus tells a lot of nice stories. What do they have to do with our real life? Where would they be set or apply today? After hearing them, freed by God's grace, how does God call us? What do we get to do? Think about *where real life and faith meet*.

*Use this space for personal notes and reflections.*

**TODAY’S GOSPEL**  
**MATTHEW 16:13-20**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.



## SERMON NOTES, REFLECTIONS & DRAWING SPACE

Have at it! Please use this space to make notes, ask questions, doodle, and offer insights or ideas. Kids and adults are welcome to draw – we'd love to feature some of your drawings, or answer your questions. Keep it for your personal reflection, or place it in the basket at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Area so that we may respond or share your work/ideas!

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### QUOTES TO CONSIDER

“Names are significant. They mean something; they are identifying markers. If you don’t know someone’s name, you won’t ever be able to call on them or to them... Some people change their birth names for various reasons; this wouldn’t happen if names weren’t significant and didn’t matter. But they do matter. Names say something about who we are.” ---Dr. Luke Powery, Dean of Duke University Chapel

### QUESTIONS

- Who do others (in your circle of family and friends) say Jesus is?
- Who do you say he is?
- What does your name say about you and your history and heritage? What about your future?