



The CHIMES

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REFORMATION AND CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

WHAT'S THE BUZZ

CALL COMMITTEE / COUNCIL UPDATE

Council is pleased to announce the dates our primary candidate will visit Muhlenberg. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us:

Thursday, November 8, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

– The Call Committee will host an evening of Desserts, Coffee and Pleasantries in the MAC. This is an opportunity for you to meet and greet our candidate.

Sunday, November 11 – Our candidate will preside and preach at all three services.

A congregational meeting will be held immediately following the 11:00 service. The only business to be conducted is voting on extending a call to our candidate and approving a compensation package. Watch your mail for a formal invitation.

These are very important dates for the body of Christ at Muhlenberg.

A bio about the candidate will be mailed approximately November 1; limited copies will also be available at the Connection Center Sunday, November 4. Information about the compensation package will be included in the mailing.

We are excited about our candidate's visits and are elated about good things to come!

Peace,

Tim Peifer, President of Congregation Council

KYLIE JO GOOD

Baptized, A New Child of God



BAPTIZED
UNTO THE
LORD

TODAY we welcome Kylie Jo Good, daughter of David and Kelly Good into the Body of Christ and the Muhlenberg family at the 8:00 service! Kylie Jo's sponsors are Todd Neumann (uncle) and Kevin Shipe (friend). Welcome to the Lord's family, Kylie Jo!

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

REFORMATION & CONFIRMATION

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther, a monk and Catholic priest living in Germany, posted his 95 Theses to the Wittenberg church door. We mark this as the beginning of the Reformation and today is the festival of Reformation Sunday. But this day isn't just about history. On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news that makes us free!

At the 11:00 service, we rejoice with and hold in prayer seven young people as they affirm their baptism, the milestone of confirmation. *See page 3 for more details.*

STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

“With Your Lives Adore Him” is the theme of our fall stewardship. Today and next Sunday, All Saints Sunday, we will be inspired by the gospel message to reflect on our own stewardship and how we are managing the gifts God has given us.

By mid-November, we will invite everyone to respond to God’s call to use our Time, Talents, and Treasures for the Lord’s work through Muhlenberg’s ministry. All these gifts we will offer to the Lord on Christ the King Sunday, November 25.

Here at Muhlenberg we are blessed beyond measure! As we consider calling a new pastor, we ask the Lord to increase our faith, so that we might be good and productive stewards of the gifts we have received from God!

Your Stewardship Ministry Team

BALCONY CLOSURE

Due to ceiling repairs, the balcony will be closed for the next several weeks. Thank you for avoiding this construction area during the repair work.

The Property Committee

GATHERING IN NAMES OF SAINTS

Last day to share the names of saints (persons living or deceased) who have enriched your spiritual life or the life of the church.



On the table by the back door of the Gathering Area is a basket of red and white links and pens. We invite you to take a link and write the name of an individual who has helped you in your spiritual growth. You may take as many links as you like. Place completed links in the basket provided.

Links will be displayed in the Sanctuary beginning All Saints Sunday through the First Sunday of Advent. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to observe how our saints link us together in faith.

FINANCIAL NEWS

LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE

8:00 Worship	80	Wed. Noon	8
9:30 Worship	127		
11:00 Worship	<u>130</u>		
Total	337		

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through September 2018			
	Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Budget	Y-T-D Last Year
Gifts & Offerings	\$507,425	\$610,194	\$537,560
Total Receipts	\$584,854	\$687,115	\$612,864
Expenses	\$622,068	\$728,294	\$638,023
Excess Income/ (Expenses)	(\$37,214)	(\$41,179)	(\$25,159)

Giving in support of our Spending Plan	\$	7,929.00
Giving to Other Designated Funds	\$	<u>17,277.25</u>
Total Giving for the Week	\$	25,206.25

See details in the notebook at the Connection Center.



To give online, scan here →

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION



Martin Luther reminds us that this Christian life is nothing less than a return to our baptism, when we were saved and delivered from sin through Christ's death and resurrection. **Today at the 11:00 service**, the following young people step forward to affirm their baptism with their parents, friends, mentors, and the Muhlenberg family.

Our confirmands have received instruction and support through their middle school years and now have come to publicly affirm their faith. This marks a milestone in their lives of faith and in our congregation as they become confirmed adult voting members of the congregation. The Bible verses have special meaning and were chosen by the confirmands. *(Bible verses are from the NRSV.)*

Jordan Leigh Driver – Joshua 1:9 *Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or troubled. The Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*

Emily Christine Eppard – Exodus 14:14 *The Lord will fight for you, and you only have to keep still.*

Jenna Ann Gabb – Matthew 22:37 *He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."*

Schuyler Ryne Harmison – Isaiah 40:31 *But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.*

Madeleine Hope McCay— Psalm 71:14 *But I will hope continually, and will praise you yet more and more.*

Oscar Ángel Rodriquez – Numbers 6:24-26 *The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.*

Mia Rose Ryan – Isaiah 6:8 *Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' and I said, 'Here am I; send me!'*

***A reception honoring the confirmands will be held
in the Gathering Area before and after the 11:00 worship service.
Please join us and congratulate our confirmands!***

THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

ADVENT-URE SUNDAY PREVIEW

In the Gathering Area **NEXT SUNDAY, November 4**, there will be a display of some activities that we do as part of our Advent-ure Sunday. Stop by the table, take a look and then plan to join your church family on **Sunday, December 2** as together we prepare for Advent.

PASTOR'S CLASS

God in Odd Places is the topic of a six-week course Pr. Mark is teaching **Tuesdays through November 20, 6:00 –7:00 pm** in the Nielsen Room. Participants examine and discuss religious themes from various items in contemporary culture, including short stories, cartoons, songs, letters to the editor, TV, movies, and more. **You can still join the class..** Everyone is welcome!

To access the syllabus and links to the readings and other materials, see the Members Pages section on the church website

REMINDER



Daylight Savings Time ends. Turn your clocks back one hour this Saturday night, November 3.

MUSICAL SETTING

This fall we are singing a new musical setting of the liturgy composed by Pastor Paul. The music was inspired by Pastor Paul's setting of the Sanctus (Holy, holy, holy), hymn #189 in the ELW. This month, we add the Hymn of Praise, "Glory to God."

MUHLENBERG NEWS

COMMUNION IN THE PEWS

For those who desire communion and are unable to come forward, **white grape juice and gluten-free bread** are now available.

Please indicate your preference for juice to the Lay Assisting Minister and take gluten-free bread from the small container beside the regular communion bread

PARTNERING WITH THE SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE

The Ministry of Christian Formation, along with the support of Local & Global Mission, is sponsoring a Salvation Army "Angel Tree".



If you would like to help make this season of giving part of your Advent journey, please stop by the Caring Corner **NEXT SUNDAY, November 4**. Choose an angel from the Salvation Army Angel Tree. There will also be Angels designated for our Second Home students and students of the Minnick School.

Your unwrapped gifts need to be **returned to the tree no later than Sunday, December 3**. Thank you for sharing with others. *Contact Diane Bayer (434-3496) with any questions about this project*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BRIDGE OF HOPE FUNDRAISER



You are invited to the annual Locavore dinner fundraiser for Bridge of Hope **Saturday, November**

3, 5:30 pm in the MAC. The dinner theme is Neighborhood "The Word became flesh and moved into the neighborhood." (John 1:14, *the Message*). This year's featured speaker is Melody M. Pannell, local board member and social work professor at EMU.

The event will include locally-sourced food deliciously prepared by A Bowl of Good, both a silent and live auction, and hearing from a recent Bridge of Hope program participant.

Tickets are \$40/person or \$300 per table of eight and are available from their website: www.hr.bridgeofhopeinc.org. For details, contact Wanda Hamilton (whamilton48@gmail.com or 289-7817).

BONHOEFFER LECTURE

Eastern Mennonite University will host a lecture on *Discipleship in a World Full of Nazis: Reclaiming Bonhoeffer's Christ-Centered Life & Theology*, **Wednesday, November 7, 6:30 pm**. For details, contact Diane Bayer (bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496) or see bulletin boards.

RUTH SIGMON CIRCLE

Ruth Sigmon Circle will meet **Monday, November 5, 6:30 pm** in the Augsburg Room. Our program is based on "Faithful Repentance" in the October issue of the Gather magazine. All MLC women & friends are welcome to attend our meeting. Contact Louise Johnson for information at 433-1047.

DAY CARE NEWS

DANCING WITH THE STARS

Muhlenberg members Bill Wightman, Libbi Fitzgerald, and Jackie Baker are participating in this year's Dancing With The Stars of the 'Burg, a fundraiser for the Harrisonburg Rockingham Child Day Care Center. Day Care is raising funds to renovate and move into its own downtown building while remaining an affordable, sliding-scale daycare for working families.

Please consider supporting the efforts of the contestants and pros by attending the dance November 11 and/or voting for them between now and then at hrdaycare.org. Donation is \$1 per vote.

LIBRARY NEWS

Our beautiful library is put back together! Many thanks to Lesa Calleo for numerous hours of sorting and putting books back on the shelves. You are welcome to borrow books and/or resources and then return them to the library.

We ask that you do not donate books to church library before contacting Diane Bayer ((434-3496 or bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org).

If you have books to donate, consider Book Savers of Virginia at Gift and Thrift.

LOCAL & GLOBAL MINISTRY

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Recently multiple natural disasters have devastated areas both here and abroad – Hurricanes Florence & Michael and the Indonesia earthquake and tsunami just to name a few. 100% of gifts given to Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) go directly to aid in disaster relief. Here are ways you can give:

- **Online:** www.elca.org.
- **Phone:** 800-638-3522 Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:00 Central Time.
- **Mail:** send checks made payable to LDR to ELCA, PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.
- **Offering plate:** make check payable to Muhlenberg and designate *ELCA Disaster Response* on your check and envelope.
- **Via Thrivent:** members can direct Choice Dollars to Disaster Relief and/or make a donation that will be matched. Visit thrivent.com Disaster Response for details.

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 or 434-3496).

CAMPUS & YOUTH NEWS

For more information, contact Mycah McNett (mcnett@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496).

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY (LCM)

November 9-11, LCM at Muhlenberg is pairing up with LCM at Virginia Tech for a weekend retreat at Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp! We'll take a hike, roast marshmallows, and spend time together as a community of faith before the holiday season and the end of the semester.

LOST & FOUND (7TH – 8TH GRADES)

Lost & Found is the Virginia Synod's annual weekend retreat for 7th - 8th grade youth. It will be held **November 16-18**. Registration forms are in the youth binder at the Connection Center. Contact Mycah TODAY.

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For more information, contact Clay Arthur (clay@muhlenberglutheran.org or 540-758-3208).

J Join us for a beach retreat at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Virginia Beach on **November 9-10!** We will join St. Michael and Epiphany Lutheran for an awesome time at the beach! Games, music, worship, fellowship and an adventure park! The cost per person is \$30 for the retreat. More information and registration forms will be out soon. **Deadline to sign up is TODAY.**

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

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

SHARING GOD'S WORD

SOMETHING NEW*

All children age 3 to 3rd grade **begin at 9:30 on Sunday mornings, in the sanctuary** for a time with the Pastor. Those in Pre K will go upstairs to the Teddi Nelson Education wing and be picked up there by their family.

Children in K - 3rd grade go to the MAC (behind the church) on the 1st & 3rd Sundays; the 2nd & 4th Sundays, they go to the Nielsen Room for Children's Church and then return to their parents in worship.

Youth in 4th and 5th grades will start promptly at 9:30 upstairs in the MAC.

* A Nursery attendant will bring the nursery children in for the Pastor's message and then escort them back to the nursery.

* Youth in grades 4-5 will start promptly at 9:30 upstairs in the MAC.

Children's Church during the 11:00 service for children 3-7 years old is held the 1st & 3rd Sundays. After Children's Time with a pastor, children are escorted downstairs to the Nielsen Room. Children return to their parents in the Sanctuary during the Sharing of the Peace.

ADULT FORMATION CLASSES

No Experience Necessary: : An in-depth Bible study suitable for everyone. No experience needed; all are welcome. Meets in the Library

40-Day Journey - Reading, Reflections & Spiritual Growth: an interactive class where participants read and discuss Christian literature. Meets in the Kairos room.

JAMERS FAMILY THANKS GIVING DINNER AND SERVICE PROJECT Elementary Youth Group Grades 2-5

Mark your calendars for **Sunday November 11, 12:45-2:15 pm**. We will be having a Thanksgiving meal for all JAMers and their families. Parents are invited to bring a food item to share. Parents please contact Sarah Eppard (298-2055 or sarah_eppard@merck.com) to let her know what you are bringing and how many in your family will be attending with your JAMer in order to have enough food for all.

*As a way of giving thanks for all our blessings we will be collecting food items to go into our "Thanksgiving box". These items will be given to those who come into "People Helping People", so they can add to a Thanksgiving meal for their family. **We will collect stuffing mix, instant potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans, corn, etc.***

We hope you can join your friends for a time of fun, food and fellowship as you thank God for all his gifts to you.

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

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.

✙ Thanks be to God for the safe arrival of baby Phillip Wishon Rogers, son of Rebecca and John Rogers. Proud grandparents are Phil and Cindy Wishon.

✙ We offer sympathy to Howie & Diane Scheidt and their family as they mourn the recent death of son, Jason. A service was held October 21st.

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.



The leaves and debris that collect in your gutters mix with the rainwater and get washed down the sewer drain. When the yard debris gets into lakes and rivers, it creates algae that decreases oxygen in the water and kills marine life. Yard debris from the gutters can be added to your compost pile or disposed of at the Recycling Convenience Center on Beery Road or at the Rockingham County Landfill on Greendale Road.

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. 1 Peter 2:1-10 **Thu. Hebrews 9:1-12**
Tue. Acts 9:32-35 **Fri. Romans 3:21-31**
Wed. Matthew 20:29-34 **Sat. Luke 10:25-37**
Sun. Mark 12:28-34

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

October 29 — November 4, 2018

Mon. 2:00 pm Weekly Staff Meeting
Tue. 4:45 pm SonShine Singers
5:30 pm Cherub Choir
6:00 pm God in Odd Places
6:30 pm Celebration Singers
7:00 pm Gloria Dei Ringers
Wed. 12 noon Holy Communion
6:00 pm Lutheran Campus Ministry
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir
Thu. 8:00 am Comfort Makers
Sat. Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sun. All Saints Sunday
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am Holy Communion
9:30 am 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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