



The CHIMES

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February 13, 2022

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY

Thanks to everyone who attended the Annual Meeting. It was great to discuss the works done by all of our staff and ministry teams in 2021. Congratulations to the 2022 Nominating Committee: Vicki Heitsch, Karen Matthias, Crystl Whitmire, Malcolm Wilfong and Jeff Williams.

Check out *The Chimes* for information on the Synodwide Celebration of Service taking place in July (*see page 3*). This gathering is happening in lieu of the Synod Assembly this year. All are welcome to attend.

Feel free to reach out to me via email at mlccouncilpres@yahoo.com with any questions, concerns, or suggestions you may have. Your Congregation Council represents YOU! We want to hear from you.

Greta Willis, Congregation Council President

REMINDER

We continue to keep **outside doors locked**. If you need to come to the church, please **call ahead and arrange for someone let you in**.

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

SHOW YOUR TEAM SPIRIT AND HELP THE HUNGRY

TODAY (2/13) support your team by bringing in your non-perishable food items for Patchwork Pantry. In the spirit of the Super Bowl we will have a bin for fans of the Cincinnati Bengals and another bin for the fans of the Los Angeles Rams. The team that fills their bin with the most food donations will be declared Muhlenberg's "Souper" Bowl winner. All donations go to Patchwork Pantry and help our neighbors in need.

Remember the pantry is also in need of paper products (towels, wraps, food storage bags, toilet tissue, etc.), cleansers (dish, laundry, all purpose), diapers, and all types of personal hygiene products.

2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

As your relatively new Financial Secretary, I am late in sending out the 2021 Individual Contribution Statements. I apologize for the delay and plan to have them in the mail by this week (2/14). If you need your year-end total contribution number before then, please email me at vnccall@yahoo.com, and I will provide information. *Gary Calleo*

THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

MINISTRIES NIGHT

Monday (2/14) at 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Join us via [ZOOM](#) tomorrow evening – all are welcome! You may also join us by phone:

Meeting ID: 833 4118 0538

One tap mobile +13126266799,,83341180538#

WEDNESDAY AM BIBLE STUDY

Join us **each Wednesday at 10:30 am** for Bible study via [ZOOM](#):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/200491556>

COMFORT MAKERS

Thursdays through April 7 anytime from 8:00 am - noon! For details, contact Linda Morrison (glenm778@comcast.net or 383-5085).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MISSION MOMENT

February 27, Local and Global Mission will host Church World Services (formerly Refugee Resettlement) for a *Mission Moment*. One of the goals of our Strategic Plan is to “Know our neighbors and serve together with them.” Save the date and plan to hear more about the important work Church World Services is doing and how we can serve with them.

SHROVE TUESDAY

March 1, 4:30-6:30 pm

You will have the opportunity to stop by the church and make your own pancake dinner to take home and enjoy! Don't have time to stop and cook? You can reserve a time to pick up a premade pancake dinner. There is also a great opportunity for outreach by signing up to take

a dinner to a member who would like to have one delivered. See next week's issue of *The Chimes* for the link to sign up for Shrove Tuesday. If you have questions, please contact Ashley Saunders (saunders@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496).



MUHLENBERG NEWS

CREATION CARE TIP

You can have an impact on the environment simply by supporting eco-friendly businesses. Have dinner at a restaurant that uses local ingredients, shop at a boutique that sells organic cotton t-shirts, or stay at a hotel that uses solar energy. Some of these businesses give 1% of their profits to environmental causes. Go to onepercentfortheplanet.org.

DESIGN OUR BULLETIN COVERS

Did you notice our great worship booklet cover today? The picture was created by our own Billy Perritt! Do you have artistic gifts or an eye for photography? Your gifts can help tell God's story! One of our congregation's strategic initiatives over the coming year is to "Become a Congregation of Storytellers." While our lectors and Biblical Storytellers do a wonderful job of proclaiming God's story each week in worship, there are other means of storytelling. Whether you use your own art, photography, or any other visual medium, you have the opportunity to use your gifts to design our Sunday worship bulletin cover!

Storytellers of all ages are welcome to sign up [HERE](#) to claim your favorite stories from the Gospel of John. Have questions? Click [HERE](#) for a video explanation or contact Christian Perritt at perritt@muhlenberglutheran.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

GLORIA DEI RINGERS

Gloria Dei Ringers, Muhlenberg's handbell ensemble, welcomes new ringers to enjoy the challenge of making beautiful music in a close supportive fellowship. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30, and we play in worship once per month. Music reading ability and a good sense of rhythm are needed. We can teach you how to ring! If you have heard the bells "call your name" and would like to give it a try, contact Kath Wissinger for details at Longwalk3@aol.com.

MATERIALS AVAILABLE

SERMONS

Access Sermons Online: Following the Narrative Lectionary allows us to tell a continuous story of faith week after week. If you missed or would like to revisit a particular sermon, you can find a [playlist on YouTube](#) that is updated weekly! Be sure to like us on [Facebook](#) to see the sermons posted, and subscribe to our [YouTube Channel!](#)

Printed sermons are available on the table in the Gathering Area and upon request from Linda Depoy in the church office.

DEVOTIONALS

Devotionals for January-March 2022 are available from the Connection Center or the Connection Box.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE NEWS

PERSONNEL UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that Jeff Williams is serving as our Interim Sexton following Chip Bayer's retirement. He is serving part-time and working hard to keep our facilities spick-and-span. We are also grateful for Jim Doyle, our Evening Sexton, who has increased his responsibilities during the interim time as well.

Also, we have received several applications for our Administrative Assistant position. Interviews have begun, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Click [HERE](#) for the position description and application instructions.

Our search for a Finance Manager continues. If you or someone you know may be interested in exploring this opportunity, you can find the job description and application instructions by clicking [HERE](#).

VIRGINIA SYNOD NEWS

SYNODWIDE CELEBRATION OF SERVICE

Mark your calendar for the Synodwide Celebration of Service in conjunction with Power in the Spirit at Roanoke College **July 15-16**. Unlike Assemblies, congregations are not limited in the number of people you can send to the gathering. Participants can arrive on July 14 and attend all the Power in the Spirit events or come on July 15 for the Synodwide Celebration only.

Registration will open in April. We look forward to seeing you at the first in-person gathering of the entire Synod since 2019.

FINANCIAL NEWS

RECENT ATTENDANCE

Here are some interesting statistics from our recent online viewership:

1/30	8:30 Holy Communion.....	37
	11:00 Holy Communion	56
	11:00 Wellstream Worshippers.....	58
	Total Views this Week	403
	Hours Viewed this Week	122.4
2/6	8:30 Holy Communion.....	52
	11:00 Holy Communion	56
	11:00 Wellstream Worshippers.....	51

NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER

Below is the final 2021 report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through December 31, 2021			
	Year to Date <u>Actual</u> (thru 12/31/21)	Year-End Totals Budget (thru 12/31/21)	Year-End Totals 2020 Actual (thru 12/31/20)
Gifts/Offerings	\$594,704	\$867,332	\$651,830
Other Gifts & Revenue	\$150,894	\$99,230	\$87,897
Total Revenue	\$745,598	\$966,562	\$739,727
Total Expenses	\$844,361	\$966,562	\$814,339
Income/Expenses	(\$98,763)	\$0	(\$74,612)
Testamentary Gift	\$79,095	—	—
Gov. Subsidy (Payroll Protection Prog.)			\$85,989
(Deficiency)/Surplus	(\$19,668)	\$0	\$11,380

Giving in support of our Spending Plan	\$ 14,509.75
Giving to Other Designated Funds	\$ 6,220.50
Total Giving for 1/24 — 2/5/2022	\$ 20,730.25

To give online, scan here →



WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

February 14-20, 2022

If viewing electronically, you can click the links below to access meetings and services.

Mon	2:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting
	7:00 pm	Ministries Night via ZOOM
Tues	6:30 pm	Celebration Singers
	7:00 pm	Gloria Dei Ringers
Wed	10:30 am	Wed. Morning Bible Study via ZOOM
	6:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Thu	8:00 am	Comfort Makers
Sun	Seventh Sunday after Epiphany	
	8:30 am	Holy Communion in person
	9:45 am	Christian Formation Classes
	11:00 am	Holy Communion in person and Livestreamed via Facebook and YouTube

The **weekly deadline** for routine articles for *The Chimes* is **Thursday at 8:00 am**. Requests for a series, inserts or full-column articles should be made two weeks in advance. *Submit information to Parish Administrator Linda Depoy:*
depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org/434-3496
 Like us at [facebook.com/muhlenberglutheran](https://www.facebook.com/muhlenberglutheran)

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASS LOCATIONS

Pre-K – 5th Grade meet in the Muhlenberg Activities Center [MAC] (behind the church)

These classes meet downstairs in the church:

Grades 6 -12 ~ Campus Room

Devotional Classics Adult Class ~ Nielsen Rm

Faith Lens Adult Class ~ Kairos Room

To attend virtually, use this Zoom Link:
[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/84731416878](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84731416878)