



# The CHIMES

**MUHLENBERG: A WELLSPRING OF GOD'S GRACE**

*Muhlenberg Lutheran Church strives to be a Wellspring of God's Grace in Jesus Christ.*

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**February 20, 2022**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

## WHAT'S THE BUZZ?



### WELCOME LIZ ENGLEKING

We are excited to announce **Administrative Assistant Elizabeth "Liz" Engleking joins our staff THIS Tuesday, February 22!** She brings a variety of administrative and project management experience from serving as Senior Tour Planner and Office Manager of an educational travel company, WorldStrides. Please extend a warm welcome to Liz the next time you stop by or call the church office!

*We give thanks to Mark Warner, Kathy Thompson and Linda Depoy who served on the Administrative Assistant Search Committee.*

## TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

### PENELOPE WEDNESDAY SAUNDERS

#### Baptized, A New Child of God

Welcome Penelope Wednesday Saunders, daughter of Grover and Ashley Saunders, into the Body of Christ and the Muhlenberg family at the 11:00 service this morning! Welcome to the Lord's family, Penelope!



### 2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2021 contribution statements were mailed February 11. If you haven't received yours yet, you should be receiving it soon. If not, please contact me, and I will provide the information you need.

*Financial Secretary Gary Calleo*

[vnccall@yahoo.com](mailto:vnccall@yahoo.com)

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### 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.**

## THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

### 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](mailto:glenm778@comcast.net) or 383-5085).

### LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION SPONSORS A *MISSION MOMENT*

Our Muhlenberg Strategic Plan calls us to “know our neighbor and serve together with them.” Next Sunday, February 27 at 9:45, the Local and Global Mission Committee invites you to learn how a local nonprofit organization, Church World Services (formerly Refugee Resettlement), is working in our area to resettle families who recently had to flee their country of Afghanistan. The presentation will take place in the sanctuary so there will be plenty of space for all who wish to attend in person. You may also join via zoom using the link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83578160950>

Muhlenberg will support the resettlement work of Church World Services throughout Lent as an alternative giving opportunity.

Note: Adult Christian Formation Classes and Middle School Youth will not meet so participants may attend the *Mission Moment* presentation.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### 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.

To sign up to **make your own pancakes**, click [HERE](#).

To sign up to **pick up prepared pancakes for yourself or delivery them to a fellow member**, click [HERE](#).

If you have questions, please contact Ashley Saunders ([saunders@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:saunders@muhlenberglutheran.org) or 434-3496).

## MUHLENBERG NEWS

### CREATION CARE TIP

According to USDA, foods should never be defrosted with hot water because it increases the likelihood of food-borne illnesses. Additionally, running the tap uses two or three gallons of water per minute. You can save a lot of water by defrosting food in the refrigerator, which is also safer.



## MUHLENBERG NEWS (CONT'D)

### DESIGN OUR BULLETIN COVERS

Did you notice our great worship booklet cover today? The picture was taken and submitted by our own Vicki Heitsch! 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](mailto: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](mailto:Longwalk3@aol.com).

## FAITH IN ACTION

### UPDATE

Faith in Action is an interfaith ministry of which Muhlenberg is a covenant member. We are embarking on a new listening campaign to determine the next focus for being a voice for positive change in our local community. We also see this as a way for Muhlenberg members to reconnect as we negotiate our way through the continuing pandemic. Everyone has a need to feel heard, and the pandemic has caused major disruptions in all of our lives.

In the past, we have met and interviewed our congregants one-on-one. This option is still open, but we are going to try a different way in the interest of both feeling safe and reconnecting. We plan the following meetings:

- **Sunday, March 6, 1:00 pm group meeting in person at the church**
- **Thursday, March 10, 7:00 pm, group meeting via Zoom**
- **Sunday, March 27, 1:00 pm either Zoom meeting and/or in-person meeting, depending on the majority preference of the attendees**

This is an open invitation for anyone who would like to voice their concerns. We will also reach out personally to some of you to invite you. If you prefer to meet one-on-one with either of our representatives, please let us know. In order to make sure we have adequate space for each person to be heard, please contact us to let us know of your interest. You can reach either of the Covenant Reps by email or phone: Nancy Martin-Finks (540-421-8199 or [nanmart777@comcast.net](mailto:nanmart777@comcast.net)) or Cathy Copeland (317-670-1086 or [catherineblose@gmail.com](mailto:catherineblose@gmail.com)) or click the following link: <https://forms.gle/gQsQDB7G89zucL5v6https://forms.gle/gQsQDB7G89zucL5v6>

## FINANCIAL NEWS

### RECENT ATTENDANCE

Here are some interesting statistics from our recent online viewership:

2/6	8:30 Holy Communion .....	52
	11:00 Holy Communion .....	56
	11:00 Wellstream Worshippers .....	51
	<b>Total Views this Week .....</b>	<b>228</b>
	<b>Hours Viewed this Week .....</b>	<b>68.5</b>
2/13	in-person worship cancelled due to snow	
	11:00 Wellstream Worshippers .....	75

### NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER

Each month, I will update you with the status of income and expenses and how it compares to previous years. First, a huge thank you for your generous contributions in December 2021. The Holy Spirit is truly at work in the life of this congregation.

Offerings in January were lower than the previous year and inclement weather impacts contributions. Fortunately, expenses in January were much lower than the previous year. May God continue to bless us with abundance.

*Sarah A. Sunde, Treasurer*

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Through **January 2022**

	2022 YTD Actual	2021 YTD Actual
Gifts & Offerings	\$35,408.44	\$45,833.43
Total Receipts	\$41,421.44	\$48,651.15
Total Expenses	\$64,976.86	\$96,804.68
Excess Income/(Expenses)	\$ (23,555.42)	\$ (48,153.53)

Giving in support of our Spending Plan	\$ 8,930.25
Giving to Other Designated Funds	\$ 2,260.00
<b>Total Giving for 2/6-14/2022</b>	<b>\$ 11,190.25</b>

To give online, scan here →



## WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

**February 21-27, 2022**

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

<b>Mon</b>	2:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting
	6:30 pm	Congregation Council Mtg.
<b>Tues</b>	6:30 pm	Celebration Singers
	7:00 pm	Gloria Dei Ringers
<b>Wed</b>	10:30 am	Wed. Morning Bible Study via <a href="#">ZOOM</a>
	6:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir
<b>Thu</b>	8:00 am	Comfort Makers
<b>Sun</b>		Transfiguration of Our Lord
	8:30 am	Holy Communion in person
	9:45 am	<i>Mission Moment</i>
	9:45 am	Christian Formation (children)
	11:00 am	Holy Communion in person and Livestreamed via <a href="#">Facebook</a> and <a href="#">YouTube</a>

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](mailto:depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org/434-3496)

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### CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASS LOCATIONS

**Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> 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)