



The CHIMES

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

WE'RE ALMOST THERE!



Great news about the progress of our *Strength for Today and Bright Hope for Tomorrow* campaign – **we are 17 cards away from reaching our original goal of at least 80 Intent Cards,**

and 71% of the way to our financial goal \$47,402 of \$60,000! For those of you who haven't yet sent in an Intent Card, we ask that you prayerfully consider doing so now. Everyone is needed to help us meet the goal of 80+ Intent Cards! This campaign is about working together as a community of believers called to spread the good news of God's love. Please join us in providing Strength for Today and Hope for Tomorrow. Please mail your card or complete our online form at...

muhlenberglutheran.org/StrengthAndHope

Remember, a generous challenge gift of an additional \$5,000 will be given once we receive 80 Intent Cards – so please help us reach this goal! For details about the campaign, visit the website listed above.

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

RECOGNITION OF DAVID HILL

Since 1981, David Hill has faithfully served as our Chairperson of the Altar Guild. That translates into hundreds of parament changes, thousands of candles burned, and millions of little communion cups washed! (Plus one bat funeral — be sure to ask him the story behind that one!)



Today, we will recognize David in worship, as he is retiring after 41 years of dedicated ministry. We are so grateful for his tireless efforts to prepare our sanctuary for worship every week for so many years, his unparalleled attention to detail, and most of all, his servant's heart and love for the Lord. Well done, good and faithful servant!

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG (CONT'D)

WELCOME TO MUHLENBERG!

If you are new to the Muhlenberg community, or would simply like to learn more about the congregation, please join us for a *Welcome to Muhlenberg* experience **TODAY at 9:45 am**. Meet leaders, hear about ways to get involved, and take a tour of our campus. We'll also share information about membership at Muhlenberg. Bring your kids — our Children's Minister, Ms. Ashley, will share fun activities with them while the adults are meeting. If you are interested but unable to attend, contact Pastor Lauren (434-3496 or eanes@muhlenberglutheran.org) so you can receive an invitation to our next event in September.

MISSION MOMENT



Chris Hoover Seidel, Executive Director of Bridge of Hope, joins us today to share a

Mission Moment. Chris will also be available in the Gathering Area between services for anyone with questions and/or interest in becoming part of a neighboring group.

Ending homelessness for good requires more than housing. A support system that empowered and provided guidance was also crucial for Kendra...

“My Neighboring Volunteers have been the catalyst in helping me through the past year...they reassured me that I’m not a burden and that they want to help. They didn’t judge, they really lifted me up, [they] help me with the things I need help with - meal planning, laundry, childcare on evenings I work late, things like that. It’s all been really crucial for me. There is no way I would be able to have had

the courage or strength to come this far without these people in my life.”

You can help end homelessness, and be a catalyst for the changes that make a difference.

- A gift of \$312 will provide housing for one week (rents have skyrocketed this year!)
- A gift of \$126 will provide training for Neighboring Volunteers to walk alongside a family.
- A gift of \$52 will provide one day of rental assistance.

A gift of any amount will help single mothers, like Kendra, begin the journey toward stability and end the cycle of homelessness. You can make donations by clicking [HERE](#) to visit Muhlenberg’s Local & Global Mission’s online giving page.

Becoming a Neighboring Volunteer or being a participating landlord is an active way to be involved with our families in need. To learn more, visit hr.bridgeofhopeinc.org.

THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

BIKE, TRIKE & SCOOTER HOUR

NEXT Sunday, June 26 at 9:45 am

Join us in the Ott Street Parking Lot for a Bike, Trike, and Scooter hour. Bring your wheels and get ready for fun. There will be a simple obstacle course and games, and parents can enjoy an iced coffee bar under a tent. The Ott Street yard will be open for little friends. Kids of all ages are welcome.



PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

YOUTH MINISTRY

As you have heard, Congregation Council has been working diligently to implement our Strategic Plan. As part of that plan, Council has examined the staffing needs to accomplish our spiritual development goals. One very important component of the plan is to uplift our focus and attention on youth ministry.

We are pleased to announce that we will be hiring a part-time Youth Minister. This person will provide creative and dynamic leadership, in addition to oversight for youth ministry at Muhlenberg. In addition, our new Youth Minister will nurture a vibrant and growing Christian faith in people from grades 6 - 12 and their families.

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](#). Please lift up our search in your prayers.

MUHLENBERG NEWS

CREATION CARE TIP



Repair your leaky faucet. Leaky faucets can waste up to 20 gallons of water per day. Stop the dripping-and conserve water-by replacing the washer. It's a simple fix that will cost a few dollars. If you're not comfortable doing it yourself, call a professional.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

FAITH LENS CLASS UPDATE

Faith Lens is on vacation — well, sort of. Although we will not meet as a class during the summer, we will carry with us a commitment to continue working in our community, reading suggested books, staying in touch by email, etc.

We will keep the congregation updated and invite all who want to join us as we live out our faith. Interested? Contact Jean Helmick (jean.helmick@gmail.com or 540-830-1930).

VIRGINIA SYNOD NEWS

POWER IN THE SPIRIT ~ JULY 14-16

Learn what it means to be a leader in the Church and a follower of Jesus. Click [HERE](#) for more information or to register.

IN-PERSON SYNOD GATHERING

July 15-16 ~ Registration is Open

In conjunction with Power in the Spirit, the Virginia Synod looks forward to gathering in person to celebrate ministries of service from around the Synod, worship together, and learn from one another.

Everyone can attend. Unlike an Assembly where the number of participants is limited, anyone can attend the Synodical Gathering. There are **two options for Registration:**

- **On-Campus Housing** includes the event, one-night lodging on Roanoke College's campus, plus Friday lunch and dinner, and Saturday breakfast. The cost will be \$140.
- **Commuter** includes the event, Friday lunch & dinner, and Saturday breakfast. Cost: \$100.

You are automatically registered for the Synodical Gathering if you attend Power in the Spirit. Click [HERE](#) for more info.

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

RECENT ATTENDANCE

Here are some interesting statistics from our recent online viewership:

6/5	8:30 Holy Communion	54
	11:00 Holy Communion	87
	11:00 Wellstream Worshippers.....	35
	Total Views this Week	228
	Hours Viewed this Week	58.7
6/12	8:30 Holy Communion	34
	11:00 Holy Communion	42
	11:00 Wellstream Worshippers.....	35

NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER

Thank you for your continued support of Muhlenberg's Ministry. Expenses continue to track less than the previous year with staffing adjustments and ministry teams and staff judiciously managing their spending. As per the 2022 budget, we moved approximately \$39,000 from the reserve contingency account into the operating budget. This helps reduce the deficit. The remaining \$39,000 will be moved proportionately monthly beginning in July. Continue to prayerfully consider how you can support the Muhlenberg ministry.

Sarah A. Sunde, Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through **April 2022**

	2022 YTD Actual	2022 YTD Budget	2021 YTD Actual
Gifts & Offerings	\$166,997	\$205,000	\$181,986
Total Income	\$200,975	\$234,583	\$213,912
Total Expenses	\$222,423	\$280,291	\$287,787
Excess Income/(Deficit)	\$(21,448)	\$(45,708)	\$(73,875)

Giving in support of our Spending Plan	\$ 9,003.75
Giving to Other Designated Funds	\$ 5,121.73
Total Giving	\$ 14,125.48

To give online, scan here →



WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

June 20 - 26

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

Mon	6:30 pm	Congregation Council Mtg.
Tues	1:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting
Sun		Third Sunday after Pentecost
	8:30 am	Holy Communion in person
	9:45 am	Bike, Trike & Scooter Hour
	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)

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

VBS ~ PASSPORT TO PEACE

August 8-12, 5:45 -7:45 pm.

At *Passport to Peace VBS*, children discover that there are many ways to live as peacemakers in our world. Kids are invited to see every person as part of God's family, and every interaction as an opportunity to make peace. Come and enjoy music, games, art, drama, small group times, and fellowship as we all learn to be peacemakers.

BLOOD DRIVE ~ 8/21, 9:00 - 1:00

The American Red Cross will be in the MAC. If you give regularly, please time your donations to donate that day. There's currently a serious shortage, so plan to donate!