



The CHIMES

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

FROM THE PASTORAL TEAM

It is very exciting to be addressing the congregation as a Pastoral TEAM! We are looking forward to opportunities to collaborate in ministry. Together, we are enjoying sharing the responsibility of worship planning and leadership, and we are thrilled to introduce new opportunities for faith formation like the *Pastors' Book Club* (7/17, 8/21). See p. 2 for details.

We are working to discern our individual responsibilities for the coming year as well. Pastor Lauren will continue to guide Congregation Council in conversation around strategic planning for our future. Pastor Alex will be working with High School Youth this week and begin preparing for a new year of Lutheran Campus Ministry.

We hope you'll join us in sharing the energy and spirit of collaboration that is all around Muhlenberg!

Pastor Lauren & Pastor Alex

GLADNESS AND SADNESS

It is with **gladness** that we acknowledge Mycah McNett's call to ordained ministry in the ELCA. She will enter seminary this fall. And, it is with **sadness** that we say goodbye. Mycah's last Sunday worship with us will be August 4.

Mycah's service and commitment to Muhlenberg is deeply appreciated and will be missed - especially her involvement in Campus Ministry, youth activity, confirmation ministry leadership, and communication ministry.

We pray God's abundant blessings upon her as she follows Jesus. May she know God's complete love and strength always.

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 securely register online at...

www.muhlenberglutheran.org



TODAY AT MUHLENBERG



INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAYS July 14 & 28, August 11

Join us **TODAY, 11:45 am** in the MAC for an Intergenerational program. This program will be led by Muhlenberg member June Nabers. Lunch is provided. We will learn about the Minnick School of Harrisonburg and put together breakfast and snack kits for the students.

Contact Diane Bayer with questions (bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496)

THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

GO-GO GROUP BREAKFAST

Are you 55+ and enjoy fellowship with others? Join the Group **THIS Tuesday, July 16, 8:30 am** at Thomas House in Dayton. Contact Dan Werner at 433-3912 for more information.

THE PASTORS' BOOK CLUB!

Join Pastor Lauren or Pastor Alex each month to discuss an interesting or provocative book about faith. July's book will be *The Rapture Exposed* by Barbara Rossing (available on amazon.com or ask Pastor Lauren to order you a copy). We'll gather **THIS Wednesday, July 17, 6:30-8:30pm** in the Gathering Area for lively conversation!

Like to read ahead? August's book will be *Fire by Night: Finding God in the Pages of the Old Testament* by Melissa Florer-Bixler. We will meet Wednesday, August 21.

FINANCIAL NEWS

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:45 Worship	123	Wed. Noon	14
10:30 Worship	<u>107</u>		
Total	230		

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through June 2019			
	Y-T-D <u>Actual</u>	Y-T-D <u>Budget</u>	Y-T-D <u>Last Year</u>
Gifts & Offerings	\$341,119	\$411,798	\$338,695
Total Receipts	\$388,962	\$497,791	\$385,909
Expenses	\$416,958	\$416,709	\$410,000
Excess Income/ (Expenses)	(\$27,996)	(\$33,693)	(\$24,091)

Giving in support of our Spending Plan	\$	8,549.00
Giving to Other Designated Funds	\$	<u>7,473.85</u>
Total Giving for the Week	\$	16,022.85

See Connection Center notebook for details.

To give online, scan here →



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We are always in need of worship servants: lectors, ushers, acolytes, communion assistants/stewards, greeters, sound techs, etc. **Sign up** in the notebook at the Connection Center **for the month of August!** One-on-one training can be arranged – just indicate the training needed on the sign-up sheet or *contact Kathy Thompson (578-4830 or thompskb@jmu.edu)*. If you prefer to sign up online, follow the path below from our website:

Worship + Community > Worship: What to Expect > Worship + Music Leadership

Prefer to work behind the scenes? We have many opportunities – talk with Kathy to learn how you can serve.

MUHLENBERG NEWS (CONT'D)

CREATION CARE TIP

Creation Care offers a simple tip that will help you protect God's earth. For more information, contact Ramona Sanders (rsanders9@verizon.net) or 433-1165.



Create the "one trash can" rule: Every household can manage this easily when you compost your kitchen waste; recycle paper, packaging, bottles, and cans; give away clothes, toys, tools, and household items, rather than trash them; and avoid excessively packaged products when you shop.

COLUMBARIUM PROMOTION REMINDER

Your opportunity to save \$200 when reserving your columbarium niche ends at the end of July. Did you know that if you change your mind, move, etc. and no longer want to use the niche you reserved, that MLC will refund 75% of your payment in the future. **So don't let your uncertainty keep you from missing out on the promotion.** Applications and FAQ's letter are available at the Connection Center in the Gathering Area. *If you have questions please call one of the Columbarium Committee members - Bill Compton, Marion Carr, Pat Costie or Jackie Wells.*

CHILDREN'S BUSY BAGS

Special busy bags for children are hanging by the Sanctuary doors in the Gathering Area.



LOCAL GLOBAL MISSION NEWS

Joining with the Summer Intergenerational Sunday program **TODAY**, LGM will collect funds to assist Minnick School – Harrisonburg (MS-H). Donations will be used to provide breakfast for special education students. A healthy breakfast supports health and learning. Stay for lunch on July 14 and learn more about Minnick School-Harrisonburg, a Lutheran Family Service agency! Checks made payable to MLC with MS-H in the memo line may be placed in the offering plate at any time.

PROPERTY UPDATE

The Ott Street house (purchased in January) has a late model natural gas stove (white) in good condition. (Hotpoint model rgb526deh1ww). All 4 burners and the oven work. The Property Committee would like to sell this to help recoup some of the "fix up" cost of the house. Bids start at \$100. **All bids must be received by July 21.** Place your bid in the Property mailbox in the administrative hallway. Purchaser is responsible for moving the stove by August 5. *Contact Neil Alexander at 540-405-2569 or katneil@aol.com.*

VIRGINIA SYNOD NEWS

ASSEMBLY UPDATE

This year's theme for Synod Assembly was "Faithful + Bold + Serving." Bishop Bob Humphrey preached a wonderful sermon Friday and challenged us to be "Church together." Summaries 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 at depay@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496. Submissions will be printed with consideration for space and appropriateness at the discretion of the pastors & editor.

- ✦ We celebrate the life of Richard “Dickie” Beery **next Sunday, July 21 at 1:30 pm** here at Muhlenberg. A reception will follow in the MAC.
- ✦ Our thanks and appreciation for the kind thoughts, prayers for healing and encouragement, and cards as I recover from my hip surgery. More evidence that Muhlenberg is a family that cares for and supports one another. *Stephanie & Mark Hudy*
- ✦ We offer prayers of thanksgiving for Linda Depoy and husband Kenny. Linda is recovering at home from surgery. She has begun working from home and will be in the office on occasion over the next few weeks before returning full time.

SECOND HOME NEWS

TEACHERS/VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We are in need of teachers and volunteers to help with the 2019-2020 school year.

For details, visit the Connection Center or *contact Executive Director Krisztina Szekely at 432-7989 or 2ndhomedirector@gmail.com.*

DAILY DEVOTIONS

PRAYING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

For individual and family use. Scripture citations taken from ELW's 3-Year Daily Lectionary, p. 1143-1153, (Year C).

- Mon. Acts 19:21-27**
- Tue. Acts 19:28-41**
- Wed. Luke 10:13-16**
- Thu. James 2:14-26**
- Fri. Acts 7:9-16**
- Sat. John 3:16-21**
- Sun. Luke 10:25-37**

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

July 15 - July 21, 2019

- Mon. 2:00 pm Weekly Staff Meeting**
6:30 pm Congregation Council Mtg.
- Tue. 8:30 am Go-Go Group Breakfast**
- Wed. 12 noon Holy Communion**
6:30 pm Pastor's Book Club
- Sun. Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**
8:45 & 10:30 am Holy Communion
1:30 pm Memorial Service for Richard “Dickie” Beery

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 (depay@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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