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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR ALEX

Please join us **NEXT SUNDAY, August 11, 4:30 pm in the Sanctuary** as we celebrate the formal installation of Pastor Alex Zuber at Muhlenberg! Pastor Micah Krey, Faith Lutheran Church, Cockeysville, Maryland, will preach. Pastor Rob McCarty, Dean of the Southern Valley Conference of the Virginia Synod, will preside. In celebration of Pastor Alex's installation, we invite you to enjoy light refreshments and fellowship in the Gathering Area following the service.

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



Please wear a nametag for the next few weeks to help Pastor Alex learn your name.

Supplies are in the Gathering Area.

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

SEMINARIAN SUNDAY

TODAY we celebrate "Seminarian Sunday." Muhlenberg is blessed to have two candidates for ministry beginning their seminary studies this fall.

Remington Willis will attend Trinity Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, while **Mycah McNett** will be at United Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia, PA. Before we bid them farewell and Godspeed, they will lead us in worship.

Join us in prayer and thanksgiving for their continued discernment and willingness to follow God's call!

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Local & Global Mission is holding a school supply drive for Second Home **TODAY**. Place donations in the designated bins in the Gathering Area.

Second Home also needs funds for new office equipment (computer, etc.). If you would like to help in this way, designate *Second Home office equipment* on your check and envelope.

As always, we thank you so very much for all you do for the children at Second Home!

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG (CONT'D)

LAY COMMUNION



This ministry equips members to bring Holy Communion to our homebound and sick members who wish to be included in a monthly extension of our Sunday morning worship. If you or someone you know would benefit from receiving home communion, even if it's on a temporary basis, *contact Paula Caldwell at 383-6365 or paulafaye417@gmail.com.*

FOOD COLLECTION

TODAY we collect non-perishable food items for Patchwork Pantry, which also needs paper products (paper towels, wraps, food storage bags, toilet tissue, etc.), cleansers (dish, laundry, all-purpose), diapers (sizes 1-5), and all types of personal hygiene products. Thanks for your support.



FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Our summer worship hours continue through September 1. **On September 8, we return to three worship services at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am.** Sunday morning Christian Formation will resume at 9:30 each week (visit the Connection Center for details). Watch *The Chimes* for education, service and fellowship opportunities.

FINANCIAL NEWS

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:45 Worship	126	Wed. Noon	12
10:30 Worship	<u>145</u>		
Total	271		

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through June 2019			
	Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Budget	Y-T-D Last Year
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	\$	5,668.00
Giving to Other Designated Funds	\$	<u>5,414.00</u>
Total Giving for the Week	\$	11,082.00

See Connection Center notebook for details.

To give online, scan here →



NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE!

While our old website provided good information, it was a little outdated and left a few things to be desired. Mycah McNett and Nathan Eanes (who professionally designs websites) have been working to provide us with a brand new website. It is more current and works better with phones, tablets and other small devices.

The new website is now live! While we still have some content to add, we welcome your feedback and appreciate your letting us know if you find errors. *Contact Mycah (mcnett@muhlenberglutheran.org / 434-3496) by August 10.*



THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

ELDERCARE SUPPORT GROUP

Meets **TOMORROW, Monday, August 5, 7:00 pm** in the Kairos Room. *Contact Jennie Warner (mjwarner1@aol.com or 476-2020) for details.*

DMV TO VISIT MUHLENBERG

As a community service, People Helping People (PHP) will host the DMV Mobile Unit inside the MAC **Wednesday, August 7, 9:00-11:00 am**. All services normally provided by the DMV can be done by this Mobile Unit including vehicle registration, REAL ID compliance, etc. *If you have questions, call the PHP office at 433-7286.*

GO-GO GROUP LUNCH (55+)

Are you 55+ and enjoy fellowship with others? Join the group for lunch **THIS Wednesday, August 7, 1:00 pm at Rocktown Kitchen** (271 S. Liberty St. #101). *Call Dan Werner (433-3912) for more information.*

INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAYS



August 11

NEXT Sunday, August 11, 11:45 am in the MAC, join us for our intergenerational program for all ages. People Helping People Director Leeanne Shepherd will share how the agency serves the community. The group will put together personal health survival bags.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

YOUNG FAMILIES GET TOGETHER

Gather between services Sunday, August 18 in the Nielsen Room (feel free to grab a snack from fellowship tables in the Gathering Area). We will discuss the idea of starting a Young Families Group and what it might look like at Muhlenberg. The nursery will be open for young children. Those with infants are invited to keep them with you.

We hope this time together will connect you with others and help you decide when/if you would like to get together as a group and how Muhlenberg can best serve your needs.

*Please RSVP to Diane Bayer (434-3496 or bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org) by **NEXT Sunday, August 11** if you plan to attend.*

THE PASTORS' BOOK CLUB

Join Pastor Lauren or Pastor Alex each month to discuss an interesting or provocative book about faith. 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, 6:30-8:30pm** in the Gathering Area for lively conversation!

September's title will be *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans; we will meet September 25.

RUTH SIGMON CIRCLE

Monday, September 2, 6:30 pm in the Augsburg Room, the Ruth Sigmon Circle will start the year with a Bible study from the June *Gather* magazine titled, "For Just Such a Time As This," Session one, Esther the Queen. The Bible text covers all 10 chapters of Esther. It will be helpful to read these chapters to spur good discussion. All Muhlenberg women are welcome! For more info, *Contact Louise Johnson (gfriend07@verizon.net or 433-1047).*

LOCAL GLOBAL MISSION NEWS

Contact Local & Global Mission Chair
Karen Matthias (kfmatthias@gmail.com / 434-4625)
for more information.

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE



In coordination with Muhlenberg's inter-generational faith formation event on August 11, the Local and Global Mission Committee (LGM) is petitioning the congregation for monetary contributions to People Helping People (PHP).

PHP will host the DMV mobile unit in the MAC August 7 to help clients and others obtain valid IDs needed for employment. Contributions will help defray the cost of \$10-\$21 per ID. If you would like to donate, designate *People Helping People* on your check and envelope.

For more information about PHP and Muhlenberg's 25+ year relationship with the organization, which is supported by over 50 local churches, please visit the Connection Center. PHP is also in need of volunteers.

BRIDGE OF HOPE

Bridge of Hope needs a Neighboring Volunteer group right away to support a Spanish-speaking mother who does not speak English. Neighboring Volunteers act as a social support system. Their job is to love and help the family, but they are not expected to provide financial assistance. Volunteers who only speak English are also needed. *If interested, please contact Susan Lawrence (lawrensj@comcast.net or 540-908-0073).*



ELCA DAY OF SERVICE



The ELCA Day of Service is **Sunday, September 8**. We hope to have several opportunities for you to choose from to make a difference in our community and beyond.

The morning of Saturday, September 7, for the 4th year in a row, Muhlenberg will join Grace Lutheran in Waynesboro and 12+ other churches to "Rise Against Hunger." Last year 100 people packed 24,000 meals for school children in Haiti where lunch is often their only meal of the day. Look for a sign-up sheet in the notebook at the Connection Center soon. Families with children, youth, college students, and adults of all ages are welcome. There are jobs for those who prefer to sit.

For more info, visit riseagainsthunger.org or contact Karen Matthias (kfmatthias@gmail.com or 434-4625). Watch *The Chimes* for additional ways you can participate in the 2019 Day of Service!



SECOND HOME NEWS

TEACHERS/VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Do you love children? Are you looking for a part time job OR do you know someone else who would be interested? Second Home is hiring for the 2019 - 2020 school year.

Morning hours: 6:00 - 8:30

Afternoon hours: 3:15 - 6:15

Paid Positions: Morning and Afternoon

Teachers Monday – Friday, August 13, 2019 – June 9, 2020. Some flexibility with work hours may be possible. Work as part of a dedicated team to care for local elementary school age children, help them with their academics, and social development.

Qualifications: Degree (or near completion) in education, social services, psychology or any related areas and/or experience in teaching / working with children. A love of children, good social and personal skills, being able to multi task and work as part of a team are a must. Ideal for retired educators, graduate students or college seniors. Hourly wage. Contingent on successful national fingerprint background check.

Volunteer Positions:

Academic helpers and mentors: Second Home is a social outreach ministry of Muhlenberg, offering academically focused, before and after school care to local elementary school aged children. In order to keep our services affordable to low income families, our fees are very low. Second Home relies on volunteer help to complement our few paid staff members, making it possible for us to offer one-on-one and small group attention to our students. We invite community members to

volunteer, share their passion, interest, expertise, and time with us. Please let us know if you would like to learn more about our volunteer opportunities, and would be interested in spending some time helping our students.

The **Second Home Board** is looking for new members. If you are passionate about children and feel called to help low income families, we would love to speak with you. Experience and interest in fundraising is a plus. The board, which meets once a month, has an active role in guidance and fund development for our program. Membership term is one year, renewable for up to 6 terms.

If you are interested or have questions, *contact Executive Director Krisztina Szekely* (2ndhomedirector@gmail.com or 432-7989).



Muhlenberg member Bruce Matthias works with a Second Home student.

VIRGINIA SYNOD NEWS

VOCATION CONFERENCE



Listen, God is Calling! OK, but for what? how? when? where? If you feel God might just maybe, perhaps be calling you to be a pastor or deacon in the church, you are invited to the Virginia Synod Vocations Conference where we will talk about **“How to become a Pastor or Deacon.”** You'll hear about the basic Candidacy Process, meet others who are also discerning God's call, and meet the Virginia Synod Candidacy Committee. Pastor Jason Darty will lead us in the practice of Spiritual Direction. You'll have time to ask questions and learn from others who have questions you hadn't considered!

The Vocations Conference is **Friday, August 16, 12 noon – Saturday, August 17, 1:00 pm** at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center near Lynchburg. Interested in attending? *Contact Pastor Alex (zuber@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496).*

VIRGINIA INTERFAITH NEWS

PAID SICK DAY STANDARD

The Center is working to create a paid sick day standard in Virginia. Low wage workers are hit hard as they are forced to go to work sick or send their children to school sick because they cannot afford (or are not allowed) to take an unpaid day off from work. Lack of paid sick days also puts the public's health at risk as many food service and childcare employees are forced to work while sick. Visit the Connection Center for details.



FAITH IN ACTION NEWS

NEW LISTENING CAMPAIGN

Faith in Action is starting a new listening campaign. We are interested in hearing concerns/ideas that our members have in regards to making our local community a fairer place. Please contact a committee member to set up an interview. In order to address your concerns/ideas in our 2020 campaign, interviews need to be completed by August 26. We also need help with the interviews and ask that you contact a committee member to volunteer.



Listening Team members:

Nancy Martin-Finks

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Cathy Copeland

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Jim Hogan

hoganjr1933@gmail.com or 864-378-1619

Pastor Alex Zuber

zuber@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496

MISSION TRIP TO NICARAGUA



In partnership with CICRIN (Nicaraguan Christian Children's Center, Ometepe Island, Nicaragua), Pastor Mark and Tami Radecke invite you to consider joining them on a mission trip **February 14-22, 2020**. Details are available at the Connection Center.

MUHLENBERG NEWS

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.

Choose concentrates: for example, juice sold as a concentrate in a small container can be reconstituted with water in your kitchen. Additionally, many laundry detergents and liquid cleansers come in concentrated forms that reduce packaging and save energy.

YOUTH NEWS

*Contact Pastor Lauren Eanes
(434-3496 or eanes@muhlenberglutheran.org)
for more information.*

HELLO MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILIES!

We are excited for a new year of middle school ministry at Muhlenberg Lutheran Church! We have a great team working with middle school ministry. We're looking forward to a strong confirmation program, active fellowship, and service events throughout the year as we grow together in faith.

Please plan to attend a kick-off meeting on **Sunday, August 25, 9:00 am** in the Nielsen Room downstairs. (Yes, that's during the first service.) Gather to enjoy some food and learn more about this year's confirmation and Alpha Teens ministry at 9:00, then head upstairs for worship at 10:30 am.

Middle school ministry is open to all 6th-8th graders and their families regardless of whether they're members at Muhlenberg or not, so feel free to invite friends or neighbors who may be interested!

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

*Contact Pastor Alex Zuber
(434-3496 or zuber@muhlenberglutheran.org)
for more information.*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Interested in supporting and welcoming the newest members of the Harrisonburg community? Talk to Pastor Alex to volunteer for JMU Freshman Move In Days, either **August 20 or 21.**

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

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

INTRODUCING OUR NEW RWANDAN SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT

Aaron Cyusa is the third Rwandan student Muhlenberg has helped attend the Rwamagana School in Rwanda. His picture and a note from him can be viewed on the table outside Diane Bayer's office in the administrative hallway.

Our missionary Robin Strickler started the school, and we help support the school through the Rwanda School Project. Our first student, Shukulu Murekatete, graduated and is attending the University. Our second student, Patrick Irakose, graduated this year.

Support comes from Christian Formation class offerings. Others can be part of this ongoing opportunity to share their God given gifts by designating *Rwandan Student* on your check and envelope.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FESTIVAL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 9:30 AM

Visit the Connection Center for details about Christian Formation Sundays, adult opportunities, and more!

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 depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496. Submissions will be printed with consideration for space and appropriateness at the discretion of the pastors & editor.

✠ We offer sympathy to Jill May and Bud Perry and their family following the death of Joe Ann Beasley, Jill's mother and Bud's sister. A memorial gathering is planned for a later date.

✠ The family of Richard Beery would like to thank Pastor Lauren and everyone who helped with the memorial service. Also thanks to all who prepared and served the food in the MAC following the service.
Norwood Beery

✠ Thanks to Pastor Lauren for her prayers and visits, for all who brought food and for the cards and prayers. We appreciate your kindness.
Richard & Betty Ryman.

✠ Linda Depoy continues to recover from surgery but plans to return full time this week between working from home and in the office.

LIFE ON TAP

If you have enjoyed Life on Tap gatherings in the past, or think gathering at the brewery with faithful friends sounds fun, join us **Thursday, August 22, 7:00 pm** at Three Notched Brewing Company. We discuss the future of Life on Tap and other Muhlenberg Social Ministries! *Any questions or ideas, contact Pastor Alex or Rachel Peters (rgpeters9@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. Colossians 2:16-3:1

Tue. Romans 9:30-10:4

Wed. Matthew 5:43-48

Thu. Romans 11:33-36

Fri. Ephesians 4:17-24

Sat. Mark 10:17-22

Sun. Luke 12:32-40

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

August 5-11, 2019

Mon. 2:00 pm Weekly Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Eldercare Support Group

Wed. 9:00-11:00 am DMV Visits
12 noon Holy Communion
1:00 pm Go-Go Group Lunch

Sun. 8:45 & 10:30 am Holy Communion
11:45 am Intergenerational Event
4:30 pm Installation of
Pastor Alex Zuber

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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