



MUHLENBERG: A WELLSPRING OF GOD’S GRACE

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August 13, 2023

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TODAY'S WORSHIP INFORMATION

For the summer, we’re using “seasonal bulletins” that we’ll reuse for several weeks. You’ll find all the specific parts of our worship — hymn numbers, Scripture readings, and worship participants — listed here on the front page of *The Chimes*.

GATHERING HYMN ~ *Out of the Depths I Cry to You*

ELW 600

FIRST READING ~ Jonah 2

Robert Alley, Biblical Storyteller

GOSPEL ~ Mark 1:16-20

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HYMN OF THE DAY ~ *Here I Am, Lord*

ELW 574

SENDING HYMN ~ *Lead Me, Guide Me*

ELW 768

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

PREACHING MINISTER ~ Pastor Alex Zuber

PRESIDING MINISTER ~ Pastor Lauren Eanes

CRUCIFERS 8:30 ~ Jim Doyle
11:00 ~ Sue Koch

LECTOR **8:30 & 11:00 ~** Robert Alley
Biblical Storyteller

LAY ASSISTING 8:30 ~ Kim Fawley
MINISTERS 11:00 ~

SOUND 8:30 ~ Mark Byerly
TECHS 11:00 ~ Todd Hedinger

USHERS **8:30 ~** Karen Thomsen, Jeanette Norfleet
11:00 ~ Pam Bergey, Jeff Williams

COMMUNION 8:30 ~ Robert Alley, Linda Morrison, Jim Doyle, Larry Blade
ASSISTANTS 11:00 ~ Robert Alley, Sue Koch

MUSICIANS Wade Meyers, Music Minister; Greta Willis, Flutist
Alice Wightman, Pianist (11:00 am)

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

USHER TRAINING

TODAY (8/13), 9:45 am

Attention all ushers and wannabe ushers! We're gathering **TODAY at 9:45 am** for a "refresher" training to get us ready for the new program year. If you are regularly on the usher schedule, occasionally fill in, would like to give ushering a try, or simply curious about how things work behind-the-scenes on a Sunday morning, please plan to attend. Plus, we'll have snacks! Contact Karen Thomsen (kethomsen25@gmail.com or 540-421-4431) or Jeff Williams (sexton@muhlenberglutheran.org or 804-931-2274) with any questions.

CONFIRMATION OF ALICE WIGHTMAN

Confirmation, often called Affirmation of Baptism, is a course of learning, discernment, and service for youth where they learn what it means to live into their baptism.

Today we celebrate Alice Wightman as she publicly affirms her Baptism at the 11:00 am service. Information will be distributed to worship participants so you can follow along and participate in this special part of the worship service.

THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

MINISTRIES NIGHT

Monday (8/14), 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Join us tomorrow evening as we strengthen our ministries, plan new initiatives, and serve one another and the wider community! All are welcome in person, via [ZOOM](#) or by phone:

Meeting ID: 833 4118 0538

One tap mobile +13126266799,,83341180538#

BIBLE STUDY GATHERING

THIS Saturday (8/19), 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Hillandale Park, Shelter #10

(handicapped accessible)

Salad Potluck: bring a salad (fruit, pasta, bean, greens — any kind you'd like!) Drinks, plates, utensils, napkins provided.

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study group (which typically meets via Zoom) is hosting this in-person gathering for all who have attended the Bible study AND those who are interested in learning what the group is all about. We will explore the concept of embodiment and a biblical view of bodies as we discuss the book *The Wisdom of Your Body* by Hillary McBride. The entire book is good but if you run out of time, read chapters 1, 2 and 9.

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study resumes its regular meetings Wednesday, September 6.

BLOOD DRIVE

Next Sunday (8/20), 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

The American Red Cross will be in the MAC for a blood drive. If you regularly give blood or just want to give this one time, please consider donating next Sunday. There's currently a serious shortage of blood, **particularly for type O**, so please plan to donate!



Appointments are encouraged. **To sign up online, click [HERE](#).** If you need more information or don't have computer access to sign up online, contact Crystl Whitmire (540-833-2101 or crystlwhitmire@comcast.net), and she will be glad to sign you up.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

THE GREAT COMMUNITY PLAY DATE!

Saturday, August 26, 2:00 - 4:00 pm



Save the date! We are hosting the biggest, best back to school party in the 'Burg! The Great Community Play Date will bring together Muhlenbergers and our

three school partners: Second Home, Harrisonburg/Rockingham Day Care, and Minnick School. Kids will enjoy a bounce house, carnival games, chalk art, face painting, and more! The Play Date will also celebrate our partnership by gifting these three organizations with much-needed play equipment and supplies.

To see a list of the items requested and the ways you can donate, visit our webpage www.muhlenberglutheran.org/playdate.html

Mark your calendar for an afternoon of FUN **Saturday, Aug. 26, 2:00 - 4:00 pm**. Interested in helping get this party started? Contact Karen Thomsen (kethomsen25@gmail.com), Ashley Saunders (saunders@muhlenberglutheran.org), or Pastor Lauren (eanes@muhlenberglutheran.org).

FALL AT MUHLENBERG STARTING SEPTEMBER 10

Congregation Council and staff have been busy planning meaningful worship and a variety of activities for all ages this fall. Watch *The Chimes*, your inbox and your mailbox for details coming soon!



MUHLENBERG NEWS


MULE 'N BURGERS WITH CHEESE ARE BACK!

Muhlenberg's (in)famous adult kickball team is starting a new season and you're invited to play! Games will take place at Ramblewood Athletic Complex Tuesday or



Wednesday nights each week until early October. No experience necessary—just a willingness to play and have a great time together. Contact Russell Presnell (russellepresnell@gmail.com or 540-746-3562) if you're interested.

CREATION CARE

 BYOB: Instead of paper or plastic, bring your own bags when you shop. Invest in a supply of reusable bags or reuse the bags from previous shopping trips.

TEACHERS/LEADERS NEEDED

Are you interested in teaching or leading a Children's or Youth Faith Formation Class on Sunday Mornings? To explore this opportunity, please reach out to Children's Minister Ashley Saunders (saunders@muhlenberglutheran.org) or Pastor Alex (zuber@muhlenberglutheran.org) via email or call the church at 540-434-3496.

MUHLENBERG NEWS (CONT'D)

ENDOWMENT FUND



Muhlenberg Lutheran Church has two active Endowment funds. The Seminary Scholarship Endowment Fund is available to assist members who attend seminary. Our current recipient, Mycah McNett, has just graduated from United Lutheran Seminary and accepted a call to St. Luke Lutheran Church in Devon, PA.

The Mission Endowment Fund is the other account. Proceeds from the interest gained from this investment fund are used to assist programs in alignment with Muhlenberg's mission outside the church's budgeted items. The church Council selects the recipients, which have included the Harrisonburg Rockingham Free Clinic, First Step (a local domestic violence shelter) and our Wellstream program and its equipment. Suggestions for future designees are always welcomed.

Your gifts to the endowment funds through weekly giving, designated memorials, and estate planning, help this extension of Muhlenberg's ministry.

For more information, contact Endowment Committee Chair Doris Stone (dmstone99@gmail.com or 540-289-5520).

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

REHEARSALS BEGIN

August 29 - 30, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Exciting news for all music enthusiasts in our community! I'm thrilled to announce the return of our music groups. Celebration Singers will meet Tuesday, August 29 at 6:30 pm. Sanctuary Choir's first rehearsal will be Wednesday, August 30 at 6:30 pm. Gloria Dei Ringers hand bell choir, directed by Kath Wissinger, returns Tuesday, August 29 at 7:30 pm.

Members of Celebration Singers and Sanctuary Choir will meet for a social gathering the week before rehearsals begin, details TBA.

First rehearsals for all groups are open to all. No commitment or pressure, just having fun making some music together! Our music ministry offers a supportive and friendly environment to grow musically while serving our community. Prior music experience is not required but is helpful for the Sanctuary Choir.

PIANO RECITAL

August 20, 3:00 pm

I hope you'll enjoy attending a piano recital I'm giving August 20, 3:00 pm in our Sanctuary, featuring music by Beethoven, Chopin, Liszt, Estigarribia, and others — reception to follow.

As your Music Minister, I'm thrilled to embark on this new season of music-making with you all. Our choirs are about more than music — they're about fellowship, service and praising God collectively. Mark your calendars, and get ready to rejoice in song. Please don't hesitate to contact me for any queries about joining. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Wade Meyers, Music Minister
meyers@muhlenberglutheran.org

LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9!!

This Year Marks the 10th Anniversary of “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday. On Sunday, September 10, congregations of the ELCA will join together for our annual day of service. “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday began in 2013 in connection with the ELCA’s 25th anniversary. It continues to be an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

One way Muhlenberg will participate in this special milestone is by joining other area churches in the **Rise Against Hunger** event **Saturday, September 9, 10:00 am at Kate Collins Middle School in Waynesboro.** Rise Against Hunger is an international aid program feeding those who are chronically hungry around the world with dehydrated meals of rice, vegetables and other fortified ingredients. Our task that day is to assemble 40,000 meals, pack them, and make them ready to ship out!

For planning purposes, please let Karen Thomsen know if you plan to attend. Carpooling is possible and encouraged so stay tuned for more details. This is a wonderful event that allows us to truly be the “hands and feet” of Christ.

You can contact Karen by phone, text, or email (kethomsen25@gmail.com or 540-421-4431).



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

✙ With great sadness, we share the news of William Kyle’s death (August 8). We keep in our prayers his parents Mari and Chris, his siblings Abigail and Jonathan, and all of William’s friends, classmates, and extended family. A funeral service was held at JMU’s Memorial Hall yesterday (August 12).

REMINDERS

COMMUNICATING WITH THOSE WITHOUT ONLINE ACCESS

Those who cannot read *The Chimes* online can request a copy be mailed to them weekly. If you know someone without online access, contact Parish Administrator Linda Depoy (depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496).

SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTIONS

Are you on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter? Why not Like or Follow Muhlenberg? Get informative updates regularly throughout the week, photos, prayers, and inspirations/devotionals. It is also a great way to let your friends know about your church and our ministry. Find us on Facebook by searching for Muhlenberg Lutheran Church, or follow us on Instagram and Twitter at @MuhlenbergLC.

CELEBRATION CORNER

To help share information from our social media with those who don't have access or may have missed it, we are including recent posts in The Chimes. Posts may come from Muhlenberg's [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) pages.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~ A GREAT SUCCESS!



We had an amazing week of fellowship for the kids of Muhlenberg and Shalom Mennonite Church! *Compassion Camp: What Every Living Thing Needs* welcomed 67 children from 35 families across Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. We were supported by 20 adult volunteers and 10 youth volunteers, with a good representation each from Muhlenberg and Shalom. Our volunteers put in hours of planning and hard work that made this week go so smoothly. The kids were excited and ready to come back the next night. Thank you to everyone who made this such a successful event!



Ashley & Georgia (from Shalom Mennonite Church)





TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

RECENT ATTENDANCE

Here are some interesting statistics from our recent in-person and online viewership:

7/30	8:30 Holy Communion	56
	11:00 Holy Communion	72
	11:00 Wellstream Worshippers.....	32
	Total Views this Week	200
	Hours Viewed this Week	48.7
8/06	8:30 Holy Communion	56
	11:00 Holy Communion	67
	11:00 Wellstream Worshippers.....	40

NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER

In June, gifts & offerings were consistent with last year and expenses trended slightly higher. As we enter into the second half of the fiscal year, I anticipate the deficit will widen unless there is an increase in gifts and offerings. With summer vacations, you may not be physically present, but remember to continue giving to Muhlenberg.

Sarah A. Sunde, Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through July 2023

	2023 YTD Actual	2023 YTD Budgeted	2022 YTD Actual
Gifts & Offerings	\$302,682	\$369,833	\$301,117
Total Income	\$430,553	\$448,453	\$377,964
Total Expenses	\$447,976	\$510,678	\$317,724
Excess Income/(Deficit)	\$(17,423)	\$(62,225)	\$60,240

Giving in support of our Spending Plan	\$ 15,353.06
Giving to Other Designated Funds	\$ 900.41
Total Giving	\$ 16,253.47

July Thrivent Choice Dollars - \$53

To give online, scan here ➡



WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

August 14 – 20, 2023

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

Mon	1:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting
	6:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting
Sat	11:00 am	Bible Study Gathering at Hillandale Park
Sun		Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
		Music Minister Wade Meyers Installation
	8:30 am	Holy Communion in person
	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Blood Drive
	11:00 am	Holy Communion in person and Livestreamed via Facebook and YouTube
	3:00 pm	Concert Performance by Music Minister Wade Meyers



Each week, we lift up five households from our congregation in prayer. Our prayer families for this week are the following:

*Hawke Trumbo
Anthony and Mary Tyree
Jeff and Darcy Tyrrell
Rev. Richard Umberger
Sue Utterback*

Please note: if you notice an unintentional omission in our list or prefer your name not be listed, please contact Parish Administrator Linda Depoy (540-434-3496 or depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org).

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 /540-434-3496) Like us at [facebook.com/muhlenberglutheran](https://www.facebook.com/muhlenberglutheran).