



# 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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**August 16, 2020**

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

## TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

Join your Muhlenberg friends and family for education and fellowship via [ZOOM](#) each **Sunday from 9:00 – 11:00** using this link:

[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/84731416878](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84731416878)

- **Sunday School** ~ All are welcome to join.
  - **9:00:** Faith Lens
  - **10:15:** Kids Story Time
- **Pastoral Care** ~ We will provide a private breakout room for you and the pastor on call.
- **Small Group Fellowship** ~ Want to catch up with a small group of friends? We have private breakout rooms for that!

If you don't have a reliable internet connection, call in on Sundays at 1-301-715-8592 and enter the Meeting ID: 84731416878.

Livestreamed worship at 11:00 am on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) continues.

## WELLSTREAM PHONE

Call from your home/cell phone.

**Wellstream Phone Number:**

**1-434-205-8777**



### VBS COMPASSION CAMP Closing Car Corral

We look forward to seeing everyone at the closing of our Virtual Bible School *Compassion Camp* today at 4:00 in the church parking lot. We will have ice cream from Kline's, sing some of our VBS songs, and have fun being together with our church friends. We will also have a visit from a surprise guest.

See you there!

### COMMUNICATION MINISTER UPDATE

After an exciting search process with many wonderful candidates, Muhlenberg will soon be welcoming a new Communication Minister to our staff! Keep an eye on your email for an announcement very soon! I am very grateful to Linda Depoy, Katie McConnell, and Sarah Sunde for their hard work on our Search Committee. *Pastor Alex*

## THIS WEEK

### WEDNESDAY AM BIBLE STUDY

We are exploring the book of Esther (along with its additional parts in the Apocrypha) and the book of Tobit. All you need is a Bible that contains the Apocrypha. Contact Pastor Lauren if you need the resource. Sessions are recorded for later viewing. Join in Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/200491556>.

### WEDNESDAY NOON SERVICE

We will have a brief prayer service on [Facebook](#). Tune in live or watch later.

## MUHLENBERG NEWS

### CREATION CARE TIP



Creation Care offers a simple tip that will help you protect God's earth. Contact Ramona Sanders for more information: 433-1165 or [rsanders97@verizon.net](mailto:rsanders97@verizon.net).

Think about planting a green roof. Green roofs are essentially rooftop gardens. Plants like sedum, wildflowers and native grasses planted on your roof can help reduce air pollution and stormwater runoff and provide a habitat for wildlife. You can install a green roof on your house, your shed, or even your dog house for as little as \$10/square foot.

### NO AUGUST PASTORS' BOOK CLUB

Thank you for a great first year of Pastors' Book Club! We're taking a break for the month of August, but will resume in September. We'll let you know what that book will be soon.

## FINANCIAL NEWS

### RECENT DIGITAL ATTENDANCE

While we aren't meeting in person, we are able to track our online viewership:

**8/2: 112 Total Live Views**  
**423 Total Views**  
**118.4 Hours of Content Viewed**

**8/9: 96 Total Live Views**

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Through July 2020			
	Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Budget	Y-T-D Last Year
Gifts & Offerings	\$358,288	\$468,438	\$394,194
Total Receipts*	\$432,960	\$528,048	\$448,659
Expenses	\$451,756	\$572,118	\$486,101
<b>Excess Income/ (Expenses)</b>	<b>(\$18,796)</b>	<b>(\$40,070)</b>	<b>(\$37,442)</b>

\* Includes \$12,331.53 – federal PPP proceeds

*Offering information not available this week.  
It will be included in next week's information.*

July Thrivent Choice Dollars: \$42

To give online, scan here →



Muhlenberg is not suspending its ministry through this unprecedented time, and we ask you not to suspend your financial contributions either. We are committed to maintaining our ministries, even if they are in a different form for now. We also want to be able to continue to support the needs of the most vulnerable in our community.

You can make a one-time or recurring donation through the [donation page](#) on our website, or mail your check to the church at 281 E. Market Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22801

# Physically Distant Fellowship @ Hillandale Park

SPACED  
OUT 2  
AUGUST 30TH, 2020

Muhlenberg Lutheran Church



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## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

The Fellowship Committee is holding *Spaced Out*, a gathering of Muhlenberg members. You are invited to attend! We plan to hold three “new normal” gatherings at various locations and times. Here are the details on the second gathering:

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30**

**Hillandale Park in Harrisonburg, Shelter #10, 11, or 12\***

**7:00 - 8:30 pm (No Restrooms)**

- Please **RSVP** to Fellowship Committee Chair Barbara Roadcap ([bbroadcap@gmail.com](mailto:bbroadcap@gmail.com) or 540-830-1896) with the number attending from your family. First come, first reserved as we can only host 20 people from our congregation.
- **Bring your own chairs and beverage/snacks**
- **Wear masks or face coverings/shields**
- **Observe social distancing while at event and follow directional flow**

**Please attend *Spaced Out* only if you feel safe, well and comfortable doing so, for the sake of yourself and others.**

*\* Shelters 10, 11 & 12 are all in sight of each other. Pastor Lauren will reserve the best one available, or we will meet in a circle in that area under trees if no shelter is available.*

## YOUTH & CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

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

### CHILDREN'S STORY TIME

Miss Diane and Miss Kathy invite Sunday school children to join Story Time **Sunday mornings at 10:15** via [Zoom](#). We will hear a Bible story and visit with our church friends. See p. 1 for sign in instructions.

## JOYS, THANKS & CONCERNS

✠ With great sadness, we share the news of Robert “Bob” Williard’s death (August 7) after suffering from Parkinson’s. We keep in our prayers his wife Margaret and their family. Robert was laid to rest in a private ceremony in Pennsylvania.

✠ *Dear brothers and sisters at Muhlenberg, Thank you for the many prayers of comfort and cards with notes at the loss of our son Jeff. Now he is free of pain and in the Best of Hands. Love & Peace to All,  
Helen & Gene Drifmeyer*

## WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

August 17-23, 2020

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

- Mon. 2:00 pm** Weekly Staff Meeting  
**6:30 pm** Congregation Council mtg.
- Wed. 10:30 am** Bible Study via [Zoom](#)  
**12 noon** Service Livestreamed on [Facebook](#)
- Sun. [Sunday AM Zoom link](#)**  
**9:00 am** Faith Lens Class  
**10:15 am** Kids Story Time  
**10:30 am** “Coffee Hour”  
**11:00 am** Service Livestreamed via [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

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 Parish Administrator Linda Depoy:*

[depoy@muhlenberg.lutheran.org/434-3496](mailto:depoy@muhlenberg.lutheran.org/434-3496)

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## ENTERING THE CHURCH

Staff continues to work mainly from home. **All doors are locked at all times.** To keep everyone safe, **we ask that congregation members refrain from coming to the church building unless necessary. If you need to be in the building, use the Gathering Area doors to enter and exit (**NOT** the back red doors which Day Care uses).** We suggest you wear a mask as much as possible. If you have something to drop off, arrange with a staff person to receive it ahead of time. Thank you!

## PASTORAL CARE

Pastor Lauren and Pastor Alex are available for phone conversations, email, and video meetings, and in-person meetings as needed. Simply email or call the church office — they’ll be happy to hear from you!