



# The CHIMES

**MUHLENBERG: A WELLSPRING OF GOD'S GRACE**

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**September 20, 2020**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

## **WHAT'S THE BUZZ**

### **UPDATE FROM PASTOR ALEX**

*Friends in Christ, I count myself so blessed to be surrounded by your love and prayers these last few weeks as I recover from COVID-19. I am slowly but surely recovering and making my way back to health. At this point, most symptoms have subsided, but I'm left with a general feeling of fatigue from fighting this off. I'm not at full strength, but I'm doing well. As I regain some strength and energy, and good-feeling days outnumber the bad, I hope to continue easing back into some of my responsibilities remotely. I remain grateful for your prayers, patience, and grace in my recovery. Please, continue to take this pandemic seriously, and take abundant precautions in order to care of yourself and your neighbor with Christ-like love. Pr. Alex*

### **NARRATIVE LECTIONARY**

Eugene Peterson notes when we read scripture, we “see our stories in God’s.” Last week we began following the Narrative Lectionary in our weekly sermons and engage in study and reflection on these texts. You can learn more at [narrativelectionary.org](http://narrativelectionary.org).

## **TODAY AT MUHLENBERG**

### **COMMUNION SERVICE**

Our new 8:30 am service is a simple, spoken word service that follows the outline of the liturgy. We invite you to have bread and wine/grape juice ready before the service, as we will share in communion together. We connect with each other through [ZOOM](#), which can be accessed by computer, tablet, or simply through a regular phone. See p. 2 for Zoom phone in details.

### **YOUNG FAMILIES**

**TODAY (9/20), 9:30 am** meet via the Sunday morning [Zoom](#) link with other parents of Young Families. Some of us have really missed being together. We hope to decide as a group what we want to do and when we want to meet on a regular basis. Please plan to attend so we can get everyone’s input.

### **NEW FALL SCHEDULE**

Our new fall schedule has begun. For details about worship, education & fellowship opportunities, see pages 4-8 or [click HERE](#) for the fall newsletter which includes additional information.

## TODAY AT MUHLENBERG (CONT'D)

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

Join your Muhlenberg friends and family for education and fellowship via [ZOOM](#) each **Sunday from 8:30 – 11:00** using this link:

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

**8:30 – 9:00** Communion Service via Zoom  
**9:00 – 11:00** “Coffee Hour” Fellowship  
**9:30 – 10:00** K - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class  
**9:30 – 10:00** 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class  
**9:30 – 10:30** Adult Faith Lens Class  
**9:30 – 10:30** Adult 40-Day Journey Class  
**10:15– 10:30** Pre-K Story Time  
**11:00** Worship on [Facebook](#),  
[YouTube](#), [Wellstream Phone](#)

- **Pastoral Care** ~ If you would like a private word with the pastor on call, we will provide a breakout room for you.
- **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.

### WELLSTREAM PHONE

We want all members to have the opportunity to “participate” in worship and hear The Word. **Wellstream Phone is a service that works from your home or cell phone — no internet required. Simply call the number below and select an option. Information will be available by 11 am each Sunday.** Contact Linda Depoy (434-3496) with any questions.

**Wellstream Phone Number:**  
**1-434-205-8777**

## FINANCIAL NEWS

### RECENT ATTENDANCE

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

**9/6: 99 Total Live Views**  
**440 Total Views**  
**105.9 Hours of Content Viewed**

**9/13: 99 Total Live Views**  
**15 8:30 Communion**  
**49 4:00 Worship**

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Through August 2020			
	Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Budget	Y-T-D Last Year
Gifts & Offerings	\$419,780	\$545,620	\$443,246
Total Receipts*	\$524,368	\$624,631	\$517,220
Expenses	\$512,005	\$663,104	\$565,839
<b>Excess Income/ (Expenses)</b>	<b>\$12,364</b>	<b>(\$38,473)</b>	<b>(\$48,619)</b>

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

Giving in support of our Spending Plan    \$ 3,970.00  
 Giving to Other Designated Funds        \$ 18,335.00  
**Total Giving for the Week                \$ 22,305.00**

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: 281 E. Market Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22801.

## THIS WEEK

### WEDNESDAY AM BIBLE STUDY

Participants will study the Narrative Lectionary text for the upcoming Sunday, including a deep dive into the text, information about the context, and connections between God's story and our stories. We'll also have a lot of fun and get to know each other better! All are welcome to join via [Zoom](#) using the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/200491556>

*Note: Please be sure the name listed on your Zoom account is identifiable. If it simply says "IPad" or a random list of numbers, you will not be admitted because we are trying to prevent "Zoom bombers."*

### PASTORS' BOOK CLUB

September's selection is *Raising a Rare Girl* by Heather Lanier. This memoir about raising a child with a rare syndrome raises questions about what it means to be human, the deepest challenges of parenting, and society's attitudes toward disabilities.

Join the conversation via [Zoom](#) **THIS Wednesday, September 23, 6:30 pm:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81394502762>

Next month, Pastors' Book Club will take place **Wednesday, October 21, 6:30 pm**. We'll discuss the book *Holy Chaos: Creating Connections in Divisive Times* by Amanda Henderson. In *Holy Chaos*, an interfaith leader, activist, and pastor Amanda Henderson shares personal stories and practices from her work at the intersection of faith and politics to help us find connections in the midst of the religious and political divides in our country, our communities, and our families and friendships. Join us for this timely conversation.

*Just because we call this a book "club" doesn't mean there are "membership" requirements! A different group gathers each month based on interest, so feel free to attend, even if you haven't before!*



### POSTPONED UNTIL OCTOBER 7

Our Holden Evening Prayer scheduled to start in September **has been postponed until October 7**. The service will be livestreamed on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) **Wednesdays at 7:00 pm**. This beautiful service will be led from the sanctuary by Music Ministry Accompanist Linlin Uta and a rotating slate of singers, including the pastors. The service will be recorded and available to view any time.

### PROSPECTIVE MEMBER CLASS

Have you been joining in our online worship? Are you considering membership? Are you curious or just want to learn more about us?

We invite you to explore with us what it means to be a Christian, a Lutheran, a follower of Jesus and a member of the Muhlenberg family. We invite you to meet with us **NEXT Sunday, Sept. 27, 1:00 – 3:00 pm via [Zoom](#)**. We'll discuss more in depth the mission and ministries of Muhlenberg and how you can be part of the life of this congregation as a member or associate member. New members will be received Sunday, October 11.

If you are interested in attending, please click [HERE](#) to sign up. *For more information, contact Kathy Thompson of the Evangelism Team ([thompskb@jmu.edu](mailto:thompskb@jmu.edu) or 540-578-4830), Parish Administrator Linda Depoy, or Pastor Lauren.*

# Muhlenberg Lutheran Church



Equipping all People to Live Out Christ's Love

## *A Note from Our Pastors*

*When we suspended in-person gatherings in March, none of us knew how long our separation would last. This time “in exile” has been longer than hoped, and harder than desired. However, we have not ceased to be church, and we look forward to a dynamic fall season of ministries together.*

*The Gathering Together Task Force has been working hard to provide thoughtful, prayerful guidelines for safe interactions this fall. They conducted a survey of the congregation which received almost 100 responses. The overwhelming response was a desire for Muhlenberg to maintain and expand our digital ministries, and not rush to in-person events. After reviewing the survey, current COVID trends in Harrisonburg, our congregation’s mission and vision, and input from staff and Congregation Council, the Task Force recommends an expansion of worship opportunities and at-home devotional resources, while maintaining our current guidelines for use of the building and parking lot.*

*Our newsletter highlights the creative new opportunities for worship, Christian formation, music, fellowship, and service that will be happening this fall. We encourage you to save the information so you can refer to it easily throughout the fall. Hard copies have also been mailed to all member households.*

*As always, if you have any questions or feedback, don’t hesitate to contact us. We look forward to seeing what the Holy Spirit has in store for us together this fall!*

*In Christ,*

*Pastor Lauren and Pastor Alex*

## FALL AT MUHLENBERG

*Staff is busy planning for fall at Muhlenberg. These pages will provide an overview of what to expect in worship, music, education, and more. Details have been mailed to member households. If you didn't receive the newsletter, contact the church office.*

## WORSHIP

### SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP, EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP

Join your Muhlenberg friends and family for education and fellowship via [Zoom](#)\* each Sunday from 8:30 – 11:00 using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84731416878>.

Here's what Sunday mornings at Muhlenberg will look like beginning TODAY:

- 8:30 – 9:00 Communion Service via Zoom
- 9:00 – 11:00 “Coffee Hour” Fellowship
- 9:30 – 10:00 Kindergarten - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class
- 9:30 – 10:00 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class
- 9:30 – 10:30 Adult Faith Lens Class
- 9:30 – 10:30 Adult 40-Day Journey Class
- 10:15– 10:30 Pre-K Story Time
- 11:00 Worship on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), and Wellstream Phone

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### ADDITIONAL WORSHIP, EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP

#### First Sundays ~ 4:00 pm

Each first Sunday we will have a special worship, music, or education event:

- October 4** Blessing of the Animals, parking lot
- November 1** All Saints' Concert, in-person and live-streaming options
- December 6** Advent-ure Sunday, parking lot

#### Second Sundays ~ Parking Lot Worship, 4:00 pm

Each second Sunday we will have worship in the parking lot:

- October 11, November 8, December 13**

#### Wednesdays ~ Holden Evening Prayer, 7:00 pm, livestreamed

We are excited to launch Holden Evening Prayer beginning October 7. This beautiful service will be led from the sanctuary by Linlin Uta, our Music Ministry Accompanist, and a rotating slate of singers, including the pastors. It will be livestreamed on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

# MUSIC MINISTRY

Contact Music Minister [Elizabeth Williams](#) for more information.

## ADULT CHOIRS

Meet via ZOOM every other week starting September 15.

Contact Elizabeth for Zoom links.

### Celebration Singers ~ Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

September 29    October 13 & 27    November 10 & 24

### Sanctuary Choir ~ Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 pm

September 30    October 14 & 28    November 11 & 18\*

\* two weeks in a row due to Thanksgiving

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## CHILDREN'S CHOIRS: RESTRUCTURED AND NEW

Meet via ZOOM Tuesdays.

### Children's Choir ~ 5:30 – 6:00 pm

Cherub Choir and SonShine Singers will be combined into one choir for ages 4 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Miss Rachel will lead the group; if interested, contact her ([Rgpeters9@gmail.com](mailto:Rgpeters9@gmail.com) or 570-975-5457).

### Tweens and Teens ~ 5:00 – 5:30 pm

A new choir for grades 6 - 8, led by Miss Elizabeth. Contact her if interested.

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## HANDBELL CHOIR

### Gloria Dei Ringers ~ Tuesdays, 7:00 pm

If interested, please contact Handbell Director Kath Wissinger ([longwalk3@aol.com](mailto:longwalk3@aol.com) or 289-6973).



*Choirs are open to all, even if you haven't participated in the past.*

# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Classes are open to all. Contact Christian Formation Minister [Diane Bayer](#) for more information.

## SUNDAY MORNINGS VIA ZOOM

### **Pre-K Story Time ~ 10:15 – 10:30**

Preschoolers will hear a Bible Story with Miss Sam Lewellen.

### **Kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class ~ 9:30 – 10:00**

Children hear stories that follow the Narrative Lectionary. Join Miss Diane and Miss Kathy to hear and discuss a Bible story, perhaps play a virtual Bible game, and close with a prayer.

### **4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class ~ 9:30 – 10:00**

Children join Miss Holly to read and learn about Martin Luther using the graphic novel “Papa Luther” and a social distancing gathering to view the movie “Martin Luther.”

### **40-Day Journey Adult Class ~ 9:30 – 10:30**

An interactive class for adults of all ages where participants read and discuss Christian literature. Facilitators: Mark and Jennie Warner.

### **Faith Lens Adult Class ~ 9:30 – 10:30**

Participants read the Narrative Lectionary text for the day and discuss how we can live out and apply its message to our lives. Facilitator: Jean Helmick.

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## ADDITIONAL FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

### **6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group and Bible Study**

Youth group and Bible study combined, 1:00-3:00 pm at Hillandale Park, led by Pastor Lauren and Karen Thomsen on the following dates: **TODAY (9/20)**, October 4 & 18, November 8 & 22, December 6.

### **9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group and Bible Study**

Meets twice monthly. *Leaders are working on plans for the fall. Stay tuned for details.*

### **Wednesday Morning Bible Study ~ 10:30 – 11:30**

Adult Bible study based on Narrative Lectionary; meets via [ZOOM](#), led by Pastor Lauren.

### **Pastors’ Book Club ~ Wednesdays, 6:30 pm**

Meets via [ZOOM](#) to discuss the book of the month:

September 23 *Raising a Rare Girl* by Heather Lanier

October 21 *Holy Chaos: Creating Connections in Divisive Times* by Amanda Henderson

November 18 *For All Who Hunger: Searching for Communion in a Shattered World* by Emily M.D. Scott

December 16 *The Very Good Gospel: How Everything Wrong Can be Made Right* by Lisa Sharon Harper

## **SPECIAL EVENTS & OFFERINGS**

*You'll want to mark your calendar so you don't miss these special events and offerings.*

**September 27 ~ New Member Class, 1:00 – 3:00 pm via Zoom**

**Date tbd ~ Diamond Jubilee**

**October 4 ~ Blessing of the Animals, 4:00 pm, parking lot**

**November 1 ~ All Saints' Concert, 4:00 pm, in-person & livestreaming options**

**November ~ Congregational Meeting via Zoom, date and time tbd**

**December 6 ~ Advent-ure Sunday, 4:00 pm, parking lot**

### **REPEATING MONTHLY EVENTS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sundays ~ Special Event, 4:00 pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mondays ~ Eldercare Support Group via [Zoom](#), 7:00 pm**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays ~ Parking Lot Worship, 4:00 pm**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays ~ Ministries Night via [Zoom](#), 7:00 pm**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays ~ Congregation Council Meeting via Zoom, 7:00 pm**

### **OTHER OFFERINGS**

#### **Daily Devotions**

Devotions through the fall will correspond to our Sunday Narrative Lectionary texts. They are available on our website and through Muhlenberg's Daily Devotions Facebook group. Paper copies are available from the *member pick up box* (see p. 11), or contact the church office.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



**Sunday, October 4, 4:00 pm** in the parking lot, we will have a Blessing of the Animals Service! This service is traditionally held on a day near the church's commemoration

of St. Francis of Assisi.

Pets and service animals are welcome (leashed or properly restrained for the safety of your pet and others). We will meet in the parking lot for a brief service and blessing of each pet. Masks and distancing are required (for the humans). You're welcome to stay in your car for the entirety of the service if you prefer — you'll be able to listen in through our radio transmitter.

Don't have a pet? You're still welcome to join us! Have a pet but they cannot attend? Bring a picture and join us anyway! Have a special stuffed animal that has become “real” through love and devotion? Bring them, too. Invite a friend – all are welcome!

## MUHLENBERG NEWS

### CREATION CARE TIP

Contact Ramona Sanders (433-1165 or [rsanders97@verizon.net](mailto:rsanders97@verizon.net)) for more info.



There are still many reasons to be optimistic about a just, sustainable, clean energy future. Over several weeks, **we are sharing nine of Climate Reality's favorites.**

**7. Businesses and Governments Support Clean Energy:** Lest you think the entire battle is uphill, there are already many governments and multi-national companies that have made their commitment to clean energy clear. The list of businesses that are in support of climate

action is long because corporations everywhere have realized clean energy is a smart investment.

**8. Educators Are Making the Grade:** In some parts of the world – not least of all the US – science denial has been a real obstacle to change. But for every politician who can't tell weather from climate, there are many, many teachers working hard to increase science literacy and fight denial. And it's a good thing, too – [research indicates](#) that climate education plays a critical role in helping society reach important “social tipping points” in the fight against the climate crisis.

**9. Natural Solutions Are Looking Pretty:** We're fighting the climate crisis to protect our families, communities, and future generations. But we're also doing it to protect the places we love: the oceans and mountains and forests that sustain our planet and enrich our lives. And it turns out that the thing we're trying to save will also be the key to saving us. Natural climate solutions include both conservation and restoration, and incorporate an array of smart land management practices that together accomplish something amazing – enabling Mother Nature herself to be the most powerful and efficient carbon sequestration system we've ever known. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown that what is true for the climate crisis is true for this health crisis – low-income families and communities of color get hit the hardest. And while renewables are a major source of new jobs, we can't leave behind the people who are currently make a living in fossil fuel industries as we push for a green recovery from the current economic crisis. This global movement for climate action is growing, and there are many, many more reasons to hope than the ones outlined here. But we can't let this momentum waiver – especially not now.

## LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION

Contact Chair Emily Wicht Carneal  
([emilywicht@gmail.com](mailto:emilywicht@gmail.com) or 421-1994) for more info.

### LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Hurricane Laura hit Louisiana and parts of Texas with devastating force, causing multiple deaths, major damage and leaving hundreds of thousands without power. With extremely dangerous storm surge and winds of at least 150 mph, it's one of the most powerful storms to hit the area in a century, and it left widespread destruction in its wake. Given the complexities caused by COVID-19, sheltering those impacted will be a challenge.

Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, LDR stays to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

100% of your gifts given to LDR go directly to aid in disaster relief. Here are ways you can give:

- **Online:** [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org).
- **Phone:** 800-638-3522 (Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:00 Central Time).
- **Mail:** make checks payable to Lutheran Disaster Response, designate Hurricane Response and send to ELCA, PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.
- **Offering:** make check payable to Muhlenberg and designate Lutheran *Disaster Response* on your check and envelope.
- **Via Thrivent:** Thrivent Financial members can direct their Choice Dollars to Disaster Relief and/or make a personal donation that will be matched by Thrivent. Visit [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com) Disaster Response for details.

## CALLING ALL LANDLORDS!

The Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority (HRHA) invites landlords to learn more about the Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher program and how accepting housing vouchers can help alleviate significant affordable housing needs in our community right now. They hope to partner with nine more landlords by the end of the month. Learn more by calling the HRHA office at 540-434-7386. Details to register for a Landlord Session, information on partnering with HRHA, and more can be found at

[www.harrisonburgrha.com/landlords](http://www.harrisonburgrha.com/landlords)

## REMINDERS

### 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!

## REMINDERS (CONT'D)

### PREPARING WORSHIP SPACE AT HOME

Pastor Lauren and her daughter Keira prepared a video with suggestions for preparing your home for worship. While it prepared us for Holy Week, it might be a good time to review it and prepare your worship space for this fall. The video can be found [HERE](#):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BlSObjWRerc>

### I NEED PRAYERS...

One way the Muhlenberg family cares for each other is through the **Prayer Chain**, a ministry that provides confidential prayers for the needs of church members, their families, and friends. The Prayer Chain itself consists of an email list of members who commit to prayerful support, while maintaining the confidentiality of information specific to each petition.

To ask for prayer via the Prayer Chain, direct your specific request to Linda Depoy ([depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org)), Crystl Whitmire ([whitmire@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:whitmire@muhlenberglutheran.org)), one of the pastors, or the church office. When requesting the support of this ministry, please provide the name(s) and information to be shared. Some petitions are intentionally vague (e.g. for “health and healing” or “comfort during difficult times”) while others may include more detail. If you would like to serve in this ministry, contact Linda or Crystl.

### NEW NICHEs AVAILABLE

An additional 24 Columbarium niches have been added to the Caring Corner. If you are interested in a niche or want additional information, please contact Bill Compton (437-8933 or [compton1080@gmail.com](mailto:compton1080@gmail.com)).

### PICK UP/DROP OFF BOX

During this time when the church building must remain locked, staff discovered a need for a way to get materials to and from members. We asked Neil Alexander from the Property Committee for help, and he consulted Tom Pippert. Within a few weeks, Tom and his father Don had created and installed a great box for this purpose! It is located outside the Gathering Area on the edge of the planter nearest the MAC.

The new box will be stocked with devotionals, perhaps a few Bibles, and other materials as needed. Christian Formation and Music Ministry materials may be left for specific members. The box will be checked weekdays for anything left there for staff.

**Note: NOTHING OF VALUE should be left in the unlocked box, especially offerings which should still be mailed to the church directly.**

Many thanks to Neil, Tom and Don for their work on this project!



## CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

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

### Attention Current 6<sup>th</sup> Graders:

#### FORMER JAMERS MEETING

We didn't have our end of the year picnic and celebrate your move up to the next youth group, so we hope you will join us TODAY (9/20), **12:00 noon at Hillandale Park (meet at shelter #1)**. All those who were in 5<sup>th</sup> grade last year and graduated from the JAMers youth group are invited. We will provide pizza and chips for lunch and ask each youth to bring their own drinks! Everyone will need to wear their mask, and we will social distance as we meet together. *You will then join the 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth and Bible Study.*

*Miss Diane and Miss Holly*

## JOYS, THANKS & CONCERNS

✚ With great sadness, we share the news of two recent member deaths:

**Herbert “Herb” Propst** died September 9 after suffering from Parkinson's. We keep in our prayers his wife Sue, their two daughters, and their extended family. A graveside service was held Tuesday at Wildwood Park.

**Opal Davis** died September 13 from cancer. We hold her children and extended family in prayer. A graveside service was held Friday at Eastlawn Memorial Gardens.

✚ Congratulations to Dorothy Harpine who celebrates her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday next Sunday, September 27. If you wish to send a card, Dorothy's address is 1308 Woodland Park Circle, Harrisonburg, VA 22802.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

September 21-27

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

- Mon. 2:00 pm** Weekly Staff Meeting  
**7:00 pm** Congregation Council Mtg.
- Tue. 5:00 pm** Tweens and Teens  
**5:30 pm** Children's Choir  
**7:00 pm** Gloria Dei Ringers
- Wed. 10:30 am** Wed. Morning Bible Study  
**6:30 pm** Pastors Book Club via [Zoom](#)
- Sun. [Sunday AM Zoom link](#)**  
**8:30 am** Communion Service  
**9:00 am** “Coffee Hour” begins  
**9:30 am** K – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class  
**9:30 am** 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class  
**9:30 am** Faith Lens Class  
**9:30 am** 40-Day Journey Class  
**10:15 am** Pre-K Story Time  
**11:00 am** Service Livestreamed  
via [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)  
**1:00 pm** Prospective New Members  
Class via [Zoom](#)

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:*

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