



# The CHIMES

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

*Muhlenberg Lutheran Church strives to be a Wellspring of God's Grace in Jesus Christ.*

*Open † Authentic † Relational † Serving*

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**October 13, 2019**

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

## **WHAT'S THE BUZZ?**

### **A WELLSPRING SENDING**

Our "Dismissal" from worship has changed to say, "We have been renewed at the Wellspring of God's Grace! Now, go in peace! *We go to be: Open † Authentic † Relational † Serving, Thanks be to God!*"

At Muhlenberg, we live out our baptism by striving to be "A Wellspring of God's Grace," a source of life and hope for our community and neighbors in need. This new dismissal is a way to reaffirm our mission and be reminded that if we are to be a wellspring of grace, we need to be renewed first through Water, Word, and Meal—the means of grace God has given to us.

This repetition of our core values is a way of taking our mission to heart. As we recite this mission, we pray that these words don't just stay words, but become a way of life!

### **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... [muhlenberglutheran.org](http://muhlenberglutheran.org).*



## **THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG**

### **MINISTRIES NIGHT**

**Monday Evening, 7:00 – 8:30 pm**

Help Muhlenberg continue to grow by joining in as we strengthen our ministries, plan new initiatives, and serve one another and the wider community. **All are welcome!**

### **GO-GO GROUP BREAKFAST (55+)**

**THIS Tuesday, October 15, 8:30 am** at Thomas House in Dayton. *Contact Dan Werner at 433-3912 for more information.*

### **WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

**Wednesdays** (through Oct. 30), **10:30 am** in the Nielsen Room. *Contact Pastor Lauren for more information.*

### **COMFORT MAKERS FALL ACTIVITY**

**Thursdays in October, 8:00 am – 12 noon** in Wayland Hall. *For details, contact Margie Miller ([romar57@comcast.net](mailto:romar57@comcast.net) or 820-3995).*

### **SECOND HOME FOOD COLLECTION**

**NEXT Sunday, October 20**, we ask you to donate **peanut butter and grape/strawberry jelly**. Place donations in the designated bin in the Gathering Area.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### TABLE TALKS Human Sexuality

You are invited to join Pastor Lauren and Pastor Alex in conversations we're calling "Table Talks." Martin Luther used to host conversations around his dining table about all sorts of topics, and we're hoping to use that model as we gather to discuss issues that affect us as people of faith. **Our first series of Table Talks will be about human sexuality.**

Table Talks will happen around the Harrisonburg/Rockingham area, and over a variety of days and times throughout the fall, so if you're interested in joining in the conversation, you should be able to find a time and place that works for your schedule. **You can sign up for a gathering either at the Connection Center in the Gathering Area, or through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/y2x833z3>.** Once you have registered, you'll be sent three articles that we ask all participants to read before attending a Table Talk session.

The goal of Table Talks is to seek greater understanding of various ways the Lutheran tradition has approached tough topics, and to foster relationship and understanding among diverse people in the Muhlenberg community. We hope you'll join us!

Contact Pastor Lauren or Pastor Alex with any questions:

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## FINANCIAL NEWS

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

|               |            |           |    |
|---------------|------------|-----------|----|
| 8:00 Worship  | 59         | Wed. Noon | 17 |
| 9:30 Worship  | 92         |           |    |
| 11:00 Worship | <u>166</u> |           |    |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>317</b> |           |    |

### FINANCIAL REPORT

| Through August 2019                  |                   |                   |                    |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|                                      | Y-T-D<br>Actual   | Y-T-D<br>Budget   | Y-T-D<br>Last Year |
| Gifts & Offerings                    | \$443,246         | \$529,440         | \$450,902          |
| Total Receipts                       | \$517,220         | \$607,307         | \$522,084          |
| Expenses                             | \$565,839         | \$670,551         | \$557,501          |
| <b>Excess Income/<br/>(Expenses)</b> | <b>(\$48,619)</b> | <b>(\$63,244)</b> | <b>(\$35,417)</b>  |

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Giving in support of our Spending Plan | \$ 9,727.00         |
| Giving to Other Designated Funds       | \$ 6,920.11         |
| <b>Total Giving for the Week</b>       | <b>\$ 16,647.11</b> |

See Connection Center notebook for details.

September Thrivent Choice Dollars: \$344

To give online, scan here →



### GATHERING THE NAMES OF SAINTS

Through October 27, please share with us the names of saints (persons living or deceased) who have enriched your spiritual life or the life of the church. On the table by the back door of the Gathering Area is a basket of red and white links and pens. We invite you to take a link and write the name of an individual who has helped you in your spiritual growth. You may take as many links as you like. Place completed links in the basket provided.



Links will be displayed in the Sanctuary beginning All Saints Sunday through the First Sunday of Advent. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to observe how our saints link us together in faith.

## MUHLENBERG NEWS

### CREATION CARE TIP



Resist the urge to toss your plastic milk jugs and shampoo bottles in the recycling bin without looking at the numbers on the bottles. There are several different grades of plastic, coded with numbers ranging from 1 - 7. Harrisonburg only recycles plastics coded with 1 or 2. If you put a single bottle in the bin that your recycling facility can't accept, you risk contaminating the entire recycle bin. Too much contamination might mean a batch of recyclables is sent to the landfill instead.

## SECOND HOME NEWS

### SECOND HOME MUSICAL

#### The Addams Family Young@Part

November 1 & 2 at 7:00 pm

November 3 at 3:30 pm

*In the MAC. General admission tickets will be available at the door by donation. Doors open 30 minutes before each show.*

**Help us raise funds** by attending a "Dinner and Show Special" Saturday, November 2. Let us delight you with some Addams Family favorites followed by an exclusive meet and greet with cast and directors, and watch the show from your VIP reserved seating. Dinner at 5:00 pm; show begins at 7:00 pm. Tickets are available in the Gathering Area **after the 8:00 and 11:00 services TODAY**, or from the Second Home office during operating hours. Seating is limited, so get your ticket soon.

*We are moving to 433 Manor Hill Drive, Toms Brook, VA 22660 as of October 21. We will miss our 8:00 congregational friends and the service. It's been a pleasure for the past 7 years. Steve & Linda Yoder*

## FAITH IN ACTION

### LISTENING CAMPAIGN RESULTS

As Muhlenberg's representatives to Faith in Action, we wanted to share that **Affordable Housing** was chosen as the focus of the next campaign. For the next step, Faith In Action's Issue Committee will determine the group's approach to Affordable Housing. We will keep you informed what the selection will be and how you can continue to support Faith In Action.

Thanks to the wonderful participation from Muhlenberg during the Listening Campaign, we were able to discern a number of issues that our congregation feels would be useful to address. We have communicated these to our pastors and are so grateful to the congregation of Muhlenberg for sharing in open, authentic, relational, and serving conversations with us.

*Nancy Martin-Finks and Cathy Copeland*

## CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

*For more info, contact Pastor Alex Zuber (434-3496 or [zuber@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:zuber@muhlenberglutheran.org)).*

### JMU FAMILY WEEKEND LUNCH

This weekend is Family Weekend at JMU! All LCM students and their families are welcome to join us for a Family Weekend **lunch TODAY, 12:15 pm** in the Nielsen Room (downstairs).

## CONFIRMATION/ALPHA TEENS

*For more info, contact Pastor Lauren Eames (434-3496 or [eanes@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:eanes@muhlenberglutheran.org)).*

### LOST AND FOUND!

This VA Synod event for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders is **November 22-24** at Eagle Eyrie! Registration forms will be in the Gathering Area soon!

## JCREW

For more info, contact Clay Arthur  
(434-3496 or [clay@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:clay@muhlenberglutheran.org)).

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Meet at 12:15 in the Campus Room for all dates:

**TODAY** - JCrew lunch and fun

**November 3** - Lunch and Puppy Farm

**November 17** - JCrew lunch and service

**December 15** - Trip to Massanutten Waterpark

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

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

Pick up a green Christian Formation brochure from the  
Connection Center for details about our opportunities.

### SHARING GOD'S WORD

Christian Formation classes begin **Sundays**  
at **9:30** in designated locations.

**Children's Church** is held at 11:00 on the  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays and at 9:30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and  
4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

### JAMERS

**TODAY, 12:15 pm** we will have pizza in the  
MAC and then go to the Mulberry Farm  
Pumpkin Patch. Youth will walk the patch to  
pick a pumpkin, visit the petting zoo, and return  
to church to bob for apples! Christian  
Formation will cover costs. *We will attempt to  
reschedule in case of inclement weather.*

### YOUNG FAMILIES CLASS MEMBERS

Books this class will use starting **NEXT  
Sunday, October 20** are on the table in the  
Campus Room, along with some handouts.

## 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. James 1:2-11**                      **Thu. 2 Tim. 1:13-18**

**Tue. 1 John 5:1-5, 13-21**              **Fri. 2 Tim. 2:1-7**

**Wed. Mark 11:12-1, 20-24**              **Sat. Luke 5:12-16**

**Sunday: Luke 18:1-8**

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

## WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

### October 14-20, 2019

|             |                                  |                                    |
|-------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Mon.</b> | <b>2:00 pm</b>                   | <b>Weekly Staff Meeting</b>        |
|             | <b>5:30 pm</b>                   | <b>Executive Committee Mtg.</b>    |
|             | <b>7:00 pm</b>                   | <b>Ministries Meetings</b>         |
| <b>Tue.</b> | <b>8:30 am</b>                   | <b>Go-Go Group Breakfast</b>       |
|             | <b>4:45 pm</b>                   | <b>SonShine Singers</b>            |
|             | <b>5:30 pm</b>                   | <b>Cherub Choir</b>                |
|             | <b>6:30 pm</b>                   | <b>Celebration Singers</b>         |
|             | <b>7:00 pm</b>                   | <b>Gloria Dei Ringers</b>          |
| <b>Wed.</b> | <b>10:30 am</b>                  | <b>Wed. AM Bible Study</b>         |
|             | <b>12 noon</b>                   | <b>Holy Communion</b>              |
|             | <b>7:00 pm</b>                   | <b>Sanctuary Choir</b>             |
| <b>Thu.</b> | <b>8:00 am</b>                   | <b>Comfort Makers</b>              |
| <b>Sun.</b> | <b>8:00, 9:30 &amp; 11:00 am</b> | <b>Holy Communion</b>              |
|             |                                  | <b>Second Home Food Collection</b> |
|             | <b>11:00 am</b>                  | <b>New Members Received</b>        |
|             | <b>12:15 pm</b>                  | <b>New Member Reception</b>        |

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](mailto: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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