



The CHIMES

MUHLENBERG: A WELLSPRING OF GOD'S GRACE

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October 20, 2019

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

TENT OF NATIONS

At the 2019 Assembly of the Virginia Synod, ELCA, October 20 was designated as "Tent of Nations" Sunday. We will include "Tent of Nations" in our prayers this morning. If you would like to learn more, visit the Connection Center for an informational handout.

HANDBELL CHOIR NEWS

Gloria Dei Ringers are playing today. Do you hear it? It's a deep tone resonating from the Gloria Dei Ringers handbell choir. Many thanks to numerous members of the choir and congregation whose donations made it possible for the ringers to obtain the full lower octave of bass hand chimes complete with cases.

SECOND HOME FOOD COLLECTION

TODAY we collect *peanut butter and grape/strawberry jelly*. Place donations in the designated bin in the Gathering Area. If you want to help but prefer a cash donation, indicate "Second Home Food" on your check and envelope.

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED

Today we wish Farewell and Godspeed to Steve and Linda Yoder at the 8:00 service:

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

ALICE CLOVER MABREY

Baptized, A New Child of God

Welcome Alice Clover Mabrey, daughter of Paul and Kerica Mabrey into the Body of Christ and the Muhlenberg family at the 9:30 service! Welcome to the Lord's family, Alice!



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.



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:

eanes@muhlenberglutheran.org
zuber@muhlenberglutheran.org

434-3496

FINANCIAL NEWS

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 Worship	83	Wed. Noon	13
9:30 Worship	85		
11:00 Worship	<u>142</u>		
Total	310		

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through August 2019			
	Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Budget	Y-T-D 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
Excess Income/ (Expenses)	(\$48,619)	(\$63,244)	(\$35,417)

Giving in support of our Spending Plan	\$ 12,402.91
Giving to Other Designated Funds	\$ 33,411.99
Total Giving for the Week	\$ 45,814.90

See Connection Center notebook for details.

September Thrivent Choice Dollars: \$344

To give online, scan here →



REVISED PROCEDURE FOR CONTACTING OUR PASTORS

Email our pastors anytime:

eanes@muhlenberglutheran.org
zuber@muhlenberglutheran.org

Reach them anytime by calling the church office (434-3496).

- During office hours, ask to speak with Linda Depoy. She has the pastors' schedules and can assist you.
- After hours, leave a message on their respective voice mail. You will be given an option to reach them directly in case of a pastoral emergency.

THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

CHOPIN CONCERT

As 2019 marks Frederic Chopin's 170 year commemoration, students from the JMU piano department will present a Chopin Celebration Concert at Muhlenberg Lutheran Church **Friday, October 25, 7:00 pm**. Muhlenberg's Music Ministry accompanist, LinLin Uta, will be one of the performers.

This concert will present a wide variety of Chopin's works, including Études, Nocturnes, as well as a Cello Sonata. The Cello Sonata was the last published work of Chopin and all movements will be performed. Nine Doctorate in Music Arts (DMA) students will perform solo piano works and two DMA students will perform the Cello Sonata.

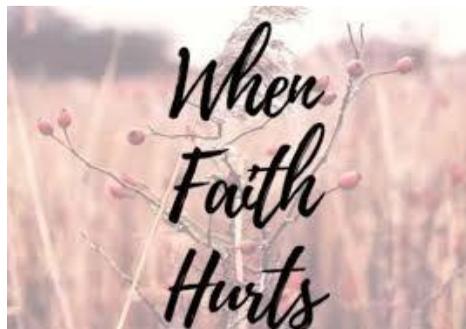
This concert is free. A free will offering will be accepted to support the DMA piano students. Please plan to attend and celebrate the music of Chopin!

CONFIRMATION/REFORMATION

NEXT Sunday three youth will affirm their baptism in what we have all come to know as CONFIRMATION! So, **wear red** and join us for a wonderful Reformation Day. At the 11:00 service, we will celebrate with these delightful young members!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

"WHEN FAITH HURTS" Training in Lexington



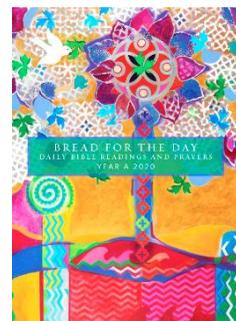
November 12-13 Project Horizon is a domestic violence shelter in Lexington, VA. Victor Vieth will provide a FREE two-day training on where faith communities and child abuse and neglect intersect. The event will be held at Lexington Presbyterian Church.

Vieth made a splash in the child advocacy community when he published a paper claiming that we can end child abuse entirely in this country in only three generations. Working with faith communities is one of the steps in making that happen.

If you're interested in attending, *contact Pastor Alex* (zuber@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496).

"BREAD FOR THE DAY" RESOURCE

Starting January 1, we will discontinue publishing a daily lectionary in *The Chimes*. The appointed daily lessons are listed in our hymnal and devotional booklets will continue to be available in the Gathering Area. If you would like another convenient resource for a Daily Lectionary, contact Pastor Alex **by December 2** to order *Bread For the Day* for 2020. You can use *Bread for the Day* for personal, household, or group devotions. This is the perfect resource for anyone to engage with God's Word on a daily basis, and mark the changing of our church seasons with prayer.



MUHLENBERG NEWS

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.



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 rsanders9@verizon.net.

You may be surprised to learn that discarded food is the largest constituent of municipal solid waste landfills. (Plastics rank second). Fruits and vegetables are the main type of food waste, which isn't surprising. They seldom seem to last as long as you wish, however, they are compostable!

ADDITIONAL WAYS TO GET CONNECTED

We have outgrown the Connection Center! What a wonderful problem to have. Information that is less time sensitive will be available in an acrylic display at the Gathering Area exit, just around the corner from the elevator. This new display will house materials like brochures, columbarium information, Simply Giving forms, financial and endowment information, and information about Second Home and People Helping People.

The new display will free up space at the Connection Center for more time sensitive information. Be sure to visit often and stay connected!

~ UPDATED INFORMATION ~ DID YOU MISS WORSHIP RECENTLY?

If you miss worship one Sunday, chances are you feel a bit out of the loop. There are many ways to see what you missed:

- **Website:** *The Chimes* and sermons (including audio) are posted on our website at muhlenberglutheran.org.
- **Gathering Area:** previous issues of *The Chimes*, worship booklets, and sermons (when available) are now available on the long table close to the nursery for your convenience.
- **Administrative Hallway:** *The Chimes* and worship booklets continue to be available on the wall across from the church office.

SECOND HOME NEWS

SECOND HOME MUSICAL

The Addams Family Young@Part

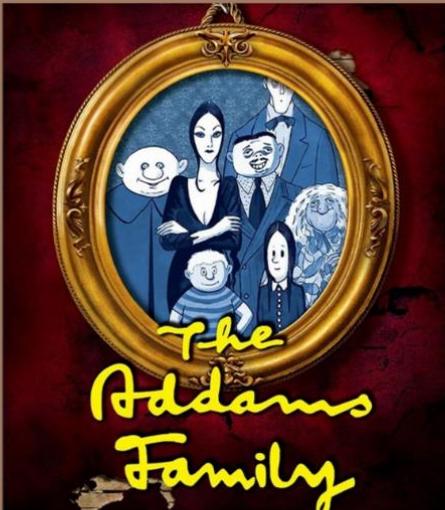
November 1 & 2 at 7:00 pm
November 3 at 3:30 pm

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 from the Second Home office during operating hours. Seating is limited, so get your ticket soon.

SECOND HOME PLAYERS INVITE YOU TO

DINNER AND SHOW WITH
THE ADDAMS FAMILY



The
**Addams
Family**

NOVEMBER 2, 2019 5:00 PM
MUHLENBERG ACTIVITIES CENTER
CALL 540-432-7989 E-MAIL
SECONDHOMETHEATER@GMAIL.COM

THE ADDAMS FAMILY Young@Part®, A NEW MUSICAL
Book by MARSHALL BRICKMAN and RICK ELLICE
Music and Lyrics by ANDREW LIPKA
Based on Characters Created by Charles Addams
Originally produced on Broadway by Stage One, Play Partners, Michael Lewent, Fine Arts Productions, Stephen Schuler, Decca
Theatricals, Scott M. Desmar, Stuart Dicks, Terry Allen Kramer, Stephanie P. McCabani, James L. Heckler/Sander, Ed Price
Jan Theatricals, Mary Lubette, Pittsburgh CLO/Carman, Sweeney Owen, Theatre/Bar Kaplan, The Warehouse Company/Careena, LLC, Adam Zastrow
Fine Theatricals by Special Arrangement with England's Fine Theatre
Young@Part® Edition adapted by Mark Timmerwell and originally workshopped at Broadway Workshop in NYC/1981

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. Faith In Action's Issue Committee will now determine the group's approach to Affordable Housing. We will keep you informed about our progress and how you can continue to support Faith In Action.

Through this Listening Campaign, we were able to discern a number of issues that our congregation believes 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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We are always in need of worship servants: lectors, ushers, acolytes, greeters, communion assistants/ stewards, sound techs, etc.



Sign up in the notebook at the Connection Center for **November**. Signing up helps the schedulers avoid time calling/emailing. One-on-one training can be arranged – just indicate the training

needed on the sign-up sheet or *contact Kathy Thompson (578-4830 or thompskb@jmu.edu)*. If you prefer to sign up online, follow the path below from our website:

Worship + Sermons > Serve in Worship

Prefer to work behind the scenes? We have many opportunities – talk with Kathy to learn how you can serve.

REMINDERS

COMMUNION IN THE PEWS

For those who wish to receive Holy Communion and are unable to come forward, communion is served in the pews – **please let an usher know**. In addition to bread and wine, **white grape juice and gluten-free bread** are also available. Please indicate your preference for juice to the Lay Assisting Minister and take gluten-free bread from the small container beside the wheat communion bread.

LAY COMMUNION MINISTRY

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 (paulafaye417@gmail.com or 383-6365)*.

COMMUNICATING WITH OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Members of the congregation who are homebound and cannot read *The Chimes* online can request a copy be mailed to them weekly.

If you are interested, or know a member who is, *contact Parish Administrator Linda Depoy (depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496)*.

USE OF PHOTOS

As we enhance our communication (website, monitors, brochures, etc.), we will include photos and videos of congregational life. **If you prefer not to have your image (or your child's image) included, please contact Parish Administrator Linda Depoy (depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496)**.

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

For more info, contact Pastor Alex Zuber
(434-3496 or zuber@muhlenberglutheran.org).

JOIN US!

If you are a college student and haven't joined Lutheran Campus Ministry at Muhlenberg, be sure to contact Pastor Alex today to learn ways you can become involved.

CONFIRMATION/ALPHA TEENS

For more info, contact Pastor Lauren Eanes
(434-3496 or eanes@muhlenberglutheran.org).

LOST AND FOUND!

This VA Synod event for 7th & 8th 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).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

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)
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 should be picked up immediately following the 9:30 liturgy.

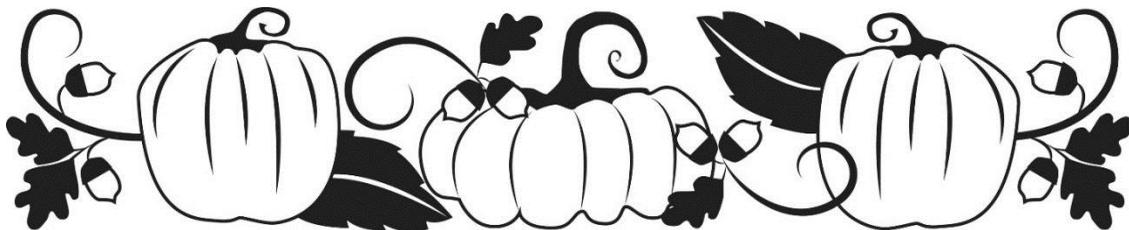
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Children's Church is held at 11:00 on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays and at 9:30 on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

YOUNG FAMILIES CLASS MEMBERS

Today your regular class begins using the book, "Little Steps Big Faith"! **Rev. Linda Alley** will facilitate your class that meets downstairs in the Campus Room!



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 (depoi@muhlenberglutheran.org). Submissions will be printed with consideration for space and appropriateness at the discretion of the pastors & editor.

✦ Congratulations to Jim and Ann Moynihan who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary October 16.

✦ Thank you for the prayers and cards. I am back home working on recovery.
Bill Compton

Dear Family of God at Muhlenberg,

Our family would like to express our profound thanks to the family of God at Muhlenberg for the card shower and greetings you sent to us on the occasion of my retirement from ordained ministry. You touched our hearts, made us laugh and cry as we relived the memories and photos you shared of our 11-year life together. Thank you also for the surprise delegation of MLC members who took the time to drive over 2 hours on Sunday, Sept. 29th for our Farewell Service from Community Lutheran, Sterling. We were overwhelmed and so delighted to see you in the congregation!

The beauty of retirement now is that we will have the opportunity to visit and worship with you on some weekend before too long. Thank you once more for the gift you have been to our faith and family. May the Good Lord be with all of us in all of our Hellos and Goodbyes, God's light to guide us, God's presence to strengthen us, God's love to unite us, Now and always!

Pastor Joe and Debra Vought

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. Acts 26:24-29 **Thu. Acts 17:22-34**
Tue. Ephesians 6:10-20 **Fri. 2 Tim 2:14-26**
Wed. Matthew 10:5-15 **Sat. Mark 10:46-52**
Sunday: John 8:31-36

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

October 21-27, 2019

Mon. 2:00 pm **Weekly Staff Meeting**
Tue. 4:45 pm **SonShine Singers**
 5:30 pm **Cherub Choir**
 6:30 pm **Celebration Singers**
 7:00 pm **Gloria Dei Ringers**
Wed. 10:30 am **Wed. AM Bible Study**
 12 noon **Holy Communion**
 7:00 pm **Sanctuary Choir**
Thu. 8:00 am **Comfort Makers**
Fri. 7:00 am **Chopin Concert**
Sun. Reformation Sunday
 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am Holy Communion
 11:00 am Confirmation

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 (depoi@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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