



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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REFORMATION SUNDAY

WHAT'S THE BUZZ

GATHERING THE NAMES OF SAINTS

Next Sunday we celebrate All Saints Sunday.

Links will be displayed in the Sanctuary and viewed online from All Saints Sunday until the First Sunday of Advent as an opportunity for us to remember how our saints link us together in faith.

During this All Saints service, the names of our congregation members who have gone to their eternal rest this past year will be read and remembered. We remember them always, but especially at this time.

FALL SCHEDULE

For details about worship, education & fellowship opportunities, click [HERE](#) for the fall newsletter.

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

REFORMATION DAY

Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses to the Wittenberg church door. We mark this as the beginning of the Reformation and today is the festival of Reformation Sunday. But this day isn't just about history. On this day, we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news that makes us free from sin through Christ's death and resurrection!

GUEST ORGANIST TODAY

We are excited to welcome Aaron Looney to today's worship service as he offers his talents on the organ during the Prelude.

Aaron's recording took place in Boe Memorial Chapel at St. Olaf College in Minnesota. The Chapel is the main concert space on campus for organ and choral performances. The instrument, built by the Schlicker Organ Company, is an English-style draw knob console with 75 ranks totaling 4,105 pipes.

Thank you, Aaron, for sharing your gift with us today!

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 - 3rd Grade Class
9:30 – 10:00 4th - 5th 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:

10/18 8:30 Communion 17
11:00 Total Live Views 87
Total Views this Week 444
Hours Viewed this Week 106.3

10/14 Holden Evening Prayer 18

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through September 2020			
	Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Budget	Y-T-D Last Year
Gifts & Offerings	\$459,728	\$607,366	\$511,077
Total Receipts*	\$581,845	\$693,128	\$589,543
Expenses	\$588,139	\$738,326	\$628,194
Excess Income/ (Expenses)	(\$6,294)	(\$45,198)	(\$38,652)

* Includes \$12,331.53 – federal PPP proceeds

Giving in support of our Spending Plan	\$ 5,037.00
Giving to Other Designated Funds	\$ 4,015.00
Total Giving for the Week	\$ 9,052.00

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

Wednesday at 10:30 am, participants 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. 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."

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Led from the sanctuary by Music Ministry Accompanist Linlin Uta and a rotating slate of singers, including the pastors, this service is livestreamed on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#). The service will be recorded and available to view any time.

PIANO RECITAL

Pianist Elaine Lim will present a piano recital this Friday at 4:00 pm. The program "Visions and Tales," will contain pieces inspired by poetry, dance, stories and images. Composers of the pieces include Brahms, Chopin, Granados, Debussy and Ravel. **Although no in-person attendees are allowed, this performance will be live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube** at 4:00 pm. The program is one-hour with no intermission.

This concert may be watched on [YouTube](#).

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

ANASTASIA GABRIELLE EANES AND DONOVAN STUART EANES

Baptized, A New Child of God

Welcome Ana and Donovan, daughter and son of Nathan Eanes and Rachel Pearson Jecklin, into the Body of Christ and the Muhlenberg family! Ana and Donovan were baptized last Sunday (10-18), and the video will be part of our worship service today. We surround Ana and Donovan with our promises and God's promises through our responses in worship. Ana and Donovan's sponsors are Russ Eanes, Jane Eanes, Lauren Eanes and Andrew Jecklin. Welcome to the Lord's family, Donovan!



BAPTIZED
UNTO THE
LORD

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.

American consumers are expected to spend \$2.6 billion on Halloween candy. Buy Halloween treats with recyclable packaging. The wrappers from mini chocolate bars have to be tossed in the trash, but little cardboard boxes filled with jellybeans, chocolates, or raisins can be recycled.

REMINDER

Daylight Savings Time ends. Turn your clocks back one hour this Saturday night, October 31.



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.** 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!

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Contact Music Minister [Elizabeth Williams](mailto:ElizabethWilliams@lutheran.org) for more information.

ADULT CHOIRS

Celebration Singers ~ Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30
October 27 November 10 & 24

Sanctuary Choir ~ Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:00
October 28 November 11 & 18

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Tweens and Teens ~ Tuesdays, 5:00 – 5:30
For grades 6 – 8.

Children's Choir ~ Tuesdays, 5:30 – 6:00
Ages 4 – 5th grade. Contact: Rachel Peters (Rgpeters9@gmail.com or 570-975-5457).

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

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

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MUSICIANS

Parents, if you have a child/youth who can play an instrument, please contact Diane Bayer, email bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org or call 434-3496. We want to include musical pieces played by them as part of our virtual Children's Christmas program that will be shown Sunday, December 20, at 4:00. Please contact Diane ASAP and no later than November 22.

MUHLENBERG YOUNG FAMILIES

Young Families **ZOOM*** meeting **Thursdays, 8:00 pm. "Drop in" whenever you can** for fellowship and community building. Young

Find the group on **Facebook**:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/417143212243610>

***This Zoom info will work each week:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87104488491?pwd=algwUhdTYjNjNExodTFyNytsWFo1QT09>

If you have questions, need Zoom phone-in information, or want to be added to email list, contact Catherine Creasy (540-209-5467 or creasy.catherine@gmail.com).

CHRISTIAN FORMATION REMINDERS

Christian Formation and Local & Global Mission ministry teams are offering many opportunities to make your Advent and Christmas a time of sharing with others. By providing these different opportunities, we hope you find one that touches your heart. Another way you and your family can take part is by praying for those who are in need in our world! Contact Diane Bayer (bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496) with any questions about these projects.

ANGEL TREE



Our plans this year are still to sponsor an *Angel Tree*. Because of COVID, the needs are great. If you wish to participate the process this year, will be to **stop by the Church and pick up an angel from “Angel Envelope”** located in the Pick-up/Drop-off box outside the Gathering Area between us and Gary’s Piano.

CHRISTMAS SOCKS

Fill a pair of dark socks with pack of Propel water, tissues, toothpaste & tooth brushes, crackers, granola, hand warmers, soap, shampoo, lip balm, bus tickets, gift cards to local food shops – or anything you might wish to share with someone in this situation. – **Details coming in November**; socks will be returned to church on December 6 and 13 during 4 pm events.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

6TH – 8TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP AND BIBLE STUDY

Meets November 8, 1:00 - 3:00 pm at Hillandale Park (meet near shelter #1); led by Pastor Lauren and Karen Thomsen.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

ELECTION DAY WORSHIP

An ecumenical Election Day Communion Service will be led by a multi-denominational group of pastors (including Pastor Lauren and Pastor Alex) and churches in Harrisonburg November 3, 7:00 p.m. This service is to remember and celebrate our unity and identity in Christ during a time of great division and hostility in our nation. You are invited to prepare bread and cup for yourself at home, and participate with us through YouTube live-stream at <https://youtu.be/31S-keSWwtQ> and following the order of service at <http://bit.ly/EDCH2020>.

ADULT SMALL GROUP STUDY

You are invited to participate in a 4-week study, "For Such a Time as This," exploring Biblical leadership wisdom for today's communities. Sessions include:

- Wilderness Voices: John the Baptist as Way-Making Leader
- Leading from a Tent: Wa(o)ndering Leadership
- Do You Hear What I Hear: Mary as Singing Leader
- Home By Another Way: Magi as Wise Leaders

This study was created by Dr. Jill Crainshaw of Wake Forest Divinity School, and will be facilitated by Kathy Thompson. We'll meet via Zoom, Thursdays at 7 pm, November 12 & 19, December 3 & 10. Contact Kathy at thompskb@jmu.edu to sign up.

UPCOMING MUSICAL EVENTS AT MUHLENBERG

Today, 11:00 worship: Members of the Celebration Singers and Sanctuary Choir will participate together as they sing “A Mighty Fortress.” Organist Elizabeth Williams will perform one of J. S. Bach’s most popular organ works “Toccatina and Fugue in D Minor.”

“Visions & Tales,” October 30, 4:00 pm: Pianist Elaine Lim will present a live-stream performance of piano works by Chopin, Brahms, Debussy, Granados, and Ravel. Ms. Lim is pursuing a DMA at JMU. This concert may be watched on [YouTube](#).

All Saints Sunday, November 1, 11:00 worship: We welcome opera singer Jenny Anne Flory to our worship service as she sings musical works of Gabriel Fauré and Aaron Copland. Jenny Anne is a former JMU graduate from Dayton, Va.

All Saints Afternoon Concert, November 1, 4:00 pm: Martin Luther once said, *“My heart, which is so full to overflowing, has often been solaced and refreshed by music when sick and weary.”*

Please join us for scripture readings and musical offerings as we strengthen our faith while remembering our sorrows and losses. Musicians include Rachel Peters, flutist; Ed Gant, cellist; pianists Elizabeth Williams, Linlin Uta, and Alice Wightman. We hope to be a blessing to all who listen as we perform arrangements of familiar hymns as well as contemporary works.

This concert will be live streamed on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#). In-person attendance is also offered, but limited to 45 guests who must follow strict guidelines for wearing face coverings/masks and social distancing (families may sit together). Please contact Greta Willis (Gwillis@packagingcorp.com or 502-500-4939 [text or leave a message]) with the number of seats you would like to reserve. Deadline to reserve seating is **Wednesday, October 28**.

LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION

Contact Chair *Emily Wicht Carneal*
(emilywicht@gmail.com or 421-1994)
for more information.

BRIDGE OF HOPE EVENT

Bridge of Hope has been working in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County for the past ten years, empowering single parent families to end the cycle of homelessness in their lives. The annual signature event, Locavore, is virtual this year. You are invited to attend **Saturday, November 14, 4:00 pm**. The cost is \$40/person and includes access to the virtual program and online auction, Love Your Neighbor mask, and anniversary cake.

The online auction will be open for a week from November 8-15. RSVP by November 7 by purchasing tickets at <https://bit.ly/3csOsiz>

If you do not wish to participate virtually, donations may be sent to Muhlenberg Lutheran Church with **Bridge of Hope** in the memo line or sent to Bridge of Hope, PO Box 535, Harrisonburg, VA 22803.

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

✠ Congratulations to Sarah Sunde and Sarah Whitley on the birth of their son, Henry Bennett Sunde, Thursday, October 15. Both Henry and Mom are doing well.

WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

October 26-November 1

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

- Mon. 2:00 pm** Weekly Staff Meeting
- Tue. 5:00 pm** Tweens and Teens
5:30 pm Children's Choir
6:30 pm Celebration Singers
- Wed. 10:30 am** Wed. Morning Bible Study
6:30 pm Pastors' Book Club
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir
7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer
via [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)
- Thu. 8:00 pm** Muhlenberg Young Families
via [ZOOM](#)
- Fri. 4:00 pm** JMU concert livestreamed
- Sat.** Daylight Savings Time ends.
- Sun. All Saints Sunday**
[Sunday am ZOOM link](#)
8:30 am Communion Service
9:00 am "Coffee Hour" begins
9:30 am K – 3rd Grade Class
9:30 am 4th - 5th Grade Class
9:30 am Faith Lens Class
9:30 am 40-Day Journey Class
11:00 am Service Livestreamed
via [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)
4:00 pm All Saints Concert

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@muhlenberglutheran.org/434-3496)

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