



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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November 1, 2020

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

WHAT'S THE BUZZ

GUEST SOLOIST

We welcome **Jenny Anne Flory**, a native of Dayton, VA who studied at James Madison University and University of Maryland where she received Bachelors and Masters in Vocal and Opera Performance. She has been an Apprentice Artist with the Palm Beach Opera for 2 years; in 2021, she returns there as a "Young Artist." Jenny Anne also studied in Italy in 2017 and 2019, worked as a church musician & voice teacher in the DC area 2016-2018, and is continuing her studies and training with voice teacher, Nova Thomas, while auditioning for future opportunities

FALL SCHEDULE

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

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!

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Today we give thanks for the saints who have gone before us, for the saints of God who are living, and for saints still to come. We are especially thankful for the witness and works of those who have died in the faith as they modeled what it means to be both saint and sinner. Today we remember by name those who died in the past year. We look forward to sharing with them the life that is eternal.

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

ALL SAINTS AFTERNOON CONCERT

Join us for scripture readings and musical offerings today at 4 pm as we strengthen our faith while remembering our sorrows and losses. Musicians include Edward Gant, cellist; and 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 & classical works.

This concert will be live streamed on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

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:

10/25 8:30 Communion 17
 11:00 Total Live Views 106
 Total Views this Week 336
 Hours Viewed this Week 117.8

10/21 Holden Evening Prayer 16

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 \$ 27,272.00
 Giving to Other Designated Funds \$ 4,530.00
Total Giving for the Week \$ 31,802.00

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."

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 will 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>.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

6TH – 8TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP AND BIBLE STUDY

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

PASTORS' BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 6:30 pm, we'll discuss *For All Who Hunger: Searching for Communion in a Shattered World* by Emily M.D. Scott. Scott weaves stories and reflections from the life of her unlikely congregation in prose both beautiful and incisive. She explores how small acts of connection hold more power than we realize in a time when our differences are being weaponized, creating activism and justice work fueled by empathy and relationship.

Recalling her journey as a single woman and a pastor looking for love and friendship in a city of millions, *For All Who Hunger* articulates the value of church as a place where people can hear not only that they are loved, but that they are good. When Emily's congregation builds relationships with their neighbors in one of the world's most unequal cities, they find courage and resources to begin working for a more just world. Please join us via [ZOOM](#) Wednesday, November 18, 6:30 pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87163761216>

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!

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.

Check your ducts for leaks. Your ducts deliver hot air from the furnace to the rest of the house. Leaking ducts can increase heat loss up to 30 percent, so it's a good idea to check and clean your ducts before the cold weather arrives.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER CLASS

Interested in learning more about Muhlenberg, or in joining the church, but you weren't able to attend our most recent class? We're planning another one for November. Email Pastor Lauren at eanes@muhlenberglutheran.org to register.

CROSSES & LINKS

The names of saints past and present adorn the sanctuary today in celebration of All Saints Sunday. White crosses represent our pastors. The red and white links represent names of individuals the congregation has named as important in their life of faith. The collection will be displayed through Sunday, December 6.



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 **now** and no later than November 22. We want to include musical pieces in the Children's Christmas program airing Sunday, December 20, at 4:00.

ANGEL TREE

We plan to again sponsor an *Angel Tree* for the Salvation Army. Because of COVID, the needs are great.



Participate by stopping by the Church and pick up an angel from "Angel Envelope" in the Pick-up/Drop-off box outside the Gathering Area.

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, etc.

Details coming in November; socks will be returned to church on December 6 and 13 during 4 pm events.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost and Found is our Virginia Synod's annual weekend faith-formation retreat for youth in 7th and 8th grade and adult leaders. This year we will gather ONLINE for Large Group experiences with lots of singing and skits and fun and Small Group experiences with lots of new friends, games, conversation, more games, and faith sharing! The event will take place Friday, November 20 at 6pm through Saturday, November 21 at 7:30pm. Register online at <https://www.vasynod.org/event/lost-and-found/>

You are invited to...

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation

*Sunday, November 22
at 12:15 pm via Zoom*

The Purpose of the Meeting:

**† Review and vote on the
2021 Spending Plan for
Ministries**

**† Elect Congregation
Council Members**

**Watch for more
information next week on
how to connect.**

*Plus any nominees from the floor.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

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

ADULT CHOIRS

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

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

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

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

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

November 2-8

*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
- Wed. 10:30 am Wed. Morning Bible Study
6:30 pm Pastors' Book Club
7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer
via [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)
- Thu. 8:00 pm Muhlenberg Young Families
via [ZOOM](#)
- Sun. [Sunday am ZOOM link](#)
8:30 am Communion Service
9:00 am "Coffee Hour" begins
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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](#)

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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