



The CHIMES

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CHRIST THE KING

WHAT'S THE BUZZ

GENEROSITY MATTERS!



Our church continues to serve us and others through new and innovative, albeit different, ways. As we plan for 2021, we ask that you consider what your part will be in continuing and expanding our ministries. During worship, you will hear other church members tell their stories about generosity. You will also receive a 2021 commitment card. We ask that you prayerfully consider expanding your financial generosity as you grow in your relationship with our Lord and in response to God's steadfast love because ... your Generosity Matters!

Tim Wessel, Chair of the Stewardship Committee

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

CHRIST THE KING

Hoping to celebrate the lordship of Christ in a world of increasingly secular and non-Christian empires, Pope Pius XI inaugurated a Sunday dedicated to Christ as King in 1925. Originally Roman Catholics celebrated Christ the King on the last Sunday in October, to precede the feast of All Saints, but also to counter the Protestant celebration of the Reformation. When the Roman Catholics proposed the three-year lectionary after the Second Vatican Council, Christ the King was moved to the final Sunday of the liturgical year.

Today, this festival, paired with our reading from Jeremiah of a cruel and indifferent King, calls on us as modern Christians to consider where we place our faith and ultimate loyalty.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION TODAY!

Members are invited to a virtual Annual Meeting of the Congregation **TODAY (11/22), 12:15 pm** via [ZOOM](#). The Purpose of the Meeting:

- † **Review and vote on the 2021 Spending Plan for Ministries** (available for download [HERE](#), or hard copies are available in the Muhlenberg pick-up box)
- † **Elect Congregation Council Members:** Nominees are Cathy Copeland, Joe Grandstaff, Bruce Hamilton, and Kevin Stees (*see pages 4-5 for bios*)

~ see page 3 for participation instructions ~

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:

11/8	8:30 Communion	21
	11:00 Total Live Views	93
	Total Views this Week	309
	Hours Viewed this Week	130.6
11/15	8:30 Communion	19
	11:00 Total Live Views	100

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through October 2020			
	Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Budget	Y-T-D Last Year
Gifts & Offerings	\$504,446	\$673,509	\$566,725
Total Receipts*	\$642,631	\$765,722	\$650,160
Expenses	\$660,132	\$813,258	\$689,353
Excess Income/ (Expenses)	(\$17,501)	(\$17,501)	(\$39,193)

* Includes \$12,331.53 – federal PPP proceeds

Giving in support of our Spending Plan	\$ 9,580.00
Giving to Other Designated Funds	\$ 54,005.00
Total Giving for the Week	\$ 63,585.00

November Thrivent Choice Dollars: \$47



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.

ANNUAL MEETING PARTICIPATION INSTRUCTIONS

Virtual Annual Meeting of the Congregation

TODAY (11/22) at 12:15 pm via ZOOM

STEP 1: ZOOM DOWNLOAD / PHONE OPTION

First, download the Zoom app. Go to <https://zoom.us/download> and follow the prompts for installation, as with any downloaded program. Click [HERE](#) for a video tutorial about Zoom.

If you can't download the app, you can always join by phone. Call the number below 5 minutes before the meeting and provide additional information as prompted:

1-929-205-6099 (Meeting ID: **857 5211 9470** Passcode: **038184**)

STEP 2: ATTENDING THE MEETING

Once Zoom is downloaded, you're ready to attend the meeting:

- The meeting is on Sunday, November 22 at 12:15 pm. Please logon approx. 5 minutes before the meeting by clicking [HERE](#) or this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85752119470?pwd=OWthTGUxWXIweDV5dDF6NWRRYjVKUT09>
- Follow the prompts to run Zoom, and then wait for the meeting host to let you in. If, for some reason, Zoom doesn't open, you can always open Zoom manually, select "Join a meeting" and enter this 11-digit Meeting Code: **857 5211 9470**. You will also need to enter the passcode: **038184**
- Once you are admitted by the host, select "Join with computer audio"
- For this meeting, you will be separated into different "breakout rooms" (small groups) for member voting. This will happen automatically – there's nothing you need to do. Each breakout room will have a moderator. For voting, please follow the instructions of the moderator so votes can be accurately tallied. You will then be automatically sent back to the main meeting room.

STEP 3: ZOOM ETIQUETTE

- To assist moderators, edit your name on Zoom to include the names of all voting members in your home. Click [HERE](#) for a video tutorial that includes instructions on name editing.
- Mute your audio (click on the "Mute" option) until you are asked to unmute for voting, etc.
- Make sure video is turned on so the host can see you and know you're still logged in.

QUESTIONS/MORE INFORMATION:

- If you have questions about Zoom **before the meeting**, please **contact Communication Minister Christian Perritt** at perritt@muhlenberglutheran.org or **540-810-3996**.
- **Today or during the meeting, Bill Wightman** is available for support at **540-435-6868**.
- Visit our website at <https://www.muhlenberglutheran.org/congregationalmeeting.html> for meeting materials and additional information.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL NOMINEES

Below are brief bios to help you learn more about the current slate of Council nominees:

CATHY COPELAND



I moved to Harrisonburg in 2010, after growing up in Indiana and living in Maryland and Alabama. My husband, Adam, and I became members of Muhlenberg in August 2011, and both of our children—Latham (8) and Gwendolyn (5)— have been baptized here.

We love our church family at Muhlenberg and have sponsored several new families. Adam and I served as interim campus ministers for nearly two years between 2011-2013. My children are very vocal members for the Cherub Choir. I currently serve as Muhlenberg's Faith in Action representative. I've taught Children's Church, attend the Wednesday evening Book Clubs, and have enjoyed being part of the Mary Martha Group.

On the job front, I have taught Writing, Rhetoric, and Technical Communication at JMU for 10 years. Recently, I also began work as the American Democracy Project Program Coordinator for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, a non-partisan, non-profit organization that encourages students to be civically engaged with their community.

My family and I love Harrisonburg, and we appreciate our Muhlenberg family. I'm honored to be nominated for Council and would be honored to serve.

JOE GRANDSTAFF

I was born in Fort Valley, Virginia and graduated from Strasburg High School in 1973. In 1977 I graduated from Madison College with a degree in Communications.

In 1999, I married Kay Grandstaff, who is retired from Harrisonburg City Schools as a classroom teacher. We have four children: Mark McLawhorn lives in Raleigh, NC; Philip McLawhorn lives in Portsmouth, VA with his wife Kate; Kyle Grandstaff lives in Atlanta, NC with his wife Caroline and grandsons William and Douglas; and Austin Grandstaff lives in Charlotte, NC with his wife Lexi. Kids still at home are our dog Zelda and our cat Miss Kitty.



I am semi-retired from the Hospitality and Tourism Industry. I worked during my career for the Shenandoah Valley Travel Association, Museum of American Frontier Culture, Virginia Hospitality and Travel Association and Massanutten Resort. I currently work as a Supervisor and Event Manager for RMC Events at JMU and UVA.

I am a Past President of the Harrisonburg Lions Club and am on the Board of the Shenandoah Valley Travel Association. I am an Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America. I was brought up in the Brethren Church.

I enjoy roaming the back roads of the Shenandoah Valley looking for bargains. I also have a passion for landscaping and restoring old electronics.

BRUCE HAMILTON



I was born and raised in and around Chicago, Illinois. I attended Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, a private liberal arts college affiliated with the Lutheran church, graduating with a BA in political science. Upon graduation I enlisted in the U.S. Air Force serving as an intelligence analyst for four years during the Vietnam war. After my discharge I remained in Alaska to do my student teaching. I accepted a teaching position in Madison County, Virginia. While teaching in Madison, I used my G.I. Bill benefits to obtain a Master's degree from UVA. I was an elementary school teacher and principal in Madison County, Orange County and Harrisonburg City. The last nineteen years I was in HCPS serving as principal of Keister and Spotswood Elementary schools and opening Stone Spring Elementary and serving as principal there. During my time there and after my retirement I served as an Auxiliary Police Officer in the patrol division of the Harrisonburg Police Department.

My wife Wanda and I have three daughters and seven grandchildren. We have been members of Muhlenberg for about four years. I enjoy UVA sports, reading, walking with Wanda and our dog (Rufus), visiting family and traveling, which I hope we can do once again after the pandemic. I look forward to any contribution I can make to the mission of our church here at Muhlenberg.

KEVIN STEES

I grew up in Vienna, Virginia. I went to undergraduate school in Illinois (where I met my wife, Rhonda) and graduate school in Arizona. We came to Harrisonburg when I received an offer to teach at JMU in music. It's been a great place for us to raise our family that consists of three children, Ryan, Brandon and Anna, and it's a place that we've come to call home. We recently welcomed another to our family when our son, Ryan, married Mary Pearson this summer. They met through Presbyterian Campus Ministry and their involvement in music at JMU. All of our children were baptized in the Presbyterian church where our oldest two children were raised and confirmed.



My folks moved to Harrisonburg before we adopted our daughter, Anna. Around that time, we started looking for a new church to call home. We were drawn to Muhlenberg before my mom passed away, and it was through the loving care of the pastors and people that we became more attached to Muhlenberg. We enjoy being here with my dad, Richard, and our Anna has really appreciated the opportunities through Christian formation.

I'm the tuba and euphonium professor at JMU and conduct the JMU Brass Band. Some of you may have seen me in either capacity at Muhlenberg. I also enjoy tabletop games, particularly with my son, Brandon, and during the pandemic we've started a new online endeavor called *Brandon's Game Shelf*. Besides my music making and gaming, I enjoy reading and anytime we can spend together as a family. I have been serving on the Gathering Together Task Force and appreciated the invitation to be further involved by serving on Council.

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY AM BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 10:30 am, participants study the Narrative Lectionary text for the upcoming Sunday. All are welcome to join via [ZOOM](#) using the following link:

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

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

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

See pages 7-10 for details about our *Do Not Be Afraid* Advent season, including online devotions and in-person Advent-ure Sunday activity. You will also find information about Christmas, including worship services, our children's program, Christmas Eve online and in-person opportunities, and a Christmas morning concert.



GATHERING TOGETHER TASK FORCE UPDATE

The Task Force met this week to evaluate the current situation in the Harrisonburg area and make recommendations regarding in-person gatherings at Muhlenberg. At this time, COVID numbers in the region, while improved from September, are still high. The governor has issued an executive order restricting in-person gatherings. Harrisonburg City Schools have indicated they will continue to teach virtually over the next several months. And the “Be Vigilant for the Valley” effort (an initiative of local universities, school districts, retirement communities, religious groups, and city and county leadership) is strongly urging residents to avoid gathering indoors with people outside of their household.

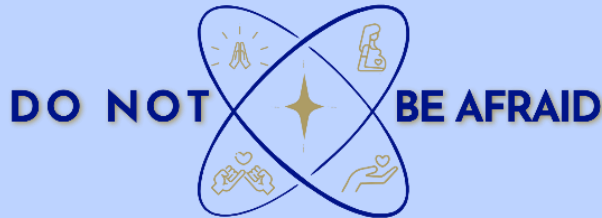
Given all of this, the Task Force recommends we keep our current guidelines through March 2021, at which point they will reevaluate. As always, don't hesitate to contact any member of the group with questions or comments: Neil Alexander, Erin Burke, Cynthia Page, Kevin Stees, Crystl Whitmire, Greta Willis, Pastor Lauren and Pastor Alex.

SECOND HOME UPDATE

After serving 60+ families for seven months without a single COVID case, Second Home did have a staff person test positive last week. The small group of people who had direct contact with this individual have been notified and are quarantining. Following Health Department guidance, Second Home will be closed for two weeks, reopening Monday, November 30. The MAC will be deep cleaned before Second Home reopens.

ADVENT NEWS

Advent 2020



DO NOT BE AFRAID

This Advent and Christmas, you're invited to listen in to the angels' message in the first two chapters of the Gospel of Luke: "Do not be afraid!" God gave this instruction to God's people throughout their history, and it's a message God continues to give to us today. Through the stories of Zechariah, Elizabeth, and Mary, we'll explore together what it looks like to have hope, know peace, live in joy, and trust love.

ADVENT DAILY DEVOTIONAL BEGINS NOVEMBER 25

This has been a challenging year, with many stressors and unexpected twists along the way. Biblically, prophets are often called upon to speak God's Word in troubled times like these, and so we turn to their wisdom now! In worship on Sundays at Muhlenberg we will reflect on the angelic call "Do Not Be Afraid," while throughout the weeks we will explore the faithfulness of the prophets and what wisdom and challenge they shared with God's people.

You are invited to participate in this devotional season by recording a short video reflection that will be shared as a daily devotional. How do we have hope, know peace, live in joy, and trust love? Contact Pastor Alex for more information or click [HERE](#) to sign up for a reflection.

To sign up to RECEIVE the daily devotions via email, click [HERE](#). They will also be posted daily in the Muhlenberg Daily Devotions Facebook group.

ADVENT-URE SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 6, 4:00 PM

Advent-ure Sunday has been part of Muhlenberg's Advent season for more than 20 years! Christian Formation invites everyone to join us, **Sunday, December 6, 4:00 pm in the parking lot**. We will hear from St. Nicholas and have family craft activity bags to take home. Greenery will be available for you to clip and use in your Advent wreath.

For more information, contact Diane Bayer (bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org).



CHRISTMAS NEWS

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ~ *CHRISTMAS LETTERS*

Nearly 30 young people will participate in our online program, *Christmas Letters*, premiering **Sunday, December 20, 4:00 pm** on Muhlenberg's [Facebook](#) page and [YouTube](#) channel. Tune in to see their presentation in word and song! This event will be available online for two weeks following the premiere, so if you miss the broadcast you can watch it any time during those two weeks. Share it with friends and family so they can join in the Christmas cheer!

LONGEST NIGHT COMMUNITY WORSHIP

The longest night of the year is December 21, and it has become a meaningful time to recognize that the Christmas season is often not all brightness and fun. In particular this year, we have much to grieve and many losses to acknowledge. Muhlenberg is hosting this year's ecumenical Longest Night worship service **Sunday, December 20, 7:00 pm**, on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#). This service of word and song will provide an opportunity to be honest about our pain and be reminded of Christ's light that shines into dark places.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

3:00-6:00 pm please stop by the church to drop off alternative giving boxes and/or Christmas offerings. Pick up poinsettias (if you ordered one) and candles for singing Silent Night at home.

3:00-3:30 pm Carols and Story ~ Gather in Muhlenberg's parking lot for Christmas carols and a family-friendly reading of the Christmas story! We'll stay in our cars and listen through our radio transmitter. (Also, you can sing as loud and off-key as you'd like when you're in your own car!) Come and welcome the newborn King with our faith community.

4:30 pm Christmas Eve Service of the Word will premiere on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#). This service will be similar to our current 11:00 Sunday service and feature rich musical selections, the proclamation of the birth of Christ, and a candlelit singing of "Silent Night." Watch it concurrently with the congregation and send greetings to one another through the chat, or tune in anytime that evening to worship with your family.

5:30-6:30 pm Luminaries ~ Candle-lit luminaries will line the street around our church building, shining Christ's light out to passersby. Stop by the church to light a candle and listen to musical selections through our radio transmitter. (*Weather permitting*)

7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service of Word and Sacrament will take place via [ZOOM](#). Similar to our current 8:30 Sunday service, this service will feature simple liturgy and music, proclamation, the sharing of communion, and a candlelit singing of "Silent Night." Please have bread and wine ready in your home before the service begins.

9:00 pm Christmas Eve Service of the Word will premiere on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#). This service is identical to the 4:30 service and provides the opportunity to worship concurrently with other members of the congregation.

CHRISTMAS MORNING MUSIC

Tune into a **Concert for Christmas Day**, presented by Music Minister Elizabeth Williams. This concert premieres on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) **December 25, 10:00 am** and will be available to view anytime the rest of the day.

DECEMBER 27 LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 27 will feature a service of lessons and carols **at 11:00 am** on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#). There will be NO 8:30 am service or Christian Formation that day.

REMEMBER & HONOR LOVED ONES

Want to remember or honor a loved one with a poinsettia? **Cost per plant is \$17.** To reserve your poinsettia, do the following:

1. **Sign up** online using the link below or call Louise Layman at 540-442-1524:
<https://forms.gle/rLA7kyZfcMnbeQLBA>
 2. **Pay** for poinsettias (write "Poinsettias" on the memo line). Mail your check to the church office (281 East Market Street, Harrisonburg 22801). **Payments reserve poinsettias.**
- Poinsettias may be picked up Christmas Eve Day from outside the Gathering Area, 3:00-6:00 pm.

Sign up deadline is Sunday, December 13 (no additional flowers will be ordered after that date).



ALTERNATIVE GIVING OPPORTUNITY

If you wish to remember a loved one in a different way during this Holy Season, we offer a local opportunity in **Habitat for Humanity** (a nonprofit organization that helps families build and improve places to call home) and a global opportunity in **ELCA Disaster Response** (*an ELCA mission*).

1. **Sign up** using the link below or call Emily Wicht at 540-421-1994:
<https://forms.gle/7nLwASmuxfZkLA1o9>
2. **Make your contribution.** Ensure correct credit/designation by indicating "**Habitat for Humanity Christmas Gift**" or "**Disaster Response Christmas Gift**" on the memo line. Mail your check as described in #2 above.

We will publish the name of your loved one(s) in an insert during the Christmas season (as we do for poinsettia donations). **Sign up deadline is Sunday, December 13.**

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

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@muhlenbergglutheran.org or 434-3496) with any questions about these projects.

ANGEL TREE



We are again sponsoring an *Angel Tree* for the Salvation Army. Because of COVID, the needs are especially great. To participate, choose an “angel” from “Angel Envelope” in the pick-up/drop-off box outside the Gathering Area. Complete instructions are included with each angel.

CHRISTMAS SOCKS

Fill a **pair** of dark socks with things like...

- water flavoring powder packets**
- tissues**
- toothpaste/toothbrushes**
- crackers, granola**
- hand warmers**
- soap, shampoo, lip balm**
- bus tickets**
- gift cards to local food shops, etc.**

Tie the pair of filled socks together and bring them to church **December 6 or 13 during 4:00 pm parking lot events.** Filled socks may also be placed in the pick-up/drop-off box outside the Gathering Area before December 13. If your sock contains bus tickets, gift cards, or other valuable items, contact Diane Bayer for instructions.



SENIOR CITIZEN SANTA BAGS

Sponsored by JAMers

The JAMers offer this service opportunity every year for the whole congregation. The following items will be collected:

- shampoo**
- toothbrushes/toothpaste**
- combs/brushes**
- body lotion**
- soap**
- hand sanitizer**
- tissues**
- hot chocolate**
- popcorn**
- snack crackers**
- stamps, envelopes & greeting cards**



Bins for collection of these items will be available at the 4:00 parking lot events **Sundays December 6 & 13.**

ALTERNATIVE ADVENT...



An opportunity to do something a bit different as part of your Advent devotions. Pick up a box **Sunday, December 6 at 4:00** during our Advent-ure Sunday parking lot activity. Each day during devotions, put something in the box (e.g. a canned good, a bar of soap, a toothbrush or toothpaste, etc.).

The boxes should be **returned Christmas Eve** and placed on the table outside the Muhlenberg Activities Center.

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.

If you can do only one thing, create a line item in your budget for earth-friendly cosmetics and personal-care products. Shift at least 20% of the money you annually spend on shampoo, makeup, soaps, and lotions to safer, greener options. If you reduce the number of products you use overall, you can budget the money you save for the purchase of sometimes higher priced eco options.

CROSSES & LINKS

The names of saints past and present adorn the sanctuary 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 crosses and links were featured in worship November 1 — click [HERE](#) for the worship video.



MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

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

ADULT CHOIRS

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

November 24, December 1 & 15

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

December 2 & 16

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Tweens and Teens ~ Tuesdays, 5:00 – 5:30

For grades 6 – 8.

November 24, December 1, 8 & 15

Children's Choir ~ Tuesdays 5:30-6:00

REMINDERS

PASTORAL CARE

Pastor Lauren and Pastor Alex are available for phone conversations, email, and video/in-person meetings as needed. Simply email or call them at the church office — they'll be happy to hear from you!

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!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

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

JAMERS

Meet at Westover Park, Pavilion #2 TODAY (11/22), 2:00-4:00 pm. Masks will be worn and we will social distance as we roast hot dogs and marshmallows and play some JAMers games. We look forward to seeing you there!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MUSICIANS

Parents, if you have a child/youth who can play an instrument, please contact Diane Bayer **now** (deadline today, 11/22) and let her know what instrument and what song they would like to play. We want to include musical pieces in the Children's Christmas program airing Sunday, December 20.

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

✚ We pray for the family of Thelma Shirley following her death November 11. Thelma started Biblical Storytelling at Muhlenberg and was an active member before she moved to Stuarts Draft.

WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

November 23-29

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
7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer
via [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)
- Thu. 8:00 pm** Muhlenberg Young Families
via [ZOOM](#)
- Sun. First Sunday of Advent**
[Sunday am ZOOM link](#)
8:30 am Communion Service
9:00 am "Coffee Hour" begins
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](#)

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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