



Protestant Fellowship Community Newsletter

October, 2021

Re-Formation

“With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ... He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:6,8

I first heard this scripture from Micah quoted many years ago by (as it struck me then) an unlikely source – President Lyndon Johnson. Sunday, October 31 is Reformation Sunday, the 504th anniversary of Martin Luther posting his list of propositions for an academic disputation on the door of the All Saints Church in Wittenberg.



The Papal Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican, or simply Saint Peter's Basilica, is a church built in the Renaissance style located in Vatican City. Designed principally by Donato Bramante, Michelangelo, Carlo Maderno and Gian Lorenzo Bernini, St. Peter's is the most renowned work of Renaissance architecture and the largest church in the world by interior measure. By the end of the 15th century, the old basilica there had fallen into disrepair. The new basilica was designed and built under the leadership of several popes extending from the early 1500s to the mid 1600s.

One method employed to finance the building of St. Peter's Basilica was the granting of indulgences in return for contributions. A major promoter of this method of fund-raising was Albrecht, Archbishop of Mainz and Magdeburg, who had to clear debts owed to the Roman Curia by contributing to the rebuilding program. A German Augustinian priest, Martin Luther, wrote to Archbishop Albrecht arguing against this "selling of indulgences". He also included his "Disputation of Martin Luther on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences", which we know as "The Ninety-five Theses".

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Weekly Worship Services for October 2021
each Sunday at 2:00 pm from the chapel
via live Broadcast on ACTV channel 976 / 980 (HD)

October 3	Rev. David Wenker, retired from First Presbyterian Church, Glenrock, NJ; Organist: Jane Smith; Pianist: Betty Kingston	
October 10	Rev. Doug Dwyer, Addisville Reformed Church, Richboro, PA; Organist: Bud Williams; Pianist: Betty Kingston	
October 17	Rev. Dr. Steven Treat, CEO Emeritus, Council for Relationships Organist: Joan Kirk; Pianist: Betty Kingston	
October 23	Rev. Dr. Kang Na, Protestant Pastoral Associate at Ann's Choice; Organist: Jane Smith; Pianist: Betty Kingston	
October 31	Reformation Sunday Hymn Sing Worship Service with prelude beginning at 1:30; Organist: Bud Williams; Pianist: Betty Kingston	

Revive Your Spirit on the Chapel Channel

The Chapel Channel is airing a daily schedule of uplifting and inspiring programs. Learn about the Dead Sea Scrolls, or enjoy the *Musical Reflections* and *Favorite Hymns of Faith* organ programs by Bud Williams.

The **Memorial Day Weekend Hymn Sing Service** from May 30, 2021 has been added to the program schedule. This includes the organ pre-worship program by Bud Williams followed by the entire worship service.

Feedback and comments on this new programming provided through Pastoral Ministries is encouraged and will help with future offerings on the Chapel Channel.



Quiet Reflections and Prayers:

The Chapel at Ann's Choice is open daily for private reflection when worship services and other events being conducted.

To Receive this Newsletter:

Contact Rev. Dr. Kang Na at Kang.Na@Erickson.com, (215) 443-4925, or in the Pastoral Ministries offices in Liberty. Make sure to include your email address for receipt of this newsletter by email or your apartment to receive it in your cubby.

Rose Gardens and Chestnut Pointe:

Large group activities are suspended until further notice. Pastoral Visits and Home Communion are still available. Contact Pastoral Ministries at (215) 443-4925.

Bible Study:

Weekly Bible study meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am in the Liberty Commons Music Room. Zoom access is available on request prior to Wednesday morning. Rev. Dr. Kang Na is leading the Bible study.

Contact Rev. Na at (215) 443-4925, Pastoral Ministries offices in Liberty or Kang.Na@erickson.com for more information about the Bible study or connection information for using Zoom.



If you are curious about the Bible, and its significance in world history and for human life, please join us. The Bible study is intended to deepen our knowledge of **what the Bible is, says, and means**. Everyone is welcome to join us on this journey. We are looking at the beginning of the Exodus stories and the identity of Israel. Join us as we explore **what the Bible is, what it said to contemporary readers, what it means, and what it says to us**, especially for our faith journey.

All are welcome, and all questions are welcome, so that together we might encourage and challenge one another on the joyful and sometimes hard road that is Christian discipleship.

Operation Christmas Child

During the month of October the Protestant Fellowship Council (plus the Catholic Council and Jewish Resident Council) will be collecting items for shoebox gifts that will go to children around the world. You may place your donated new items in a special box in the Chapel lobby on Sunday afternoons at the Protestant Worship services, or bring them to Rev. Na's office in Liberty Commons, behind the Spiritual Library.

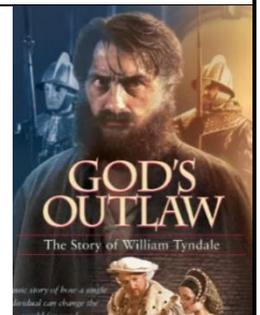
A list of appropriate items may be found on the Protestant page of the AC Resident website.



Second Saturday Cinema in October

On Saturday, October 9th the Protestant Fellowship will present **God's Outlaw: The Story of William Tyndale** in the PAC at 7:00 pm with a pre-show at 6:45.

William Tyndale was an English scholar who became a leading figure in the Protestant Reformation in the years leading up to his execution. He is well known as a translator of the Bible into English, influenced by the works of Erasmus of Rotterdam and Martin Luther. In the early 1500s, the Roman Catholic Church was the official church in England; the penalty for possessing an unlicensed English Bible was death. Even little children were solemnly forbidden "to speak the Creed, the Ten Commandments or the Lord's Prayer in English."



This program is sponsored by the Protestant Fellowship Council as a ministry to our fellow residents, friends and staff at Ann's Choice.

No donation will be requested.

Chapel Choir Practice

The Ann's Choice Chapel Choir rehearses on Friday afternoons at 2:30. If you would like to add your voice to others in the choir as a ministry to worship services, contact Dave Clarke at (215) 443-2573 or BG-103.

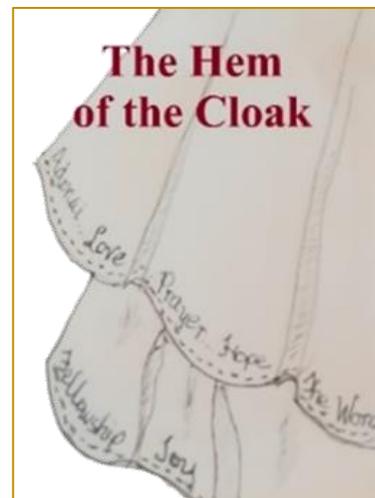


Reminder – October 16, 2021

On Saturday, October 16, the Protestant Fellowship Council will host an all campus spiritual retreat entitled "The Hem of the Cloak" open to all residents and guests. All are welcome to come for a day of poetry, song, table fellowship (lunch) and discussion.

We will explore how faith in God and fellowship with others help us through the valleys of life and the hilltops. The retreat will be led and presented by Mary Lee Friesz, and she will share from her book "A Window to Memory".

The retreat will begin in the Keystone Multipurpose Room at 10:00 am on Saturday morning and conclude at 2:00 pm.



Supporting Our Ministry and Mission:

You can help support the mission projects and ministries of the Protestant Fellowship. Donations may be enclosed in an envelope addressed to Rev. Na and taken to any clubhouse front desk. Donations by check are preferred; please make the check payable to "A. C. – Protestant Fund".

On the memo line, please write "Donation."

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Martin Luther's initial intention was to challenge the practice of selling indulgences and not to split the (Western) Church. He wanted to re-form the Church – to get back to basics of having a right relationship with God, through Jesus, the Christ, the Messiah, the Promised One. Instead, the Protestant Reformation began. About thirty years later, the Roman Church began its own Counter Reformation, which addressed some of the issues raised by Martin Luther.

Today, we struggle to be One Church. There are dozens and hundreds of denominations around the world plus many church congregations which identify with no denomination.

Using the words from Psalm 51 and Micah 6, let us offer to God our sacrifice of "a broken and contrite heart", which He will not despise, and let us strive "to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God." Amen.

Prayerfully submitted by John Hodges