



Protestant Fellowship Community Newsletter

August 2021

Fruit in Its Season

“Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so.”, Genesis 1:11

“Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.”, Revelation 22:1-2

Earlier in June and July the weekly Bible study has examined and probed with great attention to the details the first couple of chapters of Genesis. We have looked at what the text says, what it doesn't say, how it compares with what we always thought it said. We have delved into the details of the text plus gained some insights from the original Hebrew text. But this meditation examines some other aspects of the Creation story and is inspired by the bounty of the summer season.

Most people enjoy the spring and summer when various fruits come into season somewhere in the country. Some fruit like strawberries and melons are available year-round coming from California or Florida. Pineapples are also available year-round as they come from tropical environments.

Apples, pears, peaches, melons, raspberries and blueberries are some fruits with well-defined seasons for local availability. It is very easy to fill up the cart or basket with five peaches, one cantaloupe, one honeydew, five nectarines, three pint containers of blueberries, one container of strawberries. And then I see the bags of red and green and black grapes; and one or two can find their way into the cart. All of this is for two people.

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

August 1	Rev. Larry Westerveld, Trinity Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Hatboro, PA; Organist: Susan Bishop; Pianist: Betty Kingston	
August 8	Rev. Rick Bunker, PARX Race Track Ministry; Organist: Bud Williams; Pianist: Betty Kingston	
August 15	Rev. Susan Sciarratta, Parkland Community Church, Langhorne, PA; Organist: Joan Kirk; Pianist: Betty Kingston	
August 22	Rev. Kang Na, Protestant Pastoral Associate at Ann's Choice; Organist: Joan Kirk; Pianist: TBA	
August 29	Hymn Sing Worship Service with music provided by handbell ensemble Campanology; Ann Kagan-Erickson is the Artistic Director.	

Revive Your Spirit on the Chapel Channel

The Chapel Channel is airing a daily schedule of uplifting and inspiring program. 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 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 from 8:00am – 2:00pm.

To Receive this Newsletter:

Contact Rev. 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 continues to meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am in the Liberty Commons Music Room. Zoom will continue to be used to provide access for those not able to meet in person. Rev. 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 on your laptop, computer or smartphone, or by regular telephone.

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 different passages in Genesis and in the Gospels to discover and remember **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.



Second ~~Second~~ Third Saturday Cinema in August

Second Saturday Cinema moves to the **Third** Saturday for August.

On Saturday, **August 21** the Protestant Fellowship will present ***Arsenic and Old Lace*** in the PAC at 7:00 with a pre-show at 6:45.

A writer of books on the futility of marriage risks his reputation when he decides to get married. Things get even more complicated when he learns on his wedding day that his beloved maiden aunts are habitual murderers.

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.

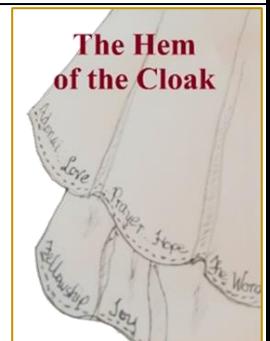


Hold the Date – October 16, 2021

On Saturday, October 16, the Protestant Fellowship Council will host an all campus retreat entitled "The Hem of the Cloak".

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".

Registration fee for the retreat is \$ 20 per person. Residents, guests and employees are invited to attend.



School Supplies and Supplies for Women for PARX Racetrack Ministry

Your donations of supplies will be presented to Rev. Rick Bunker, the chaplain of PARX Race Track Ministry when he is here on August 8.

Local schools open in just a few weeks; needy children of behind-the-scenes employees at PARX Racetrack will be needing school supplies. There will be a box in the chapel lobby for your donations of **new** pencils, pens, markers, notebooks, rulers, pencil boxes and other school supplies.



Also, **supplies for women** are also needed. There will be a box for deodorant, shampoo, lotion, combs, brushes, bars of soap, hand cream, foot cream and other supplies for women.

On **August 8**, let's give Rev. Bunker a shower of supplies for the needy children and women living at and near the racetrack.

Chapel Choir Practice Will Resume Soon

The Ann's Choice Chapel Choir will resume rehearsals very soon and the choir will begin participating in Protestant worship services. 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.



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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You know what happens. The curse of sudden plenty strikes and the peaches develop brown spots that turn into spoiled fruit. Strawberries get moldy. Many of the blueberries get soft and mushy. Stuff has to be discarded; money was wasted. The plenty of the season cannot be enjoyed as much as we might like. Many of these fruits are not available this fresh in the winter and this season of plenty is one thing we have looked forward to. In a different context, it is reminiscent of the admonition given to the Israelites during the 40 years of wandering before crossing the Jordan River. Just enough manna should be gathered for one day on days one through five of each week; on day six, they should gather enough for two days. Any extra would spoil.

There will be a time in the future when we are in the celestial city with a primary river running through it when there will be plenty of fruit – all year round – and we won't have to be concerned that some of the fruit will spoil before we eat it.

Prayerfully submitted by John Hodges