



# *Protestant Fellowship Community Newsletter*

## *May 2021*

### **Mother, Mutter, Madre, Mater, Moeder, 어머니 (uh-muh-nee)**

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.” Psalm 139:13 (NIV)

»Tú formaste mis entrañas; me hiciste en el vientre de mi madre.»  
Salmos 139:13 (Reina-Valera 1995)

“Denn du hast meine Nieren gebildet; du hast mich gewoben im Schoß meiner Mutter.” Psalmen 139:13 (Schlachter 2000)





No matter what language people speak, “mother” means the same thing. We all have had a mother, and we treasure the memories of those experiences. And most of us have had aunts and grandmothers who have been mother-figures to us. And in many of those instances the relationship was biological, but it was the relationship that mattered. We have childhood memories, memories in school and college, and, perhaps, memories of our mother-figures when we became adults.

One of my earliest memories is when we lived in Shreveport. I was about four or five and my brother two years younger. It was a hot summer day and the grass was dry. For reasons I do not remember, we were having fun with matches setting fire to tufts of dry grass. Suddenly she appeared and made us stop. As I vaguely remember, she must have told us that what we were doing was dangerous. “If something happened to you, I wouldn’t be able to get here in time.”

After we moved to Tulsa, I remember that during a rainy streak, the Arkansas River was at a flood stage that set a new record. I guess I was concerned and puzzled about this major event (at least to a seven or eight year-old), and I asked my mom about it. God had promised not to cause a catastrophic flood. She reassured me that the river flooding was serious but was not comparable to the Great Flood of the Noah story.

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

May 2	Rev. Henrik Sonntag, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Glenside, PA Organist: Joan Kirk; Pianist: Betty Kingston	
May 9, Mother's Day	Rev. Kathleen Harkness, Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ, Holland, PA Organist: Bud Williams; Pianist: Betty Kingston	
May 16	Rev. Ted Kucewicz, Bible Baptist Church, Southhampton, PA, Organist: Jane Smith; Piano: Betty Kingston	
May 23, Pentecost	Rev. Kang Na, Protestant Pastoral Associate at Ann's Choice Organist: Jane Smith; Pianist: Betty Kingston	
May 30	Memorial Day Weekend Hymn Sing Worship Service Organist: Bud Williams; Pianist: Betty Kingston	

### **In-Person Worship Services**

In-person worship services have resumed in the chapel. Hallelujah!!!

We have not yet completely defeated the virus. Therefore, for the time being masks are required and worshipers are asked to maintain social distancing in the chapel. Preregistration is not required.

Offering plates will be available as you enter the chapel.



### **Quiet Reflections and Prayers:**

The Chapel at Ann's Choice is open daily from 8:00am – 2:00pm.

**To receive this newsletter by E-Mail:**

Please send an email to Rev. Kang Na at [Kang.Na@Erickson.com](mailto:Kang.Na@Erickson.com) . Make sure to include your preferred email address for receipt of this newsletter.

**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.

**Virtual “Zoom” Bible Study:**

Weekly Bible study continues to meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am via Zoom. 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](mailto:Kang.Na@erickson.com) for more information about the Bible study. You can also contact Rev. Na to receive the connection information for using Zoom on your laptop, computer or smartphone, or for using Zoom in audio mode only by 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.

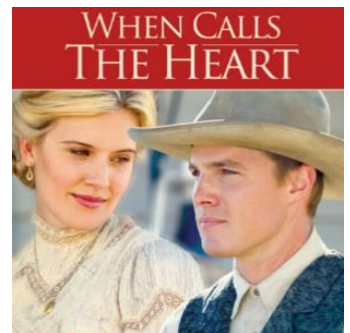
We are delighted to have the benefit of a former Professor of Philosophy and Religion who taught at Westminster College for more than twenty years. Rev. Na also taught courses on biblical interpretation.

**Second Saturday Cinema Returns**

Second Saturday Cinema returns to the PAC on Saturday, May 8 at 7:00 with a pre-show at 6:45. We will be showing *When Calls the Heart*.

Elizabeth Thatcher, a cultured young teacher in 1910, fears leaving her comfortable world in the city. But when she accepts a teaching position in a frontier town, she finds new purpose and love with a handsome Royal Canadian Mountie.

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



### **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 "Ann's Choice, Inc. – Protestant Fund". On the memo line, please write "Donation."



### ***Musical Reflections***

A new musical program of organ and guitar music began airing on ACTV Monday, April 26. Several residents plus a couple of employees introduce favorite hymns and songs of faith and inspiration. Bud Williams and John Hodges produced this program. The program was recorded both in the TV studio and in the chapel. Most of the songs were played by Bud on the organ. Two contemporary hymns were played and sung by Keith Rounds on guitar.

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A few years later when we moved to a town near Tulsa and lived next door to my dad's parents. We would spend Labor Day weekend leaving early in the morning to drive to a major model airplane contest near Dallas. One day, I remember that we – Mom, my brother, and me – read the Christmas story.

Every Sunday, our family went to Sunday School and worship services. Mom and Dad each took Bibles with them on Sunday. Years later as an adult, I noticed that on Sunday Mom would make notes about the sermon in her Bible next to the scripture for that day. Plus, there were notes on small sheets of paper when the margins were already full of notes.

What memories of your mother, aunts, grandmothers do you cherish?

When Jesus enters Jerusalem on what we call Palm Sunday, he speaks of a mother's desire for Jerusalem: "... how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings ...", Matthew 23:37.

Submitted by John Hodges