



Protestant Fellowship Community Newsletter

January 2021

“When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ ... When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you.”, Luke 10:5, 8

Mission Trips, Part 4

(Dr. Polly Riddle shares more of her mission trip experiences)

In 2001 I went to El Salvador. I had been there before as a tourist earlier and this trip was a mission trip. On our trip across the mountains, we stopped at a park to swim; when it was time to use the toilet, I had to get out and pay a dollar to use the facilities. Each of us who used this john paid; it was sanitized after each use. We went to several souvenir places for glass works and wooden artifacts.

Our task on this mission trip was construction related. The construction crew built concrete block homes for residents of the town. I helped paint some of the girders for the homes. Primarily, I was the mission translator for the doctors. I also helped with the Bible school as the children were led in Bible stories and crafts. The city and suburbs were gorgeous with their broad-leafed trees and huge flowers.

In 2002 I went to Barrio Obrero, Arecibo, Puerto Rico on the northwest coast. On our way there from Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport in San Juan, we went through the rain forest El Yunque. The only time we encountered rain were the times our road passed it. Talk about beauty overload!

Part of the mission trip was construction, though I don’t recall the details. I remember sweeping a lot of floors in the newly refurbished classrooms of Mercy House in the church. (“Mission Trips” continued on page 4)

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

<p>January 3</p>	<p>Rev. Dr. Christopher Edwards, retired Presbyterian clergy Organist: Jane Smith; Pianist: Joan Baranyi</p>	
<p>January 10</p>	<p>Rev. Thomas Swope, Assistant Pastor, Calvary Chapel, Philmont, PA Organist: Bud Williams; Pianist: Betty Kingston</p>	
<p>January 17</p>	<p>Rev. Dr. Charles Dear, Crescentville Baptist Church, Philadelphia, PA Organist: Joan Kirk; Pianist: Betty Kingston</p>	
<p>January 24</p>	<p>Rev. Henrik Sonntag, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Glenside, PA Organist: Jane Smith; Pianist: Joan Baranyi</p>	
<p>January 31</p>	<p>Hymn Sing Worship Service Experience the Word of God through favorite hymns Organist: Bud Williams; Pianist: Betty Kingston</p>	

**** Worship services are 'broadcast' only.**
Please do not attend in person until restrictions are fully lifted.

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. Jim Sutton at James.Sutton@erickson.com .
 Make sure to include your preferred email address for receipt of this newsletter.

Protestant Fellowship Annual Meeting Notes:

The Annual General Meeting of the Protestant Fellowship was held on Monday, December 7 at 10:00 am in the Ann's Choice Chapel. Reports on the ministries, mission donations and finances were presented at the meeting.

The following individuals were called and elected to serve on the Protestant Fellowship Council: to serve three-year terms - Mary Lee Friesz, John Hodges, Lynn Swan and Janet Wentz; and to fill the remaining two years of two positions - Dolores Ehrenfeld and Harry Shuster.

Rose Gardens and Chestnut Pointe:

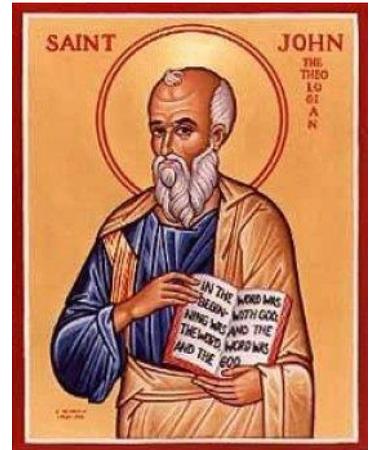
Large group activities are suspended until further notice.

Pastoral Visits and Home Communion are still available. Contact Pastoral Ministries at (215) 443-3831.

Virtual "Zoom" Bible Study:

Weekly Bible study will resume on Wednesday January 6 at 10:00 am via Zoom. Mary Lee Friesz will resume the Bible of the Gospel of John. Contact Mary Lee at (215) 394-5771, cubby ML-216 or mlFriesz@verizon.net for more information. The study will resume in chapter 6. You might find it beneficial to review the first five chapters of John.

Contact Fred Keill at (kfsder@verizon.net, (215) 442-5650, or leave a note in his cubby at MT-418 in Keystone) to receive the connection information for using Zoom on your laptop, computer or smartphone, or for using Zoom in audio mode only by telephone.



Supporting Our Ministry and Mission:

During this time where Chapel services are broadcast, you can still help support the mission projects and ministries of the Protestant Fellowship. Donations may be enclosed in an envelope addressed to Rev. Sutton 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."

Protestant Fellowship Council

*Our purpose is to bring glory to God in all that we pursue
in and through the Protestant Faith Community*

Our Mission is to

- Provide meaningful worship opportunities;
- Provide opportunities for Bible study;
- Provide Christian fellowship and prayer;
- Help fellow residents with spiritual needs; and
- Participate with other faith groups in ecumenical and inter-faith services.

“Mission Trips”, *continued*

I helped teach Bible school; we told the story of Adam and Eve, Noah and the ark, Jesus life and death. Souvenir stands were everywhere. And I got to slide down a curving slide into a volcano heated pool.

In 2003 I went to San Pedro Sula, Honduras, the capital of Cortés Department, in the northwest corner of the country. Sula is a modern city and at that time is where the economic development of the country is concentrated. Once I took my hearing aids out so that I couldn't hear and thereby get a good night's sleep. They had paired me with a lady who snored loudly. While we helped with the children in a Bible school, another mission worker painted a mural in the front of the church sanctuary. I think the mural was of Jesus praying in Gethsemane. Many of us got our turn at adding a bit of paint to the mural. A couple of years later, Maria, a person attending the Jesus Share Fair in Warminster, told me she was from that city. She and I started Bible studies in her apartment. I taught some English to some of her charges, for which she was a baby-sitter, including her daughter. And 15 years later, I helped the daughter in her Penn State studies.

Perhaps it was in Sula that we stayed in a big place. Our hostess had bought tin soup bowls and served our food in them for all three meals. Our one utensil was a soup spoon. She washed dishes while we ate. One day at 4:00 we had to go to our home base. I was the designated speaker to tell the people in the long line that we had to go and could not serve them. They took it gracefully.