

PROTESTANT FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



August 2020

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” Isaiah 6:8

PFC Council member Dr. Polly Riddle shares about her first mission trip to Bosnia...

“In early 1995 my pastor wrote about mission projects and listed Zenica, Bosnia as one. They needed English teachers in this Muslim country. While the pastor was just giving an example of mission, I read it as a place to use my newly minted Doctorate in Foreign Language Education. The Oklahoma conference was spearheading a trip in July 1995. At that time, my father was dying, which he did on July 2. I was to go to Bosnia in late July. When I applied, I said I was good at “standing and holding” and “fetching” when they wanted to paint or repair classrooms for family living sites. (continued on back)

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

2:00 PM LIVE BROADCAST* FROM THE CHAPEL
ACTV CHANNEL 976 / 980

August 2 **Communion Service (“BYOB”)**
 Rev. Jeffrey Kotzen, retired
 Formerly of Crossway Community Church
 Willow Grove, PA
Organist: Susan Bishop, Pianist: Audrey Wister

August 9 **Rev. Susan Sciarratta**
 Ann’s Choice Pastoral Associate
Organist: Bud Williams, Pianist: Betty Kingston
 Organ Concert begins 1:30pm

August 16 **To be determined**
Organist: Joan Kirk, Pianist: Audrey Wister

August 23 **Rev. Rick Bunker**
 Race Track Chaplaincy of America / PARX
 Philadelphia, PA
Organist and Pianist: Betty Kingston

August 30 **To be determined**
Organist: Bud Williams, Pianist: Betty Kingston

***Live broadcast only. Please do not attend Chapel until restrictions are fully lifted.**

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. Sciarratta 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.”

TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL – Please e-mail Susan Sciarratta at susan.sciarratta@erickson.com and provide your preferred e-mail address.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Quiet Reflection

The Chapel at Ann's Choice is open for quiet reflection and prayer from 10:00am – 2:00pm every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Please follow the signage and do not congregate.

Pastoral Visits

If you are in need of pastoral support, please contact Susan Sciarratta, Pastoral Associate, at 215-443-4925 or Susan.Sciarratta@erickson.com

Bible Study

Wednesdays from 10am-11am on “The Parables of Jesus”



Participate via Zoom



Contact Susan Sciarratta to receive the connection information. If you have internet and audio/video on your device, go to zoom.us, click “Join Meeting” and enter the Meeting ID 874 9178 6291, and Password 2020.

If you prefer to participate by telephone only (no video), call 1-646-558-8656 and enter the Meeting ID 874 9178 6291, followed by “#”.

Send an email to Susan.Sciarratta@erickson.com and she will send you the Zoom connection information and direct link, or call Susan at 215-443-4925 if you require hard copies and prefer to connect by telephone.

2nd Saturday Cinema - ~~Cancelled for August~~

Rose Gardens & Chestnut Pointe

All group activities cancelled until further notice
Pastoral Visits and Home Communion are still available
Contact Chaplain Susan at 215-443-4925

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They also wanted to teach English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) – my forte – to the children.

I left on a Thursday afternoon for a 6pm flight to New York. That flight was delayed so much that my connecting flight left without me. I had to decide at 11pm whether to pursue the trip or return home. God had called me to “GO!” so I persevered and spent a luxurious night at the airlines’ expense. The next day the airline clerk put me on stand-by for 2 flights to Frankfurt, Germany. God is good, and I made those flights. I stayed at a 5-star resort on Saturday night. The next day, people mistook “United Methodist Church” for “Adventist” and took me there, but it was of course closed on Sunday. As God would have it, I was near a market and a woman, another ESOL teacher, saw me and took me in at her home. Finally the mission came and got me that afternoon. I slept well on a pallet!

Zenica, in central Bosnia, was already bombed out. We stayed for 3 weeks across the street from an Army base, and we heard helicopters flying in at night. They were bringing the wounded in from the “safe” zones at the edge of the country. Some of the Bosnians apologized for their bombed out structures. I replied that there was a reason for them; whereas, there was no reason for the equally bombed out appearance in some US cities.

Yes, I painted a bit, but I also taught the children from a park bench. Parents were nudging their kids toward me. Being young myself, I was teaching them songs and dances, too. When my luggage finally caught up to me, I took out my father’s ragged T-shirts that my mother insisted I bring, and repurposed them as paint rags. I’d also brought his nice slacks to help clothe the Bosnians as they continued rebuilding their country.”

~ Submitted by Dr. Polly Riddle