



Protestant Fellowship Community Newsletter

December, 2021

Finding the LORD

The LORD said to Elijah, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

1 Kings 19:11-13a

As I am writing this in early October, I am one week into nine weeks of radiation treatment 5 days per week. The weekday treatments take a couple of hours out of each day. My routine prior to October had been to stay busy with volunteer positions and responsibilities; my new normal requires me to make do with two fewer hours in the day and has the potential to eliminate my time to unwind and relax in the evenings and weekends.

While Advent is the season before Christmas, it is not a time for us to wait for Jesus to be born. That happened over two thousand years ago. I think Advent is a time for us to set aside time for spiritual reflection, for spiritual growth and to recommit ourselves.

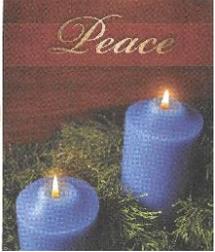
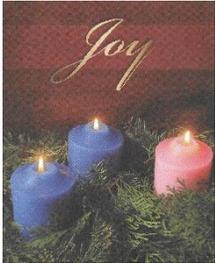
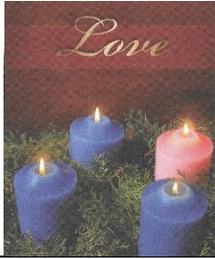
The Elijah stories are some of my favorites. And this one in which Elijah meets the LORD – not in the busyness and chaos of his world when he was fleeing from King Ahab, but in the quiet – seems to me to speak to the reason for celebrating Advent. I need to take the time for quiet. Even more, I need to set a priority on doing so.

And adapting a comment made by another participant in a recent Zoom meeting that I was on, I not only need to take the time, but I also need to *invest* the time in meeting with the LORD God in quietness rather than making a fruitless attempt at trying to do so amidst the chaos around me. “Investing” means setting aside the time and making it a priority and working to gain some value from the activity.

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Weekly Worship Services for December 2021

**each Sunday at 2:00 pm from the chapel
via live Broadcast on ACTV channel 976 / 980 (HD)**

December 5	<p>Second Sunday of Advent - Peace Rev. Dr. Christopher Edwards, retired minister in Presbyterian Church (USA) Organist: Jane Smith; Pianist: Betty Kingston Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated</p>	 
December 12	<p>Third Sunday of Advent - Joy Rev. Ted Kucewisc, pastor at Bible Baptist Church of Southampton, Southampton, PA Organist: Bud Williams; Pianist: Betty Kingston. (Note: Prelude / pre-worship organ program will begin at 1:00 pm.)</p>	
December 19	<p>Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love Advent Service of Lessons and Carols Organist: Joan Kirk; Pianist: Betty Kingston</p>	
December 26	<p>First Sunday after Christmas Rev. Dr. Kang Na, Manager of Pastoral Ministries at Ann's Choice Organist: Jane Smith; Pianist: Betty Kingston</p>	

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 not 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.

Manager of Pastoral Ministries:

Congratulations to Rev. Dr. Kang Na as the new Manager of Pastoral Ministries at Ann's Choice.

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.

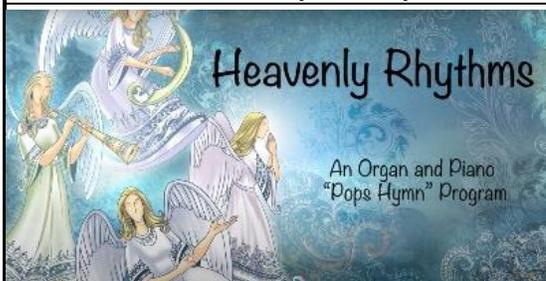
Bible Study:

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.



Heavenly Rhythms

The latest organ and piano program by Bud Williams has been added to the program schedule on Ann's Choice TV 977; and it will be added to the programming on the Chapel Channel 980 in a few weeks. Many thanks to Chelsea Rounds,

Dave Rector, Ted Mullins, Ray Schwegel and John Hodges for their help in making this program possible.

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."

Protestant Fellowship Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Protestant Fellowship will be held on Monday, December 6 at 10:00 am in the Liberty Commons Music Room. Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be available.

This meeting is open to any resident who participates in any of the activities, ministries and worship services held by the Protestant Fellowship. At this meeting you will hear the annual reports of the different activities of the Protestant Fellowship Council, and have an opportunity to honor those who have actively given their time and abilities during the past year.

Also, at this meeting new council members will be elected to serve three-year terms beginning in January, 2022.

Second Saturday Cinema in December



On Saturday, December 11th the Protestant Fellowship will present ***The Muppet Christmas Carol*** in the PAC at 7:00 pm with a pre-show at 6:45.

The feature movie for December will be a retelling of Charles Dickens' classic story of Ebenezer Scrooge, *A Christmas Carol*. This version includes the Muppets in the first movie after the death of Jim Henson in 1990. Michael Caine, who plays Ebenezer Scrooge, told the producer and director Brian Henson, "I'm going to play this movie like I'm working with the Royal Shakespeare Company. I will never wink, I will never do anything Muppety. I am going to play Scrooge as if it is an utterly dramatic role, and there are no puppets around me." .

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 as your presence is your donation.

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I need to purposefully and mindfully devote time and energy to meeting with the God of the Universe.

Our God, our Father, our Mother – During this Advent season, bless me with the investment of time and energy and commitment to meet with You and to grow in my faith. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Prayerfully submitted by John Hodges