



Protestant Fellowship Community Newsletter September, 2022

“Lightyears”

“³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; ⁴ what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? (Psalm 8:3-4)

¹⁴ God said to Moses, “**I AM WHO I AM.**” (Exodus 3:14a)

How often do we consider the stars and the moon that God created? And, do we consider the galaxies? It is very humbling. The James Webb Space Telescope was designed allow us (humans) to see very, very far away into space. It was launched last December, 2021; after testing and calibration, the first images were released in July, 2022.

Over the years, scientists have studied the stars and galaxies with ever more sophisticated telescopes. They have estimated that the universe began about 14 billion years ago with the Big Bang. Some star systems, nebulae and galaxies are moving towards us, and some are moving away from us. The James Webb Telescope will allow more detailed and in-depth investigations and discoveries – discoveries about God’s marvelous and wonder-full creation.

Some of the images released in August are believed to be of galaxies formed only 235.8 million years after the Big Bang! However, we are not seeing these galaxies as they are right now. The photons, the light had to travel at 180,000 miles per sec for over 13.5 billion years! Light travels approximately 5.9 trillion miles in only one year! The stars and galaxies we see may no longer exist!

“What do these comments have to with the Bible?”, you may ask.

Moses asked God His name. The answer, as translated into English, is “**I AM WHO I AM**”. As we experience life temporally (time passes), God is telling us, in terms we can understand, that He exists by using a present tense verb. No matter when we refer to God in our time-dimension-bound world, He is always the same. God simultaneously sees us on earth and the galaxies that are on the other side of the universe. I think this is truly mind boggling to consider.

God who created the Galaxies and the Flowers, Your works are filled with wonder, and they can be difficult for us to even try to comprehend.

Guide us to just stop; guide us to marvel and to worship. Amen.

Prayerfully submitted by John Hodges

In-Person Worship Services for September, 2022

**Each Sunday at 2:00 pm from the chapel;
also on ACTV channel 976 / 980 (HD)**

All are Welcome to join us in the Chapel on Sunday Afternoons

Sunday, Sept. 4	<p>Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost Rev. Susan Sciarratta, Parkland Community Church, Langhorne Organist: Susan Bishop; Pianist: Betty Kingston. Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated</p>	
Sunday, Sept 11	<p>Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost Rev. Eric Bond, Rector at St. John's Episcopal Church, Huntingdon Valley, PA Organist: Howard Williams; Pianist: Betty Kingston (Note: Prelude / pre-worship organ program will begin at 1:30 pm.)</p>	
Sunday, Sept. 18	<p>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Sean Tripline, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Spring House, PA Organist: Joan Kirk; Pianist: Betty Kingston (Note: Prelude / pre-worship organ program will begin at 1:30 pm.)</p>	
Sunday, Sept. 25	<p>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Rick Bunker, Chaplain at PARX Racetrack Ministry, Bensalem, PA Organist: Joan Kirk; Pianist: Betty Kingston.</p>	

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.

Revive Your Spirit on the Chapel Channel

The Chapel Channel airs 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. Enjoy uplifting music in the morning. Enjoy informative programs during the day. Enjoy the **May 29, 2022 Hymn Sing Worship Service** in the evening. Turn on the Chapel Channel for a faith-lift.



Feedback and comments on this new programming provided through Pastoral Ministries is encouraged and will help with future offerings on the Chapel Channel.

Protestant Pastoral Associate

The search for a Protestant Pastoral Associate has concluded. Rev. Amy Martin has joined the staff at Ann's Choice. Most of her time be at Rose Garden and Chestnut Pointe as the Chaplain. And about one-quarter will be in Independent Living as the Protestant Pastoral Associate. Stop by her office in Liberty Commons and introduce yourself to her.

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.

Protestant Page on the Resident Website:

You may find this worship bulletins, hymns, newsletters and other information about the Protestant Fellowship at www.acresidents.org.

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. 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.

The Bible study is deepening our knowledge of **what the Bible is, says, and means**. Everyone is welcome to join us on this journey.

All are welcome so that together we might encourage and challenge one another on the hard road that is Christian discipleship.



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."

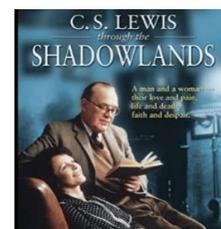
If you are having checks mailed from your financial institution, have them mailed to Ann's Choice Protestant Fellowship, c/o Pastoral Ministries, 20000 Ann's Choice Way, Warminster, PA 18974.

Second Saturday Cinema, in September, 2022:

On Saturday, on September 10th the Protestant Fellowship will present **C. S. Lewis: Through the Shadowlands** in the PAC at 7:00 pm with a pre-show at 6:45.

This is a moving story about renowned author and Oxford medieval scholar C.S. Lewis. He agrees to marry the divorced American poet Joy Davidman Gresham so that she and her sons may stay in England.

This program is sponsored by the Protestant Fellowship Council as a ministry to residents, friends and staff at Ann's Choice. **No** donation will be requested, as your presence is your donation.



Save the Date:

On Saturday, October 15, the Protestant Fellowship will host an all-campus Spiritual Retreat in the Multi-Purpose Room in Keystone. The program will be from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, and it will include lunch. Registration forms and more details will be available in the next couple of weeks.

Rose Gardens and Chestnut Pointe:

Monthly Protestant Communion services have resumed in the Continuing Care communities. Pastoral Visits and Home Communion are still available. Contact Pastoral Ministries at (215) 443-4925 to volunteer to assist with these services.

Protestant Fellowship Council

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

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Donations for Ukraine Relief:

The Protestant Fellowship Council has donated \$ 5,000 to Samaritan's Purse for its relief ministries for the Ukrainian people. Donations from residents so far are more than \$ 9,200, and that has also been sent to Samaritan's Purse.

For more information, go to their website, www.samaritanspurse.org. Click on the "Video" tab and select "International Crisis Response". Click on "Ukraine".

Supplies for PARX Racetrack Ministry

Local schools will open soon, and many needy children of behind-the-scenes employees at PARX Racetrack will be needing school supplies.

The Protestant Fellowship is now accepting donations of school supplies. You may bring schools supplies to the Chapel on Sundays for collection boxes in the Narthex. Your donations of supplies will be given to Rev. Rick Bunker, the chaplain of Race Track Ministry at PARX, when he joins us for worship on September 25.

