

Protestant Fellowship Community Newsletter August, 2022

"Pots and Pans"

"Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed – indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'" (Luke 10:40-42)

Brother Lawrence lived in the 1600s and served as a lay brother in a Carmelite monastery in Paris. He is remembered for the intimacy he expressed concerning his relationship to God as recorded in a classic book compiled after his death, *The Practice of the Presence of God*.

He fought in the Thirty Years' War and, following an injury, left the army and served as a valet. The ghastly experience of battle seared his mind to such a degree that he fell back on his religious upbringing. Later he served as a footman and described himself as an "awkward fellow who broke everything".

At the age of twenty-six, he entered the Order of Discalced [walking barefoot or wearing sandals] Carmelites in Paris, as a lay brother and took the religious name, "Lawrence of the Resurrection".

He was assigned to the monastery kitchen where, amidst the tedious chores of cooking and cleaning at the constant bidding of his superiors, he developed his rule of spirituality and work. In his recorded thoughts which were discovered after his death, Lawrence wrote, "Men invent means and methods of coming at God's love, they learn rules and set up devices to remind them of that love, and it seems like a world of trouble to bring oneself into the consciousness of God's presence. Yet it might be so simple. Is it not quicker and easier just to do our common business wholly for the love of him?"

God of Pots and Pans, remind us to look for You in beautiful sunsets and in simple table settings; in rainbows after the rain and in confusion at the grocery store; in the wonder of a rising full moon and in a sink full of dirty pots and pans. Amen.

Prayerfully submitted by John Hodges

In-Person Worship Services for August, 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, July 31	Eighth Sunday After Pentecost Hymn Sing Worship Service Organist: Bud Williams; Pianist: Betty Kingston. (Note: Prelude / pre-worship organ program will begin at 1:30 pm.)
Sunday, August 7	Ninth Sunday After Pentecost Rev. Jim Sutton, New Britain Baptist Church, New Britain, PA Organist: Susan Bishop; Pianist: Betty Kingston Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated
Sunday, August 14	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Rev. John Conner, Grace Episcopal Church, Hulmeville, PA Organist: Bud Williams; Pianist: Betty Kingston (Note: Prelude / pre-worship organ program will begin at 1:30 pm.)
Sunday, August 21	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Pastor Sunil Balasundaram, Doylestown UMC, Doylestown, PA Organist: Joan Kirk; Pianist: Betty Kingston.
Sunday, August 28	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Mike Goldblum, Shalom Assembly of God, Willow Grove, PA Organist: Susan Bishop; Pianist: Betty Kingston

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.

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.

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.

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 emergence of the Jewish people as a nation. Join us as we explore what the Bible is, what it said to contemporary readers when written, what it means, and what it says to us, especially for our faith 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:

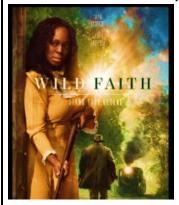
You can help support the mission projects and ministries of the Protestant Fellowship. Donations may be enclosed in an envelope addressed to Rev. Na and taken to any clubhouse front desk. Donations by check are preferred; please make the check payable to "A. C. – Protestant Fund".

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 August, 2022:

On Saturday, on August 13th the Protestant Fellowship will present *Wild Faith* in the PAC at 7:00 pm with a pre-show at 6:45 pm..



This is a moving story about a Civil War veteran named Emmet, who returns home a hero. He is resentful for the treatment he receives from the townspeople after his wife has passed away, when he continues to house a black woman named Haddie and her daughter – after the end of slavery.

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.

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 \$8,000, and that has also been sent to Samaritan's Purse.

For more information, go to their website, <u>www.samaritanspurse.org</u>. 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 in September.



Let's give him a shower of school supplies to take back for the needy children of employees living near the racetrack. There will be a box in the chapel lobby for your donations of new pencils, pens, markers, notebooks, rulers, pencil boxes and other supplies. There will be a box in the chapel lobby for your donations.

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