



Protestant Fellowship Community Newsletter

January, 2023

“A New Year, a New Beginning”

For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

(Jeremiah 29:10-11)

Do you have plans for the new year? Is there a nagging task that you have been postponing that you have resolved to tackle in the new year? I've got one or two. Many times at the beginning of a new year, people spend a few minutes reflecting on the past year and then resolving to make some improvements in the new year.

Approximately 2600 years ago Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians and the leaders of Judah were taken away in Exile. False prophets said their return was eminent after only a short time. Jeremiah sent a letter from Jerusalem to those in Exile. He told them to make lives where they were. And then we have the passage above; it was going to be seventy years before going back. While the Exile might have been punishment, God reassured them that He was still taking care of them. He had plans for them.

As we enter a new year we seem to be emerging from the worst of Covid pandemic. Does it feel like we have been in exile for seventy years? There has been a lot to adjust to; there are new normal and new routines at doctors' offices, at the dentist offices, at grocery stores, and other places. In some, masks are required or recommended and there are new protocols for cleaning and disinfecting. In spite of Covid, God has plans for us as well.

Another Prayer to – God of Perfect Plans, we thank You for watching over us and protecting us. Sometimes we don't like to endure changes to our lives. Despite that You have been with us during the pandemic and have brought us through it. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Prayerfully submitted by John Hodges

In-Person Worship Services for January, 2023

**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, Jan. 1, 2023	<p>First Sunday After Christmas and New Year's Day Polly Riddle, Ann's Choice Resident and former mission worker with the United Methodist Church. Organist: Jane Smith; Pianist: Betty Kingston.</p>
Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023	<p>First Sunday After Epiphany Rev. Henrik Sonntag, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Glenside, PA Organist: Joan Kirk; Pianist: Betty Kingston Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated</p> 
Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023	<p>Second Sunday After Epiphany Rev. Susan Sciarratta, Parkland Community Church, Langhorne, PA Organist: Bud Williams; Pianist: Betty Kingston (Note: Prelude / pre-worship organ program will begin at 1:30 pm.)</p>
Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023	<p>Third Sunday After Epiphany Rev. Amy Martin, Continuing Care Chaplain and Protestant Pastoral Associate, Ann's Choice Organist: Ann Keeseey; Pianist: Betty Kingston.</p>
Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023	<p>Fourth Sunday After Epiphany Worship Service with Psalms and Songs and Hymns of Praise to proclaim the Word of God. Organist: Bud Williams; Pianist: Betty Kingston. (Note: Prelude / pre-worship organ program will begin at 1:30 pm.)</p>

Protestant Pastoral Associate

Rev. Amy Martin has joined the staff at Ann's Choice, serving in two roles. 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. Amy Martin at Amy.Martin@Erickson.com or (215) 443-3821, 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.

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.

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.

Rose Gardens and Chestnut Pointe:

Monthly Protestant Communion services have resumed in the Continuing Care communities. Pastoral Visits and Home Communion are still available.

Also, each week, worship bulletins and hymns are delivered to new residents at RG and CP and to those who have asked for them on a regular basis.

Contact Pastoral Ministries at (215) 443-4831 to volunteer to assist with these ministries or if you have questions about them.

Second Saturday Cinema, in January, 2023:

On Saturday, on January 14, 2023 the Protestant Fellowship will present **The Secret Garden** in the PAC at 7:00 pm with a pre-show at 6:45.

In 1901, a young girl, Mary Lennox is orphaned by an earthquake in India and she is sent to England to be raised by her uncle, Lord Archibald Craven. He is still in mourning for his long-departed wife and gives her little attention. Mary discovers a hidden garden.

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.



Protestant Fellowship Council

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

Members of the Protestant Fellowship Council in 2023

Fr. Ernie Curtin	MT-214	Helen Hughes	DT-307
Gail Dahlen	BC-102	Robert McQue	BR-301
Dolores Ehrenfeld	BC-312	Lynn Swan	BR-201
Mary Lee Friesz	ML-216	Janet Wentz	PV-407
John Hodges	BC-412	Bud Williams	TC-107
Marian Holcombe	BG-314		

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.

Protestant Fellowship Council:

All Council members including those whose terms end and those who have been elected to new terms will meet on Monday, January 2, 2023 for the first meeting of the new year. The Protestant Fellowship Council will thank these members for their faithful service as they retire: Harry Shuster, and Nelson Smith. And the Council will welcome these new members: Dolores Ehrenfeld, Marian Holcombe, Helen Hughes, and Bud Williams. As part of the meeting, new officers will be elected and new committee assignments will be made.

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 \$ 12,000, and that has also been sent to Samaritan's Purse.



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Samaritan's Purse is providing food and non-food relief items through church partners in both Ukraine and Moldova.

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