



Protestant Fellowship Community Newsletter May, 2023

“Mothers’ Gifts”

³¹ Then Jesus’ mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside asking for you.” ³³ And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.” Mark 3:31-35

I don’t think Jesus was being disrespectful of his own mother. He knew the Ten Commandments. I think he was saying that we need to look beyond biology to those around us who preaching good news to the poor, restoring sight, releasing the oppressed and proclaiming the year of the Lord’s favor.

Mothers and mother figures are important in our lives – beginning with our earliest years and continuing for the rest of our lives. Perhaps their importance continues past our own lives as well. I remember a holiday visit when my parents were showing us through a new facility their church had purchased. Dad was always more task oriented. Mom, on the other hand, was always looking for ways to show kindness. She would stop and talk for a couple of minutes with people as she encountered them. This was her way of sharing God’s love with others.

When I was much younger, my grandmother took me to the town library. After we parked and were walking to the entrance, we passed someone – someone neither one of us knew. My grandmother greeted the person with a pleasant “Hello”; I did not. She chastised me, telling me that just because I don’t know the person is not a reason to not speak to that person.

These lessons of showing God’s Love are still being learned.


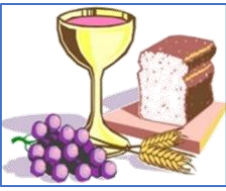

*God of All Love, fill us with your Spirit so that we can be
Your servants in order to be Your hands and arms and feet and mouths
to bring Your love and comfort and hope to others. Amen.*

Prayerfully submitted by John Hodges

In-Person Worship Services for May, 2023

**Each Sunday at 2:00 pm from the chapel with Prelude at 1:45;
also on ACTV channel 976 / 980 (HD)**

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

<p>Sunday, May 7, 2023</p>	<p>Fifth Sunday of Easter Rev. Pat Penecale, Rockpoint Church, Doylestown, PA. Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated. Organist: Jane Smith; Pianist: Betty Kingston; Chapel Choir.</p>	 
<p>Sunday, May 14, 2023</p>	<p>Sixth Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day Rev. Nancy Dilliplane, Trinity Episcopal Church, Buckingham, PA. Organist: Bud Williams; Pianist: Betty Kingston. (Note: Prelude will begin at 1:30 pm.)</p>	
<p>Sunday, May 21, 2023</p>	<p>Seventh Sunday of Easter Reve. Joshua Plohocky, Bucks County Seventh Day Adventist Church, Warminster, PA. Organist: Joan Kirk; Pianist: Betty Kingston</p>	
<p>Sunday, May 28, 2023</p>	<p>Day of Pentecost Rev. Amy Martin, Pastoral Associate at Ann's Choice. As the Protestant Pastoral Associate, one-quarter of her time supports the Mission of the Protestant Fellowship Council. Organist: John Keesey; Pianist: Betty Kingston; Chapel Choir.</p>	 

Ann's Choice Pastoral Associate

As the Pastoral Associate, Rev. Amy Martin devotes one-quarter of her time supporting the Mission of the Protestant Fellowship Council.

Stop by her office in Liberty Commons to introduce yourself and meet her. Or you can call and leave a message for her at (215) 443-3831; or send her an email (Amy.Martin@erickson.com); or write a note on an offering envelope and leave it in the offering plate at Chapel worship.



To Receive this Newsletter:

Contact Rev. Amy Martin at Amy.Martin@Erickson.com or (215) 443-3831, or leave a message 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 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.

Save the Date – May 30, 2023: On Tuesday, May 30, 2023, the Protestant Fellowship will again present Centennial Singers at 7:00 pm in the Ann's Choice Chapel. Put this program on your calendar.



Second Saturday Cinema, in May, 2023:

On Saturday, on May 13, 2023 we will present the 2015 drama **Waiting for Butterflies** in the PAC at **6:30 pm** with no pre-show.

On her deathbed, a Grandmother's last wish is for her estranged family to come together for her final days.

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.



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. Martin 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.

Volunteers Needed:



Has God entrusted you with gifts to share during worship? Current openings include one or two more people on the rotation list to assist in the audio booth in the chapel. Contact Al Burger at (215) 675-3974.



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) 443-4831 to volunteer to assist with these ministries or if you have questions about them.

Protestant Fellowship Council

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

Our Mission is to

- Provide opportunities for Bible study;
- Provide meaningful worship opportunities;
- Provide Christian fellowship and prayer;
- Help fellow residents with spiritual needs; and
- Participate with other faith groups in ecumenical and inter-faith services.

Members of the Protestant Fellowship Council in 2023

Fr. Ernie Curtin	MT-214	Worship Chair
Dolores Ehrenfeld	BC-312	Mission Outreach
John Hodges	BC-412	Asst. Treas., 2 nd Saturday Cinema, Newsletters
Helen Hughes	DT-307	Cubby Stuffers
Robert McQue	BR-301	Secretary, Worship Staff and Ushers
Polly Riddle	BG-120	
Bob Swan	BR-201	
Lynn Swan	BR-201	Council Chair
Janet Wentz	PV-107	Flowers
Bud Williams	TC-107	Council Vice-Chair

Donations for Ukraine Relief and for Turkey / Syria Earthquake Relief:

Since March 2022 when Russia invaded Ukraine more than \$ 19,000 has been sent by the Protestant Community to help with relief efforts. And we have begun supporting relief efforts for those devastated by the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria; \$ 2,300 has been sent for earthquake relief.

All relief donations are sent to Samaritan's Purse. More information and video clips are available the Samaritan's Purse website, www.samaritanspurse.org.

To view their video clips on the website, click on the "Video" tab and select "International Crisis Response".



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