



# *Protestant Fellowship Community Newsletter August, 2023*

## **“How Long Does Steadfast Last?”**

<sup>6</sup> Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

<sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O Lord! Psalm 25:6-7 (NRSV)

Have any of you ever watched a soap opera? (I won't ask for a show of hands.) Constant drama about intertwining personal lives with a façade of real world in the background. Every few months there is a wedding or an business agreement with promises that it will last forever. “Forever” is soap opera speak for two or three years.

The King James Version and the New International Version do not include the modifier “steadfast” on the word “love”. The Revised Standard Version and the New Revised Standard Version include “steadfast”.

Just to change the subject slightly, do you have concerns that the fine china plates in your cupboards will one day turn into flimsy imitations of cheap paper plates? Of course not! In the beginning when God created the heaven and earth, He designed things to work in specific ways. He set the rules for how molecules and atoms and subatomic particles behave and interact. We, being created in His image, are able to learn some aspects of how creation works. And we can use that knowledge to fashion things like plates and saucers and cups and bowls; and we can be relatively certain that they will not suddenly become flimsier than cheap paper.

God's steadfast love is even more dependable and lasts infinitely longer.

*God of Steadfastness, Remind me of your steadfast love which began even before creation. Remind me that it is always present even if I have strayed from the path you designed for me. Amen.*

*Prayerfully submitted by John Hodges*

## **In-Person Worship Services for August, 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**

Sunday, Aug. 6, 2023	<p><b>Tenth Sunday After Pentecost</b> Rev. Rev. Ron Schmidt, Chaplain at Christ's Home. Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated. Organist: Susan Bishop; Pianist: Betty Kingston.</p>	
Sunday, Aug. 13, 2023	<p><b>Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost</b> Fr. Ernie Curtin, retired Rector at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Newtown, PA, and Resident at Ann's Choice. Accompanist: Betty Kingston.</p>	
Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023	<p><b>Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost</b> Rev. Amy Martin, Pastoral Associate at Ann's Choice. One-quarter of her time supports the Mission of the Protestant Fellowship Council. Organist: Joan Kirk; Pianist: Betty Kingston</p>	
Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023	<p><b>Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost</b> Rev. Rick Bunker, Chaplain at PARX Racetrack Ministry Organist: Ann Keeseey; Pianist: Betty Kingston.</p>	
	<p><b>Ann's Choice Pastoral Associate</b> 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 (<a href="mailto:Amy.Martin@erickson.com">Amy.Martin@erickson.com</a>); or write a note on an offering envelope and leave it in the offering plate at Chapel worship.</p>	
<p><b>Quiet Reflections and Prayers:</b> The Chapel at Ann's Choice is open daily for private reflection when worship services and other events not being conducted.</p>		
<p><b>To Receive this Newsletter:</b> Contact Rev. Amy Martin at <a href="mailto:Amy.Martin@Erickson.com">Amy.Martin@Erickson.com</a> 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.</p>		

### Protestant Page on the Resident Website:

You may find worship bulletins, hymns, newsletters and other information about the Protestant Fellowship at [www.acresidents.org](http://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. Fred Keill, John Hodges and Rev. Na is leading the Bible study in August on a variety of New Testament topics. Contact Rev. Na at (215) 443-4925, Pastoral Ministries offices in Liberty or [Kang.Na@erickson.com](mailto:Kang.Na@erickson.com) for more information about the Bible study or connection information for using Zoom.

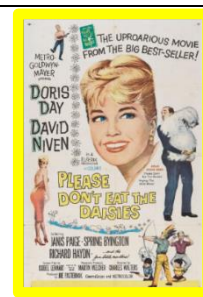
All are welcome so that together we might encourage and challenge one another on the hard road that is Christian discipleship.

### Second Saturday Cinema, in August, 2023:

On Saturday, on August 12, 2023 we will present the 1960 comedy *Please Don't Eat the Daisies* in the PAC at **6:30 pm** no pre-show.

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."

### 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 or if you have questions.

### School Supplies for PARX Racetrack Ministry:

In August we will be collecting school supplies for the needy children of the unseen behind-the-scenes employees at PARX Racetrack. On Sundays, there will be a box in the chapel lobby for your donations of new pencils, pens, markers, notebooks, rulers, pencil boxes and other supplies. New, unused toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.) can be donated as well.

Your donations will be presented to Rev. Rick Bunker, Chaplain of PARX Race Track Ministry, when he is here on August 27.



## Worship Service 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.



## Spiritual Retreat in October:

On Saturday, October 14, The Protestant Fellowship will host an all-campus spiritual retreat in the Multipurpose Room. The retreat will begin at 10:00 and conclude around 2:00.

The retreat will be led by Rev. Sean Tripline. Rev. Tripline has been our preacher on Sunday afternoons several times and was the presenter at our 2019 retreat. The title of the retreat is

“What’s on Your Mind: The Power of Prayer”, inspired by Philippians 4:4-9.

Registration forms are available in the Chapel lobby and Pastoral Ministries and the registration fee for the retreat is \$ 25.00 per person. Pumpnick’s is catering the lunch, and the sandwich choices are: Corned Beef on Rye; Tuna Salad; Ham & Cheese; and Turkey. Chips, beverages, and dessert will be provided.

## 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	Polly Riddle	BG-120
Dolores Ehrenfeld	BC-312	Bob Swan	BR-201
John Hodges	BC-412	Lynn Swan	BR-201
Helen Hughes	DT-307	Janet Wentz	PV-107
Robert McQue	BR-301	Bud Williams	TC-107

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

Since March 2022 when Russia invaded Ukraine more than \$ 21,500 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; \$ 3,200 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](http://www.samaritanspurse.org). To view their video clips on the website, click on the “Video” tab and select “International Crisis Response”.