



# *Protestant Fellowship*

## *Community Newsletter*

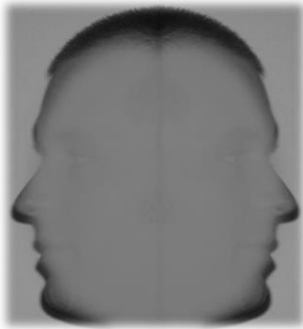
### *January, 2024*

#### **“New Year”**

In the twenty-fifth year of our exile, at *the beginning of the year*, on the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city was struck down, on that very day, the hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me there.  
Ezekiel 40:1

This verse begins a multi-chapter account of Ezekiel’s vision about the new temple – overall structural dimensions, all the rooms, locations of doors and passageways, the purposes of various rooms and spaces, various offerings, who is allowed to enter and who is not, plus other offerings and festivals. There are lots and lots of details in those chapters.

The vision given to Ezekiel at the beginning of that year was a vivid description of a new temple and a call for change by Israel.



Our calendar is the Gregorian calendar which is based on the Julian calendar. Our first month of a new year is January. In ancient Rome, Janus was the god of beginnings, gates, transitions, time, duality, doorways, passages, frames, and endings. The month of January is named for Janus. He is usually depicted as having two faces – looking both forward to the new year and backward to the old year.

For many, the start of a new year is a time to reflect and review the just-completed year. Questions for self-reflection may include “What was good about last year and what was bad?” Or “What happened to my plans to lose weight last year?” Or “What did I do last year that I enjoyed and that gave me joy?” Maybe this question rears itself “What should I do differently in this new year?” Or “What is something new that I can devote some time to?”

So here is a question to be pondered by me and, I hope, by all who read this: “What new thing am I being called by God to do in this new year?”

*God of Time, Thank you for a new year.*


*Guide me to seek and understand your will for me in this new year. Guide me to pursue, in faith, your calling for me. In Jesus’ name. Amen.*

*Prayerfully submitted by John Hodges*

## Worship Services for January, 2024

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

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

Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024	<p><b>First Sunday after Epiphany</b> Rev. Larry Westerveld, Trinity Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Hatboro, PA. Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: Jane Smith; Pianist: Betty Kingston.</p>	 
Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024	<p><b>Second Sunday after Epiphany</b> Rev. Mark Lyndaker-Studer, Neshaminy-Warwick Presbyterian Church, Warminster, PA. Prelude will begin at 1:30. Organist: Bud Williams; Pianist: Betty Kingston.</p>	
Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024	<p><b>Third Sunday after Epiphany</b> Rev. Sunil Balasundaram, Doylestown United Methodist Church, Doylestown, PA. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: Joan Kirk; Pianist: Betty Kingston</p>	
Sunday, Jan. 28, 2024	<p><b>Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</b> Rev. Amy Martin, Pastoral Associate at Ann's Choice. Part of her time supports the Mission of the Protestant Fellowship Council. Prelude will begin a 1:45. Organist: John Keesey; 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.

### **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; 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.

Contact Rev. Martin, or leave a note on an offering envelope to receive this newsletter in your cubby or by email.



**Rose Gardens and Chestnut Pointe:** Monthly Protestant Communion services have resumed in the Continuing Care communities. These services are very meaningful for the residents. Pastoral Visits and Home Communion are available. Contact Pastoral Ministries at (215) 443-4831 to volunteer or if you have questions.

### **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).

### **To Receive this Newsletter:**

Contact Rev. Amy Martin at [Amy.Martin@Erickson.com](mailto: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.

### **Bible Study:**

Weekly Bible study meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am in the Liberty Commons Room. Zoom access is available. Rev. Na is leading the Bible study 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.

### **Worship Service Volunteers Needed:**

Has God entrusted you with gifts to share during worship?



1) 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;

2) additional ushers and greeters to welcome worshipers to our

services are needed. Contact Bob McQue at (215) 394-8401; and

3) additional accompanists and choir members. If you can play an instrument, contact Bob McQue; if you want more information about the choir, contact Dave Clarke at (215) 443-2573.

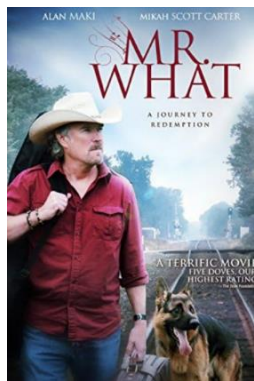


### **Supporting Our Ministry and Mission:**

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."

## Second Saturday Cinema in January, 2024:



On Saturday, **January 13**, we will present the 2015 drama ***Mr. What: A Journey of Redemption*** in the PAC at 7:00 pm with a pre-show at 6:45.

Mattiesko Wuopio, though innocent, has spent twenty-two years in prison. When the real criminal is apprehended, he is released, but he finds continued harassment everywhere he turns. He seeks redemption through his ailing father, a stray dog, and an endearing little boy.

**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	Polly Riddle	BG-120
Dolores Ehrenfeld	BC-312	Bob Swan	BR-201
John Hodges (2023)	BC-412	Lynn Swan (2023)	BR-201
Helen Hughes	DT-307	Janet Wentz (2023)	PV-107
Robert McQue	BR-301	Bud Williams	TC-107

Three members of the Council will rotate off the council beginning in January 2024. At the Annual Meeting of the Protestant Fellowship on December 4, Trudi Hertfelder was elected to begin serving on the Council in January.



### Are You Called to Serve on the Protestant Fellowship Council?

The Council is responsible for leading and managing the ministries and worship of the Protestant Fellowship. There are different, important roles for this ministry of leadership. Pray for discernment in how you might help in a leadership role. Contact any Council member for more information.

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

Since March 2022 when Russia invaded Ukraine more than \$ 21,900 has been sent by the Protestant Community to Samaritan's Purse help with relief efforts. And we have begun supporting relief efforts for those devastated by the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria; \$ 4,000 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".