



Protestant Fellowship

Community Newsletter

February, 2024

“Decently and in Order”

³³ For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.

³⁹ So, my brethren, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues; ⁴⁰ but all things should be done decently and in order.

1 Corinthians 14:33, 39-40 (RSV)

I grew up and was raised in the Presbyterian Church in a small city near Tulsa, Oklahoma. As a young adult I wandered away from the church but attended with my family during visits in Dallas and Houston, and then back in Tulsa after they retired. It may have been during those years or maybe when I restarted going to church when I lived in New York City when I heard the phrases said to be typical of Presbyterians – “frozen chosen” congregation and a denomination that always does things “decently and in order”.

I remember being surprised when I first read the passage in 1 Corinthians 14. I shouldn't have been surprised, but I was when I read the verses in one of Paul's letters. The opening sections of the PC(USA) Book of Order (the constitution for the denomination) are Biblically based, which is so very appropriate and reassuring.

The Protestant Fellowship is organized at Ann's Choice as an official group with a constitution which specifies our purpose, membership, a council with the responsibility to manage the activities of the Fellowship, processes for meetings, and a process for amending the constitution. Currently there are only eight voting members on the Protestant Fellowship Council and twelve is the number specified in the constitution. Additional council members are needed so that the council can effectively do its work for the Protestant Fellowship. If you are interested in serving on the Council, you may have questions about that. Feel free to talk to any of the current Council members; they are listed on page four of this newsletter.

God of Orderliness, When You began to create, You brought Order out of the Chaos. You prescribed very specific instructions for the Tabernacle.

You prescribed very specific sacrifices for different situations.



Guide us to see your Love in the order You created. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayerfully submitted by John Hodges

Worship Services for February, 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)**

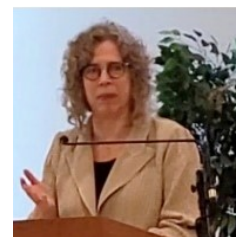
All are Welcome to join us in the Chapel on Sunday Afternoons

Sunday, Feb. 4	<p>Fifth Sunday after Day of Epiphany Rev. Mindy Campell, First Presbyterian Church of Warminster, Warminster, PA. Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: Jane Smith; pianist: Betty Kingston.</p>	
Sunday, Feb. 11	<p>Sixth Sunday after Day of Epiphany Rev. Judith Bracket, Supplee Presbyterian Church, Maple Glen, PA. Prelude will begin at 1:30. Organist: Bud Williams; pianist: Betty Kingston.</p>	
Wed., Feb. 14, 11:00 am	<p>Ash Wednesday, February 14 Ann's Choice Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service in the Chapel at 11:00 am.</p>	
Sunday, Feb. 18	<p>First Sunday during Lent Rev. Roshan Soans, Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ, Holland, PA. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: Joan Kirk; pianist: Betty Kingston</p>	
Sunday, Feb. 25	<p>Second Sunday during Lent Rev. Gary Drucker, Theological Works Division of Sci Med Writing, Yardley, PA. Prelude will begin a 1:45. Organist: John Keeseey; 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 Pastoral Associate, Rev. Amy Martin devotes part 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 if you would like a Pastoral Visit or to receive Communion in your home.



Monthly Protestant Communion in Continuing Care: A monthly Protestant Communion service has resumed in Continuing Care. Pastoral Visits and Home Communion are also available. Please contact Pastoral Ministries at (215) 443-3831 to volunteer, or if you have any 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.

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. Include your email address for receipt 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 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.

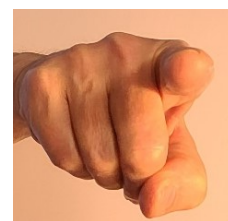
Worship Service Volunteers Needed:

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

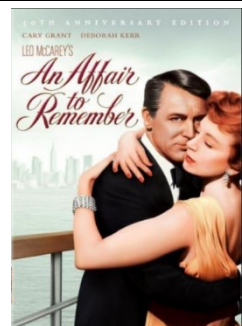


instrument, contact Bob McQue; if you want more information about the choir, contact Dave Clarke at (215) 443-2573.

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 February, 2024:

On Saturday, **February 10**, we will present the 1957 classic *An Affair to Remember* in the PAC at **6:30 pm** with no pre-show. On a cruise to New York from Europe, two people returning to their intendeds are drawn to each other. When the clandestine couple arrives in New York, they agree to meet in six months at the top of the Empire State Building. Will it happen? **No** donation will be requested, as your presence is your donation.

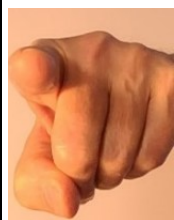
Protestant Fellowship Council

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 2024

Fr. Ernie Curtin	MT-214	Robert McQue	BR-301
Dolores Ehrenfeld	BC-312	Polly Riddle	BG-120
Trudi Hertfelder	BG-111	Bob Swan	BR-201
Helen Hughes	DT-307	Bud Williams	TC-107
		John Hodges (ex officio)	BC-412

Three members of the Council rotated 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 \$ 23,050 has been sent by the Protestant Community to Samaritan's Purse help with relief efforts. And we also support relief efforts for those devastated by the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria; \$ 4,200 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. To view their video clips on the website, click on the "Video" tab and select "International Crisis Response".

Special Meeting of the Protestant Fellowship: The Protestant Fellowship Council has called a special meeting of the Protestant Fellowship immediately following the worship service on Sunday, February 11.

The purposes of the meeting are 1) to act on the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Protestant Fellowship to allow Council members who have been off the Council for less than one year to be elected to a one-year term, and 2) to elect additional members to the Protestant Fellowship Council.

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to provide a means of addressing the current and potential future shortage of elected Council members.

The Protestant Fellowship is composed of any residents of Ann's Choice who participate in the activities (including worship) of the Protestant Fellowship.