

Protestant Fellowship Community Newsletter April, 2024

"Many Talents, One Mission"

¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, ... Ephesians 4:11-13a (ESV)

In February 2024 our short-term mission team from Langhorne Presbyterian Church was able to resume a trip of full service, working with our partners in Guatemala, Promised Land Ministries (PLM). By full service I mean providing the first medical clinics since 2020, biblical teaching to children who came to the clinics, and construction of homes and other structures for the people in the highlands of Guatemala, in villages around Lago Attitlan.

PLM has a Christian school in a larger town and brings in teams to provide medical care for those who otherwise would do without, and to construct houses for those in town who need a place of their own to call home. I have been on the team since 2015, serving in the pharmacy of the medical clinic, filling prescriptions for the patients seen by the team physicians.

In 2024 we had our first 4-country team: Guatemala, Brazil, Canada, and USA. There were 11 current or former members of Langhorne Presbyterian, 2 from Canada, and 4 from Brazil, where Langhorne Presbyterian has a partner church, plus about 7 from Guatemala. About 350 patients were seen over a 4-day schedule, and over 60 patients were seen by the team dentist.

Our children's ministry team had the children act out the story of Daniel in the lions' den. Meanwhile the construction teams were building a huge Sunday School, 3 houses, one church and 2 community centers in and around the base of San Lucas Toliman. Our multi-national team did build structures, teach children the Bible, and improve the health of patients, all in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord.



Almighty God, help me to find a way to serve you with gratitude for your grace extended through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Prayerfully submitted by Mark Heuckroth

Worship During April, 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, Apr. 7	Second Sunday of Easter Rev. Jim Sutton, New Britain Baptist Church, New Britain, PA. Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: Jane			
	Smith; pianist: Betty Kingston.			
Sunday, Apr. 14	Third Sunday of Easter Rev. Ron Schmidt, Christ's Home Chaplain, Warminster, PA. Prelude will begin at 1:30. Organist: Bud Williams; pianist: Betty Kingston.			
Sunday, Apr. 21	Fourth Sunday of Easter Rev. Mary McCullough, Episcopal Church of the Advent, Hatboro, PA. Prelude will begin a 1:45. Organist: Joan Kirk; pianist: Betty Kingston			
Sunday, Apr. 28	Fifth Sunday of Easter Rev. Amy Martin, Pastoral Ministries Associate at Ann's Choice. Prelude will begin a 1:45. Organist: John Keesey; pianist: Betty Kingston.			
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.				
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. 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.				
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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.



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Protestant Page on the Resident Website:

You may find worship bulletins, hymns, newsletters and other information about the Protestant Fellowship at <u>www.acresidents.org</u>.

To Receive this Newsletter:

Contact Rev. Amy Martin at <u>Amy.Martin@Erickson.com</u> 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. Rev. Na is leading the Bible study on a variety of New Testament topics. At the beginning of April, we will be looking at the Gospel According to John, and how it is different from the synoptic gospels (i.e.,

Matthew, Mark and Luke). Contact Rev. Na at (215) 443-4925, Pastoral Ministries offices in Liberty or Kang.Na@erickson.com for more information about the Bible study.

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.

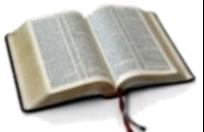
Supporting Our Ministry and Mission:

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."

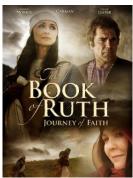
If you are having checks mailed from your financial institution, please ensure that the checks are payable to "Ann's Choice – Protestant Fund", and have them mailed to Ann's Choice Protestant Fellowship, c/o Pastoral Ministries, 20000 Ann's Choice Way, Warminster, PA 18974.





Second Saturday Cinema in April, 2024:

On Saturday, April 13, we will present the 2009 Biblical drama *The Book of Ruth: Journey of Faith* in the PAC at **7:00 pm** with 6:45 pre-show.



In the time of the Judges, the Bible has a short book recounting the faith journey of a Jewish widow and her widowed Moabite daughterin-law. This story of faith tells how the future King David has a Moabitess in his ancestry.

This program is sponsored by the Protestant Fellowship Council as a ministry to fellow residents and friends at Ann's Choice and staff.

No donation will be requested.

Your presence at this movie 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	
John Custer	MC-320	Polly Riddle	BG-120	
Dolores Ehrenfeld	BC-312	Bob Swan	BR-201	
Trudi Hertfelder	BG-111	Lynn Swan	BR-201	
John Hodges	BC-412	Janet Wentz	PV-107	
Helen Hughes	DT-307	Bud Williams	TC-107	

Spotlight on Mission – National Giving Alliance

NGA was founded in 1885 in Philadelphia as the Needlework Guild of



America. In its first year NGA made 921 garments to distribute to children in hospitals and orphanages and to individuals and families who

were needy. They made each child two pieces of clothing: one to wash and one to wear. Recently the

name was changed to describe its mission more accurately. Currently there are 15 branches in seven states. In 2022, NGA served over 90,00 people, distributed almost 144,000 items, and works with 81 partner schools and agencies.

In 2023, the Protestant Fellowship donated \$ 2,000 to National Giving Alliance.

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