



Protestant Fellowship Community Newsletter

June, 2025

“Finding Joy in the Mud!”

² Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, ‘The Lord has done great things for them.’ ³ The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. Psalm 126:2-3

Life often brings messy, challenging, and sometimes downright muddy situations. Health issues, forgetfulness, misplacing our keys, tiring easily, not getting as much done as we used to, dropping things, unwanted aches, and pains. Feeling overwhelmed, discouraged, or even defeated is easy when knee-deep in the mud of life’s trials. However, the Bible reminds us that joy and laughter can be found even in these circumstances. Consider the times in Scripture when God’s people experienced incredible joy amid their trials. After being freed from captivity, the Israelites expressed their joy with laughter and songs of praise. Despite their hardships, they recognized the great things God had done for them, and their response was one of profound joy. How can we apply joy to our muddy circumstances?

Embrace the Mess: Just like children playing in the mud, sometimes we need to embrace the messiness of life. Instead of focusing on the discomfort or inconvenience, we can choose to see the potential for growth and joy. Ask yourself, “What can I learn from this situation? How is God working in my life right now?”

Find Humor in the Hardship: Laughter is a gift from God that can lighten our spirits and bring us closer to Him. When faced with difficult circumstances, try to find something to laugh about. It might be a funny memory, a humorous perspective, or simply allowing yourself to enjoy a lighthearted moment. Laughter can be a powerful tool to shift our focus from despair to hope.

Trust in God’s Goodness: Even when we’re stuck in the mud, we can trust that God is with us and working for our good. Reflect on past experiences where God has brought you through difficult times. Remembering His faithfulness can fill us with joy and confidence that He will continue to do great things in our lives.

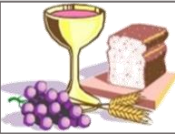



This month, intentionally look for moments of joy and laughter. Remember,
“Always find a reason to laugh. It may not add years to your life,
but it will surely add life to your years.”

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of laughter and the joy from knowing You. Help us to find joy even in the muddy and messy parts of our lives. Teach us to trust in Your goodness and to embrace the lessons You have for us in every situation. When the water rushes in, let us dance in the mud it creates while You fill our hearts with laughter and songs of joy so that others may see Your great works in our lives and be drawn to You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

By Jeremi Richardson, and prayerfully adapted by Trudi Hertfelder

Protestant Worship During June, 2025

**Each Sunday at 2:00 pm from the Chapel with Prelude at 1:45;
also on ACTV channel 976 (standard definition) / 980 (high definition)
All are **Welcome** to join us in the Chapel on Sunday Afternoons**

Sunday, June 1	Seventh Sunday of Easter-tide Rev. Pat Penecale, Lead Pastor at Rockpoint Church, Doylestown, PA, will preach and officiate Communion. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: Jane Smith; pianist: Betty Kingston.	
Sunday, June 8	Day of Pentecost Rev. Jim Sutton, retired pastor at New Britain Baptist Church will preach. Prelude will begin at 1:30. Organist: Bud Williams; pianist: Betty Kingston.	
Sunday, June 15	Father's Day Rev. Daniel Moore, Rector at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Doylestown, PA, will preach. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: Joan Kirk; pianist: Betty Kingston.	
Sunday, June 22	Second Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Amy Martin, Pastoral Ministries Associate at Ann's Choice will preach. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: John Keesey; pianist: Betty Kingston.	
Sunday, June 29	Third Sunday After Pentecost Dr. Polly Riddle, Ann's Choice resident and former mission worker for United Methodist Church will preach. Prelude will begin at 1:30. Organist: Bud Williams; pianist: Betty Kingston.	
Monthly Protestant Communion in Continuing Care: Monthly Protestant Communion service is held in Memory Care. Pastoral Visits and Home Communion are also available. Also, each week, worship bulletins and hymns are delivered to residents at RG and CP and to those who have asked for them on a regular basis. Please contact Pastoral Ministries at (215) 443-3831 to volunteer, or if you have any questions.		
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 an email (Amy.Martin@erickson.com); or write a note on an offering envelope and leave it in the offering plate at Chapel worship.		

Quiet Reflections and Prayers: The Chapel at Ann's Choice is open daily for private reflection when worship services and other events are not being conducted.

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."

Bible Study:

Weekly Bible study meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am in the Liberty Commons Room. We are beginning our study of the Acts of the Apostles (by the Holy Spirit). Contact Rev. Na at (215) 443-4925, Pastoral Ministries offices in Liberty or at Kang.Na@erickson.com for more information.



Greeting Card Outreach:

The Protestant Fellowship Council invites residents to join us writing and creating greeting cards for Chestnut Point and Rose Garden residents. PFC provides the Cards, and you provide the short message. For more information contact Trudi Hertfelder at 215-675-4495 or eslfrau7@aol.com.



Also, a group is making greeting cards. All supplies and instructions will be available. Next meeting is Tuesday, June 10 from 1:00 to 3:00 in the Village Craft Room. For more information contact Shanda Custer at (513)739-6258, sfcuster@aol.com.



Spotlight on Mission – Jesus Focus Ministry Food Pantry at Bethana

The mission of the Food Pantry is to serve the people with the love of Jesus Christ. Last year, the Pantry gave hope and comfort by distributing nearly 14,000 meals to children, adults, and seniors living in our community.



Chapel Worship Comments

We appreciate your thoughts, questions, or comments about your experience in Chapel on June _____. You may use this form to provide comments on:

1. Music: _____

2. Preacher: _____

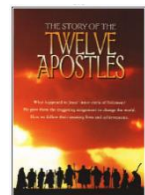
Support a Food Bank - Volunteers Needed:

This summer the Protestant Fellowship Council and the Catholic Council hope to conduct a food drive to benefit the Jesus Focus Ministry Food Pantry in Southampton, PA. The drive will take place from Monday, July 27 through Thursday August 8.



We need several committed volunteers so that we know if we can proceed. Contact Trudi Hertfelder at eslfrau7@aol.com or 215-675-4495 for more info.

Second Saturday Cinema in June 2025: On Saturday, June 14, we will present the 1998 documentary feature *The Story of the Twelve Apostles* in the PAC at 7:00 pm with pre-show at 6:45. They started out as average, unexceptional men of their time: fishermen, farmers, local magistrates. But their dedication to a prophetic Jewish preacher in the backwaters of the Roman Empire transformed them. This program is sponsored by the Protestant Fellowship Council as a ministry to residents 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 2025

Fr. Ernie Curtin	MT-214	Betty Kingston	LP-407
Jack Custer	MC-320	Polly Riddle	BG-120
Dolores Ehrenfeld	BC-312	Bob Swan	BR-201
Trudi Hertfelder	BG-111	Lynn Swan	BR-201
Mark Heuckroth	HR-115	Janet Wentz	PV-107
John Hodges	BC-412	Bud Williams	TC-107

3. The Worship Service: _____

4. Other: _____

(Optional Information) Your Name _____

Phone _____ Cubby _____

Please complete and detach this form; leave it with an usher when you leave the Chapel, or return this form to Fr. Ernie Curtin (MT-214) or John Hodges (BC-412).