



# *Protestant Fellowship Community Newsletter*

## *May, 2025*



### **“Mother Figures”**

<sup>26</sup> If any think they are religious and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world. James 1:26-27

At the April meeting of the Protestant Fellowship Council, as we reviewed and discussed the recommendations of the Mission Outreach Committee concerning proposed donations to various ministries, I was struck by the number of agencies which are focused on helping women and children. In April we highlighted Christ's Home Children's Services; this month we are highlighting National Giving Alliance. Most of the organizations we donate to support women and/or children as their primary focus.

Most of us here at Ann's Choice were blessed by being raised not only by mothers and fathers but also by grandparents and other relatives. Parents and relatives may or may not have been blood relations, but their love for us was what counted. Their love was not just an affection, but it was manifested in actions – in what they did for us whether we noticed at the time or not and whether we appreciated it at the time or not. “LOVE” was an action verb as well as a noun.

Many, if not most, widows whose stories are recorded in the Old and New Testaments were also mothers. The society was patriarchal – authority was held by men – and, without a husband, a woman had no income security. They were dependent on the generosity of others; even though there were instructions and teachings that widows were to be supported and looked after, life was uncertain.

Some of the mission organizations we support also assist orphans. They try to bring a sense of normalcy to their lives and help them find homes where they will be loved – homes that will provide love-in-action to protect them and raise them to be responsible, God-loving adults.




We are called to show our love by actions that support these agencies in pursuing their mission.

*Dear God Who Cares for Widows and Orphans, guide us to be your hands and feet to care for widows and orphans in our society and to work to restore them to wholeness. We pray this in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

*Prayerfully submitted by John Hodges*

## **Protestant Worship During May, 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**

<b>Sunday, May 4</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter-tide</b> Rev. Henrik Sonntag, Pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Glenside, PA, will preach and officiate Communion. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: Jane Smith; pianist: Betty Kingston.	
<b>Sunday, May 11</b>	<b>Mother's Day and Fourth Sunday of Easter-tide</b> Rev. Roshan Soans, Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ, Holland, PA, will preach. Prelude will begin at 1:30. Organist: Bud Williams; pianist: Betty Kingston.	
<b>Sunday, May 18</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Eastertide</b> Rev. Sean Slack, St. James Episcopal Church, Langhorne, PA, will preach. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: Joan Kirk; pianist: Betty Kingston.	
<b>Sunday, May 25</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Eastertide and Memorial Day Weekend</b>  Rev. Amy Martin, Pastoral Ministries Associate at Ann's Choice will preach. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: Ann Keeseey; 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 are not being conducted.

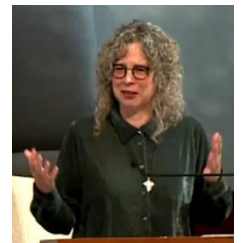
**Monthly Protestant Communion in Continuing Care:** Monthly Protestant Communion service is held in Memory Care. Pastoral Visits and Home Communion are also available. Also, each week, worship bulletins and hymns are delivered to residents at RG and CP and to those who have asked for them on a regular basis. Please contact Pastoral Ministries at (215) 443-3831 to volunteer, or if you have any questions.

### **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).

### **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](mailto: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.



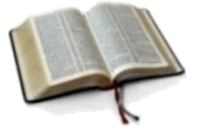
## Supporting Our Ministry and Mission:

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](mailto: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 at 215-675-4495 or [eslfrau7@aol.com](mailto:eslfrau7@aol.com).



Also, if you've ever made greeting cards, you know how much fun it is and how appreciated the cards are! We will start with simple designs. All supplies and instructions will be available. Next meeting is May 13 from 1:00 to 3:00 in the Village Craft Room. For more information contact: Shanda at (513)739-6258, [sfcuster@aol.com](mailto:sfcuster@aol.com).

## Spotlight on Mission – National Giving Alliance (NGA)

NGA provides new clothing, essential items, and other services so that children and youth have the resources to safely develop to their potential. Clothing provides a positive outlook and self-sufficiency. It is a basic need; not a luxury. Lack of clothing not only exposes youth to potential health and safety risks, but it also makes them feel excluded, invisible, and undervalued among their peers, hindering their socialization and education.



## Chapel Worship Comments

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


1. Music: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Preacher: \_\_\_\_\_

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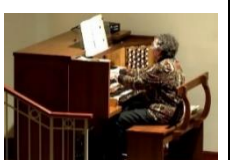
Worship Service Volunteers Needed:



Has God entrusted you with gifts to share during worship?

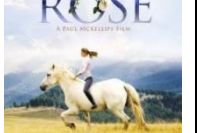
1) Current openings include one or two more people to assist in the audio booth in the chapel. Contact Al Burger at (215) 675-3974;

2) If you can be part of the music team leading hymns, playing piano or organ, and / or providing special vocal or instrumental music during the worship service, contact John Hodges at (215) 323-4969.



Second Saturday Cinema in May 2025:

On Saturday, May 10, we will present the 1998 feature *Natalie's Rose* in the PAC at 7:00 pm with pre-show at 6:45. Teenager Natalie Canton's world is turned upside down when her mother loses her battle with cancer on Valentine's Day. A white rose becomes Natalie's only link between the mother she lost and her hope. 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 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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(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).