

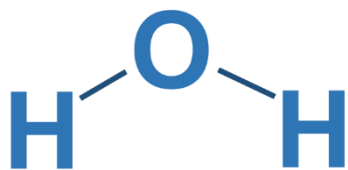


Protestant Fellowship Community Newsletter

August, 2025

“Water”

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Genesis 1:1-2



After God gave us the concept of light, God made the best use of water. At first, water was in one big mass, but God separated it between the sky and the ground; it was separated again into dry land and masses of flowing water. It seems to be always moving—from streams to rivers to seas and oceans. Some water seems to be still enough so that deer and other animals can come and drink in peace. Yes, there was a time God blew the waters of the Red Sea into a channel: the children of Israel fled from Egypt on dry land and 40 years later into the Promised Land. Another time God used a storm to cause sailors to throw Jonah overboard so that he could land in a big fish. Consider how large the sea and the fish were! Deserts cover lots of land, but God has provided oases for people and animals.

Yes, the waters keep moving, but God replenishes them with the system of snow and rain in the mountains. The snow has its season for melting and running into an appropriate body of water. We get dew many mornings to refresh our vegetation. This dew system worked until God brought the rains to flood the earth.

God used the moving waters to let the disciples and others to preach to the utter parts of the Mediterranean world. Paul experienced a shipwreck or two, but always the sailors had a story to tell about God's powerful works. God used water in baptism to wash away our sins. Jesus promised living water to the woman at the well.

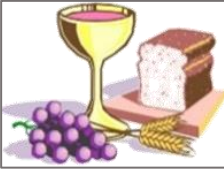

At the end of time, so says Revelation, there will be no more sea since all evil was cast into it (Rev 21:1). We won't need water to praise God. In the meantime, let us use our water to good advantage and protect it. We people waste water when we let it run when shaving or brushing our teeth. Too often we plant grass or crops that use too much water for their setting. We allow cattle to pollute the streams when they should be held back; the land, not the water, needs their gifts. Our mines, urban ash/trash, and smoke particles also pollute.

God, we thank you for water. Help us to use it wisely for your kingdom. Amen.

Prayerfully submitted by Dr. Polly Riddle

Protestant Worship During **August, 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, Aug. 3	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Brad Leight, St. John's Methodist Church, Ivyland, PA, will preach and officiate Communion. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: Susan Bishop; pianist: Betty Kingston.	
Sunday, Aug. 10	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Eric Bond, St. John's Episcopal Church, Huntingdon Vally, PA, will preach. Prelude will begin at 1:30. Organist: Bud Williams; pianist: Betty Kingston.	
Sunday, Aug. 17	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Rick Bunker, Chaplain at PARX Racetrack Ministry, Bensalem, PA, will preach. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: Joan Kirk; pianist: Betty Kingston.	
Sunday, Aug. 24	Eleventh 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, Aug. 31	Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost We are told to "Love one another" in the Gospel of John. Is Love an emotional response and a hug? Or, are we called to act? We will explore the concept of "Love Is an Active Verb" through scripture readings, meditations, hymns, and special music. Prelude by Betty Kingston and Bud Williams will begin at 1:30.	
Ministries 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. A new ministry in CC is a monthly hymn sing and worship service at 11:00 am on the fourth Monday of each month. August 25 will be the next service. Please contact Pastoral Ministries at (215) 443-3831 to volunteer, or if you have any questions.		
Bible Study: Weekly Bible study meets Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am in the Liberty Commons Room. We are studying the Acts of the Apostles (by the power of the Holy Spirit) and the Epistles of Paul. Contact Rev. Na at (215) 443-4925, Pastoral Ministries offices in Liberty or at Kang.Na@erickson.com for more info.		

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."

Handmade Greeting Card Outreach: The Protestant Fellowship Council invites residents to join us in creating handmade thank you cards for Veterans who live at Ann's Choice. Next meeting is Tuesday, August 12 from 1:00 to 3:00 in the Village Craft Room. For more information contact Shanda Custer at (513)739-6258, sfcuster@aol.com.



School Supplies for PARX Racetrack Ministry: On August 10 and 17, we will collect school supplies in the Chapel Narthex for PARX Racetrack Ministry. Items to get include pencils, markers, pens, crayons, notebooks, binders, folders, rulers, protractors, pencil boxes, blunt-nose scissors, and other common supplies.



Spotlight on Mission - Support a Local Food Bank:

This summer the Protestant Fellowship Council and the Catholic Council will jointly conduct a food drive to benefit the Jesus Focus Ministry Food Pantry in Southampton, PA. The Pantry gives hope and comfort to children and adults living in Bucks County. The drive will take place from Monday, July 28 through Thursday, August 8.



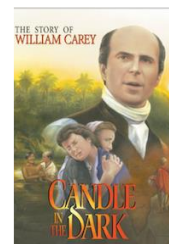
Chapel Worship Comments

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

1. Music: _____

2. Preacher: _____

Second Saturday Cinema in August 2025: On Saturday, August 9, we will present the 1998 feature *A Candle in the Dark* in the PAC at 7:00 pm with pre-show at 6:45. In 1793 William Carey sailed to India with a reluctant and pregnant wife and four children to bring the message of Jesus. Despite many hardships, he stayed for 40 + years.



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

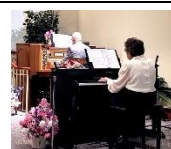
No donation will be requested. Your presence at this movie is your donation.

“Music for Friends” On Thursday, August 14, at 2:00 pm in the Chapel, Bud Williams and Betty Kingston will present a special music program dedicated to friends. Donations for the Benevolent Care Fund will be gratefully accepted.



Save the Date: Hymn Sing and Musical Evening on October 8

The PFC is planning a joyful evening of song on October 8 in the Chapel. Bud Williams and Betty Kingston will play a few duets; there will be some solos, a sing-along, and a few surprises. We invite all to join us. This will be an uplifting musical event. As we prepare, we would love to include some of your favorite hymns. Please note your favorites under **Other** on the tear-out survey form below. Submit to **Fr. Ernie Curtin (MT-214) or John Hodges (BC-412)**.



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	Mark Heuckroth	HR-115	Bob Swan	BR-201
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Trudi Hertfelder	BG-111	Polly Riddle	BG-120	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).