



Protestant Fellowship Community Newsletter September, 2025

“Creation”

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ... Genesis 1:1

The book of Genesis has always fascinated me. Where did we come from? I am not as knowledgeable as I would like to be, but I do a lot of reading. As I understand it, for many years it was generally thought that our universe- the one we inhabit - was static and had always existed. Feel free to correct me if I am wrong. Then astronomers were able to build bigger and better telescopes, more powerful and able to reveal more and more of the information that was not previously available. Suddenly, they realized that the universe was continuously expanding and that there was a "beginning," just as the King James Bible tells us - "In the beginning" there was God. Think about it: without the benefit of hi-tech tools, the writer was able to tell us in detail about the beginning. Was this the gift of revelation? Now we have what we call the Big Bang Theory-the instant when all the universe was compressed to the size of a pin head: God spoke and creation began.

Remember the good old days before smart phones, before computers, before TV, before all our modern conveniences, and how at night the city was dark? I remember when I was about 7 years old and had a good friend next door. On the corner of our street was a barber whose son was in his teens. I think he was a Boy Scout, and for one of his projects, he built a primitive telescope one you probably could buy in a toy store today. One night, he invited me and my friend to his back yard to view the marvels of space through his fantastic telescope. As I recall, we started with the moon and progressed to some stars that he knew but we didn't. In those days, the view wasn't all that detailed - but impressive to our young minds. I never forgot that experience. In those days, the night sky was much different --- the bright city light had not blotted out all the stars. Although I was not affluent enough to join the Boy Scouts, I did manage to buy their handbook and learned some things about the night sky. I could pick out the Big Dipper, the North Star, and some constellations. It was

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beautiful. I'm not sure I could do it today - even if I could see the night sky. Years ago, when we made some camping trips to places like Yellowstone with Scott and Jennie, I was able to see once again the vast expanse of the night time sky. I could only imagine the thoughts of the Biblical writer who asked that question --"When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man that you are mindful of him? O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" (Psalm 8) Now, I can only remember in my mind's eye the vast expanse of starlit space, and some have never seen it at all. Sad!

Today, we are obsessed with questions and suggestions about UFOs, aliens from space, and other planets that we can't understand. So far, it seems that our planet Earth is alone in the universe. We are God's creation and can marvel at that fact.

Prayerfully submitted on behalf of Walter F. Thomson

Protestant Worship During September, 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, Sept. 7	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Mark Rudolph, St. John's Anglican Church, Southampton, PA, will preach and officiate Communion. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: Susan Bishop; pianist: Betty Kingston.	
Sunday, Sept. 14	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Sean Tripline, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Spring House, PA, will preach. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: Susan Bishop; pianist: Betty Kingston.	
Sunday, Sept. 21	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Ezra Strickhouse, Riverside Community Church, Horsham, PA, will preach. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: Joan Kirk; pianist: Betty Kingston.	
Sunday, Sept. 28	Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost Rev. Amy Martin, Pastoral Ministries Associate at Ann's Choice will preach. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: Ann Keesey; pianist: Betty Kingston.	

Bible Study: Weekly Bible study meets Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am in the Liberty Commons Room. We are studying the Epistles. Contact Rev. Na at (215) 443-4925, Pastoral Ministries offices in Liberty or at Kang.Na@erickson.com for more info.

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. September 22 will be the next service. Contact Pastoral Ministries at (215) 443-3831 to volunteer, or if you have 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.

Hand-Made Greeting Card Outreach: This Community Outreach group creates handmade cards for special holidays and occasions. We meet on the **second Tuesday of each month** in the VC Craft / Pottery Room from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 9. Our current project is making Thanksgiving cards for residents of CC. Call Shanda for more info (513)739-6258, sfcuster@aol.com. Please join us; we need creative people, envelope stuffers, and cutters.



Save the date: Wine and Cheese Meet and Greet for all Ann's Choice Protestant residents – new and current – October 24 from 1:00 to 3:00 in the Catering Room is an opportunity to meet and get to know other Protestant residents.

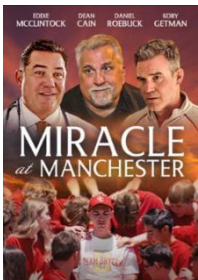
Chapel Worship Comments

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

1. Music: _____

2. Preacher: _____

Supporting Our Ministry and Mission: You can help support 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 September 2025: On September 13, we will present the 2022 feature *Miracle at Manchester* in the PAC at 7:00 pm with pre-show at 6:45. This is the true story of a teenage boy who is an elite athlete and finds himself battling an aggressive form of cancer. 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.

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
Jack Custer	MC-320	John Hodges	BC-412	Lynn Swan	BR-201
Dolores Ehrenfeld	BC-312	Betty Kingston	LP-407	Janet Wentz	PV-107
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).