

# Protestant Fellowship Community Newsletter January, 2026

# "Important - Change Is Coming"

<sup>8</sup> "I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup> See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you." Isaiah 42:8-9



Change is coming in 2026.

The beginning of a new year is a good time to go through all the receipts and paid bills and magazines and other stacks of paper that have accumulated in the past twelve months. Perhaps for many of us (author included), they

have accumulated in the past some-large-number of months.

Many of us get too much stuff in the mail that we do not need nor have any interest in. The recycle bins fill up each day with this unneeded stuff. As stewards of God's creation, we ought to be doing things to take care of this world.

One way to do exercise this stewardship is to identify unwanted publications and notices that you receive. And then, ask the organizations to remove you from the distribution list; or perhaps, you could ask them to place you on an email list.

For some readers, This newsletter might be one of those unwanted publications.

The distribution list for this newletter includes 325 addresses for hard-copy distribution in cubbies. In addition, each Protestant resident in Continuing Care also gets a hard-copy newsletter. That adds up to a lot of paper and copier ink. In the past, we have been able to get the monthly newsletter printed in the Ann's Choice Copy Center. Beginning in 2026, the plan is that there will no longer be a Copy Center. The Protestant Fellowship needs to hear from you so we can be good stewards in this changing environment.

We need to hear from every resident in Independent Living who wants to receive this newsletter!

Please return the form on pages 3 and 4 in order to continue receiving this newletter!

God Who Does Not Change, guide us to be responsible stewards of Your Creation as change on earth occurs. Guide us to seek new ways to receive information and to reduce waste as we live here at Ann's Choice. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayerfully submitted by John Hodges

## Protestant Worship During January, 2026

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

Rev. Larry Westerveld from Trinity Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Hatboro, PA, will preach and officiate Communion. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: Jane Smith; pianist: Betty Kingston.	
First Sunday After Epiphany Rev. Sunil Balasudaram from Doylestown United Methodist Church, will preach. Prelude will begin at 1:30. Organist: Bud Williams; pianist: Betty Kingston.	
Second Sunday After Epiphany Rev. Ryan Sweet from Addisville Reformed Church in Richboro, PA, will preach. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: Joan Kirk; pianist: Betty Kingston.	
Third Sunday After Epiphany Rev. Amy Martin, Pastoral Ministries Associate at Ann's Choice, will preach Prelude will begin at 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 are not being conducted.

#### **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.

#### **Protestant Page on the Resident Website:**

You may find worship bulletins, hymns, newsletters and other information about the Protestant Fellowship at <a href="https://www.acresidents.org">www.acresidents.org</a>.

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** is a monthly hymn sing and worship service at 11:00 am on the fourth Monday of each month. The next service will be on January 26. Contact Bud Williams (TC-107) at (267) 387-6188 to volunteer, or if you have questions.

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## **Greeting Card Ongoing Ministries:**

Handmade Greeting Card Group meets the second Tuesday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 in the Village Craft Room; next meeting is January 13, 2026. Call Shanda for more information (513) 739-6258, sfcuster@aol.com.

The Sign, Seal, Deliver Greeting Card Ministry will meet Monday, January 12 from noon to 2:00 in the Village Music Room to sign Easter cards. This group will meet every other Month. Bring your lunch. All are welcome. Call Trudi for more information (215) 567-4495, eslfrau7@aol.com.

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 December: On January 11, we will show the 1989 feature *The Radicals* in the PAC at 7:00 pm with preshow at 6:45. The year is 1525. The Sattlers have fled their religious orders. Their quest is to restore the church to the purity of its early days. They join the Anabaptists and challenge the 1000-year control of the Just a warning: This feature contains some graphic depiction Church by the state.

of historical persecution. This program is a ministry to residents at Ann's Choice and staff. No donation will be requested. Your presence at this movie is your donation.

Put this Event on Your Calendar for Friday, February 13 –



Bible "Pub" Trivia: Come to a cozy, wintry afternoon on Friday, February 13, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 in the Liberty Commons Catering Room. Lunch will be assorted sliders plus desserts, coffee, tea and water. And there will be a Hot

Chocolate Bar !!! And there's more – for fun we will have Bible "Pub" Trivia.

The Protestant Fellowship Council is working to reduce the number of newsletters printed each month.

It is important that you return this survey form if you would like to continue receiving this newsletter. Please return the survey to Mark Heuckroth, HR-115 (Village), John Hodges, BC-412 (Liberty), or Fr. Ernie Curtin, MT-214 (Keystone)

## **Protestant Fellowship Annual Meeting on December 1**

The Council consists of 12 members elected by the Protestant Fellowship at the annual meeting. Each member has different gifts for ministry and leadership in the Protestant community, just as Paul described the church in 1 Corinthians 12:12.

At the **annual meeting on December 1** attendees heard reports about our ministries and activities and we elected one new member, David Smith, to serve on the Council. Beginning in January there will be three vacancies on the Council. If you are interested in this ministry opportunity, contact a member of the Council.

We ask you to consider serving on the Council. The council, as with any ministry group, functions best with members who each have different gifts. Some of us organize well; some speak well; some are thoughtful and prayerful; some are good listeners. Each is different. Each is a valuable member.

## **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	

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