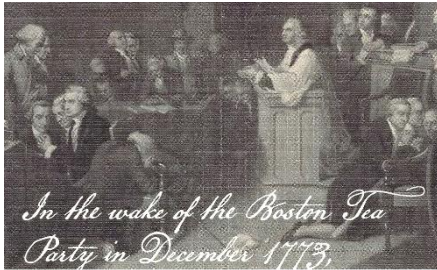




Protestant Fellowship Newsletter



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Britain responded with heavy-handed restrictions on the Massachusetts colony. On September 5, 1774, the First Continental Congress gathered in Philadelphia to decide what to do. Two days into the meeting, Massachusetts delegate Thomas Cushing proposed that the day's session begin with

prayer. The room represented a wide range of denominations, and some worried that a prayer from one might divide rather than unite. Samuel Adam recommended Reverend Jacob Duché, an Anglican clergyman and pastor of Christ Church in Philadelphia, to lead the prayer. The decision of the delegates to begin their work in prayer stands as a powerful testament to the spiritual foundation of America – even before it officially became a nation.

O Lord our Heavenly Father

high and mighty King of kings, and Lord of lords, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers on earth and reignest with power supreme and uncontrolled over all the Kingdoms, Empires and Governments; look down in mercy, we beseech Thee, on these our American States, who have fled to Thee from the rod of the oppressor and thrown themselves on Thy gracious protection, desiring to be henceforth dependent only on Thee. To Thee have they appealed for the righteousness of their cause; to Thee do they now look up for that countenance and support, which Thou alone canst give. Take them, therefore, Heavenly Father, under Thy nurturing care; give them wisdom in Council and valor in the field; defeat the malicious designs of our cruel adversaries; convince them of the unrighteousness of their Cause and if they persist in their sanguinary purposes, of own unerring justice, sounding in their hearts, constrain them to drop

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the weapons of war from their unnerved hands in the day of battle!

Be Thou present, O God of wisdom, and direct the councils of this honorable assembly; enable them to settle things on the best and surest foundation. That the scene of blood may be speedily closed; that order, harmony and peace may be effectually restored, and truth and justice, religion and piety, prevail and flourish amongst the people. Preserve the health of their bodies and vigor of their minds; shower down on them and the millions they here represent, such temporal blessings as Thou seest expedient for them in this world and crown them with everlasting glory in the world to come. All this we ask in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, 'Thy Son and our Savior.

Amen

Adapted from a leaflet produced by the Family Research Council.

Protestant and Community Worship During July

Protestant Worship each Sunday at 2:00 pm from the Chapel with

Prelude at 1:45; also on ACTV channels 976 and 980

All are Welcome to join us in the Chapel on Sunday Afternoons

Sunday, July 5	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: the Rev. Lisa Keppeler from Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Morrisville will preach. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Pianist: Betty Kingston.
Sunday, July 12	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost: Pastor Ruth Portzline from St. John's United Methodist Church in Ivyland will preach and officiate Communion. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: Joan Kirk; pianist: Betty Kingston.
Sunday, July 19	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: the Rev. Mark Rudolph from St. John's Anglican Church in Southampton will preach. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: Susan Bishop; pianist: Betty Kingston.



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**Sunday,
July 26**

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost: the Rev. Juwan Williams from Hatboro Baptist Church will preach. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: John 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.

Protestant Page on the Resident Website: You may find newsletters, worship bulletins, hymns and other information at www.acresidents.org.

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 hymn sing and worship service at 11:00 am is held on the fourth Monday of each month. Contact Bud Williams (TC-107) to volunteer, or if you have questions.

“Christmas in July” Holiday Movie Bingo on Friday, July 24:

On Friday, July 24, in th Liberty Commons Music Room from 12:45 to 3:00 p.m., join others for an afternoon of fun watching a holiday movie, playing Bingo and eating popcorn!! All we ask is a donation – cash or check made out to the Protestant Fellowship with “Bethanna” on the memo line. Donations will benefit Bethanna Christmas in July Drive to provide holiday gifts for the children of families through Foster Care, Behavioral Health, and Family Support Programs.



There is no need to make a reservation – Just show up at the Liberty Commons Music Room on Friday, July 24, at 12:45 pm.

School Supplies for PARX Racetrack Ministry: On July 19 we will begin collecting 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.



Second Saturday Cinema on July 11: We will show the 2012 romantic Civil War era feature *Civil Love* in the **PAC** at **7:00 pm** with pre-show at 6:45.

Rachel is a Civil War widow, and she holds the South responsible for her husband's death.! 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.



Greeting Card Ongoing Ministries: Handmade Greeting Card Group meets the second Tuesday of each month from 12:30 to 2:30 in the Village Craft Room; next meeting is Tues., July 14. Contact Shanda for more information at (513) 739-6258 or sfcuster@aol.com.



Sign, Seal, Deliver Greeting Card Group will meet on Mon., July 13, from noon to 2:00 in the Village Music Room. Contact Trudi for more information at (215) 675-4495, or eslfrau7@aol.com.

Supporting Our Ministry and Mission: Donations may be enclosed in an envelope addressed to Rev. Na in Pastoral Ministries 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 studying the Epistle to the churches in Galatia. Contact Rev. Na at (215) 443-4925 or Kang.Na@erickson.com for more information.

