



Protestant Fellowship Newsletter



September 2026



“Love Your Enemies”

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ... “

Matthew 5:43-44

Twenty-five years ago, the world changed. And we could no longer take pictures like this one on top of the South Tower.

This familiar teaching is found in what is commonly called the Sermon on the Mount. People who insult us or take our books or who jump the theater line are in need of our love and forgiveness and help. And perhaps the time has come to forgive and reconcile with enemy soldiers in Vietnam. And there are stories of World War II combatants who have met and reconciled. I think these are the types of situations we think of when we hear this passage.

And then September 11, happened with no apparent provocation.

There were special services in many churches and synagogues across the country. I remember a gathering a two days or so afterward at the Presbyterian church in New Jersey where Ethel and I attended. Stories were shared. Some were in Manhattan; others worked in New Jersey; some were in Europe.

I was in a training class in a New Brunswick hotel across the street from Johnson & Johnson headquarters. After the first tower fell, one colleague left to try to find his brother, who worked in lower Manhattan. Another colleague was at a training class in lower Manhattan; he told us about his experience a day or two later.

Airline travel in our country was disrupted and halted. When domestic and international flights resumed, a member of the church

returned from England, his expensive pen was confiscated.

One friend at that church gathering made the observation that nineteen mothers would not see their sons again. Challenging.

God of Forgiveness, guide us to seek your guidance when we have been wronged , or think we have been wronged, and to respond with Your love. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Prayerfully submitted by John Hodges

<u>Protestant and Community Worship During September</u> 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, Sept. 6	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost: the Rev. Brad Leight from St. John’s United Methodist Church will preach and officiate Communion. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: Susan Bishop; Pianist: Betty Kingston. 
Sunday, Sept. 13	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost: the Rev. Daniel Moore from St. Paul’s Episcopal Church will preach. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Pianist: Betty Kingston.
Sunday, Sept. 20	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: the Rev. Mark McDowell from Abington Baptist Church will preach. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: Joan Kirk; pianist: Betty Kingston.
Sunday, Sept. 27	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: the Rev. Eric Strickhouse from Riverside Community Church 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.	

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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.

Second Saturday Cinema on September 12: We will show the 1954 feature *Three Coins in the Fountain* in the **PAC** at **7:00 pm** with pre-show at 6:45. 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.

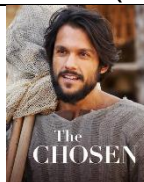


Handmade Greeting Card Group meets the second Tuesday of each month from 12:30 to 2:30 in the Village Craft Room; next meeting is Tues., September 8. Contact Trudi for more info at (215) 675-4495, or eslfrau7@aol.com.

Sign, Seal, Deliver Greeting Card Ministry: This ministry, which meets every other month, will meet on Monday, **September 14**, from noon to 2:00 pm in the VC Music Room to sign cards. Bring your lunch. Call Trudi for more info (215) 675-4495, eslfrau7@aol.com.

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

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.



The Chosen: The Catholic Council is showing this acclaimed series in the Chapel on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 2:00 pm beginning in September.

Protestant Fellowship Council: The Protestant Fellowship Council is responsible for the spiritual, financial, personnel and business functions of the Protestant Fellowship. Serving on the Protestant Fellowship Council is an important ministry to serve the residents of the Ann’s Choice community. At the end of the year the terms of five Council members will expire and the Protestant Fellowship will elect five members to the Council at the annual meeting in December.

Supporting Our Ministry and Mission: Donations may be enclosed in an envelope addressed to 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.”

Donations may be sent directly from your financial institution. In certain circumstances, there may be a tax benefit; check with your financial advisor or tax professional for more information. You should instruct your financial institution to make checks payable to

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