



Protestant Fellowship Community Newsletter May 2024

“Who Is Your Mother”

⁴⁶ While Jesus was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers were standing outside, wanting to speak to him. ⁴⁷ Someone told him, “Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.” ⁴⁸ But to the one who had told him this, Jesus replied, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?”

Matthew 12:46-48

Who was your mother when you were growing up? Who was she when you were an adult?

Was your mother the woman who gave birth to you? Was there someone else who was your mother and who raised you?

For some of us, the answers to both questions might be “Yes”. I remember our mother running out to my brother and me in Shreveport when we were playing with matches in the middle of a dry grassy yard. I remember her staying home with me when I was nine or ten and had measles.



I also remember times when my brother and I spent weekends with our grandparents. Our mother’s parents lived in the same duplex in Tulsa that she grew up in, and Grandpa’s mother lived there as well. My brother and I had good times at that house. We also spent some weekends with our father’s parents in a nearby town. I remember Grandmother telling me of a time when I was about seven and I asked her how to spell “turd”. She asked me “Now, Johnny, why do you want to spell that word?” I explained that I was making a list of what I had eaten for lunch – which included a hotdog on bread with mustard. And I knew how to spell “must”.

At elementary school, all my teachers were women, except for gym. To a certain extent, each of them was a mother-figure to her students to some degree. We need to remember all our “mothers” and treasure our memories


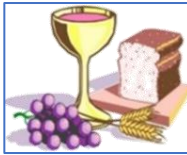

Dear God, who gave us to our mothers and mother-figures as blessings in our lives, we thank you for those gifts. Guide us to remember them and be thankful, in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayerfully submitted by John Hodges

Worship During May, 2024

**Each Sunday at 2:00 pm from the chapel with Prelude at 1:45;
also on ACTV channel 976 (standard def) / 980 (high def)**

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

Thursday, May 2	<p>National Day of Prayer at Ann's Choice</p> <p>On Thursday, May 2, at 11:00 am the three faith councils at Ann's Choice will sponsor a service in the Ann's Choice Chapel. The Chapel will be open for prayer from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.</p>	
Sunday, May 5	<p>Sixth Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Rev. Amy Visco Na, Ivyland Presbyterian Church, Ivyland, PA. Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: Jane Smith; pianist: Betty Kingston.</p>	
Sunday, May 12	<p>Mother's Day and Seventh Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Dr. Polly Riddle, resident at Ann's Choice. Prelude will begin at 1:30. Organist: Bud Williams; pianist: Betty Kingston.</p>	
Sunday, May 19	<p>Day of Pentecost</p> <p>Fr. Sean Slack, St. James Episcopal Church, Langhorne. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: Joan Kirk; pianist: Betty Kingston.</p>	
Sunday, May 26	<p>First Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Rev. Amy Martin, Pastoral Ministries Associate at Ann's Choice. Prelude will begin a 1:45. Organist: Susan Bishop; pianist: Betty Kingston.</p>	

Quiet Reflections and Prayers: The Chapel at Ann's Choice is open daily for private reflection when worship services and other events not being conducted.

Monthly Protestant Communion in Continuing Care: A monthly Protestant Communion service has resumed in Continuing Care. Pastoral Visits and Home Communion are also available. Please contact Pastoral Ministries at (215) 443-3831 to volunteer, or if you have any questions. Also, each week, worship bulletins and hymns are delivered to new residents at RG and CP and to those who have asked for them on a regular basis.

Protestant Page on the Resident Website:

You may find worship bulletins, hymns, newsletters and other information about the Protestant Fellowship at www.acresidents.org.

To Receive this Newsletter:

Contact Rev. Amy Martin at Amy.Martin@Erickson.com or (215) 443-3831, or leave a message in the Pastoral Ministries offices in Liberty. Include your email address for receipt by email or your apartment to receive it in your cubby.

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 her an email (Amy.Martin@erickson.com); or write a note on an offering envelope and leave it in the offering plate at Chapel worship. Contact Rev. Martin if you would like a Pastoral Visit or to receive Communion in your home.



Bible Study:

Weekly Bible study meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am in the Liberty Commons Room. Rev. Na is leading the Bible study on a variety of New Testament topics. At the beginning of April, we will be looking at the Gospel According to John, and how it is different from the synoptic gospels (i.e., Matthew, Mark and Luke). Contact Rev. Na at (215) 443-4925, Pastoral Ministries offices in Liberty or Kang.Na@erickson.com for more information about the Bible study.



All are welcome so that together we might encourage and challenge one another on the hard road that is Christian discipleship.

Worship Service Volunteers Needed:

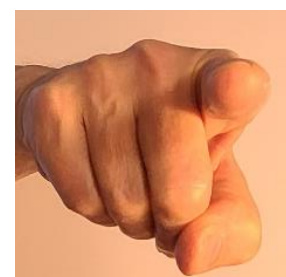
Has God entrusted you with gifts to share during worship?



1) Current openings include one or two more people on the rotation list to assist in the audio booth in the chapel.

Contact Al Burger at (215) 675-3974; 2) additional ushers and greeters to welcome worshipers to our services are needed. Contact Bob McQue at (215) 394-8401; and 3) additional accompanists and choir

members. If you can play an instrument, contact Bob McQue; if you want more information about the choir, contact Dave Clarke at (215) 443-2573.



Second Saturday Cinema in May, 2024:

On Saturday, May 11, we will present the 1951 classic *An American in Paris* in the PAC at **6:30 pm** no pre-show. This program is sponsored by the Protestant Fellowship Council as a ministry to fellow residents and friends at Ann's Choice and staff.

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

Remember – 6:30 pm



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."

If you are having checks mailed from your financial institution, please ensure that the checks are payable to "Ann's Choice – Protestant Fund", and have them mailed to Ann's Choice Protestant Fellowship, c/o Pastoral Ministries, 20000 Ann's Choice Way, Warminster, PA 18974.

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 2024

Fr. Ernie Curtin	MT-214	Robert McQue	BR-301
Jack Custer	MC-320	Polly Riddle	BG-120
Dolores Ehrenfeld	BC-312	Bob Swan	BR-201
Trudi Hertfelder	BG-111	Lynn Swan	BR-201
John Hodges	BC-412	Janet Wentz	PV-107
Helen Hughes	DT-307	Bud Williams	TC-107

Spotlight on Mission – Life Abundant, Inc.

Life Abundant, Inc. offers a diversity of services for those incarcerated and recently released. Staff members and volunteers facilitate both Bible studies and Chapel Services at the Bucks County Correctional Facility and at the Bucks County Community Corrections (aka work release).



Bible studies are led by a teacher(s) throughout the week on designated days. Staff members and volunteers may also mentor men and women inmates at either of the facilities and once an inmate is released.

Between 2019 and 2023, the Protestant Fellowship has donated \$ 7,000 to Life Abundant, Inc.

