



Protestant Fellowship

Community Newsletter

June 2024

“Our Fathers”

⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. John 14:9-10

When most of us were children, the norm in two-parent households was that the father was the primary breadwinner. Like many, my mother also worked, and most of the upbringing was done by her. Many of the lessons we learned from our fathers came not from verbal teachings but from observation of behavior and actions.

It is just possible that on one or two occasions we might have acted contrary to our fathers’ wishes.

King David had several sons, as recorded in Second Samuel, by several different wives and concubines. The story of one of them, Absalom, is found in chapters 13 to 18 with a brief epilog at the beginning of chapter 19. Among his misdeeds in a winding and complex story, Absalom took the throne from his father David, and David fled Jerusalem. Eventually after his long flowing locks of hair get caught in the branches of a great oak, Absalom is killed by followers of David.

Despite the treachery and betrayal, at the end of the story David grieved for his son and “cried with a loud voice, ‘O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son!’ ” The father’s love transcended the extreme misdeeds of the son.

And yet, Absalom had observed his father, and he had learned much.

With no intention of equating Absalom and David with God the Son and God the Father, Jesus tells his disciples that He is doing what His Father intends. And that by observing and knowing the Son we can also know the Father.



Dear God, our heavenly Father, guide us to remember our fathers who taught us by words and action how to live as your servants, and guide us to strive to be examples of your Love. In the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayerfully submitted by John Hodges

Protestant Worship During June, 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**

Sunday, June 2	<p>Second Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Fr. Ernest Curtin, resident of Ann's Choice and retired Rector at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Newtown, PA. Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: Jane Smith; pianist: Betty Kingston.</p>	
Sunday, June 9	<p>Third Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Rev. Nancy Dilliplane, Trinity Episcopal Church, Buckingham, PA. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: Joan Kirk; pianist: Betty Kingston.</p>	
Sunday, June 16	<p>Father's Day and Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Rev. Pat Penecale, Rockpoint Church, Doylestown, PA. Prelude will begin at 1:30. Organist: Susan Bishop; pianist: Betty Kingston.</p>	
Sunday, June 23	<p>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Rev. Amy Martin, Pastoral Ministries Associate at Ann's Choice. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: Ann Keesey; pianist: Betty Kingston.</p>	
Sunday, June 30	<p>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Rev. Daniel Moore, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Doylestown, PA. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: Bud Williams; 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: 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 residents at RG and CP and to those who have asked for them on a regular basis.

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.

Protestant Page on the Resident Website:

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

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.

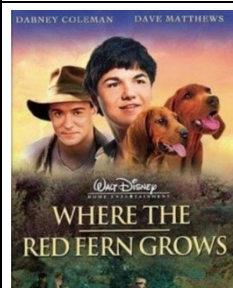


Bible Study:

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.



Second Saturday Cinema in June, 2024:

On Saturday, June 8, we will present the 2003 feature *Where the Red Fern Grows* in the PAC at 7:0 pm with pre-show at 6:45. Set in the Ozark Mountains during the Great Depression, Billy Coleman works hard and saves his earnings for two years to achieve his dream of buying two coon-hound pups. He develops a new trust in God as he faces overwhelming challenges.

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.

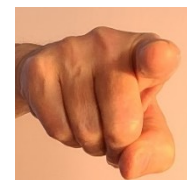
Worship Service Volunteers Needed:

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. If you can play an instrument, contact Bob McQue.



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.

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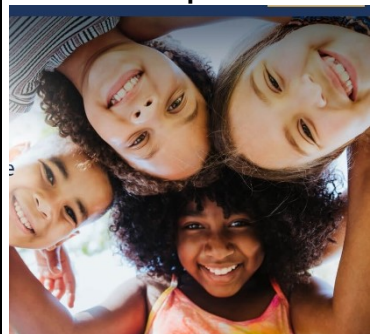
Our purpose is to bring glory to God in all that we pursue in and through the Protestant Faith Community

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 – Christ’s Home Children’s Services

The vision of Children’s Services at Christ’s Home is to serve disadvantaged children and youth. Our Children’s Services provide a stable, caring home built upon Biblical



principles while meeting the educational, medical, emotional and social needs of children. We do this through a variety of focused programs designed to meet the specific needs of those placed in our care. We serve children from birth to age 18. In many cases, children experience a sense of family life and a loving home for the first time.

Between 2018 and 2023, the Protestant Fellowship has donated \$ 11,000 to Christ’s Home Children’s Services.

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