



Protestant Fellowship

Community Newsletter

July 2024



“Christmas in July”

“One thing about trains. It doesn’t matter where you’re going. ... What matters is deciding to get on.”
Train Conductor on *The Polar Express*

Developing a complete Christian theology from a movie can be fraught with problems. However, there may be some valuable lessons we can learn.

Since December when this movie was shown as the Second Saturday Cinema, I have been struck with some thoughts I would like to share.

Each of us is on a journey through life along a path, as I envision the process, which was uniquely designed for each of us and, dare I say, pre-ordained for each of us. Do any of us stay on our own path absolutely all the time? Simply stated and in a single word – “No”.

So, what are we to do? We, that is, I need to refocus my life, recognize that I strayed from the path, seek God’s face and confess that I have sinned. Then I need to change direction, to repent, and ask for forgiveness. When Peter asked Jesus how many times he should forgive his brother, Jesus told Peter that he should forgive his brother not seven times, but he should forgive him seventy times seven.

What does the brother have to do in order to earn that forgiveness? What if the wrong or grudge occurred long ago in the past? What if the wrong occurred two, or even five or twenty, years ago? Is there an expiration date on confessing and accepting the forgiveness?

For me, this is the message from the movie quote. What matters is not the severity of the wrong or how long ago it happened. What matters is deciding to get back on the [pre-ordained] path.

And the cost? In the movie, the conductor punches a unique ticket for each passenger on the train. Tickets seem to be prepaid. The cost has already been paid.



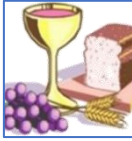
Dear God, guide us to endeavor to stay focused on You and to seek You when we have strayed. Remind us of Your Christmas gift that was completed on the cross. In the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayerfully submitted by John Hodges

Protestant Worship During July, 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, July 7	<p>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Fr. Michael Ruk, Christ Episcopal Church, Ridley Park, PA. Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: Ann Keesey; pianist: Betty Kingston.</p>	
Sunday, July 14	<p>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Rev. Kelly Roman, Chaplain, Hospice and Palliative Care, Chandler Hall Health Services, Newtown, PA. Prelude will begin at 1:30. Organist: Bud Williams; pianist: Betty Kingston.</p>	
Sunday, July 21	<p>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Rev. Joshua Plohocky, Bucks County Seventh Day Adventist Church, Warminster, PA, PA. Prelude will begin at 1:45. Organist: Joan Kirk; pianist: Betty Kingston.</p>	
Sunday, July 28	<p>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Rev. Amy Martin, Pastoral Ministries Associate at Ann's Choice. Prelude will begin at 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: 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. We will continue with 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 July 2024:

On Saturday, July 13, we will present the 2018 feature *Samson* in the PAC at **6:30 pm** with no pre-show. The story of Samson in Judges chapters 13 to 16 begins this way:

6:30 pm

“The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord.”

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.

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.

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.

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 – PARX Race Track Ministry

PARX Race Track Ministry, also known Race Track Chaplaincy of America, Pennsylvania Division, ministers all year to stable employees and backstretch workers and their families.

RTCA provides dorms for over 200 workers on the track and provides beds and bedding, a food pantry, clothing, school supplies, toiletries, household items, transportation, counseling and even social service assistance. In addition to special holiday programs, there are weekly “Chapel & Chow” (chapel service followed by catered meal) and weekly Bible studies.



Beginning in mid-July we will be collecting school supplies for the needy children of behind-the-scenes employees. On Sunday afternoons, there will be a box in the chapel lobby for your donations of new pencils, pens, markers, notebooks, rulers, pencil boxes and other supplies.

Your donations will be presented to Rev. Rick Bunker, Chaplain of PARX Race Track Ministry, when he is here in August.