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NEWSLETTER

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<u>VISION STATEMENT</u>: Protestant Family Service seeks to provide, in a Christian manner, the necessary care and need to the individual that will give hope for a better life.

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

"Faith, Faith Faith!!! Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for He is faithful that promised); "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works" Hebrew 10:23-24

Today, as times get harder to make ends meet in our households we are constantly encouraged to strengthen our faith as we consider one another. Trusting and believing the Word of God is the source to get us through. It also helps us to encourage others. We are so thankful to you as we keep the "Faith" in your support of PFS through the years.

The Episcopal Diocese of Ohio has granted \$25,000 to PFS for the "Aid to the Elderly in Crisis". It seems like a lot of money, but the truth of the matter is that it will service 50-75 families depending on the area of need. However, we are keeping the faith to stretch every dollar donated to PFS. Your prayers and support are forever appreciated.

Our newsletters will keep you informed of the events taking place. Please join us as we continue to do the work of the Lord. Walking by Faith as we trust God to do His will to provide for others. You are loved and appreciated.

In His Service, Jackie

BOARD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

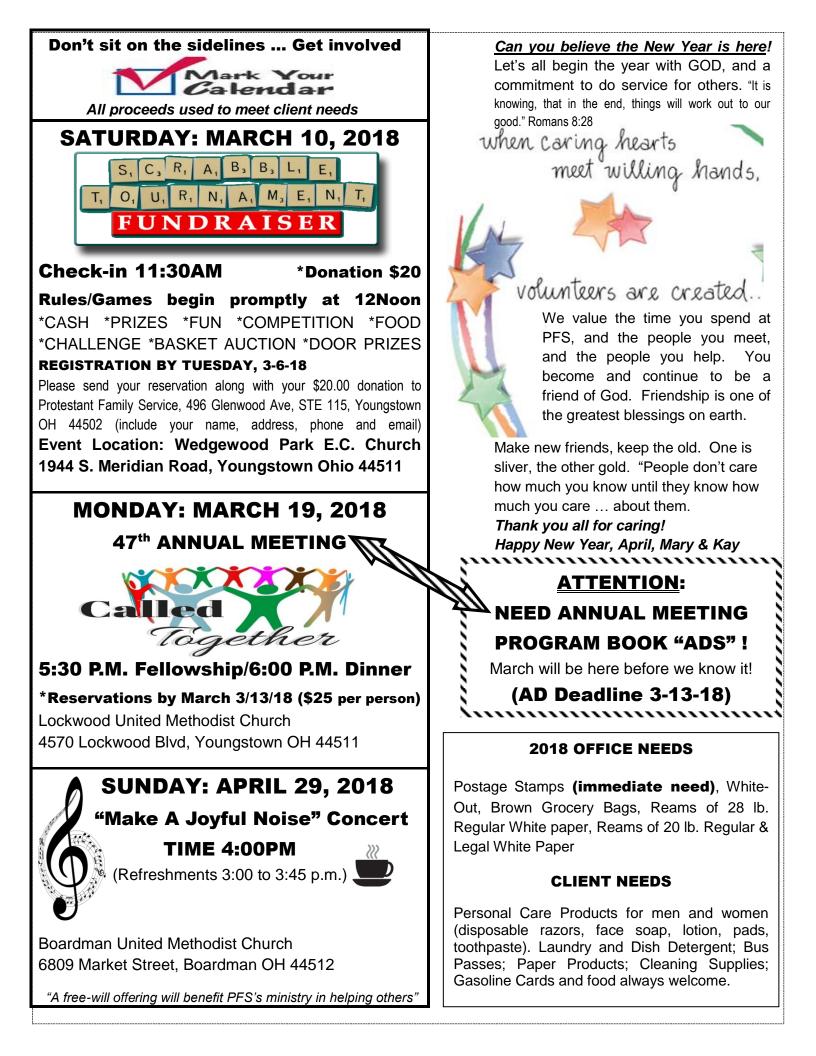
Greetings and Blessing to all,

We had a glorious Christmas season here at Protestant Family Service thanks to all of you! Many families had a Merry Christmas because of the generous donations of churches and individuals. We now look forward to continuing our mission and to work with all of you in 2018. Thank you for all you do! Continued blessings of the Lord be upon you,

Pastor Maralana Martin

Spotlight

The Episcopal Diocese of Ohio recently awarded a \$25,000 grant to <u>Protestant Family</u> <u>Service</u> for its "Aid to Elderly in Crisis" program. Heads of households who are 60 years and older may be assisted with emergency service from now through October or until funds are depleted. Clients receiving assistance will be required to attend an educational class on utility conservation and budgeting. Clients must provide eligibility proof during the interview. Calls may be made to 330-746-4600 during office hours Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to make an appointment. No walk-ins will be accepted. (**1-9-18 Vindicator**)





Normally I write about a "client of the month". Instead, I wanted to provide some awareness of the increased needs of the clients we serve. PFS provides service to many clients' and yes, there are many that are unable to receive assistance due to lack of funds.

There were seniors, individuals, mothers and/or fathers of sixty-eight children requesting food assistance. PFS prepared 157 bags of food for individuals and families (84 in total). Also, there were twelve individual's which included three seniors needing assistance with their utilities. As our population continues to age, more and more seniors are calling for assistance due to the fact that their Social Security Income or lack thereof does not support their needs. On a monthly basis, we receive approximately 100-125 calls for utility assistance that we are unable to provide.

Having shared this information, We at PFS would like to give our heartfelt THANK YOU for the generous contributions and donations that you have provided this year. Without your help we could not do what we do! But with your continued support, we will to do what God has instructed us to do! It is my prayer that God will continue to bless you and your families.

PLEASE CALL US TO SPEAK-- LEARN ABOUT PFS and our growing programs! Protestant Family Service is available to speak to your congregation or group. We welcome the opportunity to share the ministry of Protestant Family Service using our power point presentation program. Our mission is not only to the clients we serve, but to our supporters. Our goal is to keep you informed on changes going on in our community, what the agency is doing and how we respond to the needs. Please call the office at (330) 746-4600 if we can be of service to YOU. We have meeting rooms if your group would like to come to PFS. You can also tour our facility to see firsthand how we operate. You are always welcome!

Cast Will

Please prayerfully consider including PFS in your "Will" so this work will continue to glorify God leaving a legacy for your family.



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REMINDER:

THE YOUNGSTOWN FOUNDATION WILL

PROVIDE A "5%" MATCH for donations to Protestant Family Service *of \$100 or more*. Checks must be made out to Youngstown Foundation with PFS indicated on <u>memo line</u>.

Mail to: The Youngstown Foundation - P.O. Box 1162 Youngstown, OH 44501

"Sally Duncan"

Or donate **ONLINE**: <u>http://www.youngstownfoundation.org</u>

Blessed by God for 90 years This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24 Happy Birthday Sally! Jean Montgomery, Margaret Lorimer & Suzanne Humberson

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"We make a living by what we get ...

We make a life by what we GIVE."

Winston Churchill

SATURDAY: MARCH 10, 2018 SCRABBLE TOURNAMENT

Check-in 11:30AM (donation \$20)

Rules/Games begin promptly at Noon *CASH *PRIZES *FUN *COMPETITION *FOOD *CHALLENGE *BASKET AUCTION *DOOR PRIZES Wedgewood Park E.C. Church

MONDAY: MARCH 19, 2018 47th ANNUAL MEETING

5:30 P.M. Fellowship/6:00 P.M. Dinner Reservations by March 3/13/18 (\$25 per person) Lockwood United Methodist Church

NOTE: PROGRAM BOOK "AD" DEADLINE 3-13-18

SUNDAY: APRIL 29, 2018

"Make A Joyful Noise" Concert

TIME 4:00PM (Refreshments 3:00 to 3:45 p.m.) Boardman United Methodist Church

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