

# PROTESTANT FAMILY SERVICE

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**VISION STATEMENT:** 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: THE WORD OF GOD**

"According as He has chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love." Ephesians 1: 4

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." Ephesians 2: 8

"For He is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us." Ephesians 2: 14

"And be renewed in the spirit of your mind." Ephesians 4: 23

"Be ye angry, and sin not; let not the sun go down upon your wrath." Ephesians 4: 26

"Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you with all malice. And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Ephesians 4: 30-31

"Walk as children of the light." "(For the fruit of the spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth.)" Ephesians 5: 8b, 9

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Ephesians 6: 10, 11

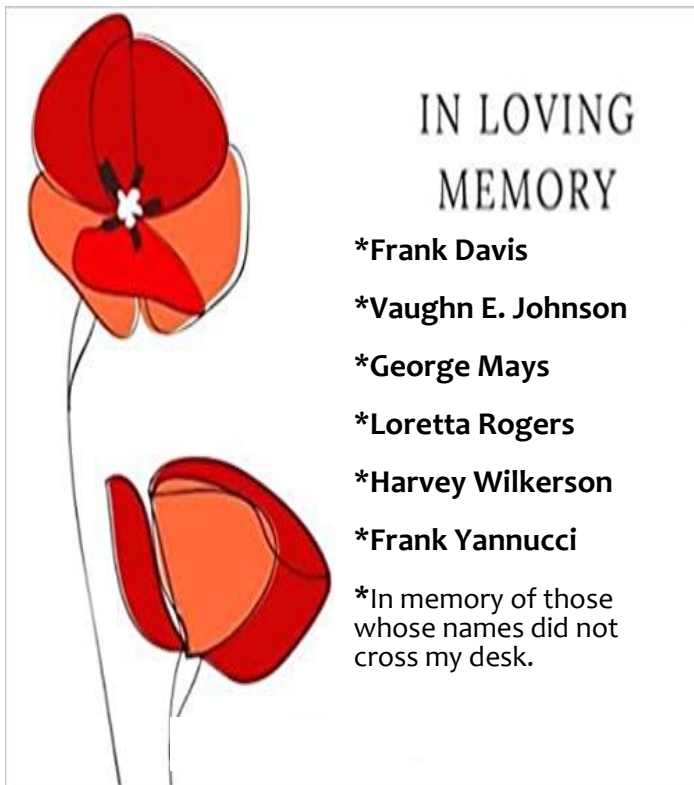
"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." Ephesians 6: 18

*Greetings my Brothers & Sisters in Christ.*

*We are God's work in action. We stand on His Promises found in the Bible. Our Father's word never changes. He is the same yesterday, today and forever faithful.*

*In His Service, Jackie*





## Hello PSF Volunteers,

We are all under a pandemic. It is a very dangerous time. We understand why some can't come out, but we want you to know how special you are to us.



## YOU ARE PRICELESS!

A well-known speaker started off his semester by holding up a \$20 bill. In the room of 200 he asked, "who would like this". Hands go up. "I am going to give this to one of you but first let me do this." He crumpled up the bill and said, "who still wants it". Hands went up again. Then he said, "what if I do this?" He dropped it on the ground and began grinding it in the floor with his shoe. He picked up the dirty, crumpled bill and said, "now who still wants it?" Hands still went in the air. **"See my friends you have learned a valuable lesson."** No matter what I did to the that bill you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. Many times in life we are dropped, crumpled and ground in to the dirt by decisions we make and circumstances that come our way. We feel worthless. But no matter what happened or happens, you will never lose your value in God's eyes. To Him, dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased you are still priceless to Him. Our worth comes not in what we do or who we are, but by WHOSE we are!" You are special – don't ever forget it! To those that have been able to come out to volunteer we are very appreciative of your help! We could not do it without YOU! Many thanks, April and Mary

### **We are sensitive to social distancing during this time; so, we will be "Walking together apart" on Sun, Oct**

**11, at 2 pm.** This year's CROP Hunger Walk will take place VIRTUALLY, which means we will walk on the same day and time on our own or with our immediate family or with a group of 10 or less abiding by our Health Dept.'s mandatory and best practice guidelines in an outdoor location within our own communities. You are highly encouraged to TAKE ACTION now and register online as a walker (and as Team Captain also register your team) by going to [crophungerwalk.org/youngstownoh](http://crophungerwalk.org/youngstownoh), click on "register," follow the prompts and start fundraising.



A drive-thru of safely pre-packaged resources: Team Captain Guide, Team Captain's Packet, Donation Envelopes and CROP Hunger Walk yard signs, will be available Sat, Aug 1, from 9 - noon at Poland UM Church, 1940 Boardman Poland Rd, Poland, OH. You may also download these and other helpful resources:



Protestant Family Service, as well as other community agencies, church groups and organizations had marvelous plans for fantastic and dynamic fundraiser events scheduled for the 2020 year. Well..... we weren't expecting anything like the Coronavirus. The sudden impact of loss of family members, loss of jobs, isolation, financial woes, school closings, and many other unexpected things changed our way of living.

**What else could happen??!!!** Then came the violence across the

entire nation and the world ravished by killings, fires, and some natural disasters. What next? Only God knows for sure. Despite all these untimely events we continue to serve a God who is more than able to see us through. He is Awesome, and He is our Provider! As Christians we realize that Our Creator's work must go on. We know that everyone's finances have been stifled but some can give as "the widow and her mite".

The grants we received from The Youngstown Community Foundation, The Youngstown Foundation, The Raymond John Wean Foundation, The Episcopal Diocese of Cleveland and The Phase Cares Act have enabled PFS to continue to serve those in dire straits to assist them in maintaining their household. All our fundraisers: "Spring Concert", "Golf Outing", "Annual Meeting", "Short-Stack for a Tall Cause-Pancake Breakfast" and "Feast of Salads" have been cancelled.

- We are currently beginning our ANNUAL "Christmas in July" giving program.
- We are preparing for the Annual CROP WALK with Becky Gifford in Leadership of planning.
- We are currently discussing the "Adopt-A-Family for Christmas" program
  - Please let us know if you or your group would like to participate.



We are asking that during this time of crisis you extend a contribution to PFS for the Annual "Christmas-in-July" giving. Any gift large or small is greatly appreciated. Donations of \$100 or more made to The Youngstown Foundation with PFS on the memo will add 10% to the donation. *Please keep PFS in your heart and prayers!! WE LOVE, MISS AND APPRECIATE YOU ALL!*

## NEED A SPEAKER?

### LEARN ABOUT PFS!

**And our growing programs!**

*PFS is available to speak to your group or congregation.*



We welcome the opportunity to share the ministry of Protestant Family Service using our power point presentation. 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.** We have meeting rooms and you can tour our facility and our pantry to see firsthand how we operate.



## THE YOUNGSTOWN FOUNDATION WILL MATCH 10% OF "YOUR" \$100 DONATION!

This is **ONLY** for donations of \$100 (or more) for Protestant Family Service.

**IMPORTANT:** Checks for at least \$100 must be made out to The Youngstown Foundation **with PFS written on the check memo line or we will not get credit!** Mail to: Youngstown Foundation, P.O. Box 1162, Youngstown, OH 44501. **ONLINE** donations at [www.youngstownfoundation.org](http://www.youngstownfoundation.org). (If your donation is less than \$100 checks must be made out and sent to PFS).

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Celebrate the warmth of this  
season; keeping the spirit  
alive all year long with PFS!



Some things PFS needs

Monetary donations	Food always welcome
Gasoline cards	Bus passes
Personal care products	Laundry supplies
Dish and cleaning supplies	Disposable diapers (kid sizes 4/5) and adult diapers men/women (S/M/L/XL)

Some things PFS wants

Prayers for continued efforts to do God's good works by helping families in crisis.

Some things PFS would love

Blessings on all the churches, community, church groups, businesses, individuals and organizations that support us.



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