

The Marketplace



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Dear Market Square Beloveds,

No matter how old I get, September always feels like “back to school” month for me. I remember how excited I was at the prospect of a new school year. I liked getting dressed in school clothes, that I could see my friends every day, the eagerness to meet my new teachers who would guide my learning for the coming year, and the introduction to new classes that would widen my world. I even looked forward to the cafeteria lunches which, in my day, were less concerned about nutrition than with making food kids liked to eat.

I feel similarly about September in the church. Though, liturgically, the church’s new year begins on the first Sunday of Advent, Genesis Sunday (September 11) is the start of a new program year. Summer wanderlust wanes and worshipers begin to return to the pews in greater number. The community takes shape and form again. Ministries and programs that had been on summer hiatus come to life with new energy. The choir bursts forth in song and handbells once more chime the glory of God. Just as we couldn’t wait in school to see who the “new kids” were, we’ll welcome new members into the Market Square community this fall, too.

Overlaying the usual anticipation I feel about this time of year is the reality that, for me, the beginning of this new church year will be my last as an active pastor. Graduating into retirement toward the end of November, there is so much I will miss about the church and this church in particular. I have a theological friend who once said to me that “if there wasn’t such a thing as congregations, we’d have to invent them.” Imperfect, of course, because they are comprised of, well, us, nevertheless, congregations like Market Square hold the promise of compassion, connection, collaboration, diversity, meaning, and mutual respect in ways no other human institution quite does.

Just as a good marriage requires each spouse to take care not only of each other but also of the marriage itself, a healthy and robust church requires its members not only to take care of one another but also of the institutional aspect of church. Presence. Participation. Presence. Financial support. Prayer. Presence. Generosity of spirit. Enthusiasm (a word that means, literally, “to be in God”).

Thank you for all you continue to be and to do in the name of Christ in and for our community. Maybe it’s because the word is out about my retirement, but I cannot count the number of people around town this summer who spoke to me about Market Square with gratitude and admiration...people who commented about the uniquely progressive nature of our ministry and worship...our commitment to society’s most vulnerable ones...our inclusivity and openness to all manner of people...our hospitality to the greater Harrisburg community.



Pastor
Thomas A. Sweet

The last few years with their Covid calamity have been hard on churches as our faith communities that find strength in gathering have been scattered. Market Square has weathered the storm fairly well and better than most churches. Still, even as we take proper precautions, it is my hope that we will renew our commitment to our beloved church family in this new church year. Churches cannot long rest on their laurels or their reputations before they falter. There is a daily-ness to the Christian life that is essential.

I would love in my last weeks with you to see Market Square in full flower, to be all we can be for each other, for the community, for Christ.

With gratitude and love,
Tom

P.S. I fully endorse the session’s recent action to name Kim Wadlington as the Transitional Senior Pastor/Head of Staff for the coming interim time. Kim works hard, loves deeply, cares passionately, believes ardently, and holds the best interests of Market Square in her heart. You will be pleased as this church has many great days ahead!

Save the Dates

A celebration of Tom’s ministry will be held following worship on **Sunday, November 20**. More details to follow. Help us to say farewell not only to Tom’s tenure at Market Square but also his ministerial career.

MOVIE NIGHT: Friday, October 7, Geneva Hall
6:45 p.m. Introduction, 7:00 p.m. Movie begins. (Should end the evening by 9:30 p.m.)

Featured Film: *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*

I am happy to announce Movie Night returns this fall. I am sad to announce this will be the last movie I will host at Market Square, but I want to say a big THANK YOU for all the movie goers we have had over the years and the fun evenings and great conversations that have grown out of movie night. I truly have enjoyed planning for and preparing movies for you. I love sharing a good film! Please join us in October. (A more detailed flier will be posted in September.) Lori Sweet

Next Marketplace Deadline: Sunday, September 11

Please email articles and photos to Nancy Sheets and Kari Hultman: sheets@marketsquarechurch.org and khultman@comcast.net



**Pastor
Kim Wadlington**

Dear Siblings in Christ,

By now you've received the news that I've been asked by the Session to serve as Transitional Pastor and Head of Staff when Tom retires at the end of November. It's a position I accept with joy and excitement! Over the 16 months that I have served with all of you, I've gotten to know you a little and I'm grateful for the ways you reflect on your lives in light of the gospel and live your faith in response to the gospel. I look forward to deepening relationships and to the time and space for reflection on the church that a pastoral transition affords and needs.

We've already begun some of that reflection with the initial congregational survey that was part of the Mission Assessment Project. You'll be hearing more about that when session has

had an opportunity to receive and discuss the results and there will be more discussion in our future. But as important as that work **will** be, now is also the time to honor and celebrate who and how the congregation has been under Tom's leadership. The past ten years deserve recognition for the ways the congregation has grown and changed but also continued to be faithful to God's calling in Harrisburg! When the time comes, we'll be listening still and guided by the Holy Spirit we'll together do the work needed to prepare for your next installed pastor. I look forward to our continued partnership!

A New Time for Elementary Sunday School

During the summer, our children participated in Sunday School during the worship hour and it turns out that our families, including some new ones, really like that schedule! Our teachers have agreed to continue teaching during that time with the children going down to Sunday School right after "Time With Our Children." Lessons will continue the same faithful teaching from which our children have benefited in years' past and there will also be some time for crafts and activities which reinforce the learning. We're also planning on adding music into our lessons. Working with the children in the nursery also, our nursery caregiver, Lizzie Camilli, will begin to teach our children the old camp songs we know and love. Who can resist humming "This Little Light of Mine" or "Whole World in God's Hands"? I'm grateful to our teachers for their excitement about teaching faith and their flexibility in meeting the needs of today's families!

Because many of our teachers also volunteer in the nursery and because they're now choosing a second commitment which necessitates missing worship, we'd like to expand our pool of teachers and nursery volunteers. Will you consider either teaching (always with a partner!) or being present to the children in the nursery along with Lizzie Camilli, our paid nursery worker? Our children and their families benefit from your wise teaching and loving care, and all our teachers and care givers have remarked that they too feel joy and delight in being present to our little ones. Will you join our team? Please contact Keith Camilli or Kim Wadlington if you'd like more information about teaching Elementary students or caregiving in the nursery.

Kim

Our Church Family

Thank you

Ken Kline would like to thank everyone who phoned, sent cards, or emailed him following his recent surgery.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Meredith Hill Poole**, who recently received the 2022 PA Wilds Outstanding Leader Award. For more information on Meredith's award, visit <https://bit.ly/3pAdhRY>

Deaths

Elder Earl "Casey" Shaffer, Jr. died on August 3. Graveside services will be held in Rolling Green Cemetery, Lower Allen Twp. on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 2 p.m. Casey joined MSPC on November 18, 2001. A complete obituary may be found here: <https://bit.ly/3QOmdzu>

Ruth Lyter died on August 20. She joined MSPC on December 21, 1962.

Dale and Gail Laninga's sister-in-law, **Phyllis Laninga**, died on June 30 in Michigan.

Lori Sweet's aunt, **Sue Stiller**, died on July 6 in Erie.

Welcome New Members!



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Worship and Preaching Schedule for September

Our English language worship services are broadcast live from our sanctuary every Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. The broadcast is available on radio stations 960 AM and 102.9 FM as well as through the radio button on our church website www.market-squarechurch.org. If you miss the Sunday morning live broadcast, the rebroadcast is available on the front page of our website under the "Past Services" tab beginning late Sunday afternoon and then can be accessed there throughout the week. *Beginning September 11, livestreaming of the 11:00 a.m. service will be available to members who are unable to be present in the sanctuary. An edited version of the service will be available later that day for the general public. (See article below.)*

September 4 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 a.m. Korean Language Worship in the Chapel
The Reverend Ki Nam Lee preaching
- 11:00 a.m. English Language Worship in the Sanctuary
The Reverend Thomas A. Sweet preaching
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

September 11 – Genesis Sunday / Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 a.m. Korean Language Worship in the Chapel
The Reverend Ki Nam Lee preaching
- 11:00 a.m. English Language Worship in the Sanctuary
The Reverend Thomas A. Sweet preaching

September 18 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 a.m. Korean Language Worship in the Chapel
The Reverend Ki Nam Lee preaching
- 11:00 a.m. English Language Worship in the Sanctuary
The Reverend Thomas A. Sweet preaching

September 25 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 a.m. Korean Language Worship in the Chapel
The Reverend Ki Nam Lee preaching
- 11:00 a.m. English Language Worship in the Sanctuary
The Reverend Kimberley D. Wadlington preaching

LIVESTREAMING TO DEBUT IN SEPTEMBER

In addition to our long tradition of broadcasting our 11:00 a.m. Sunday worship service on WHYL FM & AM radio, beginning September 11 Market Square will offer another medium in which to participate in worship when you are not able to be present in the sanctuary. Beginning that day, the members section of our church website (www.marketsquarechurch.org) will contain a new link each Sunday by which to view that morning's worship service in real time. For a variety of reasons, including security, we are limiting for now the livestreaming service to our members who may be homebound, ill, or out-of-town and cannot be present in person for worship that day. It is not meant to be a replacement for coming to worship in person for we surely want to maintain the vibrancy of our in-person congregation. But we do want to provide an option to view the worship service for those who cannot be in attendance. Others will continue to prefer the radio broadcast and we will continue to offer it for the foreseeable future.

We do want to make our worship available to the general public. We will do so by offering an edited version of each Sunday's worship service that will be posted on our church's Youtube channel every Sunday afternoon and will remain there for a decent length of time. Each Sunday's edited post of the service may be slightly different but, in general, will include a hymn, the scripture reading of the day, the sermon, and probably an anthem. We want the public to be able to see and to hear the message from a progressive church like Market Square and we hope this abridged version of our service will provide that opportunity. This link will be the same every Sunday:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRVosTxjDYUzyJju4k7Lfeg/featured>

Madeline McConnell is our livestreaming and edited version technician. Thank you to our Livestreaming Task Force, our Worship and Arts Committee, and the session for making these options possible. (TAS)

*A note of thanks
from Phyllis Herald:*

*Your prayers and cards
have been very much
appreciated during my
pacemaker surgery
recovery. I feel the love
and support from my
church family and am so
thankful for these blessings!*

Next New Member Class: September 11

If you have been thinking about membership at Market Square, we would like to invite you to an orientation hour on Sunday afternoon, September 11, following worship. We will meet in the Youth Room on the fourth floor of our church building. We will have a light lunch of sandwiches and chips. So that we can order enough food, please email, call, or Facebook Nancy (sheets@marketsquarechurch.org; 717-257-1270) in the church office to RSVP. At the end of the hour on the 11th, those who would like to join the church will be received into membership by the elders who will be present with us that afternoon. Then, you will be recognized by name during a later worship service. **There is no pressure if you decide you would like to wait or if membership is not for you at this time.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either pastor through phone call or email (sweet@marketsquarechurch.org and wadlington@marketsquarechurch.org).

We are very much hoping you will join us on September 11th! Our congregation would love to welcome you into our church family!

Dear friends,

Where did the summer go?!? I don't know about you, but for me it's as if I blinked my eyes and summer disappeared. I hope you and your families had a wonderful and relaxing summer.

We have a fun and busy fall season planned in the church and the music ministry. Here are some highlights:

- **Open Loft** returns on Sunday, September 4. No need to sign up – show up on Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the choir vesting room (fourth floor) to pick up music, a hymnal, and a set of choir vestments. Then head up to the loft for a 10 a.m. rehearsal with me!
- The **Sanctuary Choir** will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 1 in Geneva Hall. If you're interested in joining the choir, now is the perfect time! Send me an email letting me know that you're interested, and I'll have everything you need ready for your first rehearsal with us!
- The **Market Square Ringers** will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the music room. If you're interested in ringing bells, now is the best time to join! Send me an email letting me know that you're interested, and I'll have everything ready for you at the first rehearsal.
- Arts on the Square is holding a **Spaghetti Dinner** for church members and friends. The dinner will be held in Fellowship Hall on Friday, September 23 from 6-9 p.m. Delicious food will be served, there will be music, and more! Tickets are \$15 and will be available on the church website or at the door. Please email me at Canonico@marketsquarechurch.org if you have any questions. Come enjoy a great meal and fellowship time with friends!

The Sanctuary Choir and the Market Square Singers will present Karl Jenkins' "The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace" on **Saturday, October 15 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary**. This will be the opening



Tyler Canonico
Minister of Music

concert for *Arts on the Square's 2022-2023* program year. The choir will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra, and Laura Petravage will return as our soprano soloist. The interfaith community will be invited, and we are working on collaborating with Heading God's Call to End Gun Violence. I hope you will be there!

The Choral Scholars will return at the start of the choir season. Thank you to our donors for making this possible. Many thanks to Tom Arnoldi, Carole DeSoto, Sandy and Jim Jones, Gwen and Dave Lehman, Phyllis and Jim Mooney, Jane and Bill Murray, and Donna and Carlin Wenger. We look forward to having the Scholars in our choir!

We are planning a tour to Scotland scheduled for June 19-29, 2023. If you want to go as a singer or a non-singer, we'd love to have you! We will have an informational meeting on **Saturday, September 17 at 9:30 AM in Geneva Hall**. If you are interested, please attend this meeting. If you cannot attend, but you're interested in going on the tour, please send me an email.

Happy fall y'all!
Peace and love, Tyler

Sanctuary Choir Repertoire for September:

September 4 (Open Loft) – "Day by Day" by K. Lee Scott, and "Ain'-a That Good News" by William Dawson

September 11 (Genesis Sunday) – "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" arranged by Jack Schrader, and "Lord of the Dance" arranged by Stephen Jackson

September 18 – "Maya's Prayer for Peace" by Tom Trenney, and "I'm Gonna Sing 'til the Spirit Moves in My Heart" arranged by Moses Hogan

September 25 – "Heal Us Now" by Leon Sher, and "Poor Man Lazarus" arranged by Jester Hairston

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OCTOBER ARTIST RECEPTION

Our next artist reception will be held on Sunday October 9th, 2022 following worship from 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. in Geneva Hall. Our featured artist will be **Kelly Curran** from Harrisburg. Kelly paints in oil on wood and her subjects include spiritual themes, landscapes, and still life compositions. Our "Artist for the Day" will be **Andrea Judson**, the daughter of Ann Marie Judson, who will be showcasing her quilts/fabric crafts. More details about our artists will be coming soon!

*Women's
Retreat*

MSPC Women's Day Retreat

Join Lori Sweet and other women of MSPC on **Saturday October 22nd** for a contemplative and creative mini-retreat. Come to slow down and rest, pray together, share stories and wisdom, enjoy a meal, nurture our connections and conversations, ponder our spiritual needs as women, and more. Save the date and watch for more details coming in September and in the October Newsletter.

Current tentative time frame is 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in Geneva Hall at MSPC. Questions? Want to sign-up early? Want to help in some way? Contact Lori Sweet at 717-756-0120 or lorisweetstudios@gmail.com

Blessings, Counting and Otherwise

I hope this finds you all well as we move toward shorter days, cooler weather and busier schedules associated with the onset of autumn and Advent. These days I find myself reflecting on the idea of "blessing" or "blessed." How many times have you heard someone point to their good fortune, stating how "blessed" they are? I use the term all the time, hear it all the time, and don't give it much thought at all if I'm honest.

I connect it to good stuff I possess and bad stuff I don't. I stick God in the middle of it, knowing this bounty or avoidance of misfortune was God's choice for me. Recently, though, I've decided to go deeper and think about where and, dare I ask, if, God really is located where I regularly and conveniently place him.

My bank account covers everything from groceries to overpriced dinners with friends to unexpected cat surgeries. (It turns out that the only thing "free" about a free semi-feral cat is the cat himself.) My financial resources are supported by a pension supported by a recent retirement from a long career supported by a master's degree. But as I'm smugly thinking about a bigger barn for all my goods, I pause to consider the value I placed on what I learned from my mother, along with the simple example of the routine and daily work demonstrated by the men in my family. I realize there's something more to my many blessings.

Because I live close by to Market Square, I never have to drive to attend church. I also happen to live in a downtown neighborhood

full of well-cared-for row homes, restaurants and businesses. But when I first came to Harrisburg 22 years ago, the property owner did not show me the rental that I later would purchase until he first showed me locations in Allison Hill and uptown by 6th Street. Neither my income nor my recently earned graduate degree were new to him but took that long for him to consider me worthy enough to see it.

How about you, my fellow congregants? Does where you live make life easier? Are you able to walk to the store for sufficient groceries to make a meal and, if not, is the drive to get them a convenient one? For me life is easier because of where I live, and I can drive for fresh groceries if I choose to, and not far. Not so for residents in Allison Hill and uptown by 6th Street. My car, although old, is paid off. I often wonder if the neighbors I almost had in Allison Hill and on 6th Street can say the same.

What I've learned by sitting with the idea of "blessings" is that I've confused some of them with "privilege." Of course, God gave us all unique talents; but I had to remember that what I thought was achieved by me alone was not just me. There were also some privileges mixed in, perhaps more than I realized. And to be honest, these privileges aren't distributed equitably or fairly. But the good news is we can choose to use those privileges to build God's kingdom, instead of another barn. Now that's a blessing indeed.

Kevin Burrell

YMCA Residence Hall

Thanks to your support of the Deacon's funds, the deacons can provide assistance to not only church members but also those in our surrounding community. One of these services is the YMCA Residence Hall project. The main objective of the East Shore YMCA Residence Hall program is to offer assistance to adults in need of stable and independent living while helping them obtain services from community agencies or government programs.

This program allows individuals to establish a place to live, job opportunities, a community, and the chance to become independent members of society. People who live at the YMCA must have an income, but often can't afford the first few weeks rent. Market Square works closely with Bridgette



Watson, East Shore YMCA Resident Service Coordinator, to provide the funds needed to secure this housing. Since June we have been able to help eight men establish themselves as residents of the YMCA. These men are now all working and continue to transition to independent living. This program has been a wonderful bridge to help men leave the streets of Harrisburg and become productive members of our community.

Your on-going support allows this wonderful program to continue and truly gives a helping hand and a sense of security to those in need! Thanks so much for your generous donations!

Chris Baldrige, Chair, Board of Deacons



Rebecca, Ayuen, Nhial and Nyak recently returned from several months in Africa. Dad Peter sent this homecoming photo to mark their return.

Stewardship

YTD Actual Pledges:	\$289,000
YTD Budget:	\$271,000
Surplus:	\$ 18,000

Ecology Action Committee News

Several actions came out of PCUSA's General Assembly in July, and one in particular caught the attention of the Ecology Action Committee (EAC): they have chosen to divest from what they deem to be "five of the worst offending fossil fuel multinationals." These include Chevron, ExxonMobile, Marathon Petroleum, Phillips 66, and Valero Energy, companies who use their profits to realize short-term financial gain while their products and practices poison our air and water, accelerate climate change, and cause geopolitical instability.

Champions of creation care within PCUSA were hoping for a divestment from all fossil fuel companies (i.e., a "categorical divestment"), but this is a step in the right direction.

Divestment from fossil fuel companies can also take place at the individual level. A web search for "fossil fuel-free investing" yields many options, including a tool called Fossil Free Funds (fossilfree.funds.org) that allows you to check your retirement plan or other portfolio for the presence of fossil fuel companies. This is a component of Socially Responsible Investing (aka Environmental, Social, and Governance Investing), which takes other types of potentially-unwanted investments (e.g., firearms, military industrial, tobacco) into consideration. A web search for "SRI investing" or "ESG investing" will help you get started.

You can also take action by joining Market Square's Ecology Advocacy Team, a Google Group whose link appears below. If you subscribe, you will receive an email every few days with summaries of and links to opportunities for online action. These are typically web forms you can quickly complete that will add your name to a petition or send a message to a government official. Examples from recent messages include a plea to banks to stop funding fossil fuels, a request to President Biden to declare a climate emergency, and a message to the EPA to clean up toxic coal ash from abandoned mines.

The EAC thanks you for your consideration of the above, and invites anyone interested in joining the EAC to speak to Debbie Olson (dolsonmassage@hotmail.com), Margee Kooistra (margeekooistra@gmail.com), or any other member of the committee.

GA action summary: <https://bit.ly/3QBhQaJ>

EAC action group: <https://bit.ly/3cgVZpZ> (requires that you sign into your gmail account in order to request access to the group)

Kevin Long

Help Needed

The Coalition to Abolish Death By Incarceration (CADBI) is a prison reform group whose members will be demonstrating at the state capitol on September 20. Members from Market Square will be preparing lunch for CADBI volunteers that morning. If you would like to support their efforts, there are two ways to help:

1. If you are an adept sandwich-maker and available the morning of September 20, contact Kevin Long (kevin.long@me.com) to join our lunch preparation team
2. Make a donation to the Central PA Food Bank (<https://www.centralpafoodbank.org>)



Market Square's Ecology Action Committee (EAC) operates on a variety of different fronts. We help plan Earth Sunday worship, we maintain community gardens, and we make longer-term local environmental investments like planting trees at Michaux State Forest. We also try to promote awareness of creation care issues, because our efforts are more powerful when we act as a larger worshipping community.

The EAC is fortunate to have a relationship with Michael Mehrazar from PennFuture and Conservation Voters of PA. Those organizations work in the context of Pennsylvania state politics to champion environmentally-friendly policies, and Michael helps keep us informed as to which efforts most need our support. State policy has far-reaching effects as Pennsylvania is responsible for 1% of global carbon emissions!

PennFuture recently teamed up with 29 other organizations to release a document called "A Shared Vision for Pennsylvania's Environment and Communities." This comprehensive document (which we encourage you to download from <https://www.pennfuture.org/sharedvision>) presents a path for our elected leaders that (if followed) will result in a better world for future generations. It is intended to guide policy creation for the coming four years, and will serve as a tool in assessing the performance of our legislators.

The Shared Vision document can assist individuals in determining how best to engage their representatives around environmental issues. To simplify those efforts, though, the EAC encourages signing up for the Market Square Ecology Advocacy Team at <https://bit.ly/3cgVZpZ>

When you do, you'll receive periodic emails that point to simple online forms that allow you to easily reach out to decision-makers regarding environmental policy. Most of those actions will fall in line with the goals presented in the Shared Vision. We are grateful for your support and participation.

Kevin Long

Market Square Presbyterian Church Congregational Annual Meeting

Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022 immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service.

Information to include:

2021 annual reports from Session, Deacons, Trustees and various church committees; 2021 financial reports; 2022 church budget; Changes in the terms of call for pastors; Update on transition plans related to Pastor Tom Sweet's retirement

All active members of the congregation present at the annual meeting are eligible to vote.



Above, Pastors Kim and Tom serve Communion to Gladys Mumper at the Homeland Center.



The Art of Blessing One Another

with The Reverend Anne Ross

"What is a blessing? A blessing is a circle of light drawn around a person to protect, heal and strengthen....A blessing is different from a greeting, a hug, a salute or an affirmation; it opens a different door in human encounter. One enters into the forecourt of the soul, the source of intimacy and the compass of destiny."

— John O'Donohue, *Benedictus, A Book of Blessings*

In the gentle, meditative space of The Room For The Inner Way, The Reverend Anne Ross will guide participants during the four Sundays in September in the practice of pronouncing blessings. This is a practice that is not for paid professionals only. We all have said, "Bless you," after a stranger or friend sneezes; we've blessed meals before ingesting the first forkful; and some offer a blessing before putting a child to bed.

Conferring blessings on others at significant times in an individual's life is a "lost art," according to the late John O'Donohue, Irish poet, author, philosopher. O'Donohue wrote blessings for a myriad of life transitions (New Beginnings, New Home, New Position); for states of heart (Courage, Beauty, For One Who Is Exhausted); for desires (Freedom, Longing, Friendship, Love in a Time of Conflict), plus many others.

Through prayer, readings, meditation, and practice, we will retrieve this lost art of pronouncing blessings. Some are spoken, some are silent, and it will come to light that we are free to bless ourselves.

Come, join us in September. And be blessed.

Lori Sweet and Elizabeth Terry

A PASTORAL NOTE

During the recent years of Covid-19 when transmission rates of the virus were high and the ramifications of contracting the coronavirus oftentimes were severe, we suspended the ministry of home communion except in very special circumstances. While the virus still is with us and the transmission rates of several variants are not as low as we might hope, most of us have been vaccinated and boosted and perhaps many of us are not feeling quite so vulnerable as previously.

All of which is to say: According to your comfort, and the comfort level may be different for everyone, if you are not able to be present in person for worship on Sunday mornings and would like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion at home, please call or email the church office. Both Kim and I will be glad to come to you with the sacrament over the coming stretch of time and share the fellowship of Christ in this way. **(TAS)**

Annual Church Picnic

Market Square's annual picnic is Sunday, September 18, at 12:30 p.m. We will begin to eat at 12:45 p.m. This year, the picnic will be at the **Upper Pavilion** of Negley Park in Lemoyne (note location change). Alice Anne Schwab will be preparing the main dish: barbecue sliced beef and a vegan version. We ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share, but if you are unable to bring a dish, please come anyway. Here's what the Membership Committee needs from you:

- If you are bringing food, please label your containers and serving utensils.
- If you need transportation, or can provide transportation to and from the picnic, please contact John Taylor at 717-545-5027 or jolata@pa.net.
- On-street parking should be available but if you prefer to park in the parking lot next to the Lower Pavilion, Kari Hultman will be available to shuttle you to the Upper Pavilion.
- Come to the picnic and have fun!

Directions from the Church: Take the Market Street Bridge across the river. At the end of the bridge turn left at the light toward Lemoyne. At the next light, turn right onto N. 3rd Street. At the "T," turn right, and drive to the top of the hill. Negley Park is on your right. The Upper Pavilion is next to the tennis/pickleball courts and near the overlook. If you are interested, there are pickleball courts nearby for those who feel adventurous and if the courts are not being used, you are welcome to use them. We plan to have extra rackets available (thank you, Kim Wadlington!) for those who want to play or try it for the first time.

Exploring the World of Prayer

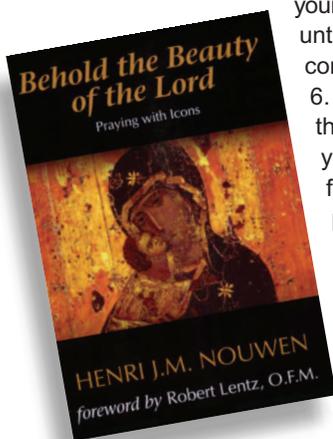
The Reverend Jennifer McKenna

Just as Jesus' disciples begged him to teach them to pray, so we long for instruction in prayer, contemplation, meditation and discernment. Like many Protestant Christians I grew up thinking there was only one way to pray-speaking either silently or out loud to God asking for what I and the world needed, thanking God for all good things; and asking that God's will be done.

It wasn't until I met a spiritual director that I was invited to pray in new and different ways. There are paths that have been practiced by mystics for centuries. My image of God was transformed. There are many ways to pray with our body, mind and heart. I would like to share some ways to pray you may not be familiar with. I will start with the practice of gazing on an icon or something in nature or a picture that has meaning for you. Gazing at an object is as a window to the unseen God. Simply looking, without assigning any particular interpretation or meaning to the object of your gaze, can take you deep into contemplative awareness of God.

Icons—usually flat paintings on wood—have a long and contentious history in Christianity. Many took the mandate that there be no image of God literally. Others argued that since God the Son took on flesh the use of physical matter to depict the holy is acceptable. I took a class on writing icons (that is the term for painting or creation of an icon) and learned through experience that the writers have spent hours in prayer as they put paint on the wood. Lots of books carry pictures of icons and you can find many beautiful images of icons on the internet including some of current spiritual guides. You can begin by using a traditional icon because they are lovingly created expressly for the purpose of prayer and praying with one connects you to the great cloud of witnesses that have prayed with these images throughout history. But there is no restriction on what images you may use. A photograph or painting that you treasure would also work. The important part is seeking God's presence. The image in front of you is merely a window to God. The process is 1. Find a comfortable place to sit and gaze at your chosen icon. (20 minutes is good) 2. Express your intention to encounter God. Ask God for guidance. 3. Allow your mind to descend deep into the center of your heart. 4 Gaze at the icon or object in nature or painting. Let your gaze be long and loving. Allow God to communicate with you by way of this image but do not become anxious about how or when God may communicate. Simply continue to gaze and allow your heart to become still and open. Do this until you reach your time limit. 5. End the contemplation with a prayer of gratitude. 6. Spend a few moments reflecting on the experience. What was it like to use your eyes so intently in prayer? Did you feel the presence of the holy during this prayer?

There is a beautiful small book on praying with icons by Henri Nouwen called *Behold the Beauty of the Lord*; a treasure for those who want to learn more about praying with icons.



Candles on the Water

Below are photos taken by Nancy Sheets (indoor images) and deacon Susan Hoover (outdoor images) during the *Candles on the Water Remembrance on Sunday, August 7.*



ADULT FORUM IN SEPTEMBER

(The Adult Forum meets Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Geneva Hall on the Fourth Floor. Childcare is available during the Forum. A broad array of topics is presented and discussed in the Forum – biblical and theological, social justice, the arts, the life of the Christian in the world, etc. There always is time for interaction with the day's presenter(s) and thus the Forum is a wonderful opportunity to nurture the faith Christ gives to us as we live together toward the Beloved Community. Please join us!)

Welcome to a new season of Adult Forums at Market Square. These Sunday morning gatherings offer a wide variety of offerings germane to our life together as “a beacon of hope on the square” as well as to our own practice of the Christian faith. You always are invited and welcomed to attend!

SEPTEMBER 11 & 25 – Listening Sessions for our Mission Assessment Project (MAP)

1997 was the last time any formal process was undertaken at Market Square to assess where we are, what we are doing, and where we are going as a congregation in terms of mission engagement and the core values of our congregation. Therefore, with the help of the Dame Leadership Group, we have been canvassing the congregation

this summer asking for input as we work toward a current understanding of the mission and ministry of Market Square. We are grateful for all who have responded to the questionnaire either online or in writing via a paper version of the questionnaire. Today we offer a listening session in which participants will be able to talk and share aloud their perspectives and feedback to the seminal questions being asked. **The Reverend Deb Port** from the Dame Leadership Group will be facilitating these sessions.

September 18 – SECULAR FAITH – How Our Culture Often Redefines Our Religion

When Pope Francis answered “Who am I to judge?” when asked about homosexuality, he ushered in a new era for the Catholic Church. A decade ago, it would have been unthinkable for a pope to express tolerance on such a matter. Yet shifts of this kind actually are common in the history of Christianity, according to political scholar Mark Smith. He cites a number of instances in which popular culture has forced religious leaders to rethink such issues as slavery, same-sex marriage, divorce, women’s right, and, yes, even abortion.

Elder **John Taylor** will lead this presentation and discussion.

Afghan Refugee Family Sponsorship

A Pine Street PC/Market Square PC Partnership

Market Square Church has partnered with Pine Street Church to sponsor an Afghan refugee family. Thirty-three Afghan refugee families have been processed by the International Service Center and are now residing in Central Pennsylvania. Help and support of these families is basically being done by religious organizations. The Peacemaking Committee at Market Square felt that we should join in this effort. This initial idea has grown to a partnership with Pine Street and we finally have had an Afghan family assigned to us.

The first meeting of the Afghanzada family was held August 3, 2022. Attending was the father, Mohammad Ali, the mother, Mahtab Gul, son Parwiz, interpreter and case manager Jamal Ahmadzai, Audrey Light from Pine Street Church, and Roger Olson from Market Square Church. The meeting was held at the Afghanzada’s residence in Mechanicsburg. Purpose of the meeting was to meet the family and develop a plan of action our two churches can employ to help them.

The family makeup is as follows:

Mohammad Ali, father. Age 56
Mahtab Gul, mother. Age 53
Saber, son. Age 27
Parwiz, son. Age 20
Sadia, daughter. Age 16
Ali Asghar Nabizada, nephew. Age 20
Najib Nazari, nephew. Age 20

The family arrived in the U.S. during the mass exodus from Afghanistan in August, 2021. After processing by the government,

they were relocated to Central Pennsylvania in December, 2021. The International Service Center located in the lower level of Market Square Church has been heavily involved helping the family resettle in Mechanicsburg. The interpreter who helped us in the initial family meeting, Jamal, is an employee of the ISC. He will also serve as case manager for our work helping the family.

Helping of the family may include the following:

- Obtaining satisfactory housing. Currently 7 adults are living in a one-bedroom apartment with a loft.
- Learning English
- Transport to appointments, shopping, schooling
- Learning to drive
- Use of a computer/iPhone/iPad
- Social interaction with Americans
- Locating recreational activities (younger family members)
- Familiarization with American customs and activities
- Obtaining employment, although three of the men are currently employed

We will be in touch by email in the very near future with lists of specific needs requiring help. In our family meeting the family expressed thanks and appreciation for our interest in helping them.

We look forward to making that help happen.

Roger Olson, Audrey Light, co-chairs
Afghan Refugee Family Sponsorship
August 4, 2022

Session Activities – Sept. 2022 Update

By Jonelle Darr, Clerk of Session

Market Square's Session is responsible for the church's mission, governance, and programs. The Session is moderated by Pastor Tom Sweet. Current Ruling Elders may serve up to two consecutive, three-year terms. Members are:

Membership

10. Received the following people into membership through certificates of transfer:

- Grace Patterson
- Jack Patterson
- Jane Patterson
- Jen Patterson
- JJ Patterson
- Jeungyun (Bobbie) Van Scyoc
- Dennis Yeingst
- Susan Yeingst

Terms Expiring in 2022

Jonelle Darr (1st term)
Jim Hoffmann (1st term)
Ron Poorman (2nd term)
Trum Simmons (2nd term)
Nancy Snyder (1st term)
Vacancy

Terms Expiring in 2023

Cindy Bendroth (1st term)
Jack Galan (2nd term)
Wil Henninger (2nd term)
Dale Laninga (1st term)
Dave Lehman (1st term)
Steve McMullen (2nd term)

Terms Expiring in 2024

Sandy Bell (1st term)
Kevin Burrell (1st term)
Keith Camilli (1st term)
Andrew Hunter (1st term)
Jane Murray (1st term)
Jong Hwan Yi (2nd term)

Over the summer, Market Square's Session took the following actions:

Personnel

1. Set the effective date of Pastor Tom Sweet's retirement to November 30, 2022. His last Sunday will be November 20.
2. Following Pastor Sweet's retirement, agreed to employ the Reverend Kimberley D. Wadlington as the church's Transitional Pastor/Head of Staff beginning December 1, 2022.
3. Accepted Bob Garrett's resignation as Church Sexton with sadness and prayers for healing, effective June 15, 2022.
4. Endorsed the Personnel Committee's actions to contract (on an interim basis) for cleaning services with Sean Meara's cleaning company and to employ Ollie Silver for Sunday morning activities' facility support.
5. Directed the Clerk of Session to write a letter of appreciation to Pastor Ki Nam Li for everything he does for the Korean-speaking congregation, including his tremendous leadership and significant ministry to Korean-speaking members.

Programs & Activities

6. Discussed each elder's responses to questions posed by the Mission Assessment Project Steering Committee.
7. Approved holding a spaghetti dinner on September 23, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Proceeds from ticket sales will be used to help fulfill the **Arts on the Square's** \$50,000 fundraising pledge to the *Renew, Restore, Rejoice!* campaign. A request to permit serving a glass of wine with dinner was not approved.
8. Approved the Deacons' recommendation to place the church's Saturday food pantry under the Deacons' ministry.
9. Agreed to provide overnight sleeping space at the church on Sunday, September 11 for about 50 demonstrators who will be marching from York to the State Capitol. They are part of March on Harrisburg, a statewide non-partisan organization that seeks state legislation to enact a comprehensive gift ban for PA General Assembly members. The marchers will provide sleeping bags and mats. Kevin Long will be responsible for staying overnight in the church with the marchers.

11. Received the following people into membership through profession of faith:

- Evie Dame
- Olivia Long
- Bethany Tome
- Morgan Dame
- Ayuen Mading

12. Approved the baptism of Jayden Liam Melendez-King. Jayden was born on April 29, 2022. He is the son of Natasha King and Daniel Melendez-Vega, and the grandson of Dorothy King. Natasha is a Market Square member.

13. Approved removal of Pamela Johnston from the church's active membership rolls due to her death on May 17, 2022. She joined MSPC on May 18, 1993, and was ordained a deacon on January 14, 1996. Funeral services were held at Christian Life Assembly with burial in Rolling Green Cemetery, Camp Hill.

14. Pending her ordination date within the Presbytery of Lake Michigan, removed Rebekah Anderson from the church's active membership rolls.

15. Set a special meeting to receive new members on Sunday, September 11, 2022 following worship.

Administrative

16. Elected Jack Galan, Nancy Snyder and Kevin Burrell as commissioners to the next hybrid Carlisle Presbytery meeting on Saturday, September 24, at 9:00 a.m.

Financial

17. Reviewed summer financial reports and found that the church is in fairly good financial shape. While June pledge receipts were significantly under budget, the July numbers were robust and have counterbalanced June's numbers.

As of August 2, 2022, the Clerk's report listed 473 active members on the church rolls.

If you have any questions about Session activities, you may talk with me, a Session member, or one of our pastors.

A Word About Bistro in 2022

The Market Square Bistro will be held on Sunday, December 4, the first Sunday in December as per usual. Last year's 'Hybrid' model seemed to work well and so we're going to attempt to do Bistro in similar fashion this year.

Bistro began in 1990 as a way for Market Square members and friends to help support Christian Churches United's HELP Ministries with emergency funds in the winter months. We make homemade soups and baked goods and they are offered on one day – this year December 4 – for consumption by any who would partake and with donations made for the benefit of CCU.

You may read more details about Bistro soup making (and baking) in the October issue of *The Marketplace*. For now, hold the date

and consider whether you or someone you know might like to be a Bistro Table Sponsor. Table Sponsors receive a pint of each of the four soups in freezer ready containers on the day of Bistro. Everyone is invited to partake of soups and other goodies in Fellowship Hall starting at 12:00 noon on December 4.

There will be sign ups for Bistro jobs available in October as well so do stay tuned! In the interim, if you have questions or suggestions about Bistro, feel free to reach out to AliceAnneSchwab@gmail.com

Alice Anne Schwab



Reformed Readers

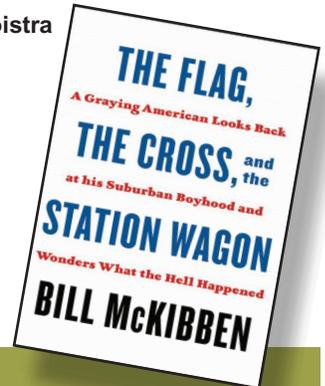
The Flag, The Cross, And The Station Wagon by Bill McKibben will be the focus when the Reformed Readers gather on Sunday, October 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. It was the subtitle - "A Graying American looks back at his suburban boyhood and wonders what the hell happened"—in combination with Tom Sweet's recent sermons that enticed me to purchase the book and suggest we have a conversation about it. Like many of us, I have wondered and worried about the direction in which this country is headed, including recent decisions by the current U.S. Supreme Court.

In the first pages Bill McKibben states, "I'm curious about what went so suddenly sour

with American patriotism, American faith, and American prosperity – the flag, the cross and the station wagon. I'm curious if any of that trinity can, or should be reclaimed in the fight for a fairer future." That was mirrored in Tom's July 3rd sermon in anticipation of the annual celebration of our nation's independence. "Many of us are experiencing the disturbing sensation that, even though our physical landscape isn't changed, we are living in a strange and foreign land, one we feel we hardly know anymore." McKibben's reflections raise questions for me about my own responses and that of MSPC to the challenges and changes this nation is facing and who we as a congregation choose to be as people of faith.

Several copies of the book are now available in our church library, or can be found in a local book store, or order from **Hearts & Minds Book** by calling 717-246-3333 or by visiting their website at <https://www.heartsandmindsbooks.com>

Margee Kooistra



Whose Church is it Anyway?

As a congregation, we are approaching that time that inevitably comes: when our pastor, having announced his retirement, preaches for the last time, says farewells and then... leaves.

For many of us, this is a time of thanksgiving and rejoicing for faithful service, a time of great sadness, and... a time of dread. What comes next? Well, I am not going to answer that question in as much detail as could be done (we Presbyterians are very good at having a process laid out as to how a church transitions from one pastor to the next).

What I do want to focus on is how we react—when the "old" pastor leaves. For most, if not all, of us, we have been nourished by, have grown spiritually, and have come to rely on the ministry of Tom as our pastor. And sometimes, when a "new pastor" steps into the pulpit, our human tendency to compare kicks in.

And then...

Carlin and I became members of Market Square Presbyterian Church and have so remained for over 50 years. In that time, we have seen numerous senior pastors and associate/assistant pastors come...and go. I have seen people in the congregation who felt a strong allegiance to one or another pastor. Or people who feel a great disconnect with a pastor. At some point, these church members even leave when they don't have the same affinity for the new "guy" or "gal." Perhaps it seems to them that this isn't their church anymore.

That's what makes me puzzled. Market Square is *my* church. It was my church when I joined. It has been my church through 6 senior pastors, 16 associate/

assistant pastors, and 4 interim pastors. All of them ministered to the church in varying ways. Understandably, for me some of these pastors were more inspiring and helpful in my spiritual journey. Frankly, there were times when I outright disagreed with a pastor on a particular issue. But, never once did I decide that, because of that divide, Market Square was no longer my church.

I must hasten to add that there are times when it is healthy, even necessary, to leave one church and go to another. Before we joined Market Square, we had gone church hunting or shopping. Having moved to Harrisburg, we began searching for the church that would be "our church." Our search took us to quite a few churches. We even visited Market Square on a Sunday when the then senior pastor (not on the list below) was preaching. And that Sunday it was clear that given the ministry focus of that pastor, Market Square was not "our" church. But we returned after several months, after the previous pastor had died suddenly and an assistant pastor was serving as stand-in pastor. That time our visit clicked—and that's when we joined.

Through the decades, pastors have come, and pastors have gone. Market Square has faithfully been on the path searching for the ministry that leads to "the beloved community." Of course, there have been contentious trying times. For example, how should the church respond to the Vietnam war? Or what obligation does a church have to be a beacon of light on the square? Or what stance should Market Square take on the issue of the ordination of LGBTQ persons as elders? Or how do we come to a greater understanding and work for racial equality. When these issues have arisen, the pastor has helped lead the way. And, in so doing, that leading has paved the way for the NEXT pastor.

Conclusion: So whose church is it anyway? The answer is very simple—it's *your* church, it's *my* church. It is *all of us together*—our church. We are the beloved community. And so shall we remain. Thanks be to God.

Senior Pastors at Market Square Presbyterian Church from 1970 to the present:

Donald Jafvert 1970-1977
Roger Grussing 1978-1984
Donald Lester 1986-1990
Harry Strong 1992-1994
James Brown 1997-2011
Thomas Sweet 2012-2022

Associate/ Assistant/ *Interim Pastors from 1970 to the present:

William Kenney (1966-1970)
Thomas McLaren (1970-1972)
William Saum (1971-1974)
James Morris (1975-1978)
*Robert French (1977-1979)
Chul Soon (Andy) Lee (1978-1982)
Taylor Potter (1980-1982)
Sang Kun Park (1981-1983)
Kenneth Moe (1983-1985)
Matthew Whong (1984-1986)
*Morton Glise (1984-1986)
Joy Kaufmann (1987-1998)
Tucker Thompson (1990-1991)
Edward Choi (1994-1995)
*Bill Arthur (1995-1996)
Dae Yong Um (1997-2016)
Judd McConnell (1998-2000)
Kelly Wiant (2000-2021)
Robert Hotchkiss (2001-2021)
*Stephens Lytch (2011-2012)
Ki Nam Lee (2016 -)
Kim Wadlington (2021 -)

Donna Wenger

Downey School

I Believe I Can: This is the title of a favorite book of many of the children at the Downey Elementary School in Harrisburg purchased from the The Mary Lou Dallam Memorial Fund. Mary Lou had been a much loved reading volunteer in the classroom of teacher Lauren Popeck for 6 years.

Aware that reading is pivotal in a child's development, Bill Dallam established this fund that will continue to provide books for the children in this Harrisburg public school as Mary Lou and Bill have done for many years. The initial gift in Mary Lou's memory was large enough to provide not just one, but two books, for every child in Downey School. On a beautiful summer afternoon, Lauren visited Bill armed with posters saying THANK YOU, and WE LOVE THE BOOKS from children in the kindergarten through fourth grade classrooms. Lauren also gave Bill an album of photos of many of the children choosing their books at the book fair. *I believe I can* became a slogan the children used often and would even remind their beloved teacher, Miss Popeck, when she faced a challenging moment in the classroom.

Money raised from the sale of Mary Lou's paintings both at Market Square Church and at City House Bed & Breakfast in Harrisburg support this Memorial Fund. Donations may also be made through a check to MSPC, *Mary Lou Dallam Memorial Fund* in the memo.

Lauren is looking forward to becoming one of two English Language Development teachers at Downey School providing additional support for the numerous children who are learning to speak English as a second language. The MSPC Peacemaking Committee continues to support one of the classrooms at the Downey School.

Margee Kooistra, *Peacemaking Committee*



Mary Lou Dallam Fund Brings Smiles To School Children

For several years, Mary Lou Dallam regularly read to children at the Downey Elementary School in Harrisburg, becoming something of a legend there for her connection with the students. After her death, husband Bill established through Market Square Presbyterian Church the Mary Lou Dallam Memorial Fund that would be used to purchase books for the Downey children that the children themselves would own and could take home. Pictured above are a couple of the school children who enjoy their new "Mary Lou Dallam" books... just another way in which Mary Lou's gregarious nature and loving heart lives on! Any who would like to augment the Mary Lou Dallam Fund at Market Square may write a check payable to the church and earmarked *Mary Lou Dallam Memorial Fund* in the memo.



Keep Us In The Loop

Moving? Off to School? Fill Us In.

If you have moved, will be moving, or are going off to school, please be sure to notify the church office (sheets@marketsquarechurch.org) so that we can update our records as well as the online church directory that is accessible only to other members. It will take only a moment, so why not do it now? Thanks for keeping us informed! (Oh, and if you have not submitted a photo to accompany your listing in the directory, add that, too!)

John K. Robinson



Beacon Light

Tom's Wednesday email, the *Beacon Light*, contains compelling writing, poems, photographs and a peek at the coming Sunday's worship. The *Beacon Light* is available by "subscription" only so that the church is not sending unwanted email to your inbox. Call or email Nancy Sheets at 717-257-1270 or sheets@marketsquarechurch.org to add your name to the list.

Community Breakfast Servers Needed

Starting at \$18.50 per hour, healthcare plan, employer matched 401b plan, and the satisfaction of serving those who need our help. OK, only the last phrase is true! But we do need more folks who are willing to help serve breakfast on Sunday mornings. While outside groups provide the cooking three Sundays a month, and our dedicated MSPC Crew does the other one, the same finite number of loyal servers have been doing this since the pandemic began. If you would like to become part of our mission to serve the poor and be willing to help once a month or every two months, please sign up with Jim Terry in the Atrium after the service or email him at jaterry5605@gmail.com.

Youth Group and Sunday School Begins anew on September 11th

Sunday School: Youth group begins again on Genesis Sunday, September 11th at 9:30 a.m. At the end of last year the youth had an opportunity to put questions in a jar and we spend two weeks pulling those out for discussion and Biblical reflection. We'll continue using those questions to guide our lessons this fall. To begin putting lesson plans together, I looked at all the questions that were asked and I'm grateful for the thoughtfulness and depth of them. Some of them may echo your own questions! Here's just a few of them:

About the Bible: Why is God portrayed as cruel in the OT. Why did God change to become more forgiving? Are there differences in the translations between languages of the Bible? (i.e. Hebrew to English) How are the different versions of the Bible different (i.e. NIV, NRSV, King James).

About relationship with God: How do we know if God is reaching out to us? What does prayer do?

About faith and belief: There is so much wrong in the world today, is God trying to help? How could creations of God turn so selfish? What do you think about different interpretations of heaven? For example, instead of "partying with God," maybe our souls simply exist at peace. What does the Bible say about this?

About living faithfully: How do we decide how to balance our lives when we're not sure our calling from God yet? How do we pick which issues to try to help when there are so many we care about?

I'm looking forward to these conversations as I always learn, too! If working with youth is something you're feeling drawn to do, please contact me!

Youth Group: The Youth group is scheduled to meet after worship on the **2nd Sunday of every month**. Please note this change from last year. With additional input from the group in early September we'll likely include the following activities in our outings: Hike and Ice Cream, Scavenger Hunt, Escape Room, Mini Golf at City Island, and Bowling. Youth and parents will receive email communication about each event in advance and will need to RSVP by the deadline please!

The Youth Group had a great time rock climbing in August. It was a new experience for many, but they all tried climbing even though some were nervous about it. We were well oriented and trained by the staff at the Climbnasium and accompanied by two people who have some rock climbing experience.

Rock climbing in a safe environment was a good way for the kids to stretch themselves. Knowing they can't fall too far enables them to stretch outside of their comfort zones. And getting used to stretching outside your comfort zone is a good life skill! They also were great at encouraging and supporting one another while waiting their turn to climb. It was a fun afternoon all together! And if you have no idea what it means to "belay" someone, ask one of the youth. It'll be a chance for a connection!

Kim



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Consider the lilies of the field. They neither toil nor spin....

We hope you have noticed that for a few years a group of gardeners and other creative members of our congregation have been contributing bouquets for display on the half-moon table next to the framed stained-glass window in the Atrium to lend a gracious personal touch to our gathering space especially on Sundays. Frequently, our enthusiasm extends to the Narthex table as well. We have enjoyed seeing how engaged passersby become with our offerings.

Some bouquets feature fresh flowers, while others are entirely faux. Now and then no flowers are used at all, just grasses, or shrub and tree branches, and the size doesn't really matter. To be practical, we all have extended our own fresh flower sources with wildflowers and are always grateful for a few stems from the gardens of generous friends who would like to see their flowers shared with the church.

We are always eager to have others join us, often or for a Sunday or two in the year. How about you? Any of us is available to counsel about vases or other containers, and calendar openings.

This is an equal opportunity for our diverse congregation! Let's talk!

Jane Murray, Susan Hoover, Anna Johnston, Nancy Snyder

Sunday Services

Korean Language Service—9:30 a.m.
in the Chapel. Sermons on YouTube.
Link is on the church website under the
"Worship" tab.

English Language Service—11:00 a.m.
in the sanctuary. Broadcast on the radio.
Link on the website's homepage.

***The 11:00 a.m. service is
broadcast on WHYL 960 AM,
102.9 FM, and posted later
in the day on our website:
www.marketsquarechurch.org.***

***Livestreaming of the 11:00 a.m.
worship service will begin on
September 11, 2022. The link
will be posted on the "Church
Members Info" page.***



OUR MISSION

TO PROCLAIM AND LIVE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST BY WELCOMING FRIEND AND STRANGER ALIKE INTO OUR DIVERSE AND INCLUSIVE FAMILY OF FAITH REGARDLESS OF RACE, CLASS, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY AND EXPRESSION, OR WORLDLY CONDITION OF ANY KIND AS WE CELEBRATE OUR GIFTS, WORK FOR JUSTICE, PEACE, AND A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT, REACH OUT IN MISSION, AND WITNESS TO GOD'S TRANSFORMING LOVE.