

The Marketplace

MAY 2023

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Dear Beloveds

At our last staff meeting, we had a boisterous debate about the exact amount of time a Christmas tree should be left up. We could all agree that taking down your tree before New Year's is too early. The most fervent Christmas tree lover said that no tree should be taken down before the end of March. One of us remarked that it was bad luck to leave your tree up after January 10th, old Irish superstition according to her parents. The rest of us settled on Epiphany; trees should be left up through Epiphany because that's the end of the season. Yes, Christmas is a season. And (here comes my point) so is Easter! Easter isn't just a day, it's a season ending with Pentecost.

The disciples needed that time with their resurrected Lord and so do we. I imagine that they had to go back over everything, EVERYTHING, he taught them, and examine it anew in the light of his resurrection. Though he talked about his passion and resurrection, we can understand how it would have been easy to simply nod one's head in response and then move on to the next practical detail that needed tending. Because really, raised from the dead!? How could any have processed that until they witnessed it? And even then, it's the work of a lifetime.

The disciples needed time even after they came face to face with Jesus. In John's gospel, after their encounter with the risen Christ in that locked room, when Thomas gets his desire to see Christ's wounds, the disciples go back to fishing. That's where Jesus finds them again, on their boat, back to business as if the whole thing never happened. He appears to them again on the beach to help them learn anew what it means to live as Easter people, the joy and comfort of that as well as the challenge. Easter is a life changing event!

Each of us is faced with that same question, "What does it mean for me to live as an Easter person?" How does belief in Christ's resurrection shape how we live? For belief in Christ is never simply intellectual assent, it's always action as well. In his book, *Jesus Christ for Today's World*, theologian Jürgen Moltmann writes, "Believing in the resurrection does not just mean assenting to a dogma and noting a historical fact. It means participating in the creative action of God. Resurrection is not a consoling opium, soothing us with the promise of a better world in the hereafter. It is the energy for a rebirth of this life. This hope doesn't point to another world. It is focused on the redemption of this one."

Moltmann's emphasis on rebirth isn't the same as the term "born-again" used in other denominational circles. He's pointing us to the invitation for the *new* life that comes to us with renewed commitment to returning to God's ways (repentance), offering forgiveness and seeking reconciliation in our relationships, tending spiritual disciplines such as prayer and generous giving, tending a generosity of heart, and more. Living as Easter people means that we can have hope that we and our world can be healed and changed and that even now we are being healed and changed by God. So we need the Season of Easter to reflect and meditate on the new life that's offered to us in Christ's resurrection, remembering that new



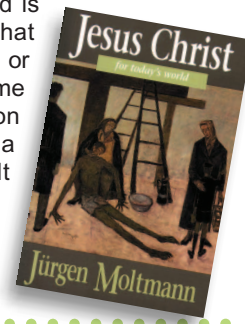
**Pastor
Kim Wadlington**

life doesn't come overnight. It takes practice and perseverance, just as it did for those early disciples.

This all holds true for the church as well. Together we are seeking to live as Easter people, asking God, "What might the new life offered in Christ look like in us?" At our officer's retreat in March, we began with intentional conversation to listen for God's vision for the church in the next few years. It was the continuation of the process we began last summer, and it's not done yet but rest assured we'll be sharing information for your reflections and feedback when we have it. This process too takes time, and it's worth taking time, to be sure we're listening well and allowing the joy and hope of Christ's resurrection to permeate all of our work.

As you make your way through this Easter Season, I hope you will also reflect on your own life. Where do you need to experience rebirth? In what new ways might you give your life, knowing that the power of God to raise Christ from the dead is also at work in you and in the world? In what ways do you need that same power to heal or comfort you? When you choose to spend time with the risen Christ in prayer reflecting on these questions, I trust you will indeed have a sense of the new life and rebirth offered. It may not come quickly, but it will come!

Peace,
Kim



Pictured are Dori, Kim, and Kathy Wells (the convener of the Presbytery Honduras Committee).

I had an opportunity to catch an early breakfast with Honduras Mission Co-worker, Dori Hjalmarson, when she was visiting Carlisle Presbytery while stateside. Market Square supports Dori financially and though I've stepped away from the work for a time, I'm still officially the convener of the Honduras Network within the PCUSA.

If you'd like more information about Dori and her work in Honduras, check out her newsletters here: <https://tinyurl.com/46bxnjkb>. The church in Honduras and Dori are doing amazing ministry together! (KDW)



Worship and Preaching Schedule May 2023

Our English language worship services are livestreamed from our sanctuary every Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. and can be viewed on our homepage. A live audio-only broadcast of the service is available on radio stations 960 AM and 102.9 FM as well as through the radio button on our church website www.marketsquarechurch.org. If you miss the Sunday morning audio broadcast, a 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.

Korean language sermons are posted on the Korean Ministries YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCH6wErNfDWz41-3DHUMzHg>

May 7 – 5th Sunday of Easter

- 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 Kim Wadlington preaching
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

May 14 – 6th Sunday of Easter

- 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 Kim Wadlington preaching

May 21 – 7th Sunday of Easter and Youth Sunday

- 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
HS Senior & Choir Member Bethany Tome preaching

May 28 – Pentecost

- 9:30 a.m. Korean Language Worship in the Chapel
The Reverend Nam Gil Roh preaching
- 11:00 a.m. English Language Worship in the Sanctuary
The Reverend Allison Smith preaching

Youth Sunday ~ May 21, 2023

Sunday, May 21 will be an exciting day as the youth of the church lead worship! Senior Bethany Tome will step away from her normal place in the Sanctuary Choir to preach, several of our youth will offer music and other leadership for worship, and all will work on planning the service. Being led by our youth in worship not only confirms their gifts but also opens our hearts to new ways of experiencing God. I hope you'll join us!

Our Church Family

Birthdays

Mary Hendriksma and Gene Peters both turned 99 recently.

Deaths

Margee Kooistra's sister, Nancy Koehler, died on April 18, a little over a month after Nancy's husband Tommy died. Georgia Earp's brother, Steve, died recently.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Bill and Jane Murray, who received the Hospice of Central PA's Ruby Award on April 15.



Youth made cookies for college students in the church's kitchen on April 16.

Disrupt the Corrupt

On Saturday, April 1, Market Square's sanctuary was the setting for the first of many March on Harrisburg "Disrupt the Corrupt" tour stops. March on Harrisburg (MoH) is an organization devoted to decreasing the influence of money in politics so that our legislators focus more on the needs of Pennsylvanians. They take steps toward their goals through lobbying, marches, and nonviolent direct action.

The presentation began by discussing the scale and influence of money in the state house, including campaign finance and gifts (PA is one of only three states that allows significant and valuable gifts to state legislators). They also covered their four areas of focus: a legislative gift ban, ranked-choice voting, Pennsylvania Action on Climate, and the Poor People's Campaign (MoH is a coalition member).

One area of emphasis from the presenters was that, regardless of which political/social issues are most important to you, the influence of money in politics acts as an impediment to progress. They said individuals can become involved in MoH in a variety of ways: joining the MoH online Slack community, supporting their efforts on social media, reaching out to legislators, and participating in actions are a few examples.

There have been dozens of attempts to pass a legislative gift ban in recent years, and none came to a vote. Fortunately, there is a bill in the works now (House Bill 484) that looks promising. If you're opposed to legal bribery, let your representative know you'd like them to support the gift ban!

The March on Harrisburg visit to Market Square was supported by the Peacemaking Committee, who proposed the opportunity to the session. It offered an opportunity for members of Market Square to become familiar with an organization with common interests, for those outside of Market Square to visit our church, and for individuals interested in justice causes to meet one another.

If you would like to learn more about March on Harrisburg, visit mohpa.org, check out @endpacorruption on Instagram, and/or speak to **Kevin Long** or **Jen McKenna**.

Lectio Divino in Nature

Spring is here! The grandeur of nature draws us God. Too often we think of ourselves as apart from nature. We too, are nature—the human part of nature that has the ability to be self-conscious. So, praying in the outdoors helps us connect with our human nature before God. Our intention is to experience the magnificence of nature, God in nature, and ourselves as nature.

Step One: Become present to your surroundings in nature by sitting in silence for a few moments. Ask God to address you in this prayer through nature.

Step Two: Look around you. Take time to walk around the piece of creation that surrounds you. Notice when something draws your attention. Just look for something that has energy for you and imagine God also gazing on it.

Step Three: Continue to be with this part of nature that has drawn your attention. Think about what you know about this part of nature. What are the connections you might make with your life right now? Be aware of your feelings as well as your thoughts. What is God saying to you in this encounter with nature?

Step Four: Express yourself in some way to God. Respond to God's gift in nature in some way. Simply communicate with God.

Step Five: Rest with God in what you notice, and reflect on how that awareness speaks to your life. Open your whole self to God by moving beyond words. Bask in how your human nature has communed with the rest of nature and also with God. If you can't get outside and want to pray this way simply gaze out a window or sit with a plant or pet. Praying this way you will experience our creation and God in a new and profound way. Our prayers then move us to save our planet from climate change.

Rev. Jennifer McKenna

Tenth Baseball Picnic Outing Is June 11

The Membership Committee invites you to sign up for Market Square's 10th baseball picnic outing, which this year is Sunday, June 11, at FNB Field on City Island. Our hometown Harrisburg Senators, a minor league affiliate of the Washington Nationals, will play the New Hampshire Fisher Cats, a farm club of the Toronto Blue Jays.

Our picnic area again will be the umbrella shaded tables along the 3rd base boardwalk where we'll have an excellent view of the field and perhaps even more important just a few steps away from the food.

There will be all-you-can-eat hamburgers, hot dogs, barbecue chicken, baked beans, pasta salad, chips, cookies, soda and water. Veggie burgers also are available.



Photo by Kari Hultman.

The game starts at 1:00 p.m., and the picnic is from noon to 2:00 p.m. That's plenty of time to leave your car in the Market Square Garage and stroll across the Walnut Street Bridge, or you can drive to City Island. The parking fee is \$5 cash per vehicle.

The cost for both the picnic and game: \$29 for teens and adults, \$19 for children aged 4 through 12. Kids under 4 are free. **We must give the Senators a count by May 30**, so reserve your baseball picnic tickets early!

Just fill out the blank below and send a check in the proper amount to the church office or drop in the collection plate. Checks should be made out to Market Square Church with the notation "baseball." Or you may pay by credit card by going onto the church website (marketsquarechurch.org) and clicking the online giving tab.

For more information, contact John Taylor at jolata@pa.net or 717-545-5027.

Name(s) _____

Number of tickets: Adults (age 13+) at \$29 each _____.

Children (age 4 through 12) at \$19 each _____. Kids under 4 are free.

Total amount enclosed \$_____ for the June 11 MSPC baseball picnic outing.

Please note if you prefer one or more veggie burgers. _____





Tyler Canonico
Minister of Music

Dear friends,

Happy Spring! I don't know about you, but I feel the excitement in the air as Summer quickly approaches. Last Summer, I booked my calendar way too full and didn't get to experience the fun and relaxation of the season. This year, I made a promise to myself that I would spend my summer having fun, relaxing, and doing house projects (I mean, isn't that what one always has to do when owning a house?!?). I made sure I didn't take on gigs and workshops for this summer. Why?!

Because it is important that we have down time, and time where we can recenter and recharge. We have done many exciting and beautiful things this year and what a joy all of it has been! But why do I share this with you? Because I want to encourage you, too, to find time to breathe this summer, enjoy God's beauty around you, and to relax! The **Sanctuary Choir** will finish their season on Trinity Sunday, June 4. We will form a Summer Choir for two Sundays a month for the months of June, July, and August. Check my June article for the dates and more information!

A huge thank you goes out to all the musicians who made Holy Week and Easter so beautiful and meaningful. The Sanctuary Choir provided a wide variety of repertoire for all three services, and I am ever thankful for the many hours they put in preparing to enhance our worship services. The Market Square Ringers played two joyful pieces for our Easter service, after having participated in the Susquehanna Valley Handbell Festival. I was glad to see how excited they were to be a part of the festival and joining in with fourteen handbell ensembles. Our volunteer musicians enjoy preparing music and sharing it with the congregation to enhance our services. They spend a great deal of time and dedication. They make my "job" fun! Getting to make this beautiful music with them week after week is pure delight and I cannot thank them enough for being awesome!

Our Choral Scholars who live locally will be staying on with us through the remainder of the choir season, but our Scholars who live afar will be saying goodbye the first week of May. We are grateful to all the donors who make this program possible! I enjoy seeing our members in both the choir and congregation interacting with the Scholars and I can tell that the Scholars love being here.

Arts on the Square will hold its final concert of the season on Sunday, May 21 at 4:00 p.m. The Sanctuary Choir is combining with the Harrisburg Choral Society and will present **Choral Masterworks**. The concert features Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Five Mystical Songs* and Beethoven's *Mass in C*. Also featured will be five soloists and an orchestra. My friend and colleague, Kyle Zeuch, will be conducting the concert and I will accompany the Vaughan Williams on our beautiful pipe organ. Tickets are \$20 for general admission and \$5 for students. As always, if the ticket price is too steep for you and you really want to attend the concert, please do not hesitate to contact me. We want you to be able to enjoy the music. This will be a fabulous concert!

Again, stay tuned for what will be happening this summer! And please find time to enjoy the season and take time to relax!

Peace and love,
Tyler

Sanctuary Choir Repertoire for May:

May 7 (Fifth Sunday of Easter) – "O How Amiable" by Ralph Vaughan Williams and "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place" by Johannes Brahms

May 14 (Sixth Sunday of Easter) – "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arranged by John Cornish and "Exsultate Deo" by Alessandro Scarlatti

May 21 (Youth Sunday and Seventh Sunday of Easter) – "O Clap Your Hands" by Ralph Vaughan Williams and "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates" by William Mathias

May 28 (Pentecost Sunday) – "Come Down, O Love Divine" by Roland Martin and "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" by Harold Friedell

FROM THE PEACEMAKING COMMITTEE

At Peacemaking we work to help the disadvantaged...the poor, individuals of color, the hungry, the homeless, the Palestinian people, refugee families, LGBTQ individuals. Added to that are our efforts to preserve and protect Mother Earth. Our interests closely match those of the Quakers (Friends Committee on National Legislation). They "act in faith to create a world free from war, a society with equity and justice for all, a community where every person's potential may be fulfilled, and an earth restored."

Their first principle is interesting...to act in faith to create a world free from war. This is important to the Peacemaking Committee because wars take a huge chunk of government money for defense, \$858 billion proposed in fiscal year 2023. Using these funds to carry on our endless wars takes monies away from social programs...pre-K childcare, school lunches, Medicaid, SNAP, early childhood education, subsidized housing, CHIP, supplemental security income, Head Start.

Take Action

To support our efforts, think about contacting your congressional representative asking to reduce defense spending. A reduction in defense spending increases funds available for social welfare.

You can bet your bottom dollar a reduction in social welfare spending will be front and center in the congressional debates about the 2023 budget this June. It appears both Republicans and Democrats favor an increased defense budget.

Wars don't solve problems...they destroy lives and infrastructure at tremendous expense. Why do we keep doing this? Write your elected representative to slow our juggernaut war machine. Our Peacemaking Committee will be pleased if you act.

Roger Olson

Choral Masterworks



**Harrisburg Choral Society
The Sanctuary Choir**
of Market Square Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Vaughan Williams: *Five Mystical Songs*
Beethoven: *Mass in C*
Choirs, orchestra, and organ
Kyle D. Zeuch, conductor / Tyler A. Canonico, organ

Tickets: General Admission \$20, Students \$5
at www.harrisburgchoralsociety.org

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Parking is provided by the church in the adjacent public parking garage.



AFGHAN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROJECT : MARCH 2023 REPORT

Note: This informative report is being sent to all Market Square and Pine Street Church members who have volunteered to help our Afghanistan families. Individuals from the ISC and others interested in the project also receive the report.

To start, big news this month...we are adopting another Afghan family needing help! More information later in this report.

Afghanzada Family:

We recently learned that three of the five men in the family don't have jobs now and are busy trying to find new ones. We have asked the ISC liaison to find out what happened with the warehouse jobs in order to help figure out the next best steps. We are also helping them contact employment agencies.

Azizyar Family:

Several good things happened this month:

3/20/23. Clothes dryer (used) delivered from W.S. Enterprises in Harrisburg. This machine is another donated item. Donor is from Pine Street Church.

3/20/23. We worked to get the donated clothes washer and clothes dryer operational in basement laundry position. Roqia can now use these machines rather than do laundry in the kitchen sink.

3/20/23. English learning in the home started for Roqia and Azizullah courtesy of the School of Education, Messiah University. Dr. Tina Keller, Dean, has been very helpful in facilitating this process. Thank you to Bill and Jane Murray, volunteers, for referring us to Messiah. It was a perfect referral! Teaching will continue Mondays and Tuesdays by Messiah students. The students also volunteered to help the three school-aged children with English learning in the home, evenings. Roqia continues to take ESL classes outside the home twice weekly. We feel English teaching to be a huge advance for the family.

We still want to get two window air conditioners for this family and

a microwave. These items were requested from New Digs but were not available. Because the family lives in a second-floor apartment in an old building, summer temperatures will be extremely high without air conditioning. **IF ANY VOLUNTEER COULD STEP UP TO THE PLATE AND DONATE AN OPERATING WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER OR MICROWAVE IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. PLEASE CONTACT US.**

Popal Family:

Our new Afghan family consists of father Ahmad, mother Sadiqa and son Parwiz. The parents are in their twenties, son is two years old. They were processed through the ISC in January 2022. Father works full-time in a Carlisle warehouse, \$17/hour wage. Mother is a stay-at-home mom taking care of son Parwiz.

The first information we received from the ISC about this family indicated their son tested with a high level of lead poisoning in a routine medical checkup. The PA Department of Health ordered the family to move out of their apartment in Carlisle. This obviously raised a big red flag and convinced us: this family needs our help. We just learned new living accommodations have been found (a two-bedroom mobile home in a trailer park in Carlisle) and the family may be moving if a criminal background check and credit report satisfies the landlord.

When co-chair Audrey Light and I heard of this last development on the family's housing we thought it best if the Pine Street/Market Square Partnership temporarily withdrew from the case. We told Dr. Phuong at the ISC that we will reengage when the dust clears related to the lead and housing issues.

We thank all our volunteers for your involvement in this important outreach helping refugee families.

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alight206@comcast.net

Noticing the Everyday Holy

...He or she, who loves God, will look most deeply into His works. Clouds are not only vapor, but shape, mobility, silky sacks of nourishing rain. The pear orchard is not only profit, but a paradise of light. The luna moth, who lives but a few days, sometimes only a few hours, has a pale grey wing whose rim is like a musical notation. Have you noticed?

—Mary Oliver, "Musical Notation: 1," *Thirst*

So many days, I have not noticed. I have walked out the door and straight to my car parked outside the fence and haven't seen anything more than the paving stones of the sidewalk. Those days my mind is consumed by to do lists, people to contact, a disturbing conversation, or the most recent news I've heard that morning.

When we are so taken up with the noise in our heads and the discomfort that arises from it in our gut, we haven't room to see

the violets spread across the grass, or the brilliant blue of the sky, or the cardinal's bright song.

To look deeply into God's works, requires going beyond the noise. It requires getting quiet. All of creation offers the chance to connect to the holy, the divine spark that lives everywhere - the honking of the geese, the sunlight rippling on water, the blossoming of maples and violets. And, it is present as well within each one of us.

But the seeing and the holding requires us to make space in our minds to perceive the holiness within and around us. Join us during the month of May in the Room for the Inner Way, where we will practice quieting our thinking and making space to notice the holy in our everyday lives.

Please join us each Sunday in May on the 4th floor of the church from 10:30 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.

Elizabeth Terry



Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023



CENTRAL PA BLACK HISTORY BUS TRIPS AND TOURS

May 2023 will provide Central Pennsylvania residents with an opportunity to engage in African American history and legacy from Dauphin, York, and Lancaster Counties. Through tours, presentations and hands-on experiences, participants will enrich their understanding of the roles African Americans played throughout Central Pennsylvania and beyond. From grave restorations of enslaved individuals interred in Harrisburg cemeteries from the 17th Century, a tour of the home of a Black entrepreneur actively serving as a "conductor" on the Underground Railroad, to stories from thriving Black neighborhoods and the civic leaders they held during the early 20th century, the experiences available throughout May will be powerful. You won't want to miss this!

May 6: York William C. Goodridge Freedom Center Tour, Time-line of Black York, Penn Market, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

May 12: Steelton Black Historic Steelton tour, Midland Cemetery tour, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

May 20: Harrisburg "A Place for All" exhibit, 8th Ward History Walk, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

May 20: Harrisburg Lincoln Cemetery restoration, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

May 22: Lancaster African American History Walk, Historic South Duke Street, Bethel African American Methodist Episcopal Church, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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You must register for the events.

Use this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/juneteenth-hbg-2023-registration-601464545647>

Young Professionals of Color, Harrisburg:
<https://ypoc-hbg.org/%23juneteenthbgbg>

Many members of the Ecology Action Committee have just read ***The World's Littlest Book on Climate – 10 Facts in 10 Minutes about CO2***. The book gives information about the scientific reality of climate change. The committee wants to share some of the information in this small book with others at MSPC. We plan to do this as a series in the next 4 issues of *The Marketplace*. Let's get started!



1) CO2 on the Rise: Steadily Increasing – Carbon dioxide (CO2) in the air we breathe is rising around the world. Because of us – humans! We are, and have been, burning fossil fuels: coal, oil, and natural gas. CO2 makes up a small amount of the Earth's air – humans and other living beings have been exhaling it for millions of years. But since the industrial revolution the amount of CO2 in the air has increased exponentially. Every time we drive, fly, heat or cool our homes we most often use some fossil fuel that is burned for energy. Burning combines the carbon in the fuel with oxygen – making CO2. *“On average, each person in the United States emits 50 times as much CO2 from burning fossil fuels as from breathing.”* The rate of CO2 emissions has continued to increase each decade. *The world's CO2 emissions are more than 3 times higher than they were in 1960!!!*

2) CO2 Acts as a Blanket, Trapping Heat – CO2 and other greenhouse gases in the air absorb radiant heat. Without them the Earth would be about 60 F colder. But there's also a negative side to this fact. As the CO2 molecules absorb infrared light they start vibrating faster and rotate more strongly and collide with nitrogen and oxygen molecules in the air causing more heat production. “The current increase in CO2 has a major side effect – essentially wrapping the Earth in an increasingly thick blanket and holding the heat within our atmosphere ... By burning fossil fuels, humans unintentionally create huge amounts of atmospheric heat.” Scientists can measure amounts of ancient CO2 by drilling deep into Antarctica's ice sheets and

analyzing the air bubbles locked in the ice for hundreds of thousands of years. These ice cores show that the Earth's air contained about 280 parts per million (ppm) or less CO2, which is about what the Earth's air contained at the beginning of the Industrial Revolution. In 2022 it was more than 417 ppm!!! The last time the Earth's atmosphere contained this much CO2 was about 4.1 million years ago – the Earth was about 7 F warmer then and the ocean levels were about 80 ft. higher. *Although there are other greenhouse gases responsible for global warming, CO2 accounts for about 2/3 of the human-caused warming!*

3) It's Us: The Global Flood of Human CO2 – *All CO2 has a chemical signature* and scientists can determine how long ago a CO2 molecule was formed. CO2 exists in three slightly different forms – isotopes. The ratios of those isotopes is different from volcanic or oceanic or fossil fuel emissions. *And knowing that the CO2 emitted from fossil fuels has a unique chemical signature, comparing the ratios of the isotopes over time has enabled scientists to conclude that our burning of fossil fuels has caused the rapid increase of 'new' CO2 in the Earth's atmosphere.*

The next 2 or 3 facts in this 'little book' will be summarized in June's *Marketplace*. Stay tuned.

Debbie Olson

Love all God's creation,
the whole and every grain of sand in it.
Love every leaf, every ray of God's light.
Love the animals, love the plants, love everything.
If you love everything, you will perceive the divine mystery in things.
Once you perceive it, you will begin to comprehend it better every day.
And you will come at last to love the whole world with an all-embracing love.

—Fyodor Dostoyevsky



As a faith community, we are often grateful for the beauty of our planet: the forests, flowers, birds, bees, mountains, shores, rivers, and lakes. May I add another opportunity for loving our mother earth? Let's talk about native species and why Pennsylvania has adopted May 18 as Native Species Day.

Native species have adapted over the ages to specific geographies. Native plants support other natives by providing for the food chain of insects, bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and songbirds as well as fish and mammals. Migrating birds and butterflies also rely on the native plants they feed on to be on their route. What are examples of species native to Central Pennsylvania? Native trees include Serviceberries, Eastern Red Cedars, Eastern White Pines,

Red Maples, and Redbuds. Trees that are not native locally include Norway Maple, Japanese Maple, Tree of Heaven, and Callery Pear. Native flowers include Black-eyed Susans, Bee Balm, and Wood Geraniums. Non-native plants, insects, and fish do not provide sustenance to local insects or wildlife and harm the ecosystem by reducing growth opportunities for the natives.

Native Species Day has two main goals. The first is to promote the value of native species, encouraging their proliferation and our knowledge of them. The other goal is to spread the word about invasive species and how they crowd out and threaten the existence of the natives, thus harming the ecosystem. Several well-known such invasives include Spotted Lanternfly, Garlic Mustard, Multiflora Rose, and Burning Bush.

How will you observe Native Species Day? Could you plant a native tree, shrub, or flower? Find this and other ideas for participating at the Department of Agriculture's Native Species Day page.
<https://tinyurl.com/5xspnun6>

It also includes a video of a meeting of the Invasive Species Council discussing the importance of this day.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kroGNGgEyzw&feature=youtu.be>

Happy Native Species Day!
Janet Bargh

A Good Friday Perspective from a New Choir Member

In the summer of 2022, I emailed Tom Sweet and Kim Wadlington asking for their advice about me joining the choir. I knew that if I joined the choir, I would have to give up some of my Sunday morning routine. I was unsure, if for me, it would be the right decision. I enjoyed my routine. Every Sunday, I served breakfast, washed dishes and enjoyed knowing and talking to our breakfast guests. I would attend the Adult Forum, "The Room for the Inner Way", followed by the 11 am worship service. I confessed to Tom and Kim that what I cherished the most was the quiet moments of focused, intimate prayer and meditation during the service. These moments of prayer and meditation were my "nonnegotiables."

I have always enjoyed singing. As a teenager and young adult, I sang in the church choir, school choir, school and church musicals, Penn State Glee Club and even a touring Christian ensemble. That ended 35 years ago when I became a parent. I left the church choir and sat with my children. I thought it was more important to be with my kids and sing hymns (they would say – "Dad you are too loud") from the pew. Fast forward to the present: my kids have grown; my life has changed and therefore, my spiritual connectors have changed.

I have been in the Market Square Choir now 8 months. It was everything and nothing like what I expected. Forty-two years ago, the Penn State Glee Club was an elite group. I was one of only a few non music majors. The director (Bruce Trinkely) expected perfection. Bruce would stop in the middle of a song and single you out for either not singing or singing wrong. The Glee Club was not for the faint of heart.

Surprise! — Tyler Canonico expects just as much from his singers as did Bruce Trinkely! However, Tyler directs with love and encouragement. I am always happier and more joyful when I leave than when I arrived. Tyler is a not the only "Joy" ingredient. The choir members bring Joy. The College Scholars bring Joy. Making music brings Joy. The song's lyrics bring Joy. There is no denying that when you sing about Love, especially Holy Spirit Love, the Love expands and creates "Joy."

In 1978, the Penn State Glee Club recorded an album. I remember the precision required to produce that music. It had to blend perfectly. Bruce demanded perfection. However, there is not much Love in "Fight on State." Instead, I would use words like: pride, exhilaration, enthusiasm, team spirit, and adrenaline to describe Penn State Football Music!

Conversely, I have experienced the Holy Spirit's Love expand when singing with the Market Square Choir music. Here is an example. On Good Friday, we sang a song, "Go to Dark Gethsemane." We practiced that song for weeks. On several attempts, I could only sing the notes, because I couldn't sing the words. It took me several attempts before I could sing the lyrics without crying. The song has very descriptive lyrics and when matched with the music, there is this deep sense of

darkness. One Thursday night, something happened to me during practice. In the middle of singing "Go to Dark Gethsemane," I was mentally transported to Golgotha. It was like I passed through a thick veil of pudding and I was standing 10 feet from Jesus as he hung on the cross. I could smell the stench. I could hear the agonizing crying and weeping. I overheard the cat calls, insults and profanity. But I was fixated on the liquid slowing flowing out of the wound in Jesus' side. I looked up and stared into Jesus' eyes, but then returned to staring at the oozing liquid. I wasn't alone. The entire Market Square Choir was there. Andy was to my right and Ron was to my left and every choir member was fixated on their own specific area of Jesus' tortured body. As we sang, each of us was describing in detail exactly what we were fixated on. We were vocally describing what we were seeing with our song. Then Tyler stopped us. He started us singing again and when our voices were perfectly combined, our visions were expanded and WE could each see the entire Passion scene. Our voices became a multitude of heavenly voices and we were telling the entire world exactly what was happening to Jesus. I didn't feel any sadness. Instead, I felt this overwhelming assurance that this was in fact **Beautiful**. Our combined voices said, "This is Love" as we sang the words, "Shun not suffering, shame or loss, learn of Him to bear the cross. There adoring at His feet, Mark the miracle of time ..." I had never experienced anything like that moment. The moment lasted hours within seconds. In a flash, my inner spirit changed. I was no longer sad. The Calvary story told in words is sad, but the Calvary story told in SONG is Beautiful.

This confession might sound a little dramatic, but I never think like that and it has never happened before. I am not attracted to blood and gore. That evening I came home and found a book, *Revelations of Divine Love*, by Julian of Norwich. I had read this book 30 years ago and hadn't thought much about it much since. In the book, Julian describes in graphic detail her visions of Jesus dying on the cross. It was eerily similar to my experience.

In rehearsal, I am often moved to tears when the lyrics are combined with the music. I just stop singing and just listen to the choir tell the story. I know Tyler sees me not singing and I am always grateful he doesn't treat me like Bruce would have done in the Penn State Glee Club.

By the way, I did sacrifice my "nonnegotiables." It's impossible to pray and meditate in close quarters. We move around a lot. I know it was worth me sacrificing my nonnegotiables when a few months ago, my 16-year-old son Benjamin joined the choir. I haven't sat in church with one of my children for years. That was completely unexpected! Another example of the ever-expanding Holy Spirit Love. Oh, and for the moment, making Holy Spirit Music is my new "nonnegotiable."

Jon Sheppard

Next Marketplace Deadline: Sunday, May 14
Please email articles and photos to Nancy Sheets and Kari Hultman.
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Death Be Not Proud

The title of this column puts you on notice—if death is a subject you'd rather not think about, skip this column. At the end of this column, I encourage you to read the marvelous John Donne poem from which the title "death be not proud" comes.

Perhaps you wonder—now what? What is the inspiration of this month's column? It's true that we just celebrated Easter and Christ's resurrection, which is a promise for us all. But death is frequently with us. Just last month we said goodbye to our longtime friend, Jim Jones. And the plain fact is none of us is getting younger...we are all getting older. So thinking about death is a natural thing to do.

OK—let's get right to it. Given my age, it is not surprising that sometimes I think about death. But before you say—"that's a morbid depressing subject" let me say-- **not so**.

Within two blocks of where we live is a cemetery and it's where I go every day, to walk our dog. It is a grand place, park-like in appearance and completely walking accessible and dog friendly. As I walk along, I sometimes read the grave markers. I find myself doing the math of a lifespan in my head. Some lives are very short—mere weeks or even days for babies who are born and then die. Some are several years—I do not know the circumstances, but there are possible explanations—a childhood disease, or maybe an accident. Others that are several decades long—say in the 20s or 30s—offer another set of possibilities: killed in combat maybe. Finally, there are the markers that denote a long life span. The common element for all, of course, is the inevitability of death.

A few years ago, a friend of mine was dying. She reached a point in her treatment for cancer when medicine could no longer "cure" her. So, she returned home and was put on a diet which included NO solids. Understandably, her death was imminent, even though she did not know the day.

Not long before she died, she posted on Facebook "I'm still alive today... Friends visited so we have had a lovely day of conversations and a lot of puking actually. But it beats the alternative and we are laughing a lot."

Then a few weeks later she posted this: *"Sunday I had a very small group of close friends from church in my home for a Service of Transition, Anointing, and Healing. The priest did a service that was beautiful and so helpful for me as I was anointed like the dead are for burial and friends laid hands on me to pray. They covered me first in a funeral pall. Afterwards we celebrated the eucharist together. I wanted this particular blessing to mark that my upcoming death will be a sacred and holy transition. . . These past two weeks have been filled with notes of affirmation and wonderful shared memories helping me understand that I have lived my life as faithfully as I could, and spent myself in service to others as much as I could. I am rich in memories and friends around the world. Thanks be to God."*

Clearly, this woman's approach to death is very much in keeping with the sentiment of John Donne's Holy Sonnet 10. The poem is a reminder that nothing is eternal in this world. Powers and rulers and kingdoms all pass. History shows us that no human effort

has lasted forever. Empires rise, empires fall. Rulers come, rulers go. However, John Donne's assertion is that even though death rules over all, death itself cannot destroy eternity.

Heavy thoughts, indeed. OK--time for my daily walk with our dog to the cemetery.

Death, be not proud, though some have called thee
Mighty and dreadful, for thou are not so;
For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow
Die not, poor Death, nor yet canst thou kill me.
From rest and sleep, which but thy pictures be,
Much pleasure; then from thee much more must flow,
And soonest our best men with thee do go,
Rest of their bones, and soul's delivery.
Thou'art slave to fate, chance, kings, and desperate men,
And dost with poison, war, and sickness dwell,
And poppy'or charms can make us sleep as well
And better than thy stroke; why swell'st thou then?
One short sleep past, we wake eternally,
And death shall be no more; Death, thou shalt die.

—by John Donne, 1572 - 1631

Donna Wenger

Arts on the Square: Last month for Irene Appleyard Exhibit

The time flies quickly when you're enjoying an art show! The exhibit of artist Irene Appleyard's exquisite paintings, now gracing Geneva Hall and the main floor Atrium corridor, will close on Sunday, May 28.

Don't miss an opportunity to see these fine portraits, landscape studies, and still life interpretations on Sunday mornings and anytime you are at church for a meeting, rehearsal, or visiting.

Arts on the Square exhibitions are sponsored this season by John K. Robinson in memory of his sister, Rachel Robinson Bair.

Photos by John Robinson.



Above: "Resting Dancer #2" by Irene Appleyard.

Right: Guests enjoying the exhibition at the opening reception on March 19.

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Above: Irene Appleyard with her lovely portrait of her daughter Ann Johnston.



Session Activities – March 2023 Activity Update

By Jonelle Darr, Clerk of Session

Market Square's Session is responsible for the church's mission, governance, and programs. Pastor Kim Wadlington moderates the Session. Current Ruling Elders may serve up to two consecutive, three-year terms.

In March 2023, Market Square's Session:

Mission Study and Transition Planning

1. Discussed issues in the areas of decision making and communications among the three boards (Session, Trustees, and Deacons) and with the congregation that need improvement before calling a new pastor.
2. Held a retreat with the Board of Deacons and Board of Trustees to begin its Mission Study as required by the Presbyterian Church USA. The retreat included discussion of:
 - The ways in which the church's inward vs. outward balance of ministries fulfill the church mission statement's intention and enables the congregation to live into its values;
 - Whether there are areas of ministry either to the congregation or to the community that God is calling the church to deepen; or those that we should consider letting go.

Officers also began the process of drafting a short-term and long-term vision for the church. A vision will enable us to clarify how we will live out our mission statement at this time. To begin the process, we looked at four broad areas of our ministry: mission focus; ministry focus; technology; and sustainability.

Staffing

3. Agreed to request the Presbytery of Carlisle's approval to create a part-time Pastoral Assistant for Congregational Care position (about 20 hours/week); and to seek its determination as to whether a candidate for the position is a good fit for Market Square,
4. Discussed the Personnel Committee's search for a new part-time staff member (20 hours/week) to support the church's Christian Education program for children and youth.
5. Discussed the Personnel Committee's report that a 30-day improvement plan with specific goals had been established with Jarreau Carter, the church's new sexton. Staff are also working closely with him to help him achieve these goals.

Worship, Music and Arts

6. Approved holding a Blue Christmas service on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.
7. Learned that Ruling Elder Beth Hager will chair the newly created Arts on the Square Task Force. The Task Force will develop recommendations for Session's consideration regarding the Arts on the Square Subcommittee's organization, responsibilities, and administration. A report to Session is expected by mid-year.

Anti-Racism

8. Approved the Anti-Racism Task Force's request to submit a grant application requesting \$2,500 from the Presbytery of Carlisle's Mission and Ministry Support Fund. If awarded, the grant would support The Young Professionals of Color Greater Harrisburg's 2023 Juneteenth observance. The Anti-Racism Task Force would also provide the group with \$500.

Membership

9. Recognized the death of Dr. James Jones who passed away on February 26, 2023. A memorial service will take place at Market Square on March 25, officiated by the Reverend Kimberley D. Wadlington. Inurnment will be in the MSPC Columbarium. Jim was an ordained elder in 1968 and a deacon in 1983.
10. Recognized the death of Marcia Sites who passed away on February 26, 2023. A graveside service will be held at St. John's Church Cemetery in Shiremanstown on April 14, 2023, officiated by the Rev. Kimberley D. Wadlington.
11. Received 11 new members. Their names and photos were in the April *Marketplace*.
12. At her request, removed Anthea Abers from the church's membership roll. *Background:* Anthea now lives in Chicago. She was an active Youth Group member while attending Market Square. Her father, Ronald L. Abers, a Ruling Elder, died unexpectedly in 2015.
13. At their request, removed Dan and Carol Derewitz from the church's membership roll.

Organizational

14. Approved holding a Congregational meeting on April 23, 2023 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service for the purpose of electing a Nominating Committee for 2024 church officers.
15. Appointed Carlin and Donna Wenger as Ruling Elder Commissioners to the Presbytery of Carlisle's April 18, 2023 meeting. *Background:* Usually Ruling Elders who currently serve on Session are appointed as commissioners to Presbytery meetings. Because the next Presbytery meeting occurs at the same time as Session's regularly scheduled meeting, Donna and Carlin agreed to represent Market Square. The next Presbytery meeting has been called for the purpose of voting on 33 Constitutional amendments that the 225th General Assembly recommended to The Book of Order. (If you are interested in learning more about the amendments, the Presbytery has created a webpage at <https://carlislepby.org/ga-amendments>).

The Session will meet again on April 18, 2023 for its regular monthly Session meeting.

As of March 21, 2023, there were 479 active members on the church roll. If you have any questions about Session activities, you may talk with me, a Session member, or one of our Pastors.

Stewardship

YTD Actual Pledge	\$124,100
YTD Budget Pledge	\$116,250
Surplus	\$7,850

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Sunday Services

Korean Language Service—9:30 a.m.
in the Chapel. Sermons on YouTube
([link on the church website's Worship page](#)).

English Language Service—11:00 a.m.
in the sanctuary. Broadcast live on the radio
([link on the church website's Homepage](#))
and livestreamed on the Homepage and
the church's YouTube channel.

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.



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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.