

Dear Market Square Beloveds,

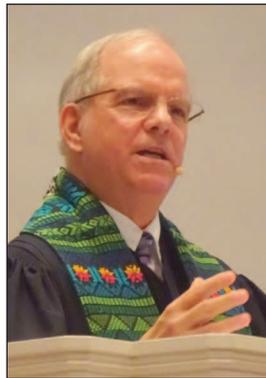
One of the reasons the church has been able to be sustained over two millennia is because, from the beginning when St. Paul and the other apostles established their churches in the power of the Holy Spirit, leadership continually has transitioned. Paul set the standard. He did not fall prey to “founder’s syndrome,” the phenomenon that occurs when a founder of an organization retains leadership and a disproportionate share of influence for too long a time after establishing the organization. The organization identifies so fully with its founder that it can lose its way, and sometimes die, after the founder is gone. No, Paul invited and welcomed pastoral colleagues and successors in the churches he organized.

If Paul had not made way for others to assume the leadership positions in the churches he founded, if he had not stepped aside and entrusted the congregations he had established to them, the churches likely would have struggled to maintain their ministry after Paul no longer was able to offer leadership himself. There would have been a danger of having become too dependent on Paul.

But Paul understood that the church, with all of its congregations, ultimately belongs to Christ in God. Paul cared for each congregation he established but provided for others to succeed him. In turn, those new pastors brought to those congregations their own mix of leadership gifts and talents and no small amount of pastoral love. The churches became stronger and more durable, more textured, because of the regular transitions in their leadership.

From the very inception of the church, the succession of pastoral and “lay” leaders has helped to prevent the church from getting stuck in, or idolizing, a particular form or style of ministry or from becoming too wedded to a particular leader.

All of which is to say that transitions in pastoral leadership in healthy congregations like Market Square almost always are positive. Pastoral passages permit periodic resets to occur that prevent a congregation



Pastor
Thomas A. Sweet

from becoming stagnant, complacent, or too reliant on any one person. While it can be unsettling when a pastoral relationship between church members and their pastor comes to a close, or moves into a different context, both pastor and members accept with gratitude what they have shared together and integrate it into their lives toward whatever is to come for them. God grants us the grace of walking together for a while and then we bless each other on our ways.

A pastor shepherds a congregation for a time, not for all time. Before too long, I will be a “predecessor,” a former pastor of this unique, complex, and wonderful congregation and, after an appropriate interim time, you will elect a new pastor. That is the way the church works. Your new pastor may *zig* where I *zagged* and have *this* idea where I had *that* idea, and it all will be fine. That is the way it should be because the church is living and active, requiring and responding to different leadership at different times.

Love abides. Pastorates do not. They are meant to have an ending. It is the “Word of God” that endures forever and it is that to which all good pastorates, and pastors, point according to their gifts and in ways most appropriate for their particular time of service. It is one of the means by which the church continually is renewed by the Spirit of God.

I have loved my time as the pastor of this congregation and I love even more that my time here is not yet complete. But, when, come the end of November, it is, when I move on and you move on together as a congregation of God’s people, grateful for what has been and anticipating what yet shall be, all shall be well. It is the way life in the church is intended to be, and God is with us, always.

With gratitude and love,
Tom



MSPC WOMEN’S RETREAT/GATHERING

Save the Date: Saturday, October 22, 2022 (tentative time frame 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.) We’re planning a day for some sacred women’s space as an encouragement to SLOW DOWN, relax, visit, and be supported in prayer and in community. (Potluck lunch, too!)

What I often hear from women at MSPC is that we all say hi in the hallways as we rush by and wish we had more time to spend together. *So let’s make some time!*

More details to come in the September newsletter, so keep a lookout!

Lori Sweet



MOVIE NIGHT Returns!

Save the Date: Friday, October 7, 2022
with arrival starting at 6:30 p.m.
introduction at 6:45 p.m.
and film at 7:00 pm.
Film to be announced.

Lori Sweet

Next Marketplace Deadline: Sunday, August 14

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



**Pastor
Kim Wadlington**

Youth Get Out the Vote

Market Square Youth and adult leaders spent a pleasant morning in Alison Hill working with **Power 2 The Hill** on a Juneteenth non-partisan voter registration drive and education effort. Several of our youth have already been asking questions about engagement and even participating in voter education through their schools and scouting groups so this was a natural follow-up to our conversations about justice.

P2H was started by members of Christ Lutheran Church with whom we already have a partnership. We support their medical mission in Allison Hill and it was great to participate in another of Christ Lutheran's activities. We arrived at the church prepared with tips and best practices which Power 2 The Hill distributed ahead of time. The event began with education about our goals for the day and new volunteers were paired with experienced volunteers. Our youth went out in teams of four: two youth accompanied by a Market Square adult and an experienced Power 2 The Hill volunteer.

We canvassed in Alison Hill, knocking on doors, thanking those who participate in the democratic process, and encouraging people to vote in November. We were well equipped with information sheets about all the candidates in our upcoming November elections. As



P2H is non-partisan we were very careful not to encourage voting for any one candidate but did highlight how many important elections are being held this year. All of it points to the need for each citizen to be engaged in the democratic process! After canvassing, we ended the day with a special Juneteenth lunch back at the church prepared by P2H volunteers.

We're exploring more service and fellowship activities for the summer. Rock-climbing, a scavenger hunt, a fall hike, working with Carlisle Opportunity Housing and Wildheart Ministries are hopefully all on the horizon as we get schedules coordinated. Youth and parents, please watch for and respond to emails about our events! please watch for and respond to emails about our events!

Antiracism & Racial Justice Task Force: Questions to Ponder

The Antiracism and Racial Justice Task Force has offered a variety of different educational opportunities about racism and how to be antiracist – both as individuals and as a congregation. This has included a six week discussion series during Lent 2021 about Facing Racism. This was followed by a discussion group on How to Talk about Race. There also have been speakers in Adult Forum and recommendations on books to read and discuss. We as a Task Force are currently working our way through *Becoming An Anti-Racist Church – Journeying Toward Wholeness* by Joseph Barndt.

What follows is the first of what we hope to be occasional columns about how racism affects different aspects of our lives. We considered a Q & A approach but with the increasing divisiveness within our society and the fact that we are still sorting out the answers to many questions we decided to do a list of questions on a topic and let you work on the answers. For example, what does a particular question have to do with racism and how should we respond. We hope that some of the questions posed will pique your interest and encourage you to become more informed.

So, the questions for you to ponder have to do with housing.

Here they are:

- *How was your community created? Has it always had the demographic composition it has today?*
- *Has your neighborhood always been zoned the way it is today? If not, when did it change and why?*
- *When you bought your first house, did anyone e.g. parents or grandparents help you with the down payment? Do you think that this still occurs today and what about for people of color or with low income?*
- *Is there sufficient affordable housing available today in Central PA?*
- *Do you know what "redlining" means and do you think it still happens ?*

We hope you find these questions interesting enough to do a little research and come up with your own answers.

Dale Laninga and Kevin Burrell

Deacons Update

As the life of the church and its members slowly starts to return to normal, the Deacons would like to remind the congregation of our work and how we can assist them.

The past few months, we have been busy helping our extended community by providing food and clothing to help a homeless man get back on his feet, rental assistance for a woman seeking safety, bus passes for those heading to job interviews and/or work, updated shelving for our food pantry and various other tasks. Your support of the Deacons' Funds helps to provide these needed services as well as give encouragement to those in need.

Additionally, the Deacons continue to support our church members with visitations, calls, transportation, food and other needs. If you are aware of anyone who might need assistance, please contact the church office. We have also helped to start up the coffee fellowship time and encourage all to come early to the 11:00 a.m. worship service to social and regroup. We will continue to monitor this situation and explore ways that we might be able to expand this fellowship time!

The deacons are here to support our church members and the community and we thank you for your ongoing support!

Chris Baldrige, Chair, Board of Deacons

Worship and Preaching Schedule July/August 2022

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.marketsquarechurch.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.

Mask-wearing now is optional for Market Square worship services and events though we encourage all persons to do what seems best to them to do in regard to masking.

July 3 – Fourth 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

July 10 – Fifth 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

July 17 – Sixth 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

July 24 – Seventh 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 Chapel
The Reverend Thomas A. Sweet preaching

July 31 – Eighth 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

August 7 – Ninth 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

August 14 – Tenth 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

August 21 – Eleventh Sunday after 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 Kimberley D. Wadlington preaching

August 28 – Twelfth 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

"You can have the other words — chance, luck, coincidence, serendipity. I'll take grace. I don't know what it is exactly, but I'll take it."

— Mary Oliver

Some changes coming to the Sunday Breakfast – Your Help Needed

Each week our Market Square kitchen serves a hot breakfast to 120 or more people. We provide good food, good service, hot coffee, and warm hospitality. While Market Square volunteers are always here, different area churches and groups help by coming to cook the breakfast on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sundays. On the 3rd and 5th Sundays Market Square is responsible for the whole of it!

You may or may not know that Alice Anne Schwab not only coordinates the Market Square team for the 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month, but is also here every Sunday to provide hospitality, support, and troubleshooting when other groups come in on the other Sundays. She also works weekly to make a hot breakfast for all the volunteers who wish to have it AND she makes sure that the kitchen is cleaned up well at the end. We're grateful to her for leading other volunteers to ensure that our breakfast runs smoothly!

As happens from time to time, dedicated volunteers choose to take a step back and Alice Anne is feeling that need now. She'll still be involved in the breakfast but is asking for leadership to be shared more widely. As we work to find new leadership, it's also a good time to review our practices with current volunteers and see if any additional changes need to occur so we'll be doing that too.

Whether you are a current volunteer willing to take on more or someone who has an interest in getting to know the work of those who gather on Sunday mornings, there is space for you! Some of the work that we'll be looking to share among new leaders includes:

- Persons to be present on 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sunday mornings to act as liaison to incoming groups.
- A 5th Sunday kitchen organizer to work with other Market Square members.
- Weekly food shoppers.
- We can always use more people to volunteer to serve and help clean up at the end!

Look for more information this summer about a meeting we'll organize of current and new volunteers. In the meantime, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Alice Anne (aliceanneschwab@gmail.com) or Cindy Bendroth (bendy202@gmail.com).

Written by Kim Wadlington, in consultation with Alice Anne and Cindy

Dear friends,

Happy summer! The Music Ministry is in "summer mode." As I write this article, the Sanctuary Choir finished their last Sunday of the season last week. Soloists, octets, and small ensembles are now providing music for the next two and a half months. The Sanctuary Choir and the Market Square Singers are beginning preparations for our October concert. We are going to present Karl Jenkins' *The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace*. With everything happening in the world, I thought it was important for us to postpone the Organ Spooktacular until 2023, and do this mass for peace instead. With the rising gun violence and the ongoing war in Ukraine, I am moved to have us perform this great work. We are brainstorming ways we can get more of the community involved for this concert and if you have any ideas, please feel free to send them my way.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! Here is the awesome 2022-2023 Arts on the Square season:

The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace – Saturday, October 15, at 7:00 p.m.

The Sanctuary Choir and the Market Square Singers present Karl Jenkins' mass for peace. The choirs will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra.

Andrew Sords, violin – Friday, November 18, at 7:30 p.m.

Award-winning violinist, Andrew Sords will present a variety of works for violin and piano.

Carols by Candlelight – Sunday, December 11, at 4 p.m.

The Sanctuary Choir will present its annual Carols by Candlelight concert accompanied by an orchestra. This year's featured works are Vivaldi's *Gloria* and Randol Bass' *Feast of Carols*. There will be candle lighting and audience carol-singing.

An Evening with Beethoven – Saturday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m.

This concert will feature the following works by Beethoven: the *Emperor Concerto*, *Egmont: Overture in F Minor*, and the "Hallelujah" from *Mount of Olives*. Orchestra. The Sanctuary Choir. Shelly Moorman-Stahlman, piano. Tyler Canonico, conductor.



Tyler Canonico
Minister of Music

Sundays at 4:00 p.m.

This year, the Arts on the Square team is trying something new! We want to show off our new J. Nedra Schilling organ, and we've had a lot of requests for different organists. To still provide a varied arts series, we thought we would create a smaller organ series. We will offer four different organ concerts on the four Sundays in March:

◆ **Rhonda Edgington – Sunday, March 5 at 4:00 p.m.**

Rhonda is the daughter of local organist Ron Sider. Rhonda is currently the Director of Music and Organist at Hope Church (Reformed Church of America).

◆ **Tyler Canonico – Sunday, March 12 at 4:00 p.m.**

Tyler is the Minister of Music and Organist at Market Square Presbyterian Church.

◆ **Peter Yardley-Jones – Sunday, March 19 at 4:00 p.m.**

Peter is the Director of Music and Organist for the Swiss Church in London and is the Artist-in-Residence at Market Square.

◆ **Isabelle Demers – Sunday, March 26 at 4:00 p.m.**

Isabelle is the Professor of Organ at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. She is represented by Phillip Truckenbrod Concert Artists and is highly in demand as a concert organist.

Choral Masterworks – Sunday, May 21, at 4:00 p.m.

The Sanctuary Choir of Market Square is combing forces with the Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church of Baltimore to present Duruflé's *Requiem* and Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Five Mystical Songs*. This promises to be a stirring concert.

Market Square Singers' Scotland Sendoff Concert – Saturday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m.

The Market Square Singers are preparing for a ten-day concert tour of Scotland. We would like to present a concert for our community before we head off to the UK. The concert will feature a varied selection of choral works.

If you are interested in going to Scotland with the Market Square Singers (as a singer or a non-singer), please stay tuned to the bulletin and the September issue of *The Marketplace* for more information.



Above, Morgan Dame receives his Eagle Scout designation. Joining him for this outstanding achievement are Elder Justin Fleming, and parents Rhiannon and Ed. Photo taken by Kim Wadlington.

Have a great summer!
Peace and love,
Tyler

arts
ON THE
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Market Square Presbyterian Church

Arts on the Square Gallery Information

THANK YOU to all MSPC members who participated in the Member's Art Show and reception. It was/is a great success and such a lovely collection of talent among us! If you have not taken time to walk the show and read all the write-ups that accompany the art - please find time to do so! The show will be wrapping up sometime in Mid-July.

I will be in direct communication with members who have participated in the show about times they will be able to pick up their art when the show comes down.

Our next ARTIST RECEPTION will be a solo show with local oil painter and Millworks' Artist Kelly McGee Curran on Sunday, October 9th from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. More information about the reception will be posted in the September *Marketplace*.

Lori Sweet



CONGRATULATIONS, REBEKAH ANDERSON!

We are happy to announce that Rebekah Anderson, one of Market Square's seminarians and candidates for ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament under the care of the Presbytery of Carlisle, has received her first call. The congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Okemos (Michigan) has called Rebekah to be its Associate Pastor beginning August 7, 2022.

Rebekah is a graduate of the Princeton Theological Seminary (M. Divinity degree) and gained broad pastoral experience during her years there as a Pastoral Care Minister at the Princeton United Methodist Church and also as a chaplain at Trenton Psychiatric Hospital.

Rebekah is passionate about ministry with people of all ages and sees the work of a pastor as a unique combination of preaching, teaching, and walking with people through the greatest joys and deepest sorrows of life. At the core of her ministry is the belief that all are beloved children of God who inherently are worthy of love, belonging, and dignity regardless of achievements and abilities, failures and shortcomings. She believes the greatest gift she possesses is an ability to offer empathy, presence, compassion, and a listening ear.

We have enjoyed the part of Rebekah's journey we have shared with her at Market Square and know Rebekah to be uniquely qualified to be a pastor in the Presbyterian Church. In fact, we are heartened by it as Rebekah will gift the Okemos congregation, and the larger church, with her intelligence, deep faith, wide competencies, and love.

While Rebekah will be ordained in the Okemos church, Market Square will be with her in spirit and, as a show of our regard and love for her, will gift her with her first pastoral preaching robe. Though we share her now with the wider church, Rebekah always will be a part of the Market Square family.

Congratulations, Rebekah! May God's Spirit be mighty upon you for all the years to come! (TAS)

Elementary Mid-worship Sunday School Continues

Through July and August, Elementary youth will continue to attend Sunday School during the worship time. After the children's sermon, our faithful teachers will escort children downstairs for a fun and creative lesson connected to the day's lectionary texts.

Throughout the summer they'll be hearing stories of people demonstrating compassion; faithful action, listening, and prayer; abundant love. Jesus often taught with stories and the stories that he tells as well as the Old Testament stories help our children learn about who God is and who we are called to be as Christ's disciples. Our teachers always say they learn too as they engage your children so they hope that parents and children will take advantage of this opportunity to learn throughout the summer during the worship hour.

Foose Elementary Backpack Drive – Let's help students and teachers!

Again this year, we have the opportunity to collect backpacks and school supplies for Foose Elementary School! Children head back to school on Monday, August 29, so we've got two months to get supplies together! Please consider donating a new backpack suitable for a fourth-grade student. Supplies are welcome as well. Each backpack will be filled with:

- *Hard pencil box*
- *1oz. hand sanitizer*
- *Individual packs of tissues*
- *24-pack of crayons*
- *#2 pencils*
- *Small glue stick*
- *College rule notebooks*

Beginning July 3, there will be a cart in the hallway on Sundays for anyone wishing to drop-off supplies when coming to worship. If you wish to drop off during the week, please call the church office and someone will meet you in the garage for a quick in and out transfer!

Monetary donations also accepted! Donated funds will be used to purchase the above materials. If you wish to make an online donation, use this link for online donations <https://bit.ly/3NPm9wQ> or go to marketsquarechurch.org, online giving, give now, then look for "Backpack/School Kit Donations" under MSPC Specific Offerings. If you write a check, please write "backpacks" in the memo line.

How are all of our donations used? When new students come into the school after the start of the school year, they are gifted a backpack filled with supplies to welcome them and get them started quickly. About 1/3 – 1/2 of the backpacks and supplies we donate are used in this way. The rest of the backpacks are made available to students who might lose a backpack during the year or when one becomes too worn for use. Supplies are divided between the classrooms, alleviating some of the need that teachers often feel to spend their own funds adequately stocking classrooms. We're glad the school is using our gifts in the ways most needed by them. Thank you again for all your donations!

Kim

Stewardship

YTD Actual Pledges:	\$207,210
YTD Budget:	\$193,750
Surplus:	\$ 13,460

No U-Haul Behind A Hearse

The title of this column may make you scratch your head a bit—but it conveys something that speaks to my heart. Of course, the gospel statement—"what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul?"—says it so much better.

So, what prompts this rumination on possessions? Perhaps because my husband and I are at that point in life where down-sizing makes so much sense. I have been zealously going through items in our basement, deciding what to keep, what to pitch and what to gift. AH—gifting. But how? Well, I belong to an on-line give-away website (called Trash Nothing...there is also another one called Freecycle).

One of my first encounters with giving items away was when gave away our dining room table and chairs a few years ago. Now, mind, we weren't going without such a table. We had found a new one, but what to do with the old table and chairs? Ah, put it on one of the give-away internet sites.

While I anticipated we would have takers, the responses of the people asking for the set just blew me away. I really struggled making a decision about whom I should select to give the tables and chairs. Here are some of the things people wrote in response to my offering the furniture (with no corrections as to how they expressed their need):

- *Hello I Am Very Interested In This Dining Set, I Am A Single Parent And Just Moved In Area And I Have A Person From My Daughter's Nursing Hospice Care That Would Be Glad To Pick Up For Me, I Can Really Use This For My Family*
- *We're interested in the table and chairs. We 'inherited' an older table from my wife's deceased grandmother a few years ago. It had been around for quite a time - and was in storage for a few years before we acquired it. It has never been in good condition since we got it - and most of the chairs are broken. We've been holding out to find/ purchase a newer set - but haven't done so yet as there are always other pressing needs.*
- *I would be very interested in your dining table and chairs. We moved here a couple of years ago, with nothing, from CO. Due to health reasons we moved here to be near family. We have accumulated quite a few items, but are still in need of a dining table and chairs. Since moving here, we also moved my daughter and her two children in with us. I believe it is so important for families to eat together as a family and discuss their day. Any way, I would be very interested in your dining table and chairs. Please consider my request. Thank you and God Bless*
- *We would love to take the table off your hands. We are a family of five and haven't been able to sit at the table together for about two years now. I would love to be able to eat as a whole family again. We could pick up by sat. for you. It would be Friday I think my husband has a meeting for scouts Thursday night. We could pick up tonight, but I see you want to wait for 24 hours. I understand that. Let us know if we are the ones chosen and I will make sure he has the trailer here at our house waiting to come get it.*
- *if you still have the table and chairs please let me know i have been looking for one for a girl at church and her kids they had to start over so i took it upon myself to try to help her out by trying to find her some furniture please let me know if you still have this thanks and blessings to you and yours*
- *If you would consider us for the table and chairs, we would be very grateful. We are a family of 8 and we have to eat in shifts. We only have 4 chairs and a small table. If you would consider us, then we would have enough room for everyone and could freecycle what we have the table and 2 chairs, because we would need to keep 2 to go with the table and 6 chairs that you have. Thank you for at least considering us.*

Well, I almost went out and bought another table and chairs just so I could pick TWO families to have a place to sit to eat. It touches the heart.

I finally selected the family of 8, and when the father came by with his pick-up truck, together he and I loaded the 6 chairs, two extension pieces, and table onto his truck. I prayed that on that first night the family ate together, perhaps even saying a prayer, and thinking how they can help another family.

What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? (Matthew 16:26 NIV)

Donna Wenger



The Room for the Inner Way (RFIW) follows the same schedule as the Adult Forum, so facilitated programming is on hiatus during the summer months and will resume in the fall.

Please know that the RFIW remains open on Sundays and available to anyone who wishes to use it independently, or with a few members, prior to worship on any Sunday. There are prayer cards and prayer books to use as prompts for inspiration or you simply can sit in silent prayer. Thank you to all who attend the RFIW. It truly has grown into a meaningful shared experience of prayer in our community.

In preparation for our return in the fall, the Reverend Anne Ross, a welcomed recent addition to the Market Square family, will start us off with four weeks of Blessings in September! Here is a little preview and we will post a reminder in the September *Marketplace*!

The Art of Blessing One Another

"What is a blessing? A blessing is a circle of light drawn around a person to protect, heal and strengthen....When a blessing is invoked, a window opens in eternal time."

~ John O' Donohue
Benedictus, A Book of Blessings

In September, Anne Ross will be guiding our experience in the art of blessings. Relying deeply on the wisdom of the late John O'Donohue, Irish poet, philosopher, author, and environmental activist, we will meditate on this spiritual practice whose relevance is not fully appreciated. Anne will guide us through shared readings, prayer, meditations, and blessings.

Lori Sweet and Elizabeth Terry

MSPC Donations to PA Parks and Forests Foundation

The climate crisis the world is facing is a major concern of the **Ecology Action Committee** of Market Square. Being good stewards of God's creation is paramount in helping to address some effects of climate change. We care for the Taste Garden at the 5-Senses Garden and the Pollinator Garden (started several years ago by MSPC youth), both are along the Harrisburg Greenbelt. And most recently, on May 13, 4 people from Market Square went to Michaux State Forest to plant pollinator plugs in a meadow. These pollinator plants were purchased through the donations collected during Advent 2020 (instead of poinsettias) and Lent 2021 (instead of lilies) because the church was still closed to in-person worship due to Covid. The last MSPC donations, collected during Advent 2021 (again instead of poinsettias) will be used to purchase and plant trees at Little Buffalo State Park. The committee appreciates all financial contributions that were made for these efforts. And we welcome anyone who might be interested



in volunteering with us along the Greenbelt during the spring, summer and fall – many hands make the work more enjoyable and the fellowship we share in doing so blesses God and all of us.

Debbie Olson

Our Church Family

BIRTHS

Bennett James Koch, grandson of Bob Koch.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU

Katherine Nelson, daughter of Jim and Elizabeth Terry, did secure the job she very much desired – Vice President of Student Success - at Para los Ninos, a group of charter schools from early learning through middle school, serving children in one of the poorest areas of Los Angeles. Katherine knows that Market Square people have been praying for her during the arduous selection process and wants to convey her gratitude and thanks.

DEATHS

Choir member Julie Bernatowicz's grandfather, May 24.
Choir member Erin Weaver's grandfather, Thomas Hoffacker, June 2.
Ardith Buffington's sister-in-law, Sally Buffington, June 10.

ANNIVERSARIES

July 3: Jim and Trudy Mumper
July 6: Tom and Tiz Williams
July 10: Ed and Rhiannon Dame
July 11: Kari Hultman and Nancy Sheets

July 26: Joe and Ashley Robinson
August 6: Matthew and Stephanie Kerns
August 10: Jim and Jill Hoffmann
August 18: Jack and Cheryl Galan
August 21: George and Karen Blashford
August 30: Rachel Ortiz and Damaris Rolon

Dear Friends,

Your prayers, cards, and phone calls have meant so much to me in the past weeks. David and I were married in this church, and our daughters were baptized and confirmed here too. This community's love and support through the seasons of our lives has been a true blessing.

Nancy Snyder

CANDLES on the WATER REMEMBRANCE

Candles on the Water will be held on Sunday, August 7, at 6:45 p.m. at Market Square Presbyterian Church. The 77th anniversary will remember the victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and will highlight the necessity of abolishing nuclear weapons. The event will include prayer, music, readings and a YouTube presentation by Santa Fe Archbishop John Wester who wrote a Pastoral Letter calling for nuclear disarmament. At 8:00 p.m., participants will process in silence to the riverfront for a short prayer/ritual before launching lantern boats at sunset. Pax Christi Harrisburg along with Market Square Peacemaking Committee and other local organizations are sponsors of the event.

On August 6, 1945, a uranium atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, killing 140,000 people and thousands died later from burns and radiation sickness. Three days later, on August 9, a plutonium bomb was dropped on Nagasaki, killing 70,000 people. Harrisburg is a sister city with Hiroshima and was an early signer of the international Mayors for Peace program. We are all siblings and kin on this planet and the abolition of nuclear weapons is a critical necessity. Never again!!

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At left, on their recent trip to England, Alice and Mike Hamilton bumped into Artist-in-Residence Peter Yardley-Jones. At right, Gene Peters is dressed in her Pentecost red while listening to the June 5th worship service.

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 on our website:
www.marketsquarechurch.org.**



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