

Dear Market Square Beloveds,

Every Sunday in October lifts up a significant facet of our life together. Of course, every Sunday all year long is a "little Easter" in which we celebrate at the headwaters of each week the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, an event not only confirming the sovereignty of God and the eternal nature of the divine life in which by God's grace we share, but also the good news that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

The first Sunday in October is *World Communion Sunday*. Originating out of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh in 1933, congregations from many different denominations from "north and south, east and west," from all over the world, come to the Table of our Lord on this day. But the day offers more than a "communion of communions." It is our reminder that the gospel of Jesus Christ is not merely a national or a tribal faith. It is global and universal, for all whom the Lord our God calls. It transcends forms of government and national boundaries. Our siblings in the faith hail from a multitude of backgrounds, circumstances, nationalities, races, and experiences. As an old hymn has it, "The Lord God made us all." In an age when division and polarization are rampant and when some in our country push an "America First" agenda, World Communion Sunday reminds us of the larger scope and nature of our faith and life.

The second and third Sundays in October are designated this year as *Stewardship Sunday* and *Pledge Dedication Sunday*, respectively. Through my many years as a pastor, I know these particular Sundays are not generally received with the same level of enthusiasm by congregations as, say, Christmas and Easter. But, frankly speaking, I never have understood why. Christmas and Easter celebrate what God has done for us while our stewardship is our response as we give thanks to God and to join God in working out God's purposes. Stewardship and Pledge Dedication Sundays are our annual ritual of affirming and confirming our commitment both to the work and witness of the gospel as well as to the building up of our Market Square community and the life we share together in worship, mission, and fellowship. Somebody once defined stewardship as "what we do because of what we believe" and I like that. Every year there is for me something magical and satisfying about placing Lori's and my pledge card in the basket with the pledge cards of other members of our community, keeping faith together. Our stewardship theme this year, in light of major transitions in the culture around us and



Pastor
Thomas A. Sweet

the pastoral transitions in our own congregation, is "*Continuing to Proclaim and Live the Good News!*"

The fourth Sunday in October is our *Autumn Earth Sunday*. To say that climate change is now the world's greatest problem seems to me to be incontrovertible. Many scientists now are saying that what is already a calamity is well on its way to becoming a large-scale catastrophe within this century. There certainly are many other challenges facing the world, too, and they certainly need our attention and prayer. But, as people of faith, we need to be at the forefront of a radical reorientation of the way we think, believe, and act in regard to earth and environment. This day's Adult Forum and worship service hopefully will contribute to the needed transformation.

The fifth and last Sunday in October is *Reformation Sunday*. Presbyterians belong to the Reformed Tradition. It is not, of course, the only expression of Christian faith, but it is ours, and it makes a significant theological contribution to the interpretation and implementation of the gospel of Jesus Christ in the world. Our worship this day will explore some of the gifts and contributions of our Reformed Tradition or, as former Presbytery Executive the Reverend Dr. Mark Englund-Krieger aptly calls it, the "Reformed Project," for, indeed, it is not a static tradition to which we belong, but one that constantly is being reformed and renewed.

The subtext to this article, of course, is the centrality of worship in our congregation. I long will remember our worship through the years - your faithfulness to God and to our life together demonstrated by your presence and engagement, the sense of our being together in the Word, the ministry of music that reaches our deepest hearts, the great diversity of persons who find their way into our sanctuary, and the many ways in which our worship issues in our love for, and service to, neighbors near and far.

As Lori's and my time at Market Square moves toward its close, our hearts course with thanksgiving for the worship hours we have shared with you all these years. If I were to be asked for my counsel about the transition time coming upon this congregation, my answer would be immediate and easy: "Worship God, together!"

With abundant gratitude and great love,
Tom

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, October 2nd at 1:00 p.m.

The **Ecology Action Team** invites you to join us for a leisurely walk in the woods, Boyd Big Tree Preserve, led by a naturalist and a forester, and co-sponsored by Manada Conservancy and the Dauphin County Woodland Owners Association.

Please RSVP by contacting Margee Kooistra: 717-766-5496 or margeekooistra@gmail.com by Thursday, September 29. We will meet in the parking lot at 12:50 p.m., 401 Fishing Creek Valley Road, Harrisburg 17112.

Next Marketplace Deadline: Sunday, October 9

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,

While visiting Priscilla at Warren Wilson College this past weekend, she shared some of the statistics about the student body that were gathered from and then shared with the student body during their orientation week. I was amazed to learn that well more than 50% of the student body self-identifies as queer and that 15% of the student body identifies as transgender. Both the Pew Research Center and the UCLA School of Law Williams Institute put the percentage of

transgender persons in the US at about 1.5% total, so for one school to have 10x that number of transgender students is pretty amazing.

From the casual observations I made while with Priscilla, I can only trust what the college says about the makeup of their student body. What I can affirm after attending some of Priscilla's classes as well as other parent weekend events, is that the college does indeed seek to create a safe and affirming place for LGBTQ students. Most of the students simply did not seem interested or worried about presenting as one particular gender or another. From hair styles to styles of dress, the whole campus feels rather gender fluid. Students regularly ask new people they meet for their pronouns and in groups where we parents were asked to introduce ourselves, the invitation was always, "tell us who you are and what pronouns you use." I'm so glad for Warren Wilson's safe space for LGBTQ students!

It got me to thinking more broadly about what it is to have a safe space in which each of us can be who we are. It's important for our wellbeing on so many levels! Back home now, I want to think more broadly about all people, for we all need to have space in which we feel safe to express who we are. As I do so, I begin to ask myself more difficult questions like, what happens if the needs of person A to feel safe conflict with the needs of person B to feel safe? Can those two people simply not exist in community together? How do we determine which person's needs take precedence? To what degree does having a safe space give opportunities for growth and at what point does the same safe space hinder growth because we aren't challenged to grow beyond what's comfortable? These questions are challenging in part because they take a certain base level of trust to even begin discussing with one another.

While at Warren Wilson (which btw is a Presbyterian related

college!), I was also grateful to be a part of a church community like Market Square where we are working to embrace these same values and seeking to provide safe space for all people. As we head into a time of transition in a few months, I trust that we'll keep working to create safe space; space in which all people can feel free to share and to listen, space in which each can express their own needs but also be equally aware of the needs of others, space where we are secure enough to grow but not so comfortable that our growth stagnates. It's a bit of a balancing act, but we serve a God who seeks to both embrace us as we are and challenge us to grow into the people we're meant to be. I'm hopeful and grateful that we'll continue to do that together in the time to come!

Youth

Youth Sunday school and youth group have gotten off to a bit of a slow start with a rained-out pool party and only one Sunday school gathering as of this writing, but we're looking to make up for it in October! Plans for October include Sunday school lessons that continue to address students' questions about the Bible, prayer, and what it is to be Christ's disciples in our everyday lives. Specifically, we'll be thinking about these questions about prayer and about ourselves, "What does prayer do? How do we know if God is reaching out to us? How do you focus on understanding yourself? What's the line between self-care and selfishness?" Our youth ask amazing questions and I really appreciate the opportunity to think about them with both youth and other adult leaders!

As for youth group, several youth have asked if we can go to Hershey Park together for Park in the Dark. We're working to put that together and hope to have pics to share next month! If we make it to Hershey Park, I will be staying out of the most extreme haunted houses, but perhaps our more intrepid youth will venture in. We can always use a few more adult leaders to help with both Sunday school and Youth Group so if you're interested in working with youth, please let me (Kim) or Cindy Bendroth, our Youth Committee chair, know.

Finally, the youth committee is also working to be in more intentional contact with our college students. If you have a college student, hopefully you've received an email from me asking for address information for your student. Follow up phone calls to parents who haven't yet responded will be made by the youth committee, so please share that address information with us by responding to the email or answering the phone!

Thank you! **(KDW)**



The Deacons hosted coffee hour with refreshments on Genesis Sunday.

Our Church Family

Deaths

Deb Yates' father, Robert Stringer,
died on September 5.

Stewardship

YTD Actual	\$321,300
YTD Budget	\$310,000
Surplus	\$ 11,300

Worship and Preaching Schedule for October

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. Livestreaming of the 11:00 a.m. service also is available to members who are unable to be present in the sanctuary by clicking on the link in the "Members Only" section of the church website. An edited version of the service will be available later that day for the general public on the Market Square YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRVosTxjDYUzyJju4k7Lfeg>

Korean language sermons are posted on the Korean Ministries YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCH6wErNFfDWz41-3DHUMzHg>

October 2 – World Communion 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
The Reverend Thomas A. Sweet preaching
The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Dedication of Peace and Global Witness Offering

October 9 – Stewardship 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
The Reverend Kimberley D. Wadlington preaching

October 16 – Pledge Dedication 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
The Reverend Thomas A. Sweet preaching

October 23 – Autumn Earth Sunday

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

October 30 – Reformation 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
The Reverend Thomas A. Sweet preaching



STATUS REPORT: AFGHAN REFUGEE FAMILY

Our adopted refugee family, the Afghanzadas, have lived in Central Pennsylvania since December, 2021, a mere nine months. They fled Afghanistan in August, 2021 in the mass exodus because of imminent Taliban rule. Market Square Church along with Pine Street Church has formed a partnership of volunteers to help the family in acclimating to life in the United States.

The Afghanzada family consists of seven members; a mother and father, two sons, a daughter, and two nephews. The youngest is the daughter, Sadia, who is 16 and attends the Mechanicsburg High School.

The most significant needs of any refugee family coming to the United States are housing, jobs, and learning English. In meeting family representatives, we learned that the categories of jobs and learning English had basically been satisfied. All male members of the seven-person family had jobs. Those jobs were for menial work in warehouses, housekeeping at a local hotel, and serving in a convenience store but nevertheless, they had jobs. We have learned Afghans are a hard-working people.

Because the men worked as interpreters for the U.S. military forces in Afghanistan, their English was at a minimum, rudimentary. With employment here their English proficiency has improved because English-speaking is the norm. For Sadia, her English has to be good just to survive in our public schools. The mother, Mahtab Gul, was the only family member needing English speaking help. And that need has been met by volunteers coming to their home in Mechanicsburg for person-to-person teaching.

This leaves the category "housing" as the only need not yet satisfied. Currently the seven-person family resides in a one-bedroom apartment

with a loft. This is unsatisfactory by American standards. Through an alert from one of our wonderful volunteers we found a rental possibility for the Afghanzadas...a four-bedroom home in the center of Mechanicsburg. The price was right, location was perfect, and condition of the home excellent. However, another client for the rental appeared more acceptable to the landlord and we lost out. Our volunteers continue to search for a suitable rental. If you have any leads on prospective housing for the family, please contact me at the email below.

Roger Olson, housedoctr@hotmail.com
 Co-chair, Afghan Refugee Family Nurturing Project,
 Market Square Presbyterian Church



Pictured above are: Jamal (ISC interpreter), Mohammad Ali, Mahtab Gul, Parwiz, Ali Asghar Nabizada, and Sadia.

Dear friends,

Happy Fall! I hope getting back into the swing of things has gone smoothly for you. The Music Ministry has some exciting things planned for this month. Take a look!

October 2 is **World Communion Sunday** and we have planned music from different cultures. The Market Square Ringers will call us to worship with their opening voluntary by American composer Cathy Marker. The Sanctuary Choir will sing a South African *Gloria* in place of the congregational response, they will sing an isiZulu Hymn, and a beautiful setting on "Ubi Caritas." **Stewardship Sunday** is the following Sunday, and the Sanctuary Choir will introduce us to two new anthems. They will be singing "Walk Humbly with Your God" by Fred Gramann and "If Thou Wilt Be Perfect" by Melissa Dunphy. On **Pledge Dedication Sunday**, October 16, the choir will repeat one of our works from the October 15 concert, and our Artist-in-Residence Peter Yardley-Jones will return to worship. I am excited for **Earth Sunday** on October 23 as the choir will be presenting two new anthems – "The Beauty of the Earth" by Gwyenth Walker and "Touch the Earth Lightly" by Daniel Nelson. **Reformation Sunday** finishes the month and **Open Loft Choir** will be offered this Sunday.

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 p.m. in the Sanctuary**. This will be the opening 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. We are partnering with the Harrisburg Chapter of **Heeding God's Call to End Gun**



Tyler Canonico
Minister of Music

Violence; a spokesperson from the organization will be present, letters to representatives will be available for signing, we'll have t-shirts, and more. The musical portion will move you in many ways – it takes us on a journey. We will experience the feelings one encounters leading into war, the war itself, the aftermath, our faith, and then we will move into the feeling of hope. With the ongoing war in Ukraine and the uprising of gun violence and hatred, I wanted to postpone the Spooktacular performance and do a concert about peace instead. This will be a great concert and I hope you and your family and friends will join us. Please visit the church website for tickets.

Peace and love,
Tyler

Sanctuary Choir Repertoire for October:

October 2 (World Communion) – "South African Gloria" by William Roberts, "Akekho ofana no Jesu" arranged by Charlette Botha, and "Ubi Caritas et Amor" by Richard Proulx

October 9 (Stewardship) – "Walk Humbly with Your God" by Fred Gramann and "If Thou Wilt Be Perfect" by Melissa Dunphy

October 16 (Pledge Dedication) – "Soon We Will Be Done" by Kyle Pederson and "Teach Me, O Lord" by Thomas Attwood

October 23 (Earth Sunday) – "The Beauty of the Earth" by Gwyenth Walker and "Touch the Earth Lightly" by Daniel Nelson

October 30 (Reformation/ Open Loft) – "O How Amiable" by John Rutter

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 ♦ 7:00 P.M.



Karl Jenkins'

THE ARMED MAN

A call for world peace and an end to gun violence

In partnership with the Harrisburg Chapter of Heeding God's Call

MARKET SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
20 South Second Street ♦ Harrisburg

Incorporating words from both religious and historical sources and ending with the hope for peace in our world today and always, *The Armed Man* includes texts from the Islamic call to prayer, the Bible, authors Rudyard Kipling, Alfred Lord Tennyson and more.

"...a musical pageant."

– Sydney Morning Herald

- Orchestra and organ
- 50-voice choir
- Laura Petravage, mezzo-soprano
- Tyler A. Canonico, conductor

Tickets: \$20 per person (includes parking in the adjacent Market Square Garage) are available at the door or online at www.marketsquarechurch.org.



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Meet Our Choral Scholars



Kaitlyn Carr is a Junior music education major with voice concentration from Pittsburgh, PA. She has been a part of Market Square's Sanctuary Choir since Spring 2022. Kaitlyn is involved in Messiah University's Women's Ensemble, Concert Choir, and symphonic Winds Ensemble. She's so excited to continue at Market Square and thoroughly enjoys being a scholar!

Maira Myers is a Junior music education major at Messiah University. She grew up in Harrisonburg, Virginia with her parents, two older siblings, and their cute dog. In high school, she was involved in soccer, volleyball, orchestra, choir, and some of the musicals. She has worked as a camp counselor for a few summers, and mentions that it has been one of the best experiences of her life. Maira enjoys the outdoors, composing, and of course, choir music! She is excited to continue pursuing music and being a part of all the opportunities that she is blessed to have.



Emily Evans is a Junior music education major from Duncannon, PA. At Messiah, she is involved in Women's Ensemble, Concert Choir, and Choral Arts Society. She is the president of their American Choral Directors Association collegiate chapter, and loves every moment. She is the secretary for their chapter of National Association for Music Education as well as the concert coordinator for Concert Choir. Emily is definitely a highly organized person who loves being involved in anything and everything! This is her second year singing at Market Square. In her free time, she loves to bullet journal, kayak, and hike with her dog, Penny. She thanks the Market Square family for welcoming her so generously.



Bryant Rohrer is a bass from Duncannon, PA. He is currently a First-Year music education major with a concentration in voice at Messiah University. He graduated in May 2022 as Salutatorian from Susquenitta High School. Bryant is involved in the Concert Choir, Men's Ensemble, and Symphonic Winds at Messiah. He plans on becoming a high-level choir teacher and will seek graduate studies after earning a Bachelor of Science.

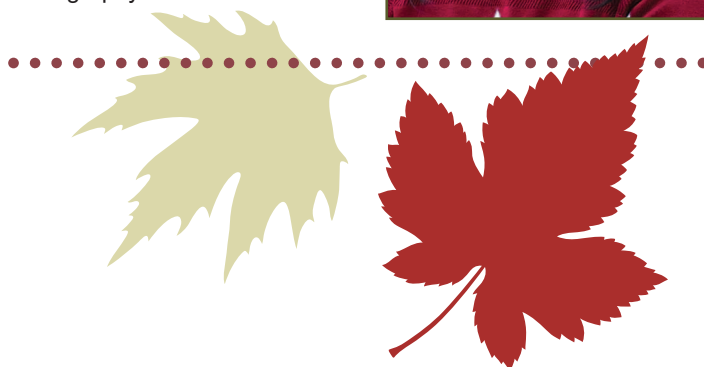


Allie Fritz is a soprano from Duncannon, PA. She graduated from Susquenitta High School in 2022 and is currently a First-Year music education major at Messiah University concentrating in voice. Allie is involved in Messiah's Concert Choir and Women's Ensemble. She plans to use her degree in music education to teach and become a choral conductor.

Timothy Tien is a Senior digital media major (digital video and story concentration) at Messiah University. He grew up in Klang, Malaysia and transferred to Messiah his Sophomore year. Tim likes to sing and play drum, and has a love for choral music. He has served in the Sanctuary Choir last year and is excited to be back for another year. Besides music, he is passionate in documenting life around him through photography and videography.



Daniel Micsion is from Souderton, PA and is now a First-Year music education major at Messiah University. At Messiah, he is involved in the Concert Choir and the Men's Ensemble. This is Dan's first year at Market Square as a choral scholar, and he is looking forward to the opportunity.



Exploring the World of Prayer

The Reverend Jennifer McKenna

Prayer is our communication with God. There are so many ways to pray. Last month we explored praying with images. This month try the practice of *Lectio Divina*, which is Latin for “sacred reading.” We can thank the Benedictine Order of the Catholic Church for this legacy. Benedict of Nursia (fifth century) asked his order to spend considerable time in prayer with Scripture, poring over it, repeating it, and listening as each word and phrase settled into the heart. Benedict didn’t invent this practice; it is a part of the rich heritage we received from our Jewish brothers and sisters.

There are many variations of lectio divina for this one type of prayer. All of them are contemplative, inviting a long, loving look at Scripture, a poem, music or nature. As we look at this “text,” we listen with the ear of the heart, for a word or phrase, sound or image that “shimmers” for us. This could be a word of comfort, instruction, challenge or assurance. Now is not the time for scholarly interpretations of the text. It’s time for falling in love with the Word and experiencing the goodness of God. You might try *Lectio Divina* on a Scripture passage before it is read in worship. *The Beacon Light* includes the scripture for the upcoming Sunday text if you wonder what Scripture to read.

Take your time stepping into silence after selecting your Scripture. Silently turn your thoughts to God. Let go of concerns or agendas. Just be for a few minutes.

Step two. Read your short passage slowly and carefully either aloud or silently. Reread it. Be alert to any word, phrase, or image that seems to have energy for you. It could be a word that invites you, puzzles you, an image that intrigues you. Wait for this word, phrase or image to speak to you; do not rush or force it. Read the passage as many times as you like.

Step Three. Take whatever word, phrase or image from your passage that has energy for you and allow yourself to ponder it in your heart. In this step we ruminate over our chosen text. Repeat it to yourself like a mantra. Let it speak to your life.

Step Four. Let your soul be deeply in prayer, allowing God to transform you through the word, phrase or image. Let your feelings be open and honest with God. Consider how this word, phrase or image connects with your life today. How is God present to you in it?

Step Five. Rest silently in the presence of God. Move beyond words, phrases or images. Enjoy the freedom that comes in contemplation.

If you desire write about this prayer experience in a journal.

Carbon Footprint Calculator and Quiz

The Ecology Action Committee (EAC) invites you to investigate your impact on the planet by participating in a carbon footprint calculator and quiz. Those who participate by sharing what they find through this exercise will be entered into a drawing for a native plant to provide beauty and support the local ecology.

The suggested carbon footprint site:

<https://www.conservation.org/carbon-footprint-calculator#/> asks about your home energy use, travel, and diet and reports carbon footprint as an estimate of tons of carbon dioxide emitted annually. Along with the number of tons of CO₂, your personal carbon use is displayed as the number of trees needed to offset that carbon use.

The eight question quiz at this site: <https://www.conservation.org/quizzes/carbon-footprint-quiz> is one more interesting way to learn about choices we make that can be impactful.

To participate in the drawing, place your name, carbon footprint, and what you pledge to change over the next year on a sheet of paper to drop in a box in the narthex by the tree by October 29, to be entered into the drawing. The winner will be announced in December’s *Marketplace*, along with a list of the pledges received. If you’d like to include your name in that article, please make a note to that effect on the paper.

Please reach out to Debbie Olson or another member of the EAC with any questions.

Janet Bargh

The light flows from their branches. And they call again, “It’s simple,” they say, “and you too have come into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled with light, and to shine.”

—Mary Oliver



**“...be the change you wish to see in the world.”
—Mahatma Gandhi**

How would you complete the following sentence: “When I consider the condition of our earth, I think things are getting _____.”

In the face of continuing pollution of our air and our waters, our oceans and their inhabitants, the extinction of species, the continuing reliance on dirty fossil fuels, let alone the heavy and uneven burden that all of these place on people of color and those who are poor... in the face of all that, how do we have hope that things can change for the better? How do we keep our faith that our efforts, small or large, will actually produce the changes needed for a more livable world for all?

In celebration of Fall Earth Sunday, the Room for the Inner Way will focus on practices to encourage and support hope for a better future for God's creation and faith that our prayers and actions can bring about the changes we seek for our planet. Using readings, movement, breath work, writing, and prayer, Elizabeth and Lori will guide participants in a time of reflection and meditation after which they will be invited to share insights they receive.

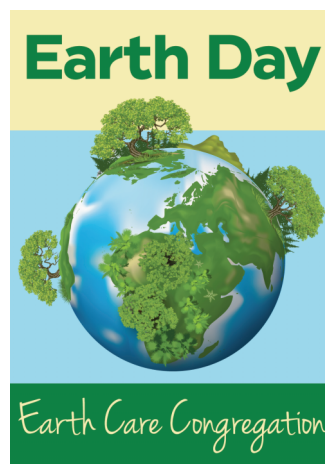
Join us **Sunday, October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30** from 10:35 a.m.- 10:50 a.m. on the fourth floor of our building just off Geneva Hall.

Lori Sweet and Elizabeth Terry



EARTH SUNDAY ADULT FORUM ***A Shared Vision for Pennsylvania's Environment and Communities***

This November, voters across the Commonwealth will cast ballots to decide over 200 races. Our elected officials will then help shape Pennsylvania's environmental future for years to come. *A Shared Vision for Pennsylvania's Environment and Communities* is a tool developed by 30 environmental organizations from across Pennsylvania to educate and guide candidates for office this year – and future elected officials – on the important environmental issues facing Pennsylvania. Only together will we be able to call for candidates across the political spectrum to hear our environmental demands and to use this as a guide in their campaign and when they are in office.



Join our Earth Sunday Adult Forum on October 23 at 9:30 a.m. in Geneva Hall to learn more about the information presented in *A Shared Vision*. Presenters Katie Blume, Political Director with Conservation Voters of PA, and Michael Mehrazar, Campaign Manager with PennFuture will walk through *A Shared Vision*, explore the Vision's intersectional approach, and talk about the environmental issues people should consider when they go out and vote on November 8.

Both our speakers come with outstanding backgrounds and experience. Katie Blume has spent over twenty years as an organizer and advocate for many social justice issues, as well as

electoral politics. Prior to joining Conservation Voters, Katie served as the Deputy Political & Organizing Director for the Pennsylvania Democratic Party, and she currently serves on her community's borough council. As the Political Director, Katie brings her diverse background in the nonprofit, private, and political sectors to work with elected officials and candidates to highlight the possibilities for progress in combating the climate crisis here in PA.

As a Campaign Manager at PennFuture, Michael oversees the work and coordination of PennFuture's campaigns to advocate for clean water protections within the Chesapeake Bay watershed. This work includes developing, managing, and leading campaigns that support critical clean water policy

and funding.

Several of us on the Ecology Action Committee have met and worked with Michael when he served as Field Manager at PennFuture, working with citizens to play a more active role in conservation policy. In that role he recruited, trained, and managed volunteers in southcentral Pennsylvania to advocate for environmental issues. **Please join us Earth Sunday, October 23 for this important Adult Forum.**

Elizabeth Terry

PENN FUTURE, environmental watch dog, educator and guide to candidates for public office, together with 29 other PA environmental organizations, goes behind the scenes to develop a shared vision and to set an environmental agenda. The results are presented in a series of podcasts.

To view this podcast, just go to www.pennfuture.org/podcast, scroll down and click on “Listen to our fifth episode: A Shared Vision for PA's Environment and Communities.”

Become more informed as we learn about the issues and solutions surrounding our PA constitutional amendment that guarantees that, “The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and aesthetic values of the environment.”

Barbara Pennell,
Ecology Action Committee



ADULT FORUM IN OCTOBER

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!

OCTOBER 2 – MARKET SQUARE READS with Jonelle Darr

Market Square has one of the finest church libraries around. The church has provided annual support for its Library for the past 14 years, adding about 15-20 books each year. This morning's session will our church librarian, **Jonelle Darr**, highlighting a few of the library's most recent additions.

OCTOBER 9 – WHITE CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM AND THE THREAT TO DEMOCRACY with Jim Terry

Jim Terry will lead us in a consideration of what White Christian Nationalism is, what it is not, its basic beliefs and political agenda, and why he believes it is a threat to the fundamental principles of liberal democracy.

OCTOBER 16 – THE MORAL, ETHICAL, AND PHYSICAL THREAT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS with Tom Sweet

Nuclear weapon proliferation is one of the most profound threats to life on earth as there is in the world today. Participants will view a video and then share conversation about the danger of nuclear armaments and what to do about it.

Difficult Conversations About Race

Hello Market Square family, I hope this short message finds you well as we begin another church year. I look forward to new opportunities to grow stronger and support each other through these different and uncertain times. Last Fall a number of you participated in a training series entitled "Difficult Conversations About Race" that met after worship for a number of weeks. Though the formal training has ended the group has continued to meet to "check-in" to talk about the application of the training but mostly to have a safe and supportive space to continue the conversation about race. Fast forward to the publication of recent *Marketplace* articles about race; this "check-in" opportunity seemed to the Antiracism Task Force to be a perfect environment to encourage reflection, discussion, and even push-back on the articles for those interested. So you are invited to join the "Difficult Conversations About Race" group for lunch and conversation! Let Nancy know which date you would prefer to gather at 12:15 p.m. in the Knox Room—the dates under consideration are Sunday, October 23rd or October 30th. I look forward to the conversation.

Kevin Burrell

OCTOBER 23 – A SHARED VISION FOR PENNSYLVANIA'S ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITIES with Katie Blume and Michael Mehrazar

See article on page 7.

OCTOBER 30 – THE CURTAIN IS ALMOST CLOSED

With only a few weeks left in his pastorate, we've asked **Tom** to reflect on the last ten years at Market Square and in the community and to be a part of a Q & A session as together we move toward the end of a chapter in the annals of Market Square history.

*The Session of
Market Square Presbyterian Church
Requests the Honor of Your Presence at the*

*Farewell Celebration
Honoring the Retirement
and Celebrating the Ministry of
Reverend Thomas A. Sweet
and Lori Sweet*

*Sunday, the 20th of November
Two Thousand Twenty-Two
At Noon*

*For a brief program in the Sanctuary
and refreshments in Geneva Hall
of Market Square Presbyterian Church
20 South Second Street, Harrisburg,
Pennsylvania*



Nancy Snyder hosted a get together for Covenant Group #2 (*we really need to come up with a better name...*) at her lovely home.



Heart Wisdom: A Women's Day Retreat

Saturday, October 22nd, 2022 in Geneva Hall from 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

We wanted to create a women's retreat day because we have heard many women say, as they rush by each other in the halls of Market Square tending to all the things women tend to, that they wish we had time to be together, visit, and relax! In the Room for the Inner Way, we always are wishing for more time to be contemplative together.

So, in response, this retreat offers a time for women to SLOW DOWN and connect with the wisdom of our hearts and with each other. It is a day for the women of Market Square to gather in a circle as women have gathered throughout time to create sacred space and to visit together. It is a day of holy pause, an exhale, and a chance for soulful replenishment. We will embody practices for restorative relaxation, prayer/blessings, healing work, wisdom-sharing, play, and heart-centered connection. You are invited to take your seat in this circle of women and build community among us.

—Lori Sweet and Elizabeth Terry

AN ABRIDGED AGENDA

Arrival between 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. (Coffee, hot water for tea, and water along with some fruit and snacks will be provided.)

Morning Session will include opening prayer and introductions, some gentle heart-centered movement, silent time, a blessing/anoointing ritual, and a wisdom circle with a discussion and practice for Praying Our Heart's Desires together. We will close the morning with some breathwork and blessing for lunch.

Leisurely Lunch with time to visit and relax. (We will brown bag lunch and bring one item to share.)

Afternoon Session will include more gentle body movement and restorative activities and focus on a contemplative practice: Creating Sacred Image Prayer Cards for someone else (an easy, relaxing, and guided collage activity), with a card exchange, heart 2 heart meditation, and closing circle and prayer.

(NOTE: For women who register, a more detailed agenda with instructions about what to bring will be sent, via email, closer to the retreat date. And yes, we might bring some drums & rattles, too! Young women, ages 13-17, are welcome to attend with an adult.)

Sign-up is required. Please email LoriSweetStudios@gmail.com or contact Nancy Sheets in the church office to register by **October 10th**. We need your name, email, and phone number to register. Call Lori at 717-756-0120 or email if you have questions. **We are requiring a minimum of 12 women be confirmed by Oct 10th to make this retreat viable.** We will accept more registrations after this date, but only if we have the minimum requirement confirmed by the 10th. Please join us!

Lori Sweet

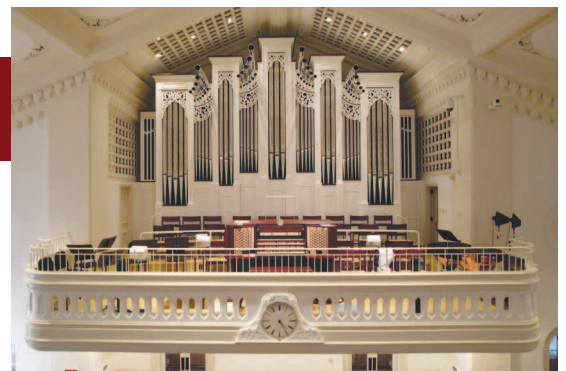
Have Your Cake and Postludes, Too!

Those who have been present for our 11:00 a.m. worship service recently have been hearing a long string of incredible postludes (closing voluntaries) by our genius of an organist, Tyler Canonico. Knowing that my time at Market Square is drawing to a close, and wanting to hear those postludes one more time, I asked Tyler if he would be a party to having a Friday night party featuring him playing these remarkable masterworks for organ.

Tyler readily agreed and immediately started conjuring a night of revelry and fun. He promises riveting commentary by Tyler and Tom, a couple of hymns for the audience to sing, and a lot of really fun music, including those Sunday masterpieces! (He had me on the word "fun!")

The Deacons and the Sanctuary Choir will provide a cake reception; hence we are calling the evening *"Have Your Cake and Postludes, Too!"* The musical part of the evening will last about 45 minutes with the cake reception following in Fellowship Hall.

Put Friday evening, November 4, at 7:00 p.m. on your calendar and plan to be a part of this Market Square extravaganza, a perfect way to begin All Saints Weekend. Please feel free to invite and bring your friends as well! (TAS)



Thank You for Foose Elementary Offerings!

It was so gratifying to be able to deliver all your offerings to Foose Elementary School at the beginning of their year. Thanks to your generosity we were able to deliver 72 backpacks complete with a notebook, crayons, hand sanitizer, tissues, and #2 pencils all in a sturdy pencil case. We sent along all the useful items you donated including lots of extra pencils, glue sticks, and the like. The staff was thrilled to receive so many backpacks and other helpful items.

As for your financial gifts, in conversation with the school guidance counselor, we used donated funds to purchase two more needed items:

- Children's underwear in various sizes for the school nurse to give to children who have accidents during the day. This happens a lot, especially at the beginning of school. We've made it easier for little ones to return to their activities without embarrassment.
- Books that can be given to children when they have perfect attendance for one month. The school needs about 120 books per month with which to reward all the children who have perfect attendance. We were able to supply about 1½ months' worth of books!

The school finds all these items very helpful, but none of them are in their yearly budget. Thank you again for your kindness in giving to the school to help both students and teachers.

(KDW)

At right are Principal Eric Hicks and guidance counselor Kayla Minnie.



Left and right are scenes from the MSPC Annual Picnic at Negley Park.

Elementary Teachers Needed

Our families with young children are very glad for the change we've made to Elementary Sunday School. But to make this a sustainable change, we need more teachers. If you might be willing to teach as part of a 2-person team, please contact Keith Camilli, our Elementary Ed chair, or Kim Wadlington. Our teachers say that even they always learn something from our great curriculum and Kim helps get whatever supplies are needed prepped each Sunday. Won't you consider welcoming children into our midst through Sunday school?



Elementary Children's Sunday School embraces a Season of Creation

Elementary Children's Sunday School continues during the worship hour with children heading to class immediately after our A Time with Children in worship. This past month, students focused on creation using the "Season of Creation" lectionary which is an ecumenical lectionary used most often in September by congregations wishing to emphasize God's role as creator. Our curriculum points us in this direction, and I thought that this ecologically minded congregation might appreciate more information about this special lectionary.

Let All Creation Praise, an organization devoted to helping churches embrace this focus on creation, shares this on their website:

There is no [specific] focus in the church year on God the creator, no opportunity to reflect in a concentrated way on the foundations of redemption and sanctification, namely, the very creation itself that is redeemed and sanctified. For centuries, our theology, our ethics, and our worship have been oriented in two dimensions: our relationship with God and our human relationships with one another. Now it is time to turn our attention to God's relationship with all creation and with our relationship with creation (and with God



through creation). The experience of a Season of Creation through four Sundays in the church year alone will not bring the transformation in consciousness we need to address the ecological problems we face today in God's creation. Yet unless we can see what worship can be like in a season devoted fully to Creator and creation, we will probably not adequately incorporate care for creation into worship throughout the rest of the year.

(<http://www.letallcreationpraise.org/season-of-creation>)

In addition to being an Earth Care congregation and our twice-yearly focus on environmental issues in worship, I'm glad our children can learn about and pray for all of creation during Sunday school in September!

October highlight – Several of our October lessons will help children think about their role in the church community and Jesus' radical acceptance of all people. One of the ways children understand God's acceptance is when they themselves feel accepted and embraced at church. Please continue to make our children feel seen, loved, and valued. Being present to our children in either Elementary Sunday school or the nursery is one way to do this! We do need more help, so if you feel moved to help teach or staff the nursery alongside our paid caregiver, please let Kim or Keith Camilli, our Elementary Ed Chair, know!

(KDW)

The Season of Creation texts to read and pray over - check them out!

Season of Creation Year 3. Series C: The Wisdom Series (year of Luke)

The third series includes those texts where Wisdom is the designing force behind creation and the impulse that enables the parts of creation to fulfil their roles.

Ocean Sunday

- Job 38:1-18
- Psalm 104:1-9, 24-26
- Ephesians 1:3-10
- Luke 5:1-11

Fauna Sunday

- Job 39:1-8, 26-30
- Psalm 104:14-23
- 1 Corinthians 1:10-23
- Luke 12:22-31

Storm Sunday

- Job 28:20-27
- Psalm 29
- 1 Corinthians 1:21-31
- Luke 8:22-25

Cosmos Sunday

- Proverbs 8:22-31
- Psalm 148
- Colossians 1:15-20
- John 6:41-51

Transformational Bible Study with Dori Hjalmarson

"Church, Community, and Mission" Transformational Bible Study with Mission Co-worker, Dori Hjalmarson You are invited to join members of Carlisle Presbytery in a transformational Bible study sponsored by the Presbytery of Carlisle and led by Honduras mission co-worker Dori Hjalmarson. The study will take place **via Zoom, 4:30p.m. Sundays, for six weeks starting on October 9.**

"Church, Community, and Mission" examines God's mission of jubilee and salvation in the world and the church's participation in that mission. Over the past two years, the Honduras Presbyterian Church has used the study to generate transformation and energetic reflection on its relationship to the larger community, redefining "evangelism" and Christian responsibility. The study was written by professors at the Latin American Biblical University in Costa Rica and translated to English by Presbyterian mission co-workers. It is participatory, conversational, and open-minded.



When: Sundays, 4:30PM Eastern Time, Oct 9-Nov 13

Register in advance for this meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZAtdO2uqzkrHtGAL-cqVfyJEijamfxgjbo->

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the study.

(KDW)



Being Church

Several years ago, I heard a pastor preach on the future of the church. I remember this sermon because he painted a grim picture.

- Church membership numbers are dropping.
- Mainline congregations are losing members.
- PCUSA church numbers way down.

After citing these statistics, he offered a calculation—if the losses continued at the same pace, in 20 years there would be no more church. I remember my immediate reaction was “what a downer.”

But I found myself thinking, in response—**it’s not going to church that matters; it’s being church.** It’s not that going to church is bad. It’s that **ONLY** going to church is not enough. We need to **BE church.** **GOING** to church, where we turn inward, needs to result in **BEING** church, where we turn outward.

Several years ago, Carlin and I were visiting our children in London. While there, we went to a place where they have Soft Play for children. First, we entered a large open space. As we walked around a bit, to our right, we saw a post office. Then further along on the right, there was a bar with wine and beer. Straight ahead was a little cafe counter which sells coffee, tea, breakfast pastries, soup, and a few sandwiches. Next to the café were tables where people could sit to drink coffee or tea and eat pastries. On the far side of these tables, was a lounge area with couches and easy chairs—complete with several people sitting around in animated conversation.

On the other side of this large interior space was the soft play area. An entire wall filled with a children’s play area—slides, and tunnels, climbing ropes, and bins filled with balls to climb in. And in the center of the whole structure, near the door where we entered, was a gift shop.

Oh, one more thing—at the front of all this space was a communion table, with lovely stained-glass windows behind it. And several rows of folding chairs arranged in pew fashion, about 30 chairs in all.

THIS WAS A CHURCH. And in the middle of the week when we were there, there are many more people than for Sunday worship, when they held services for some 20 to 30 people.

One of the kind of complaints we hear these days is “why isn’t the church the way they used to be.” For example, back when everyone went to church; when all the pews were filled; when Sunday Schools were booming; when the church held unquestioned sway in civic life, when ... (you fill in the blank).

What good does it do to **GO** to church if we don’t know how to **BE** church, or if we fail to **BE** church. Are we ...

- A church in decline, numbers dropping, until we fade into oblivion.
- A church that is blind to the needs of people around it. **OR** are we
- A church responding to the changing world around it and its needs as they arise?

So, why did I tell the story of the church in London. Because they were faced with a challenge—should they close the church building and cease being a presence in the community. The area around them was changing, the numbers of people going to church were dropping. So they asked themselves “what does this neighborhood that we are in **REALLY** need?” And the answer was—it needs a community center. In converting their space into a thriving community asset, they revived their church.

The challenge for us today is what it has been since the early church and down through all of history. Are we a church...or do we go to church? Yes, we need to **GO** to church, but in doing so we must also **BE** church.

Donna Wenger

<http://www.thesheriffcentre.co.uk/st-james-church/>

Session Activities

In September, Market Square’s Session took the following actions:

Membership

1. Received Mary Gingrich Martin into membership by profession of faith on September 11, 2022.

Worship, Music and Arts

2. Agreed to hold a ‘Blue Christmas’ worship service on Saturday, December 17, 2022.

Mission and Stewardship

3. Agreed to re-start quarterly offerings for the Ecumenical Food Pantry. (Note: These were suspended during Covid when we were not holding in-person worship.)
4. Agreed to designate the 25% local portion of the Peace and Global Witness offering (October 2) to benefit local refugee resettlement support (e.g. Afghan refugee family, Syrian refugee family, etc.).

Personnel

5. Agreed to recommend two agreements related to Pastor Sweet’s impending retirement (‘Gracious Partings’ and ‘Retirement Agreement’) to the congregation for its consideration and action.

6. Approved an anti-bullying policy. [Note: MSPC’s insurance company recommended that the church adopt an anti-bullying policy.]

7. Agreed to change Pastor Wadlington’s annual salary allocation of housing allowance vs. taxable salary by increasing the housing allowance portion of her salary \$3,400 from \$21,600 to \$25,000, and making a commensurate decrease of \$3,400 to her taxable annual cash salary for the Covenant of Agreement period January 2022 - November 2022. [Note: This is not a request for more compensation. It is a different allocation of housing allowance vs. taxable income. For installed pastors, this type of change would require a congregational vote. However, she is not installed and has a Covenant of Agreement on which the Session may take action.]

As of September 20, 2022, the Clerk’s report listed 472 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.

Jonelle Darr, Clerk of Session

Peace and Global Witness Offering

On October 2, we celebrate World Communion Sunday and dedicate in worship the Peace & Global Witness Offering. Your gifts to this special offering support peacemaking in our own community, our own region, and places around the world. Half of the proceeds are given to the Presbyterian Mission Agency for global peacemaking efforts; 25% is remitted to the Presbytery of Carlisle to financially assist local helping agencies within its footprint. Individual congregations retain the remaining 25% of the offering.

As you know, we recently adopted an Afghan family of seven. We are in search of a larger place for them to live in the Mechanicsburg area. They currently are living in a one-bedroom apartment. We also continue to walk with the Syrian refugee family and are aware of special needs of a Palestinian refugee family for tuition for their daughter's medical school education.

In response to these needs, Market Square's session, with the encouragement of the Peacemaking Committee, has designated "Refugee Resettlement" as the recipient of the Market Square portion of the offering.

If you would like to support this ministry, please mail to the church office a check payable to the church with "PGW" in the memo line or go to marketsquarechurch.org, click on "Online Giving," then "Special Offerings." You may also place your offering in the collection plates.

We pray that the God of Peace will open the generosity in our hearts to join with Christians all over the country on World Communion Sunday, October 2, and to respond to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

BACK TO SCHOOL FOR TYLER

Tyler Canonico's gone back to school this fall, only this time it is as an Adjunct Instructor of Music at Lebanon Valley College (LVC), his alma mater. There is no truth to the rumor that he now would like us, as his students do, to call him "Professor," but you can if you desire.

Tyler has been asked to conduct the College Choir, a 70-member non-auditioned ensemble that meets three times a week for almost an hour beginning at noon. He does this with the full approval of our session, glad to share our Market Square music ministry with young people. Having begun at the beginning of September, I asked Tyler the following questions, with his responses appearing below. Congratulations, Professor! (TAS)

TAS: *Two months into this new work, what do you think? Are you enjoying it? What is your biggest challenge as a newly-minted college "professor"?*

TAC: I am enjoying it! I am having a lot of fun working with the students. LVC has a different vibe then when I was there – it is a more inclusive and accepting environment. I think my biggest challenge is getting everything accomplished in a 50-minute rehearsal (we have a lot of music to learn this semester)!

TAS: *What is your goal or hope for the students who are a part of the choir?*

TAC: The College Choir has music majors and non-music majors, so we have a very different vibe than the auditioned Concert Choir. These students are here because they want to be in choir and make music together. The other day a student at the school tore down the Pride flag and the whole campus became distraught. We had a time for discussion during choir rehearsal the following day during which different students shared how College Choir is their family and how it's a place they feel that they can be fully themselves. It was very moving to hear these students express themselves. My goals and/or hopes for this class are that the students experience joy with music-making, that they feel encouraged after each class, and use music to help to express themselves.

TAS: *Why is participation in music and the arts so important for college students?*

TAC: It's very important because we can express ourselves through music and the arts in ways that words cannot. Music can be a wonderful escape from the stresses of everyday life.

TAS: *When is the first concert?*

TAC: The choirs will present a **Homecoming Concert on Sunday, October 16, at 3:00 p.m. in Miller Chapel.** Come!



Market Square's 2022 Bistro.... Serving Soup and serving HELP Ministries for 33 years!

I know the date of **December 4** is on many of your calendars with a HOLD for our 33rd Bistro starting at 12 noon in Market Square's Fellowship Hall.

Here are some details to whet your appetites!

We will, once again, be offering "Table" Sponsorships to any who would like to participate as sponsors for the event. Each Bistro Table Sponsor(ship) will receive a pint of each of four delicious soups in freezable/microwaveable containers as well as a healthy supply of baked goods! The To-Go soups for Table Sponsors may be picked up at any time on December 4 (or soup sponsors may make special arrangements for a later pick up or delivery within 25 miles of Market Square). Table Sponsorships are \$130.00 per table. If you're sending a check to the Church, just write a note for Bistro on it and Michelle will know what to do with it.

At this writing, we know we are featuring four delectable soups with some vegetarian offerings and some meaty ones too! The soup menu is still being refined and will be ready soon.

As last year's soup preparation was so successful, we will be proceeding in the same way we did with four consecutive soup-making Saturdays in the Market Square Church Kitchen. Sign-ups are available at TimeToSignUp.com using this strange-looking url: ttsu.me/cp34tv There will also be lots of baking options available and we welcome lots of bakers of cookies/brownies and bread and rolls.

If using TimeToSignUp.com is not your thing, feel free to reach out to Alice Anne Schwab at 717-576-2500 or aliceanneschwab@gmail.com

*Looking forward to a record breaking
Bistro 33!*

Alice Anne Schwab

Arts on the Square Gallery & Artist Reception

Sunday, October 9th, 2022

12-1:30 pm following worship in Geneva Hall (4th floor)

Meet the artists, view the art, and enjoy conversation and snacks

Kelly Curran is our solo artist for October-December.



Kelly paints spiritual, figurative, and symbolic works of art using oils on wood and canvas. She says, "I paint my dreams and visions that come to me in my life, my meditations, and my healing work. I believe my art has helped me to heal and represents the inner temple within myself and within all people." Kelly is a Millworks artist and also has shown her work in the Harrisburg area through the Harrisburg Art Association.

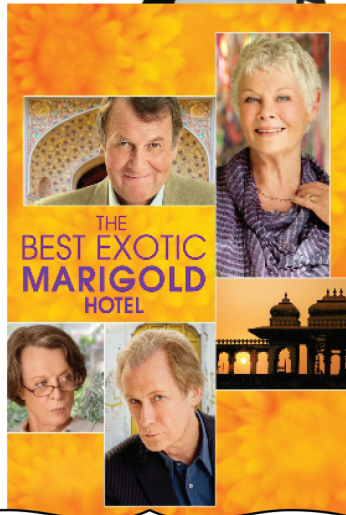
Artist for the Day: Andrea Judson



Andrea is from Baltimore Maryland and is the daughter of Ann Marie and the late John Judson. Her newly budding creative business is called Great Green Gifts. She makes pillows, quilts (and more) from 100% upcycled materials (old curtains, fabric remnants, clothing etc.) Andrea says, "My hope is to help with the issue of textile waste while also making beautiful and functional items."



The 2022-2023 Arts on the Square Gallery is made possible by the sponsorship of John K. Robinson in memory of Rachel Robinson Bair.



MOVIE NIGHT

at MARKET SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FRIDAY NIGHT

October 7th, 2022

Intro 6:45 Film Begins 7:00 pm

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

Please RSVP Church Office email:
sheets@marketsquarechurch.org
Call Lori Sweet for info
717-756-0120

This 2012 comedy/drama has an award-winning cast, including Judi Dench and Bill Nighy. Its a charming film that follows the lives of seven seniors as they journey to India in their retirement years. The film is rated PG and is 2 hrs long. Subtitle in English will be shown.



FILM DESCRIPTION: The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel is advertised as a destination for seniors and seven people from England take advantage of the opportunity - each for various personal and financial reasons. Although advertised as glamorous, the shabby hotel has seen its better days and is not exactly what the guests expected. The hotel and the colorful life of India, itself, hold character roles throughout the film and there is life, love, and friendship waiting for those willing to open up to possibility with new eyes and adventure. This film is charming and humorous in its telling. It is cleverly mastered and allows for a full range of emotions that showcase our humanity and the plain truth that love and compassion matter at all ages.

The film is shown on the 4th Floor of the church.

The film will be followed by a short response/discussion session.

The evening should be concluded by approximately 9:30 PM

Validated PARKING in the GARAGE WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR THE EVENT

Popcorn and Iced Drinks will be provided.

Optional: Bring a Snack to Share.

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URGE CONGRESS TO ACT NOW

Our friends in the International Service Center sent us this request:

Alert! Congress must fulfill the promise made to our Afghan allies and partners.

The Afghan Adjustment Act ("AAA"), H.R.8685/S.4787, is bipartisan, bicameral legislation that ensures Afghans who have fled from Afghanistan may apply for permanent resident status.

We need your help to urge Congress to act now and pass AAA, especially in the Senate.

Building support in the Senate on this bipartisan legislation will help the bill succeed by reducing opposition to its inclusion in the Continuing Resolution that is set to be voted on at the end of September.

Urge Congress to pass the Afghan Adjustment Act now.

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 YouTube
([link on the church website's Members Info page](#)).

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.



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.