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This next month we wrap up our six month series of sermons and Bible readings titled, "Mark Up Your Bible." My goal for introducing this series at Market Square and handing out gift study Bibles was to get us reading our Bibles more. I hope this is proving true for you. I also hope as we wind down the series we will begin seeing connections of how the entire Bible fits together as one story of God's interaction with our human race. We see aspects of our human frailties, character flaws, and sinfulness. We also see heroic moments of faith and goodness. It is such a wonderfully human as well as divine book of eternal wisdom.



Dr. Bruce Humphrey *Bridge Pastor*

In June we will also celebrate the third great holiday of the Christian religion: Pentecost. This holiday is sometimes called the birthday of the church. It is also the arrival of the Holy Spirit not merely for leaders of God's people, but for each of us and all of us. Our holiday on June 8 will be notable as we celebrate our partnership with one of our most effective ministries, the International Service Center. I have asked ISC staff to select a couple of participants to share how this ministry is impacting their lives. It is too bad we don't have a well known greeting for Pentecost. We have "Merry Christmas." We have "Happy Easter" and "He is risen." What would be an appropriate greeting for Pentecost? "Happy Birthday, Church"?

PNC Update -

Throughout the monthly updates that have appeared in this space, the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has tried to describe the many detailed requirements and complicated steps we have labored through in our search for the next pastor at Market Square. Our first meeting with the staff of the Presbytery of Carlisle was last July and it was then that we learned of the new process in place for all PNCs in the denomination and its use of new technology designed to help match churches and candidates. As you have read here, our task has required a lot of work done in prayerful discernment.

Before we started our search, we needed to define what sort of person, pastor, and leader would best serve our church today and tomorrow. Much of that information had been compiled in the Transition Report of 2024. It was up to us to put those findings into words that described our church and our requirements in a head pastor and create what is known in the lexicon of the Presbyterian Church as the Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP).

It was vital that the MDP included accurate and comprehensive information about Market Square's past accomplishments and traditions, current ministries and membership, future goals for the church, and expectations for its leadership. Because of limits in the system, every word mattered and much time and effort was spent in honing and wordsmithing the composition of the MDP so it captured who we are and what we do. The finished document was then entered into the denomination's database which provided matches with candidates.

Along with the computer matches, we also received applications from pastors who heard of our search from word of mouth or from recommendations from others as well as from several who were not automatically matched but were impressed by the MDP and wanted to be considered.

We studied their qualifications, ranked the applicants, gathered additional information from the best matches, and began interviews. From those interviews, we could all quickly agree on several front runners.

One fundamental guideline of our work that has not been highlighted yet and may be overlooked given the lengthy and detailed updates that have appeared here, this piece included, is that the consideration process of applicants that a PNC does must be done in secret. Candidates for a new call most likely have not told their current congregation of their desire to move on, instead waiting until they see where the Spirit leads their search. Also, our congregation has no way of knowing the identities of the pastors we have reviewed and spoken to, thereby avoiding undue and possibly misplaced expectations. The PNC was elected to do that lengthy discernment from beginning to end and in secret and in faith.

And we have. Specifically, we have candidates with whom we have progressed through all of the steps and who excite and inspire us. We are thankful and pleased that we have narrowed our focus and that such talented, qualified, successful, and Spirit-filled individuals are

now under our most serious consideration. We all believe that we have made tremendous headway and are much closer to introducing to you our selection.

So with that good news and abiding to the strict governing discretion under which we currently must work, we ask again for your prayerful support and patience, but please know that your PNC is filled with hope and optimism from the progress we are making.

Stewardship

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Steve McMullen

Lunch & Learn is on hiatus until September, and the Children's Prayer Breakfast is taking a break until August. However, kids can take part in....

Market Square Tabletop Gaming Summer Fun!

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us in a Dungeons and Dragons-style Tabletop game this summer. We'll meet every other Saturday at 2:00 p.m. in the youth room beginning on June 14th. Whether you play these types of games all the time, or you are new to the activity and not sure where to start, this will be a great opportunity to gather for fun, fellowship, and creativity! Please register at this link: https://shorturl.at/yffan





Pastor Allison Smith

On May 18, Pastor Allison recognized our graduating high school seniors: (from left to right)

Lizzie CamilliElizabethtown College

Evie Dame Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Ben Sheppard Hobart and William Smith College

Father's Day Opportunity

Tone Cook, local activist, community leader and mayoral candidate has been involved in making Harrisburg better for over 20 years. His organization, Michael's Memory PUSH (Peace, Unity, Strength and Hope), has been in the forefront of efforts to improve life in Harrisburg, specifically his South Allison Hill neighborhood. Established in the memory of Tone's brother Michael who was a victim of gun violence, the organization focuses on supporting young people, neighborhood improvement, anti-violence work, and assisting formerly incarcerated individuals reintegrating into society. Throughout the year Tone's organization conducts fundraisers to provide resources and mentoring for students, support for academic success, and engagement with them through dance and artistic expression. The organization works with neighbors to revitalize and restore neglected communities through environmental clean-up and advocacy for improved public services.

Michael's Memory PUSH promotes anti-violence dialogues to develop trust between law-enforcement and residents of the South Allison Hill community of Harrisburg. A highlight of their activities is an annual Father's Day Cookout held since 1997 in the John A. F. Hall Manor neighborhood. It is a full day of family activities, including flag football, jump rope competitions, horse rides, community entertainers, and more. The entire event from 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. is completely free of charge for all participants and has brought families with connections to Harrisburg from as far away as New York, NY and Baltimore, MD. Tone shared that last year's attendance was 1000 people and that this was exclusively supported though community donations!

This is where Market Square can help. The Antiracism Task Force was able to purchase an event tent for the upcoming gathering, but we would like our church to do more. For example, we need adults to monitor the numbers of children inside the inflated bounce house and to judge sport competitions as well as help with setting up and cleanup on Sunday June 15th. Would you prayerfully consider a food donation to the event or volunteering some of your time to support the day's activities? It will be a great day of service, engagement and growth. If you are interested, please contact me, Kevin Burrell at kevinbrrll@gmail.com or (717) 497-3879 or any member of the Antiracism Task Force.

In Peace and Solidarity, **Kevin Burrell**

Hands-on Help Opportunity!

Next Marketplace Deadline: Sunday, June 8

Please email articles and photos to sheets@marketsquarechurch.org and khultman@comcast.net

June Worship Schedule

June 1, 7th Sunday of Easter

9:30 am	Korean Language Worship in Davis Chapel
	The Reverend Ki Nam Lee preaching
11:00 am	English Language Worship in the Sanctuary
	Sacrament of Holy Communion
	The Reverend Dr. Bruce Humphrey preaching
	"Heaven is an Acquired Taste," Revelation 21:15-21
	and Philippians 1:21-26

Theme: Our images of heaven as the place of "streets of gold,"etc. misses the point that Paul makes in Philippians. Heavenly rewards include mutual service and humility, worship and joys, the opposite of money or fame or power.

June 8: Day of Pentecost/ISC Celebration

9:30 am	Korean Language Worship in Davis Chapel
	The Reverend Ki Nam Lee preaching
11:00 am	English Language Worship in the Sanctuary
	The Reverend Dr. Bruce Humphrey preaching
	"Happy Birthday, Church," Acts 2: 1-12 and 42-47

Theme: When the Holy Spirit arrives for everyday ordinary people, the cross-cultural walls of distrust are brought down, and the newly formed community reflects diversity of languages, backgrounds, tribes, and nationalities. The sermon will include a couple of testimonies of how the partnership ministry of International Service Center sees the Holy Spirit working beyond our church walls.

June 15: Trinity Sunday

9:30 am	Korean Language Worship in Davis Chapel
	The Reverend Ki Nam Lee preaching
11:00 am	English Language Worship in the Sanctuary
	The Reverend Dr. Bruce Humphrey preaching
	"Whole Bible in a Few Sentences," Micah 6:6-8 and
	Matthew 22: 36-40

Theme: I focus on the ways the entire Old Testament points to the need for a Savior who will bring forgiveness and restore us to God's original intention for humanity. The entire Bible fits together into one cohesive story.

June 22: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am	Korean Language Worship in Davis Chapel
	The Reverend Ki Nam Lee preaching
11:00 am	English Language Worship in the Sanctuary
	The Reverend Allison Smith preaching
	"The Better Part," Proverbs 31:10-31 and
	Luke 10: 38-42
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Theme: The focus will be on exploring our tendency to assign binary roles to men and women in the church and in life. The sermon will encourage non dualistic thinking with regard to "roles" and gender.

June 29: 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

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9:30 am	Korean Language Worship in Davis Chapel
	The Reverend Ki Nam Lee preaching
11:00 am	English Language Worship in the Sanctuary
	The Reverend Allison Smith preaching
	"Tabitha and her Widows," Proverbs 8:22-31,
	Acts 9: 36-43

Theme: The sermon will explore the community of widows that Tabitha had brought together and what that community building work meant for the early church and for the current church.

Our English language worship services are livestreamed from our sanctuary every Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. The Livestream button is at the top of the homepage of our website and links to our YouTube Livestream channel. Click on the date you wish to watch. Previous services are also available there. www.marketsquarechurch.org

Korean language sermons are posted on the Korean Ministries YouTube channel: https://shorturl.at/NcYFw

International Service Center Activity Report for April 2025

America is truly a wonderful land, so well blessed by God. Since the day the Native Americans extended their hospitality to the Pilgrims, this country has continued to grow and to become the model democracy for the rest of the world.

In our humble opinion, the strength and prosperity of this great nation is due in large part to its collection of the best brains and most determined minds from other civilizations.

As a nation of immigrants, we should continue to welcome all underprivileged and persecuted refugees who landed on our shores. They need and deserve our help to rebuild their shattered lives. By being their compassionate friends, we can show them that they are no longer alone in this world. By being a caring brother or sister, we can instill in their hearts and minds the importance of faith, hope, and love that would enable them to become very productive members of our pluralistic society.

History has demonstrated over and over again that America has very often been good to refugees, and refugees have always been good to America.

Respectfully submitted,

Phuong N. Truong, Executive Director

If you would like to read the International Service Center's (ISC) entire monthly report, please click on this link https://shorturl.at/rQzKE

Pentecost Luncheon

June 8—Following Worship

All are invited to a celebratory luncheon following worship on June 8 as Korean congregation members and Deacons prepare a meal for Sunday worshipers and our friends in the ISC.

What beautiful way to embody the spirit of the day as we celebrate being one church across cultures and languages.

Please join us for a joyful and Spirit-filled celebration as we come together to honor and embrace our refugee neighbors over a shared meal.

Music Notes



Tyler Canonico-Dilley
Minister of Music

Dear friends.

As we are wrapping up another program year here at Market Square, I want to thank everyone who helps support our Music Ministry – whether it is singing in a choir, ringing bells, assisting with Arts on the Square, or contributing financially – your support is appreciated! Music is a vital ministry here and it would not be possible without your support – so thank you.

I am currently working on our summer worship schedule. If you are interested in participating this summer musically, please reach out to me soon! We will welcome some guests this summer and share some of the gifts of our members. The Sanctuary Choir and Market Square Ringers will be enjoying their respite and reenergizing for the upcoming program year!

Many thanks to our Friends of Arts on the Square. Your support makes it possible for us to keep the arts alive here on the Square! One of my favorite Scripture passages is Colossians 3:16. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. Singing and making music with gratitude is what is important – God blesses individuals with these special talents, and it is important to thank God all the time. I am thankful that we are a church where we can share the artful talents which God has blessed upon them.

We have two exciting concert opportunities this summer! On Monday, June 16, at 7:00 p.m. we will welcome the Youth Choir and Handbell Choir of First Presbyterian Church from Vero Beach, Florida. Their youth choirs are on tour and have requested to perform here at Market Square. I remember the days being in the church's youth choirs and going on tour each summer. What a

wonderful opportunity of fellowship and ministry and so it will be a delight to host them here. I hope you will come out and support these youth and a sister Presbyterian church!

The Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is hosting a Pipe Organ Encounter (POE) from June 22-27. This is the AGO's leading educational opportunity for the youth/future generations of organists. Students will come from all over the country to study here in Harrisburg (also Hershey, Annville, and Lebanon!) over the week with talented faculty. Two students will study with their teacher here at Market Square over the week. There will be several faculty recitals throughout the week, and they are open to the public. I am excited to share that Market Square will be hosting renowned concert organist Isabelle Demers here on Monday, June 23 at 7:30 p.m. Isabelle performed here on the AOTS roster back in March of 2023. I remember being a teenager and attending a POE every summer – it was a fabulous introduction to the organ, being a church musician, and I made lasting friendships from being a part of this camp. I hope you will come out on Monday to hear Isabelle as her musicianship and talent is out of this world!

Peace and love, Tyler

Sanctuary Choir Repertoire for June:

June 1 (7th Sunday of Easter/ "Heaven") – "And I Saw a New Heaven" by Edgar Bainton and "Bread of Heaven" by David Ashley White

June 8 (Pentecost) – "Litany to the Holy Spirit" by Peter Hurford and "Rushing Wind, Dancing Flame" by Matthew Corl

June 15 (Trinity Sunday/ "Whole Bible in a Few Sentences") - "Te Deum Laudamus" by Charles V. Stanford and "Rejoice With Us" by Michael Hurd



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Free admission www.HarrisburgPOE2025.org

Sunday, June 22 - 7:00 p.m.

OPENING FACULTY RECITAL

Miller Chapel, Lebanon Valley College, Annville With the participation of our Organ Scholar Ethan J. Draper

Monday, June 23 - 7:30 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL CONCERT ORGANIST
ISABELLE DEMERS IN SOLO RECITAL
Market Square Presbyterian Church
20 S. Second Street, Harrisburg



This concert on the J. Nedra Schilling Organ is sponsored by Orgues Létourneau, Ltée., Québec

Tuesday, June 24 - 7:30 p.m.

FACULTY RECITAL

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 22 S. Sixth Street, Lebanon

Thursday, June 26 - 7:30 p.m.

FACULTY RECITAL

Pine Street Presbyterian Church 310 N. Third St., Harrisburg

With the participation of our Minister of Music Tyler Canonico-Dilley

EARTH SUNDAY, 2025!

Action Commission

On Earth Sunday April 27, the Ecology Action Committee (EAC) offered an Adult Forum focusing on the impacts of plastic pollution. The Committee wanted to share the information they had been collecting on plastic, especially the tiny particles of degraded plastics

called microplastics.

The more research the EAC did, the more alarming it became to see the ubiquity of plastics, literally from the highest points on the planet to the deepest depths of the ocean; the longevity of plastics as they broke down into microplastics; the presence of plastics in the foodchain, water, and air. And, now we see more and more evidence that microplastics are related to serious health issues, such as cardiovascular and neurological problems, inflammatory bowel disease, cancer, and asthma among others.

Only up to 6% of plastics are recycled, and that is only those numbered with a 1 or 2. The rest are incinerated, placed in a landfill, dumped in the ocean, and just littered. Because of this and the emerging health information, the Committee wanted to offer some ideas as to how each of us can reduce the role of plastics in our lives. Following are some suggestions identified on a handout given at the Adult Forum.

- Choose wood, stainless steel, or silicone kitchen tools;
- Use glass or metal water bottles;
- Use glass or metal storage containers;
- Reduce use of single-use plastic;
- Take REUSABLE glass or metal containers for leftovers when going out to eat;
- Āvoid hot drinks in paper cups they are lined with a plastic that leaches;
- Don't microwave in plastic containers or with plastic wrap;
- Use reusable bags when shopping;
- Use shampoo and conditioner bars rather than those in a plastic bottle;
- Use "Safer Choice" cleaning products or make your own.

If you are interested in taking action on plastic pollution, contact your PA State Representative and ask that they support PA HB 290, prohibiting polystyrene in food containers.

Elizabeth Terry

EARTH WISDOM

Food Waste Matters

When food is lost or wasted, it impacts the environment, the economy and the availability of food for the 820 million HUNGRY people in the world.

Most of us can be more mindful of minimizing our own food waste, by

- · planning meals carefully,
- only buying what we can eat,
- freezing what cannot be used immediately,
- composting, if possible, what cannot be used, and
- taking a container for leftovers when eating out.

Margee Kooistra





Pollinator Garden Update

Below are some photos of the garden after I cleaned it up. Narcissus, yellow wood poppy, and golden ragwort were blooming. Lots of other flowers are peeking above the ground and things will change in the garden weekly now. *Gotta' love spring!*

Debbie Olson





A partnership between Intertwined and the EAC

Peace Out(doors) offers an opportunity to pause and reflect in an outdoor setting. It is an informal gathering that includes centering, sacred readings, and discussion, and reminds us of our connection to the earth and to one another. It's an opportunity to prepare for the week to come in a life-giving manner, and to do so in a safe space.

Join us at the Five Senses Garden on July 6 at 5:00 p.m. If you'd like to join us, please bring a camp chair (or similar).

Pastor Kevin Long



Photo: Dave Lehman, Sandy Jones, Ray Davis, Gwen Lehman, and Phyllis Mooney take a break from planting annual flowers at the Harrisburg Peace Garden.

Peace Garden

On May 10 MSPC several MSPC members spent their morning helping to plant close to 1,000 annual flowers in Harrisburg's iconic Peace Garden. The two-block area between Maclay and Emerald Streets in Riverfront Park was established in 1990 through an agreement between the Harrisburg-Hershey chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) and the City of Harrisburg.

The project has been closely connected to Market Square since its beginning. It was the brainchild of MSPC member Dr. Jim Jones. He had been inspired by a speech he heard in Hiroshima by Berndar Lown, the president of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, which was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Dr. Lown's suggestion that we plant peace rather than war has resulted in hundreds, perhaps thousands, of "peace gardens" around the world, but few are on the scale, or are as visible, as Harrisburg's.

Dr. Jones was a man of both vision and action. He and his wife, Sandy — she can usually be found on Sunday mornings in a pew on the south side of the sanctuary - established a fund to help ensure the long-term survival of the garden. At a later point, with the same goal in mind, PSR enlisted the help of the Rotary Club of Harrisburg. A few years ago, primary responsibility for the Garden was transferred from PSR to a new charitable organization, The Harrisburg Peace Garden Foundation.

The garden's goal is to encourage the pursuit of peace through the beauty of the natural world and the inspirational thoughts of various world leaders and thinkers. Quotations appear on plaques mounted on large rocks throughout the space. Plants, trees, shrubs, and flowers are chosen, planted, maintained, and funded entirely by volunteers, working in concert with the city's department of parks and recreation.

Originally designed by Michael Lehman, a local gardening professional and friend of PSR, "chief gardener" responsibilities passed to me (no relation to Michael) in 2007. I was thrilled when my friend and fellow House Committee member Phyllis Mooney agreed to assume that job last year. Planting day - always a combination of hard work and sociability—is over for the year. Now it's time to join the legions who walk, bike, or drive by this incredible space and are inspired by the things we can accomplish when we work together.

Gwen Lehman

Sharing Market Square with the Community

"I'm thinking about finding a church. It's been a while. But where do I find local churches? Google maps? Hmm. Lots of dots. Do I have to look them all up? Boring. Think I'll just check out the latest on Facebook instead and look later. Ok, the usual: politics, news, funny cat videos, a crockpot recipe to try....

"Now, that's different. Market Square Presbyterian Church? Hmm. That's an interesting post. Ok. Let's look at their Facebook page. Oh, lots of posts. Seems like there is a lot going on there. Maybe I should check it out sometime."

That is the aim of the newly developed Outreach & Marketing Committee: to reach out to community members who may be looking for a church home through social media, including the church's website and Facebook page, as well as the church newsletter and marketing campaigns. After all, if they don't see us, how will they meet us?

Beginning with the recent, award-winning upgrade of the church's website, we are upgrading our Facebook presence, providing the public with daily images and insights about Market Square that provide a wide-ranging look at who we are, what we do and how our faith informs 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.

Focusing on Market Square's Core Values, the committee aims to provide outreach and marketing campaigns that reflect faith, community, compassion, justice and service, all aimed at not only providing ongoing "uplift" to our current members but also encouraging prospective members to come on in and see what we are all about. The world is a scary place right now, and people are looking for anchors in the storm, a place of safety, fellowship, worship, faith and activities that will do just that. Market Square can meet that need. We just need to let them know we are here. Our committee meets weekly to plan positive actions and content that will present Market Square to the public and encourage people to "take a look."

You can help with the goal of utilizing social media in that mission. We welcome your ideas, content, pictures, unique stories and/or quotes that will help share Market Square Presbyterian Church with our community and those who may be seeking that fellowship of faith. The committee will review all suggested content in our considerations about how best to present Market Square to those seeking a church home. Send all suggestions to our email address: mspcmarketplace@gmail.com.

If you haven't already, be sure not only to like our Facebook and Instagram posts but also share them to inspire others to do the same. Let's show Market Square to our community!

https://www.facebook.com/MarketSquareChurch https://www.instagram.com/marketsquarechurch/?hl=en

Barbara Jewett, Outreach and Marketing Committee

Book Learning with Human Interaction Creates Change

The third session of the Interfaith Community Read group was held at the Hadee Mosque in Harrisburg on Thursday, April 24th. The session began with remarks by three leaders from the Harrisburg area. Rev. Dr. Larry Pickens, the executive director of the PA Council of Churches briefly addressed the issue of religion as it relates to power in our world. He specifically cited the importance of the recent papal election. Rev. Emily Sutphin, pastor of the Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church, raised awareness of peoples' willingness to openly identify as Christian Nationalists because it has become more acceptable in recent years.

The third speaker was Saima Mumtaz, the Women's Outreach Coordinator for the Muslim community. Saima shared her powerful story of arriving in America from Pakistan and seeing the Statue of Liberty for the first time. As a seven-year-old, she was filled with love for America, a feeling which intensified as she grew up in the United States. However, she was deeply impacted by the events of 9/11 as Islamaphobia swept across our country and religion became weaponized. She described her feelings as public opinion turned against her by the very country she loves fervently. She pointed out that the very reason her family left their home country was now becoming a reality in the United States.

The true value of group sessions, such as this, became evident as we broke into small discussion groups. The questions based on the content of the book quickly became the backdrop to sincere, raw conversation. The group in which I participated consisted of a Black man, his white wife, and three other white women. I mention the race of the individuals to highlight how personal our conversations became. One of the women is an individual who observes no faith connections. She spoke from her perspective of how religion has been used across the years to justify many hateful and hurtful actions. She was encouraged to realize how many people of faith have a similar perspective and do not support such use of their tenets and holy books in this way. In addition, the mixed-race couple shared some of their deep hurt caused by weaponized religion and racial divide.

An incredibly powerful conversation took place when another woman from the group claimed she is not prejudiced and used some commonly used reasons to prove and justify her point. The safe space of this environment allowed the man in our group to gently and frankly challenge her thought process and assertion of a lack of bias. I was incredibly humbled by the power of the vulnerable and healing dialogue. I believe every member of our group left the session stronger and better people than an hour before.

I pray that everybody has the opportunity to be a part of a conversation among diverse people, in a space that allows and fosters pure honesty and safety. There is no better way to change and grow!

The final session was held on May 22 at Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church at 6:00 p.m.

Janet Kunkel

Session Activities - May 2025 Activity Update

By Jonelle Darr, Clerk of Session

Market Square's Session is responsible for the church's mission, governance, and programs.

Pastor Bruce Humphrey moderates the Session. Current Ruling Elders may serve up to two consecutive, three-year terms. A complete list of all church officers and committee members is available on the church website's Members Only section.

Membership

- 1) Recognizing the death of Deacon and Ruling Elder Frances Moore who passed away on May 3, 2025 in New Hampshire. Fran joined MSPC in 1961. She was ordained an elder on September 11, 1977, and a deacon on January 14, 2001. A memorial service will be held at MSPC at a later date.
- 2) Recognizing the death of former member Ann Dubs Baddorf (mother of LeeAnn Ormsbee) who passed away on April 30, 2025. She joined Market Square via confirmation in 1942 and in 1981 transferred her membership to Linglestown United Methodist. A memorial service was held in the sanctuary on May 6, officiated by the Reverend Anne M. Ross, with a homily by the Reverend DaLaine Simpson.
- 3) Approving a series of new member classes to be held in July.

Arts on the Square

- 4) Reviewing Arts on the Square's (AOT's) annual report for its very successful 2024-2025 season. Overall, about 1000 people attended AOTS events during the year. Income in 2024-25 totaled \$47,386, of which nearly \$14,000 came from the Friends of Arts on the Square and \$22,000 in grants. Expenses totaled \$46,204.
- 5) Approving AOT's proposed 2025-2026 concert season line-up schedule and budget, including its fundraising and grant request plans.

Faith and Justice

6) Agreeing to continue the employment of Ben Perez as the Coordinator of Homeless Services through December 2025; funding will come from the Eleanor Allen Fund for the Homeless. **Background:** Ben was originally hired in 2024 to serve as the church's first Homeless Ministry Coordinator. A job description for the position was previously approved by Session. Coordination between our programs and others in the community has increased. There continues to be a need for coordination of the assistance we provide for those who are unhoused or poor. This includes the Sunday morning breakfast, the Friday night meal, the Saturday morning food bank, and individual requests for information and

referral to organizations and agencies. The coordinator is also the church's link to other initiatives in the community. A key part of the job is to coordinate what is needed and the purchasing of food and supplies for our programs as well as collaborating with other staff and church committees. The coordinator is also working with the Homelessness Task Force to determine the sustainability of our current services. Currently, 115 people are involved in providing Market Square's services, with only about half from the church.

7) Agreeing to continue the Friday night takeout meal for those who are hungry through December 31, 2025 with funding to come from the James E. Jones Feed the Hungry Fund. Background: Market Square began this meal in 2024 when there was no hot meal available in the city on Friday nights. Market Square's meal is served takeout style from the 2nd St. entrance to the church. It is coordinated by Ben Perez (who volunteers his time) and provided by volunteers. Volunteers arrive at 3 p.m. to do the food prep and cooking. A second group of volunteers arrive at 5:30 to help serve and clean-up. Dale noted that a few months after the church began the meal program, Downtown Daily Bread (DDB) started a hot meal program which serves about 40 people on Friday nights. Their program is complementary rather than duplicative. Before DDB began, there was more demand than Market Square could meet. We are now serving around 75 meals (down from the initial 100+ a week), which is more manageable. The committee believes the need will grow in the future.

Finance

8) Designating Carl Petersheim's estate gift (about \$56,000) to be invested in Market Square's investment fund, with proceeds to inure to the investment fund and principal to be spent upon recommendation by the Minister of Music, with the recommendation of Trustees as appropriate, and final approval by Session.

Administrative

9) Adopting operating guidelines for church committees.

As of May 20, there were 366 members on the church membership rolls. If you have any questions about Session activities, you may talk with me, a Session member, or one of our Pastors.

Friday, June 6 • 6:45 p.m., Geneva Hall

Movie Night at Market Square returns on Friday, June 6, at 6:45 pm in Geneva Hall. Dr. Jamie Caffier will present the 1987 film *Escape from Sobibor*, directed by Jack Gold, with narration by Howard K. Smith. Starring Alan Arkin, Rutger Hauer, and Joanna Pacula.

In perhaps the world's worst case of deportation, European Jews were rounded up and sent to concentration camps during World War II. The Commandant of Sobibor, in Eastern Poland, vowed escape would never happen at his camp, where 250,000 people were gassed to death in less than a year. However, 600 Jews were kept alive for degrading manual labor. They recognized that it was only a matter of time before they, too, would be executed by the brutal German officers and Ukrainian guards. Can the 600 kill their captors to escape, or will this violence simply reduce them to the level of the Nazis? Join us to watch this horrifying true story that shows not only a struggle of conscience but also a struggle for survival.

Our Church Family

Thank you, Lizzie!

Our nursery caregiver, Lizzie Camilli's last day will be June 1. Lizzie is stepping down from the nursery caregiver position as she moves to the next stage in her educational journey. We wish Lizzie the best of luck this summer and when she begins attending Elizabethtown College in the fall.

Thank you for all your years of faithful care for the youngest members of our congregation!



Above: Ed and Kate Allgood with their baby Josephine. Also pictured on the right, back to front, are Kate's mom Alice Anne Schwab, Kate's grandmother Mim Warden, and Kate's sister Anna Novak.



At left is a photo of Bill Dallam in his father's Stetson.

Below and at right are photos from the Children's Prayer Breakfast on Mothers' Day, May 11, which included Rainbow French Toast!





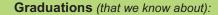
Deaths:

Fran Moore at the age of 85 on May 3. A memorial service will be held at a later date with inurnment in the columbarium for both Fran and her late husband Owen, who died in 2015.

Cindy Sproat's sister Mary Speedy, on May 2.

Ann Dubs Baddorf on April 30. Ann was LeeAnn Ormsbee's mother and grew up at Market Square.

Birthdays (over 90 & that we know about): The Reverend Dr. Tom Johston turns 91 on June 10.



High school: Lizzie Camilli, Evie Dame, Ben Sheppard

College: Zach Hoover from Shippensburg University (BS in Business Administration with a major in Supply Chain Management and a minor in Psychology)

Dominic Savarino graduated summa cum laude with a degree in Aerospace Engineering and a minor in Mathematics from George Washington University.



LeeAnn Ormsbee would like to thank her church family for all the comforting cards and messages she received after the death of her mother Ann Dubs Baddorf (seen in photo at left from LeeAnn's 1974 wedding at Market Square).

Church member John Jewett is a poet! If you'd like to check out John's poetry and other writings at his blog, in which he uses the pseudonym J. Howard Cahill, please visit https://jhowardcahill.com









MSPC FIRE EVACUATION DRILL SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 15

Market Square Presbyterian Church is planning to conduct a fire evacuation drill at the conclusion of the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 15, 2025. On that date, **the fire alarm will sound immediately following the choral benediction.** Please be advised that the alarm will be LOUD and will be accompanied by FLASHING LIGHTS. Those with sensitivities to noise and / or flashing lights, and anyone with children should take appropriate measures to minimize discomfort.

Once the alarm sounds, please leave the building promptly in an orderly fashion, as follows:

- Those seated in the rear half of the Sanctuary will be directed to go through the doors at the back of the Sanctuary and exit the building through doors (#1), (#2), (#3), or (#4), which face Second Street.
- Those seated in the front half of the Sanctuary will be directed to leave through the doors at the front of the Sanctuary, then to exit the building through the atrium exit door (#5), and proceed past the columbarium to Second Street.
- Anyone with limited mobility should use the front doors of the Sanctuary when exiting, then proceed to exit the building through the atrium exit door (#5).

Please see the emergency exit map below.

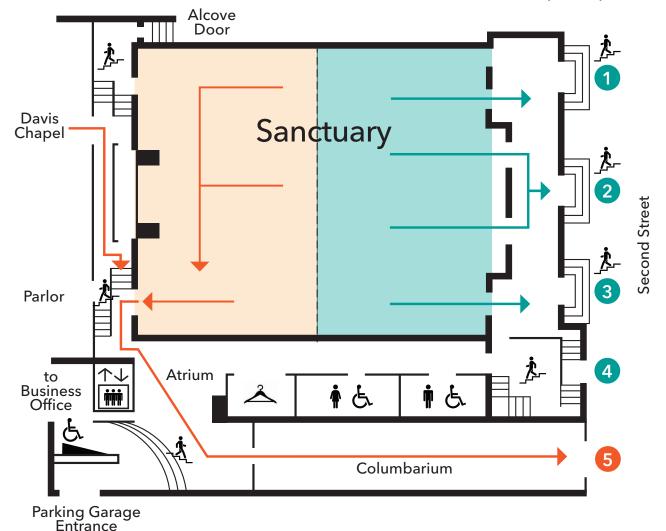
 Korean Congregation members participating in Bible study in the Davis Chapel should exit the Chapel, proceed to the atrium and exit through door (#5). • Nursery caregivers should lead the children in their care down the staircase by the Youth Room and exit the church at the Blackberry Street door (#9). (Not shown on the map below. Nursery caregivers have been briefed.)

Please do NOT use the elevator and do NOT go to your car. Upon exiting the building, please proceed to the meeting spot on Chestnut Street. We will meet on the Chestnut Street sidewalk area next to the south side of the Market Street Garage, across the street from UPMC Harrisburg Hospital. When you arrive at the meeting spot, please check in with the appropriate persons, as follows:

- Congregants should check in with one of the Pastors or Marianne Flickinger;
- Choir members should check in with Tyler Canonico-Dilley or Ethan Draper;
- Korean Presbyterian Congregation members should check in with Rev. Ki Nam Lee.
- Parents with a child in the nursery MUST check in with the nursery caretakers and initial their attendance list when you retrieve your child.

Please remain at the Chestnut Street meeting spot until the "all clear" is announced. You will then be free to return to the church to collect any items that you may have left behind and go to your vehicles. Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation with this important safety drill.

John Dickinson, MSPC Trustee, Safety / Security Committee Chair



Market Square Church and Refugees

Since 2018 Market Square has been helping refugees in the Harrisburg area. During that year church members learned of a Syrian family being harassed and bullied in Steelton. Their home had been vandalized. Market Square members took responsibility to defend the Syrian family by keeping watch on their front porch. Ultimately the AlMesleh family moved to an apartment in Mechanicsburg. Church members helped with their move.

Since 2018 we have helped or are helping 5 Afghan families, 3 Syrian families, and 1 Sudanese family. Our help has included:

- Obtaining English learning through ESL classes.
- Facilitating English teaching in the home by the Education Department, Messiah University. We've also arranged to have volunteers teach English in the home.
- · Assisting with job finding and job interviewing.
- Finding housing, applying for Section 8 housing.
- Providing transportation to various appointments, grocery shopping, and ESL classes.
- Arranging for and financially assisting with the costs of dental surgeries.
- · Arranging for English tutoring, Zoom ESL teaching.
- Registering school-age youngsters in area school systems.
- Facilitating SNAP applications.
- Obtaining furniture and household goods from New Digs and delivering the items to the home. Church members also donated items.
- Assisting family members in taking a PennDOT driving test and learning to drive.
- · Financially assisting with car repairs.
- Financially assisting in the purchase of a used car.
- · Financially assisting with mortgage payments.
- Obtaining bicycles for family youngsters from Harrisburg Bicycle Recycle.
- Facilitating the donation of a car to one of our Afghan families.

This help has been provided by members of the Peacemaking Committee along with a substantial list of volunteers from Market Square Church. The International Services Center housed in our lower floor has been an excellent partner in assisting us in helping needy refugees in our community.

In reading the news today or watching TV we are aware of the difficulties refugees are experiencing due to the dictates of the Trump administration. Refugees are anxious, afraid, living in fear. At Market Square Church we are endeavoring to help these needy individuals in accord with teachings of the Bible. We thank all Market Square members who are participating in this work. Your help is so much appreciated!

Roger J. Olson, Peacemaking Committee



Above: Dave Arnold and Sandy Strauss gifting their 2007 Honda Fit to Kamaluddin Bayani, a member of one of the Afghan families Market Square supports. Previously, Kamal had to rely on a friend to drive him from his home in Carlisle to his job in Mechanicsburg. When his shift ended at midnight, he had to take his chances with an Uber driver to get back home, which was not always easy at that time of night. Kamal was very happy with the car and grateful for the gift. Dave and Sandy were also happy to see their car going to a worthy and thankful recipient. Truly a win-win for all!

Submitted by Roger Olson of our Refugee Resettlement Sub-Committee

A Wheelchair for Nathaniel

On Tuesday May 6th Market Square Presbyterian Church, in partnership with the American Red Cross, Intertwined, and the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Harrisburg, was thrilled to present Nathaniel Green with a fully functional Jazzy 1170 electric-motorized wheelchair. Nate struggles greatly to walk, and traditional efforts to get the chair he needed had been impeded by endless insurance red tape. Without it, trying to get from Downtown Daily Bread's night shelter--where he stays-- to the various meals offered around downtown was a slow and painful process.

Tom Pope of the Red Cross alerted us to the existence of the chair, which was sitting in their warehouse on 6th street. The Cathedral of Saint Patrick purchased new twin lithium ion rechargeable batteries, and Intertwined's Pastor Kevin Long physically repaired the chair and replaced the batteries. (The dead batteries seemed impossible to remove—until we discovered that they were affixed with thick bands of Velcro!)

Nathaniel rode out of the front gate of our Church onto Second Street, turned right, and switched it into high gear as he headed into the still-rising sun. Nathaniel asked me to thank each organization and individual that made this life-altering gift possible!

Note: Without prompting, Nate proactively consented to allowing me to use his name, and to take photos of him receiving the chair. Without his permission, we would not have done so.

Ben Perez

Homeless Ministry Coordinator

(photos next page)

THE LAST TIME

I realize that one should never say something is final. But, as of this moment, this is my last "column" for *The Marketplace*. There comes a moment in the lives of many of us when we do something for the last time. So, my intent is to say "au revoire" offering comments, somewhat in the vein of editorial.

Carlin and I joined Market Square at a SPECIAL MEETING OF SESSION on March 22, 1970. We had been examined on Maundy Thursday evening, and then accepted at the special meeting of Session. Most of the elders in attendance at that meeting are long gone. There are a few familiar names of members from that time — among them are David Lehman, Tom Arnoldi, Bill Murray and John Taylor. This gives you a bit of sense as to how long we have been members at Market Square.

Since we were quite young then, and had not started a family, involving ourselves in church work was a wonderful way to help live out the gospel. A surprising opportunity arose when we were asked to join then pastor William Kenney, and Mildred (Mil) Mason, who edited the official newsletter for the church, for lunch. At that time, the newsletter was called *The Spire*—in celebration of our noteworthy spire which once dominated the skyline view of the entire city.

Mil wanted to step away from editing the newsletter-which was almost magazine like in its appearance and content. I don't know who came up with my name as a possible editor, but as I was then teaching literature and writing at Messiah College, it must have seemed fitting. I accepted-and I need to point out that in reality, WE (meaning Carlin and I) accepted. I handled the writing, and Carlin handled the business aspects. Together, we cut and pasted the mockup version for printing. (Yes, this was almost back in the Dark Ages-luckily we didn't have to chisel out the words in stone on the walls.) AND we renamed the church newsletter From THE CHURCH IN THE MARKET PLACE.

But we did have to prepare a cut and paste paper copy, which we took to a local printer. That's how the newsletter was produced in mass. AND the paper copies were printed, folded, addressed and sent out to church members. Some of you may be old enough to

recall those early days of mass-producing copies. If you are a teacher, you certainly remember those days.

I am going to stop this reminiscence—you will think me MUCH older than I am.

Suffice it to say—it has been a joy. I love the ways in which *The Marketplace* has grown. I think it most fitting that the newsletter can carry the news about Market Square Presbyterian Church far outside of the city boundaries. New people coming to Harrisburg can be encouraged to follow the links and learn about our church—about our Mission Statement, about our core values, about the many opportunities of ways to be the living presence of Christ in a world in need of comfort and joy.

Oh, I should hasten to add—this does not mean I am riding off into the sunset. Come to the sanctuary on most Sunday Mornings, and I'll be there. And I might even ask if you want to be a lay liturgist some Sunday.

Thanks be to God for the gifts we have, and for calling us into this aspect of ministry. **Donna Wenger**





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English Language Service—11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. The service is livestreamed on our YouTube channel https://shorturl.at/xeBHi

The button for the livestream is at the top of the homepage of our website. www.marketsquarechurch.org





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