The Marketplace



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How long does it take Presbyterians to select their next installed Head of Staff Pastor? In this case it took more than two and a half years. This slow process can feel frustrating, but it is now winding up with an exciting candidate to present to the congregation in July.

Let's review these final stages of the process. The Session approves the Pastor Nominating Committee's request for a candidating weekend and special congregational meeting. A mailing goes out with information about the candidate and how the Pastor Nominating Committee came to their decision that this candidate was the right match for our congregation.

On the weekend of the congregational meeting, the candidate guest preaches for the Sunday worship service. Following the worship, we will convene as a



Dr. Bruce Humphrey *Bridge Pastor*



congregation to discuss and vote on the candidate. The candidate will be dismissed from the sanctuary. The Pastor Nominating Committee will give its report. The congregation will be invited to ask questions of the Pastor Nominating Committee. The motion on the floor will be to elect the candidate to become the installed Head of Staff Pastor, with clear terms of call and a starting date. The vote will be taken by secret ballot. After the ballots are counted, the moderator will announce the results, and the candidate will be invited back into the sanctuary to hear the results of the vote. If all goes well, the congregation will applaud and sing the Doxology together.

I am excited for these final steps as your church moves into its future with hope and enthusiasm.

Bruce

Please note that the 11:00 a.m. worship service on July 6 will NOT be livestreamed. It will be available at a later time.

Pastor Nominating Committee Update

The Pastor Nominating Committee had been looking forward to sending the recent letter and brochure to members about our choice for head pastor since the first time we met this past April. We knew that when we completed our work, it would be our honor and immense pleasure to introduce to the members of Market Square the candidate to be our next head pastor that we believed the Spirit had made clear.

As we stressed in the mailing, the identity of our pastor candidate should not be shared online in any way since the selection process dictates that their current congregation is not informed of the plans until after our congregation votes on the new call. So no names will appear here since this newsletter appears not only in print but also online.

When we started our work, we decided upon certain qualifications, characteristics, and talents that we thought were necessary in a successful pastor for our church. It was a comprehensive list and one we worked on long and hard. That list raised an obvious question: Was there a person out there somewhere in the denomination with the pastoral experience, temperament, and potential to fill all those credentials? Then we met our candidate, and we learned that there was such a person of God seeking a new call that not only met those requirements but exceeded our expectations.

We are thrilled for you to meet this special person.

there will be an informal reception for our candidate in Geneva Hall. This event will be an opportunity for you to meet and greet our choice, to hear from them at 4:15 p.m. when they will share remarks, and to ask questions. The PNC knows that the candidate is as excited to meet us as we are to meet them.

There will be refreshments provided. An RSVP is not required to attend, but it would be helpful if you would email sheets@marketsquare.org of your plans.

Candidating Sunday is the next day, July 6, when our candidate will lead the worship service and preach the sermon. Session has called a congregational meeting immediately after the service. After the PNC reports on our search, our unanimous choice, and the specifics on the terms of call, church members will vote on the candidate and the terms.

The work of the PNC is nearly finished. July 5th and 6th are the days your action is needed. Please plan on attending Saturday's reception, Sunday's service, and the congregational meeting. We are thrilled with the person you are soon to meet and thankful that our search has brought us all to this exciting moment.

Steve McMullen

Pastor Nominating Committee

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A Note from Pastor Allison

K-6 Sunday School during worship is on hiatus. Sunday School will resume on September 7th in the fall! During the summer you'll notice additional activities for kids in worship. There are two shelves with sequin boards, crayons, markers, felt pieces, coloring sheets, and puzzles as well as a few library books that go along with the theme of the worship service. Kids can take a regular worship bag and then pick any additional activities they'd like to do! I hope you check them out on Sunday! (ARS)



Pastor Allison Smith

News from the Trustees House Committee

The construction of Market Square dates back to the 1860's. It is a beautiful building that requires ongoing maintenance to keep it in good condition and to serve the needs of its congregation and neighbors in 2025 and beyond. The House Committee is dedicated to maintaining the building and prioritizing the work that needs to be done on it.

Witmer Restoration has been working on the second phase of our exterior masonry project. This has been a top priority, not only for the exterior aesthetics of the church, but most importantly to maintain the structural integrity of the building and water tight conditions. Witmer has been great to work with and is doing an excellent job for us. They expect to complete this phase of the work in late August/early September.

The Trustees has designated a list of projects with top priority. We considered security, monies available and need to be able to get

to these projects. The Trustees agreed at the June meeting the priorities are:

- Exterior Lighting
- Kitchen- to be phased in over a period of years
- Parlor paint and rug.
- Interior Lighting for the Sanctuary
- Venting the protective window coverings for the stained glass windows (Potentially these could be done over a few years as money becomes available).
- Better lighting in Geneva Hall, fourth floor rooms and Fellowship Hall

These projects are important and will be undertaken as monies become available.

Phyllis Mooney

hanks so much to everyone who helped with the planning, preparation, and execution of the June 15th fire drill. The drill came off without a hitch! The alarm was activated at 12:10 p.m., immediately following the choir's beautiful Seven-Fold Amen. Everyone promptly left the building, gathered at the Chestnut Street meeting place, and checked in as required. Once the "all clear" was given, the alarm was reset at 12:17 p.m., a mere seven minutes after the drill began! Many thanks to thank Bruce, Allison, Anne, Ki Nam, Tyler, Nancy, and all of the staff of Market Square Presbyterian Church for their invaluable assistance with the drill. Special thanks to Kari Hultman for her graphic artistry, the Trustees' Safety / Security Committee members, the Task Group for Emergency Planning, Deacons, Trustees, Ruling Elders, choir, and congregation for your help and participation in this important exercise!

John Dickinson, Chair, Trustees Safety & Security Committee

Our Church Family

More Graduations (that we know about)

Sarah and Laura Paul graduated from CD High School and are headed to the nursing program at HACC/Millersville University.

Bruce's daughter Frances completed her D.Min at Pittsburgh Seminary and graduated on May 31.

Stewardship

 YTD Pledges
 .\$206,400

 Budgeted Pledges
 .\$200,000

 Surplus
 .\$6,400

Thank you for your generous giving! Financial Administrator Michelle Sheaffer will be in the office Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in July and August.

Next Marketplace Deadline: Sunday, August 9

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

July and August Worship Schedules

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 which 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

This summer Bruce will preach a four-week series from the Letter of Philippians. This is the Apostle Paul's most enthusiastic and joyful letter. He is not addressing a problem in their congregation, but celebrating their faithfulness, generosity, and discipleship following Jesus. Then, in mid-August we will move to a few of Jesus's teaching images such as a gardener pruning the vine for greater growth.

July 6: 4th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am	Korean Language Worship in the Davis Chapel The Reverend Ki Nam Lee preaching
11:00 am	English Language Worship in the Sanctuary Senior Pastor/Head of Staff Candidate preaching "On the Road"
5:00 pm	Isaiah 66:10–14 and Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 Sacrament of Holy Communion Congregational Meeting to follow Peace Out(doors) with Intertwined FC and MSPC The Reverend Kevin Long leading Five Senses Garden Labyrinth, 1350 N Harrisburg St, Harrisburg, PA 17111

July 13:	oth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am	Korean Language Worship in the Davis Chapel
	The Reverend Ki Nam Lee preaching
11:00 am	English Language Worship in the Sanctuary
	The Reverend Dr. Bruce Humphrey preaching
	"Knowledge and Insight"
	Proverbs 2: 1-6 and Philippians 1: 9-11

Theme: We celebrate education to help us accumulate knowledge. Insight involves wisdom from God along with knowledge. This sermon introduces a four-week series on Philippians

July 20: 6th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am	Korean Language Worship in the Davis Chapel
	The Reverend Nam Gil Roh preaching
11:00 am	English Language Worship in the Sanctuary
	The Reverend Dr. Bruce Humphrey preaching
	"Complete Joy"
	John 15: 5-11 and Philippians 2: 1-5

Theme: Joy that is easy based on happy circumstances doesn't compare with deeper joy that happens in the midst of struggles and sorrows. Jesus faced the cross with joy.

July 27: 7th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am	Korean Language Worship in the Davis Chapel
0.00 0	The Reverend Ki Nam Lee preaching
11:00 am	English Language Worship in the Sanctuary
	The Reverend Dr. Bruce Humphrey preaching
	"Joyful Testimonies"
	2 Corinthians 11: 22-30 and Philippians 3: 7-14
Theme Te	stimonies hear witness to how God has worked and

working in our lives. Too often testimonies focus on the past. Paul reveals not only his past struggles, but his current direction for living fully for Christ.

August 3: 8th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am	Korean Language Worship in the Davis Chape
	The Reverend Ki Nam Lee preaching
11:00 am	English Language Worship in the Sanctuary
	The Reverend Dr. Bruce Humphrey preaching
	"Pollyanna Faith"
	Hebrews 12: 1-2 and Philippians 4: 4-9
	Sacrament of Holy Communion

Theme: The battle in our minds for joy requires us to remain vigilant, focusing on the goodness of God and our joys. We can let our circumstances get us down or choose joy.

August 10: 9th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am	Korean Language Worship in the Davis Chapel
	The Reverend Ki Nam Lee preaching
11:00 am	English Language Worship in the Sanctuary
	The Reverend Allison R. Smith preaching

August 17: 10th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am	Korean Language Worship in the Davis Chapel
	The Reverend Ki Nam Lee preaching
11:00 am	English Language Worship in the Sanctuary
	The Reverend Dr. Bruce Humphrey preaching
	"Hope and Future"
	1 John 4:1-6 and Jeremiah 29:4-14

August 24: 11th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am	Korean Language Worship in the Davis Chapel
	The Reverend Nam Gil Roh preaching
11:00 am	English Language Worship in the Sanctuary
	The Reverend Dr. Bruce Humphrey preaching
	"How Wide is Our Circle?
	Acts 15:36-41 and Matthew 13:24-30, 47-50

August 31: 12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am	Korean Language Worship in the Davis Chapel
	The Reverend Ki Nam Lee preaching
11:00 am	English Language Worship in the Sanctuary
	The Reverend Dr. Bruce Humphrey preaching
	"When God says NO"
	1 Chronicles 17:1-4 and Acts 16:6-10



Music Notes



Tyler Canonico-Dilley
Minister of Music

Dear friends.

Happy Summer! I hope you have fun vacations planned and plenty of time scheduled for resting and relaxing! I give thanks for the many volunteers who participate in the music ministry here at Market Square. Because the choir season ended late this year (we sing through Trinity Sunday) and will begin late August, I've decided to only do one Summer Choir opportunity this

year. If you'd like to participate in Summer Choir, join the choir and me on Sunday, July 6, at 10:00 a.m. in the loft. We have two great pieces selected and will have lots of fun together.

For the month of July, we will have the return of the congregational hymn sing! In place of our processional hymn, we will sing two verses of three hymns each morning. Come to worship with your favorite hymn selected and ready to be called out. It is a great way to start our summer worship through the month of July!

On August 17 at 4:00 p.m., Arts on the Square will host "America's Sweetheart Organist," Dr. Carol Williams. She is a British-born international concert organist and knows how to put on a show! She served as the Civic Organist for the city of San Diego, California, performing regularly at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion, and was formerly the Artist-In-Residence at St. Paul's Cathedral in San

Diego. This concert is a *Summer Splash* presented by Arts on the Square. I hope you will join us for this program!

Has the thought of joining the Sanctuary Choir run through your head at least once?! Well...this August is the perfect time to join our talented choir! We have a lot of exciting things planned for the program year. The Sanctuary Choir will begin its upcoming season with the annual Choir Retreat. This year's retreat will be held at Market Square, so everyone will be able to sleep in their own bed at night! The retreat will be held on the evening of Friday, August 22 and during the day on Saturday, August 23. If you love to sing, love choral singing, and would enjoy singing in a fantastic choir, do consider joining the Sanctuary Choir! *Have a blessed summer!*

Peace and love, **Tyler**

Summer Schedule:

July 6 - Summer Choir

July 13 - Harrisburg Camerata

July 20 – Lucy and Marty Schlenker (piano and horn in F)

July 27 – Ali Koch and Victoria Visceglia (cello and flute)

August 3 – Ruth Hunter (harp)

August 10 - Beck Morales (horn in F)

August 17 - stay tuned!

August 24 - Tenors and Basses of the choir

August 31 - Daniel Micsion, Baritone



A Market Square member, who also happens to be a Susquehanna AT THE MARTY Art Museum member, reached out to me to say that I ought to share with members of the Market Square community news of the current exhibition in the Museum's Doshi Gallery of the Lobby at Susquehanna

Art Museum. It's only on exhibit through July 6, but I am so happy to share the exhibition information for Tribute to the Civil Rights Movement: Swingcoats, on view now through Sunday, July 6. San Francisco area artist, Patricia Montgomery, uses quilting, stitchery, and painting techniques applied onto womens' coats, which are beautiful to behold. But Patricia's main motive is to tell the stories of unsung heroines of the Civil Rights Movement and she gives individual attention to each of her subjects, many with both word and imagery made directly on the coat.

As Executive Director of Susquehanna Art Museum, let me extend this invitation to you to visit the Museum soon to see this exhibition, which continues on into the DeSoto Family Vault of the Museum's first floor. If you mention that you're a member of Market Square, we will be happy to

'comp' your visit at the point of entry. These are stories worth hearing and art

works worth seeing.

I hope you will. —Alice Anne Schwab



Dear Friends of Faith.

I'm writing to address a significant legislative development that requires our collective attention and action.

Recently, the US House of Representatives passed HR 1, the "One Big Beautiful Bill." While it encompasses various provisions, one aspect is particularly troubling: the elimination of the long-standing national prohibition on gun silencers.

As you may know, these devices, often referred to by the NRA as "suppressors," are proposed under the guise of hearing protection. However, the reality is that they can aid criminals by enabling them to carry out violent acts with stealth, posing a risk to our communities and law enforcement officers. Please read the article here.

This one impacts us all. The bill has moved to the Senate, presenting an important opportunity for Pennsylvania's senators, both Democrat and Republican, to come together and safeguard public safety.

Here's how you can help:

- Educate Yourself: I encourage you to watch a brief video featuring remarks from Heeding God's Call's Executive Director on the implications of this bill, available at https://tinyurl.com/3jt63zd5.
- 2. Reach Out to Senators: Contact our US Senators: Dave McCormick at (202) 224-6324 and John Fetterman at 202.224.4254. Share your concerns and urge them, regardless of party affiliation, to oppose the One Big Beautiful Bill. Emphasize that public safety transcends political lines and that you are watching how they vote.
- 3. Support Our Efforts: Consider donating to Heeding. Your support helps us make a difference. We have been instrumental in the passage of legislation to universal background checks, lost or stolen reporting requirements, extremist protective orders, and one handgun a month. Please see below for more information.

Together, it our duty as a faith community to advocate for a safer future.

https://www.heedinggodscall.org/

Heading God's Call, supported by The Peacemaking Committee and Rev. Jennifer McKenna, chair





Candles On The Water

Save the date and watch your bulletins for more details. The 2025 Candles on the Water event will take place on August 10 at Hadee Mosque. The floating lanterns will be released on Italian Lake. As of press time, Shane Claiborne is the keynote speaker. He's an evangelical activist and founder of The Simple Way, in Philadelphia, Red-Letter Christians, and the New Monastic movement. He's also the writer of the devotional that MSPC gives to graduating seniors: Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals.

The service commemorates the 80th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.



At the June staff meeting, Rev. Anne Ross (Pastoral Assistant for Congregational Care) and Dave Volkman (Bridge Operations Manager) enjoyed a birthday cake baked by Michelle Sheaffer (Financial Administrator).

PLASTICS - Yes! Again!

The Ecology Action Committee (EAC) is determined to present LOTS of information on the subject of plastics and the impacts they have on people, animals, the earth, the air we breathe, the food we eat, the water we drink, and on and on and on ...SO once again, this article will be about plastics!

During the entire "life cycle of plastics" we are exposed to **pollution** – from the release of methane and CO2 in the extraction of oil and gas, through the processing of that oil and gas, to the litter caused by these plastics, the "dirty" disposal through incineration and landfill, and the degrading of plastics into microplastics. AND it is alarming to learn that there are over 13,000 chemicals used in the production of plastics - many of them end up in the food we eat, the water we drink, the air we breathe, the products we use, and on and on and on...And, according to a UN Environmental Program report, 880 BILLION POUNDS of plastic were made in 2024!!!

What happens to plastics? Our research found that:

- 32% ends up as litter in our neighborhoods, along our highways, in our rivers, along our coasts.
- 40% ends up in landfills, leaching into the earth affecting the lands where farmers plant and animals graze and the waterways where sea life live, etc., thus entering the food chain!
- 14% is incinerated leaving an ash residue that must be disposed of.
- 14% is "recycled," BUT REALLY ONLY 6 % is effectively recycled into something that can be used again AND plastics can only be recycled once at best!!!

There are 7 types of plastics, made by different processes, that are marked with the triangle that "implies it can be recycled." In reality, there is only a cost effective way to reduce the numbered 1,2, and 4 plastics.

#1 PET examples are water bottles, jars, caps.

#2 HDPE examples are shampoo bottles, laundry detergent containers, grocery bags.

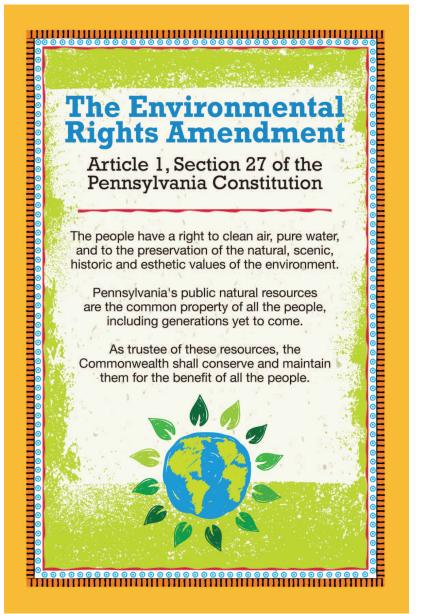
#4 LDPE examples are bread bags and plastic films.

There is essentially no point in placing any other plastics in our recycling bins, because they will just need to be removed again at the recycling centers, there being no market for these products.

Microplastics are plastic particles ranging in size from 1 nanometer (a human hair can be 80 nanometers!!!) up to 5 millimeters in size (the width of a pencil eraser). They come from a variety of sources: toothpaste washed down our drains, spills of plastic pellets used in manufacturing, littering and dumping, microfibers washed down our drains when we launder clothing, fishing nets or lines, and on and on and on...According to an article by The Guardian, microplastic pollution has been discovered in snow close to the peak of Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain and at the **Mariana Trench**, the deepest point on Earth.

HUMANITY'S PLASTIC LITTER HAS POLLUTED THE ENTIRE PLANET!!! EAC feels that it is imperative that we begin to decrease our reliance on plastics. And EAC committee members individually have begun to do so. We are interested in helping you "get started" - please ask one of us how.





Session Activities – June 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.

June's actions included:

Pastor Nominating Committee

1) Calling a congregational meeting for Sunday, July 6, 2025 following worship for the purpose of calling a pastor. The motion carried unanimously with affirmation and appreciation for the committee's hard work and dedication.

Music Ministry

- 2) Approving the construction of choral risers for the choir room suite at a cost of \$9000 for materials to be allocated from the recently established Carl Petersheim Music Program Fund. This will leave a balance of about \$47,000. <u>Background:</u> The choral risers will be built this summer by choir member Jon Sheppard who has extensive construction experience and is donating his labor. The risers will allow choir members to see the conductor when rehearsing and will accommodate chairs and people. They will be portable and will also be built high enough off the floor to allow for possible water infiltration.
- **3)** Approving a grant application request of \$5000 for Arts on the Square music programming from the Presser Foundation.

Outreach and Marketing

4) Agreeing to use Health Allen Mission Funds to run monthly halfpage ads in *The Burg* at an annual cost of \$9420.

Membership

- 5) Removing the following people from the church's membership rolls:
 - a) Robert Harding
 - b) William and Cynthia Petry
 - c) Rebecca Schuchert
 - d) Janet Bixler
- **6)** Agreeing to personally contact 66 individuals who are not currently active at church. These individuals have already received several mailings requesting a response. Each Session member has been assigned 3 or 4 names. Contacts will be made by mid-July.

Administrative

7) Revising the operating guidelines for Session committees.

As of May 18, 2025, 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.

Peacemaking Committee

Our Peacemaking Committee was excited to learn that a member of a Syrian family with whom we've been involved for at least 5 years just graduated from Cumberland Valley High School. Not only is Kholoud a star student, she completed what credits she needed for graduation at the end of her junior year, one year early! In her final year, she earned college credits by taking several college courses at HACC along with her required high school classes. One of her college courses was especially difficult, so she was nervous when the professor pulled her aside but then told her that in 20 years of teaching he had never had a student do so well on an exam!

Soon after we met Kholoud, we learned she had begged her mother when she was not yet in school to learn to read. That personal motivation persists. Kholoud will return to HACC as a freshman this fall. After completing her college education, her goal is to enter law school.

Kholoud's early years were spent in a refugee camp in Jordan before the family was able to immigrate to the US. Most of the family are now U.S. citizens. —Margee Kooistra



Left to right: Kholoud, her mother Elham, sister Aileen, brother Jadallah. Not in the photo: brothers Khalid and Mohamad and father Ayman.



At graduation ceremony with a friend.

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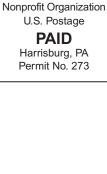
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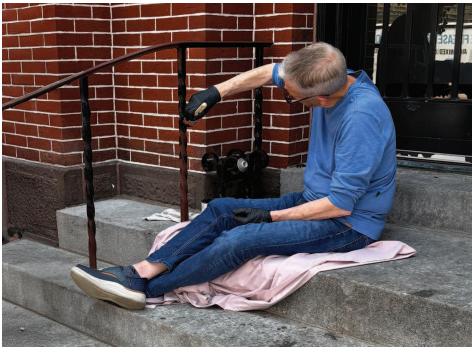
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Bridge Operations Manager, Dave Volkman, hard at work as usual!

Sunday Services

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