

The Marketplace

MAY 2025

Ph: (717) 257-1270 | www.marketsquarechurch.org



When I interviewed for the position of Bridge Pastor, I was asked a question that is now quite relevant. "You agree to come out of retirement for one year from June through May next year. What if we need you longer than that? Are you open to extending it by a few months?" I responded by saying I might consider extending my time through the summer of 2025, but would likely want to finish by August 2025. Well, here we are looking to extend into the summer.

Actually, if I am honest, I have enjoyed this Bridge position much more than I thought I would. Serving with David Volkman as Bridge Operations Manager has been delightful. We are a good leadership team. We agreed I would be in charge of anything inside the



Dr. Bruce Humphrey
Bridge Pastor

sanctuary while he would be in charge of everything else. With strong trust in each other we have complemented each other's strengths and worked well together.

I have maintained my boundaries as to my weekly hours in order to keep my stress low and remain part-time. Working with this staff is quite enjoyable. This staff is so competent! One of the things they tell me is how my planning months ahead helps us all get our work done more efficiently and with less stress. I am pleased to have exposed the staff to this way of working farther ahead together.

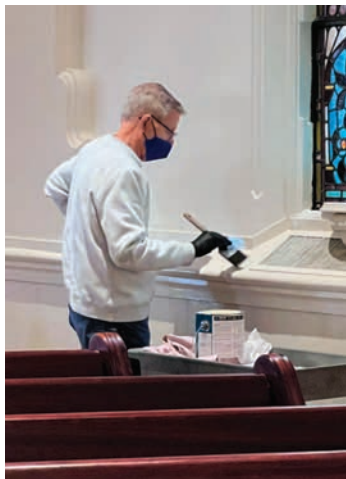
So, how about a few more months? I am willing if you are.

Real Life Experiences at Market Square Presbyterian Church

Joining the team at MSPC was a huge and exciting learning experience. I have ascended heights (literally) through the exterior scaffolding on two sides of the building. In addition, I have appreciated working with the leadership and teams at the International Service Center. Their work is truly the core of what represents the value of many of the multiple ministries that exist in our church. My current role involves supporting day-to-day operations, administration, and communication and helping to plan and *scaffold* for the long-term vision of the church facility.

It has also been great to assist with the expanding foundation of MSPC that supports some great ministries. With the rest of the leadership team, I hope to apply the short-term vision for the operational plans related to the facility.

As a former educator and administrator, I became a generalist who, I hope, developed an experience that has proven to be helpful to some degree in my current role. Having worked here for almost a year, in a unique position, I find myself drawn to things I couldn't have known by simply attending church on Sunday mornings. Market Square is truly blessed with a phenomenal team, who truly go beyond the requirements of any job in serving multiple constituencies. I am grateful for my connectedness to the staff and with members of the congregation as we can continue to build *bridges* between heads and hearts that can make a positive difference in all the lives that are served and touched by the staff and members of the congregation. I think there are times when we travel on roads that we do not choose and places where we may not want to go. Out of the thousands of days we are given, each one is out of our control, although each new day provides us with boundless opportunities. But being 'present' in any position allows us to see the little signs along the road that remind us of our duty as humans to serve others. As I conclude my short time in this role, I want to thank each of you for your unique and special gifts of time and talent that impact positively on the journey of life for countless others.



David W. Volkman
Bridge Operations
Manager

Editors' Note:

How many former school superintendents does it take to make a church operate smoothly on a daily basis? One! And that "one" is Bridge Operations Manager David Volkman. Over the last year, he has reviewed and written numerous policies; ably managed the daily requests of assistance that keep the doorbells and phones ringing; staffed various church events; provided wise counsel to church staff; on a weekly basis, taken carloads and carloads of recycling to the Dauphin County Recycling Center; painted many of the spaces in the church; cleaned detritus off the church property; vacuumed; and dealt with vendors who populate the church property daily. And so much more! Dave still has a few more months as the "BOM," but the staff wants to express its gratitude for his steady and helpful presence among us as a Servant Leader.

Stewardship

YTD Actual	\$131,000
YTD Budget	\$120,000
Surplus	\$ 11,000



Please join us!

Children's Prayer Breakfast!

May 11
9:30 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.

Children's Prayer Breakfast Sunday, May 11, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

On the second Sunday of the month the children and families of the church meet in the Youth Room at 9:30 a.m. for pancakes, a short Sunday School lesson and a craft. It's a joyful time of fellowship and fun for kids of all ages!



Sunday, May 04
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.



Pastor Allison Smith

The first Sunday of the month we meet directly after the 11:00 a.m. worship service to share a meal and dig deeper into Scripture. This is a space to bring your questions big and small and enter into thoughtful discussion. We frequently work together to think about how the Scriptures are still relevant today. We also unpack the ways the Scriptures have been narrowly interpreted or weaponized in the past and present. Lunch & Learn is all about open discussion, good food, and supportive fellowship.

Photos from the Egg Hunt on Easter Morning!



Next Marketplace Deadline: Sunday, May 11
Please email articles and photos to MSPCMarketplace@gmail.com

May Worship Schedule

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>

May 4, Third 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
"One Verse," Romans 6: 23

Theme: The contrast in Romans is less about sin/death versus redemption/life. Bruce will focus on "WAGES" vs. "GIFTS." With an emphasis on salvation by grace, unearned, undeserved, simply given by God's love and grace.

May 11: Fourth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day/Youth 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
Sacrament of Baptism
Lizzie Camilli preaching

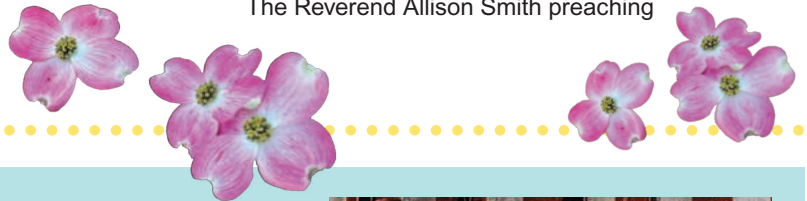
May 18: Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 9:30 am Korean Language Worship in Davis Chapel
The Reverend Ki Nam Lee preaching
- 11:00 am English Language Worship in the Sanctuary
The Reverend Dr. Bruce Humphrey preaching
"Repairing Families," John 9:13-23 and
2 Corinthians 2:5-8

Theme: The apostle Paul had to work to repair the hurt feelings from his first letter to the Corinthians. There is hope for healing in family relationships that have been bruised.

May 25: Sixth 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
The Reverend Allison Smith preaching



Learning and Sharing – All Part of our Interfaith Community

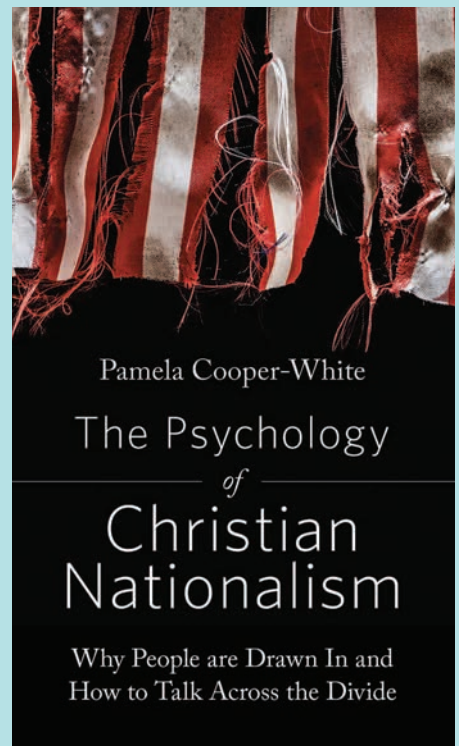
The second meeting of the Interfaith Community Read group, held at St. Paul UCC in Mechanicsburg, centered around small-group discussions which were followed with a time of large-group sharing and processing. The first and second sections of Pamela Cooper-White's book, *The Psychology of Christian Nationalism*, was the basis of the conversations.

Participants explored the connections between Christian nationalism, white supremacy, and power politics as well as the consequences of merging religious and political ideologies. Participants in the session represented various faith communities including Muslim, Jewish and Protestant. Animated, respectful dialogue filled the space as groups wrestled to understand and grasp how so many people have been drawn into ideologies which marginalize and devalue individuals in our local area, country and world.

The community of readers segued to an initial conversation on how we take what we know and make it actionable. A number of simple strategies; to speak up, support each other, teach and model for the younger generations, were all offered along with reminders to contact state and local officials with input. However, participants were challenged to bring to the next meeting some ideas of specific activities individuals could choose to participate in to work toward creating change. A list of those suggestions will be compiled and shared in a future edition of the newsletter.

The last session will be held on May 22. Further information can be found in *The Beacon Light* closer to the date. It is not necessary for you to have read the book, although feel free to see Janet or Ray Kunkel to borrow a copy if you would like to read it. Join us for our next powerful session!

Janet Kunkel



Music Notes



Dear friends,

Happy Easter! I hope that you had a meaningful Holy Week experience and Easter with us at Market Square. Many, many thanks to all our volunteers – musicians and those who worked behind the scenes – to help make Holy Week possible! We appreciate your time, dedication, and support!

On Sunday, May 4, we will recognize our Choral Scholars and share our thanks and appreciation for them before some head home for their summer break. Then on Sunday, May 11, we will have our Youth Sunday and will celebrate our graduates! The Market Square Ringers will ring for the last time before their summer break on Sunday, May 18. Open Loft Choir returns for the last one of the season on Sunday, May 25. No advanced reservations needed – show up at 10:00 a.m. in the choir loft and join us for two great anthems!

We have a neat concert planned for Friday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m. Come and watch *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* on a huge screen and hear the film accompanied by New York City organist Jason Roberts! The 1923 silent film classic tells the story of the beautiful Gypsy girl Esmeralda and the grotesque bellringer Quasimodo at the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris. Jason Roberts is one of the few organists today who can master all the theatrical sounds of a pipe

organ to bring cinematic drama to life. Tickets are \$10 general and \$5 student. I hope you'll come for what will be an awesome night in our Sanctuary!

Peace and love,
Tyler

Sanctuary Choir Repertoire for May:

May 3 (3rd Sunday after Easter/ "One Voice") – "Christ the Lord Is Risen Again" by John Rutter and "Salvation Is Created" by Pavel Tshesnokoff

Tyler Canonico-Dilley
Minister of Music

May 11 (4th Sunday after Easter/ Youth Sunday) – "I Am the Good Shepherd" by Leo Nestor and "And Can It Be" by Eric Nelson

May 18 (5th Sunday after Easter/ Repairing Families) – "Remember Not, Lord, Our Offences" by Henry Purcell and "King of Glory, King of Peace" by Harold Friedell

May 25 (6th Sunday after Easter) – "Love's Redeeming Work Is Done" by Tom Trenney and "Cantate Domino" by Giuseppe Pitoni



Our Church Family

Bill Dallam (pictured at right in his US Navy uniform), celebrated his 99th birthday on April 30.

Tom Arnoldi's brother-in-law Mario Bartoli died on March 12.

Tyler's Uncle Ray Burkart died on March 23.

Suzanne Klinedinst's sister, Carol Grace, died on April 10.

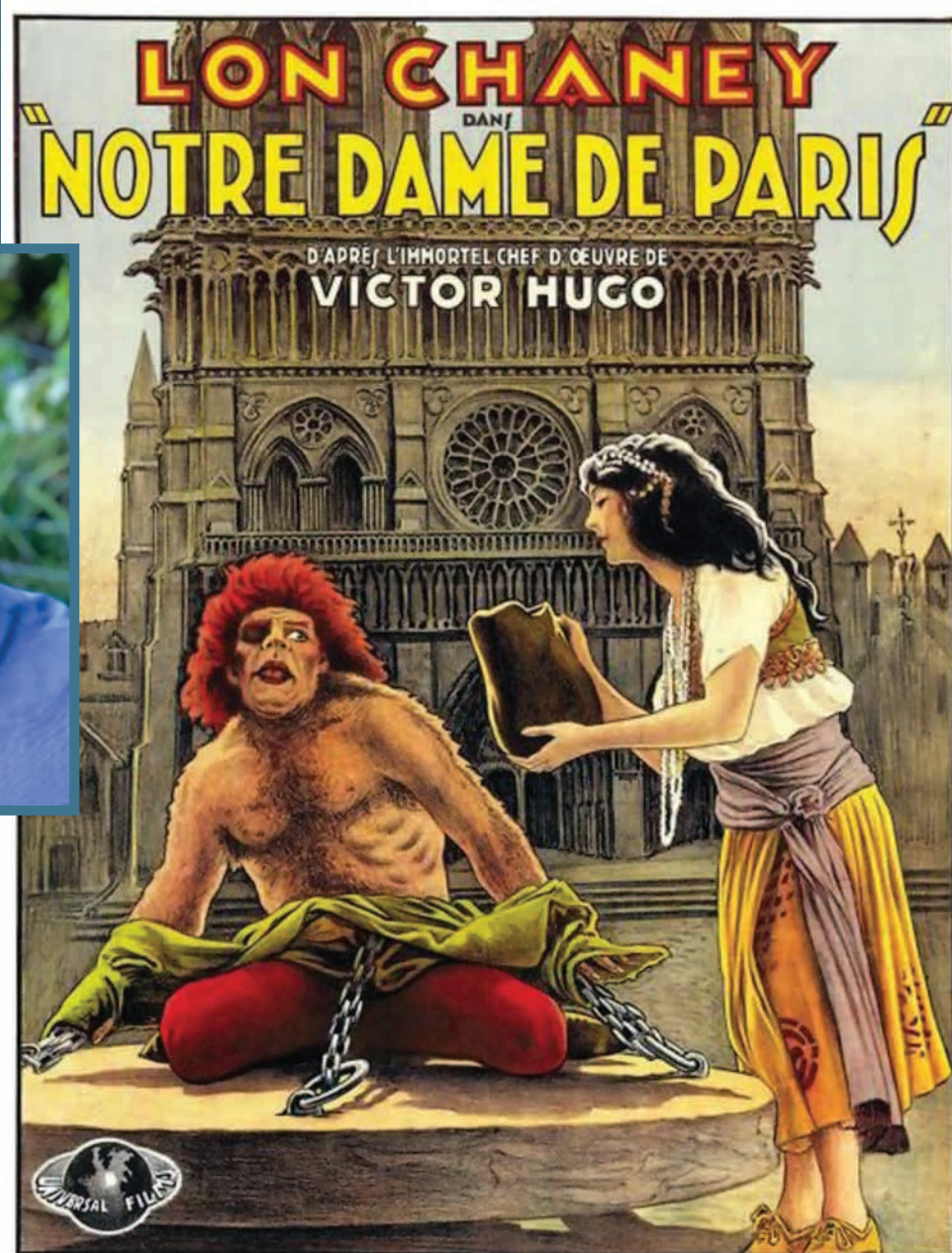
The Reverend Matthew Whong, a MSPC pastor from 1984-1986, died on April 3.

Dawn Gochenaur's sister Michelle Lauck died on March 15 (obituary is here: <https://www.parthemore.com/obituaries/michelle-lauck>) and her father Donald on April 14 (<https://www.musselmanfuneral.com/obituaries/donald-gochenaur#!/Obituary>).



FRIDAY, MAY 16, 7:00pm

Market Square
Presbyterian Church
20 S. Second Street
Harrisburg, PA



Silent film classic:
Victor Hugo's **The Hunchback of Notre Dame** with improvised accompaniment by **JASON ROBERTS**, NYC organist

Watch the kidnapping of the beautiful gypsy girl Esmeralda! See the grotesque bell-ringer Quasimodo! Hear one of the few organists today bringing silent movies to life — on Harrisburg's newest pipe organ!



Tickets: \$10 general; \$5 student (ID required).
In advance at <https://shorturl.at/9w4wX> or at the door.

Complimentary parking in the adjacent Market Square Garage.



Our Core Values: Visualizing Faith, Community, Compassion, Justice & Service

On display through Sunday, June 1, 2025

*Arts on the Square exhibitions are sponsored in 2024-25 by John K. Robinson in memory of Rachel Robinson Bair.
Below are scenes from the opening reception, Sunday, March 16, 2025.*



Featured artists attending the opening in Geneva Hall: (Back row from left) Barbara Passeri-Warfel, Susan Hoover, Kevin Long, Ron Poorman; (Front row from left) Gallery Coordinator Beth Hager, Carol Mayer, Irene Appleyard, Elaine Wilson, Ashley Robinson, John Robinson, and Roger Olson. Not pictured: Georgia Earp, Ann Lehman, Susanne Robinson, and Chuck Smith. A work by Mary Lou Dallam work is also featured in the exhibit. *Photo by Andy Herring*



Louise Poorman provided music for the reception.
Photo by John Robinson

Keep up to date on future exhibitions by visiting <https://marketsquarechurch.org/gallery> and join the mailing list. For more information, contact Beth Hager, Arts on the Square Exhibits Coordinator, bahager@earthlink.net

Click the QR code to open the AOTS Gallery page on the MSPC website.




The reception was hosted by Ashley and Joe Robinson. *Photo by John Robinson*



Perusing a photo by Ron Poorman.
Photo by John Robinson



Viewing a fabric work by Barbara Passeri-Warfel.
Photo by John Robinson



Photo by Kari Hultman

Peace Garden

Mark your calendars for May 9 and May 10 to help plant the flowers in the Peace Garden in Harrisburg's Riverfront Park. We will begin each morning at 9:00 a.m. with the hope that many hands will make light work. Begun in 1990 by the Harrisburg-Hershey Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) and the City of Harrisburg, this has continued to be a place for peace, reflection and enjoyment for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists alike. Please bring a garden shovel and willingness to help. Parking is available at the King Mansion on Front Street right across from the gardens. Please contact Phyllis Mooney (pinerunfarm@me.com) if you will be able to help. *Thank you!*



feel free to take one for yourself. Also know that you are welcome to take one for someone you know who would appreciate it. Below is an example of how to use this small during a prayer time.



This pocket prayer shawl can be used as a devotional tool for daily prayer, using a formula that starts with gratitude and moves through repentance, supplication, and praise. If you want to use it in this way, follow this guide:

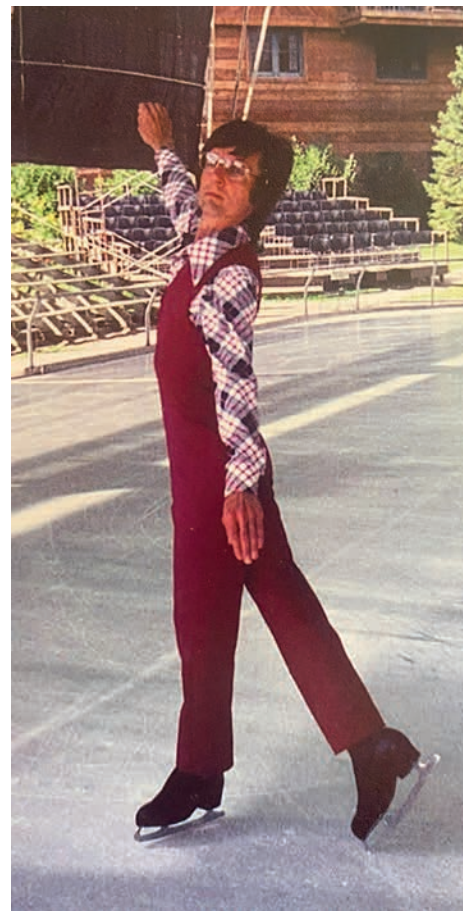
1. Hold one corner of the knitted square and pray "thank you." You can think of or list anything for which you're grateful.

2. Grasp the next corner and pray "I'm sorry." You can think of or list anything that you've done for which you want to repent.

3. Grasp the next corner and say "Help!" List anything you'd like God to help you with.

4. Grasp the final corner and pray "Wow!" List anything that makes you feel God's awe and presence.

Who is that handsome Ice Dancer? That's our audio technician Newman Stare! Can you believe that Newman didn't start ice dancing until he was 27? He found that he had a natural aptitude for it and went on to compete and win numerous competitions with his ice-dancing partner.



Adult Forum Schedule

Bad Girls of the Bible with Rev. Sandy Strauss

Bad to the bone? Bad for a season, but not forever? Bad for good reason? In the wrong place at the wrong time? Join us on **May 4 and 11** to meet some of the lesser known not-so-good women who—wittingly or unwittingly—helped to shape the trajectory of God's people. Whether scorned, scheming, condemned by their societies and seeking redemption, or just plain bad, there are lessons we can learn from these women. Many were just doing the best they could in the times and places where women were not always valued members of their societies (sound familiar?). Their stories may be sad or harrowing but can help us to understand how some of our own bad choices, like theirs, can lead us to places of forgiveness and redemption.

The Reverend Sandra Strauss—Sandy—retired from the Pennsylvania Council of Churches in early 2023 after 19 years. As Director of Advocacy and Ecumenical Outreach for the Council, Sandy's responsibilities were to inform, educate, and empower people of faith on significant public issues and support ecumenical and interfaith relationships and actions. Her educational background includes music, journalism, public policy, and ministry. She has been married to Dave Arnold, a retired minister, handyman, and clockmaker for 20 years, and has herself lived in uptown Harrisburg for over 28 years. They both seek to be a blessing at Market Square and in the neighborhood where they live.

Below: April 20 Easter Sunday worship service.
Photo by Kari Hultman.

Lincoln Cemetery Restoration with Rachael Williams

On **May 18** we will be joined by **Rachael Williams**, founder and executive director of the non-profit organization SOAL (Saving Our Ancestors' Legacy). A focus for SOAL's work is restoring and caring for the oldest historically black burial ground in Harrisburg: Lincoln Cemetery. We'll hear from Rachael about what that work is like and why caring for this sacred space, and preserving black history and memory is so important especially in light of this current moment.

Earth Wisdom SHOPPING BAGS

The production, use and disposal of single-use plastic shopping bags pollutes our land, air, and water and is harmful to all the earth's creatures, including ourselves, our children and our children's children. That's because **plastic bags are not biodegradable**, so they can continue to poison the environment with microplastics for generations to come. SO stash your car with an ample supply of **REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS**. It's so easy, yet so important for the well-being of the earth and the good health of its inhabitants.

John Taylor



Session Activities – April 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 Humphery moderates the Session. Current Ruling Elders may serve up to two consecutive, three-year terms.

Membership

- 1) Approving the baptism of Josephine James Allgood, child of Katharine Natalie Novak Allgood and Edward Joseph Allgood on Sunday, May 11, 2025. The Rev. Allison Smith will officiate.
- 2) Transferring Benjamin Sheppard's church membership from Spring Creek Church of the Brethren (Hershey, PA) to Market Square.

Mission

3) Discussing how the church can protect its guests and the International Service Center from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents. Session members concluded that the church more easily controls building access during the work week since its doors are locked and a judicial warrant would be required for entrance. (During next year's tax clinic season, the church's unlocked doors during the week will need to be re-considered.) Unfortunately, on weekends when church doors are open for worshippers, meal guests, and food pantry visitors, Session agreed it isn't practical to ask volunteers to turn ICE agents away, especially considering that people could be detained while standing outside in a line, or when leaving the church. Session members asked that training materials be compiled for staff (including custodians and weekend staff) about this subject.

Session Reorganization

4) Reorganizing Session's Committee structure. After several years of discussion, reorganization plans coalesced during a recent church officers' retreat. The changes were largely a result of 1) not having enough elders to chair each of our committees and 2) there were a growing number of committees that had overlapping interests. Thus, Session reduced the number of committees requiring an Elder as chair (from 14 to 9), established three new committees, and dissolved two. Specifically:

- **Faith and Justice Committee Formed** – The purpose of this committee is to promote justice and peace. It will be comprised of the current chairs of 5 groups (Anti-Racism, Homelessness, LGBT, Peacemaking, and Ecology Action), with each of these groups reporting to Session through Faith

and Justice, rather than directly to Session. Elder Dale Laninga is committee chair.

- **Stewardship and Finance Formed** – The purpose of this committee is to ensure the congregation's understanding of our ministries and the need for faithful stewardship. It will also work with the Trustees to develop an annual budget and educate Session about the church's financial resources. As a result of the formation of the Faith and Justice and the Stewardship and Finance committees, Session's Mission and Stewardship Committee has been dissolved. Elder David Volkman is committee chair.
- **Outreach and Marketing Formed** – The purpose of this committee is to attract and welcome new people to our church. It will build on our new website and re-energize the church's social media platforms, newsletter, and print publications with coordinated messaging. Elder Nancy Snyder is committee chair. As a result of the formation of this committee, the Membership Committee was dissolved. (The Deacons will now handle congregational events (e.g. receptions, picnics, etc.) that Membership used to manage.

The remaining existing committees are: Archives (Cindy Bendroth, chair), Arts on the Square (Beth Hager chair), Education (George Blashford and Keith Camilli, co-chairs), Congregational Nominating (Nancy Snyder, chair), Personnel (Dave Lehman, chair), Worship (Cindy Bendroth, chair).

As of April 22, 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.



Thanks to the Hamel family for their donation of the Reverend Berthi Hamel's communion set.



You never know who you're going to run into from Market Square! Nancy Snyder and Margee Kooistra had a chance encounter at the "Hands Off March" in front of the PA Capitol building on April 5, 2025.

Market Square Presbyterian Church
20 South Second Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101
ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

Nonprofit Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Harrisburg, PA
Permit No. 273

Dr. Bruce Humphrey, *Bridge Pastor*
humphrey@marketsquarechurch.org
Allison R. Smith, *Supply Associate Pastor*
smith@marketsquarechurch.org
Ki Nam Lee, *Pastoral Associate for Korean Ministries*
kinlee21c@gmail.com
Anne M. Ross, *Pastoral Assistant for Congregational Care*
amross0611@gmail.com
James D. Brown, *Pastor Emeritus*
Jennifer McKenna, *Spiritual Director*
revjfm@gmail.com
David Volkman, *Bridge Operations Manager*
volkman@marketsquarechurch.org
Tyler A. Canonico-Dilley, *Minister of Music & Organist*
canonico@marketsquarechurch.org
Ethan J. Draper, *Organ Scholar*
draper@marketsquarechurch.org
Ellen B. Hunt, *Minister of Music Emerita*
ellenhunt@ruthhunter.com
Peter Yardley-Jones, *Artist-in-Residence*
email@peteryardleyjones.com
Michelle Sheaffer, *Financial Administrator*
sheaffer@marketsquarechurch.org
Nancy D. Sheets, *Ministry Support Administrator*
sheets@marketsquarechurch.org
Sean Meara, *Facility Manager*
meara@marketsquarechurch.org
Benjamin Perez, *Homeless Ministry Coordinator*
perez@marketsquarechurch.org
Jose Maldonado, *Custodian*
Lizzie Camilli, *Nursery Caregiver*
Steve Jackson, *Parking/Events Staff*
Art Miles, *Community Breakfast Resource Person*
Ollie W. Silver, *Sunday Sexton/Events Staff*
ollie.silver@aol.com
Newman Stare, *Audio Visual Technician*
nleaudiotech@gmail.com
Andrew Hunter, *Sound/Livestream Technician*
hunterandrew2314@gmail.com



The merry crew that decorated the sanctuary for Easter: Cindy Bendroth, Nancy Snyder, Kari Hultman, Sean Meara, Alice Hamilton, and Tyler Canonico. Not pictured, Ron Poorman.

Sunday Services

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

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



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.