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MARKET SQUARE
Presbyterian Church
A Beacon of Hope on the Square

JOURNEY WITH JESUS

Palm Sunday - March 29

9:30 a.m. Korean language service in the Davis Chapel
10:30 a.m. English language service meets in front of the church on 2nd Street for a procession around the block. Chanting, Cheering, and Singing! We will then gather at 11:00 a.m. for our Palm Sunday worship in the Sanctuary.

Maundy Thursday - April 2

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Optional hand/foot washing
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Stripping of the Chancel

Good Friday - April 3

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Service of Tenebrae

Easter Sunday - April 5

6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise service on City Island
9:30 a.m. Korean language service in the Davis Chapel
11:00 a.m. English language service in the Sanctuary
We will join Mary at the tomb
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Festive music with choir and brass



Curious About Market Square? Come Learn With Us!

Whether you've been attending for a while and want to know more, or you're simply exploring what this community is all about, we'd love to have you join us for our upcoming new member classes. No commitment required — just an open mind and a willingness to explore!

Classes meet on three Sunday afternoons beginning at 12:30 p.m., right after the 11:00 a.m. worship service, in the conference room (3rd floor, office suite). A light lunch will be provided.

Sundays: April 26, May 3, and May 17

Over the course of the three sessions, we'll explore together what it means to be a Christian, what it means to be Presbyterian, and what it means to be part of this particular congregation. Come for one, come for all — and bring your

questions!

For those who feel ready to make it official, a brief meeting of the Session will be held on Sunday, May 24, at 10:30 a.m., at which new members will be received and then recognized during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. But there's absolutely no pressure — attending the classes is a great end in itself. If you'd like to know more, just speak with one of the pastors. We'd love to get to know you!





Rev. Allison Smith
Supply Associate Pastor

Adult Forum

April 5: Easter Sunday –No Adult Forum

April 12: TBD

We will have Adult Forum on April 12, but we're waiting on confirmation of a few things. Please check the bulletin for updates on April 12th's topic!

April 19: Earth Sunday

The EAC will be leading us in a class focusing on Climate Change, and its impacts on birds and trees. We will welcome Ali Bowling, a Special Advisor on Climate Change and Sustainability from Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. See page 6 for more information.

April 26:

This is the opening day of a new art gallery for Arts on the Square and we are delighted that one of the featured artists, Rodney Pate, will be with us to talk more about his artwork and share some insights about the pieces that will be displayed in the art gallery.



Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for an Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday beginning at 10:00 am in Geneva Hall (4th floor)! Open to children — infants through 5th grade, this is a festive way to celebrate the joy of the resurrection together. Bring the little ones and let the fun begin!

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Weave Week A Summer Opportunity for High School Youth July 7-11 Cost: Just \$25

This summer, high schoolers across our Presbytery are invited to join Weave Week, a five-day experience that weaves together learning, service, worship, and community around issues that matter: environment, racism, immigration, and poverty.

Each day has its own theme, with keynote speakers, hands-on activities, and shared meals — many provided by minority-owned caterers. Youth will stay overnight at Messiah University in Grantham, PA, and the week wraps up with a fun day at Hershey Park (tickets included!).

Thanks to a Presbytery grant, the entire week costs only \$25 per participant — an incredible value for a transformative experience.

Speakers include Drew Hart, Liz Theo-Harris, Yeimi Batista, and Kevin Long.

Registration is open now and closes April 30. Register here: <https://carlislepby.org/events/>

Questions? Talk to Rev. Allison Smith.

A Living Mission: Who We Are Becoming

For more than three decades, Market Square Presbyterian Church has prayerfully returned to the question: Who is God calling us to be in this time and place?

Our mission statement, first adopted in 1990 and reaffirmed in 1993, grounded us in unity, diversity, justice, and service. In the late 1990s, during challenging denominational debates, we leaned more deeply into that calling — affirming that faithful Christians may differ, that God alone is Lord of the conscience, and that we are called to welcome broadly in Christ's name.

After months of listening sessions, interviews, and congregational "Table Talks," Session adopted a renewed mission statement in 1998 titled "A Beacon of Hope on the Square." It declared our commitment to love God fully, love our neighbors generously, and open our arms to all — regardless of

race, class, national origin, sexual orientation, or worldly condition.

In the years that followed, we clarified that welcome even further by explicitly including "gender identity and expression." In 2015, we also added language committing ourselves to "justice, peace, and a sustainable environment," recognizing care for God's creation as a moral and spiritual responsibility.

Our mission statement has never been static. It is a living document — shaped by Scripture, guided by the Holy Spirit, and responsive to the needs of the world around us.

Through every revision, one truth remains constant: we seek to proclaim and live the Good News of Jesus Christ as a diverse and inclusive community, working for justice, caring for creation, and witnessing to God's transforming love.

Worship Schedule for April 2026

April 2: Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Worship in the Sanctuary
Footwashing and Sacrament of Holy Communion
Stripping of the Chancel
Rev. Stanley J. Jenkins and Rev. Allison R. Smith

April 3: Good Friday

7:00 pm Worship in the Sanctuary
Service of Tennebrae
Rev. Stanley J. Jenkins and Rev. Allison R. Smith

April 5: Easter Sunday!

6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service on City Island
Led by Market Square Presbyterian Church, Pine Street Presbyterian Church, The Journey UMC, Camp Hill UMC
The Reverend Allison R. Smith preaching
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 Stanley J. Jenkins preaching
Sacrament of Holy Communion

April 12 : Second Sunday of Easter

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

April 19: Third Sunday of Easter and Earth Sunday

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 Stanley J. Jenkins preaching

April 26: Fourth Sunday of Easter

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 Stanley J. Jenkins preaching

Another Holy Week Opportunity

Pax Christi's Good Friday: Walking Way of the Cross

On Good Friday, April 3, at 10:00 a.m., Pax Christi Harrisburg will hold its annual Walking Way of the Cross through downtown Harrisburg. The walk begins at Front and Market Streets (Dauphin County Courthouse) and concludes at Riverfront Park at State and Front Streets, typically wrapping up around 11:30 a.m.

Participants will make 14 stops along the route — one for each of the traditional Stations of the Cross. At each stop, Scripture is read alongside a reflection



connecting Christ's passion to contemporary themes of justice and peace.

Pax Christi Harrisburg is a local chapter of Pax Christi USA, the official Catholic peace movement. Grounded in the Gospel and Catholic social teaching, Pax Christi USA is a membership organization that rejects war, preparation for war, every form of violence and domination, and personal and systemic racism. The name is Latin for "the peace of Christ."

Pax Christi has been holding this event for nearly two decades. For more information, contact Ann Marie Judson at 717-439-6896.

Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, we step outside — literally — to begin our worship. Join us at 10:30 a.m. on the front steps, where palms will be distributed and we will gather for Scripture and song. Then, led by the cross, the choir, and clergy, we process together around the block — congregation and all — waving our palms and singing *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*. We then continue our procession into the sanctuary to *All Glory, Laud and Honor* as our 11:00 a.m. worship begins. We hope you'll join us for this special and joyful celebration!





Music Notes

Dear friends,

Our month begins right in the middle of Holy Week. On Thursday, April 2, we will gather for Maundy Thursday. In this sacred service, we remember the Last Supper, when Jesus instituted the Eucharist and washed the feet of his disciples. There will be an opportunity for optional hand or foot washing, we will share in Holy Communion, and the evening will conclude with the stripping of the Chancel in preparation for Christ's crucifixion.

We will return on Good Friday to mark the crucifixion and death of Jesus. We have planned what I believe will be an incredibly moving and impactful service. You will hear Scripture read, you'll have a chance to participate in one of the readings, we will sing the Passion hymn, the Sanctuary Choir will share moving music, the lights will continue to dim, and we will journey with Christ on his final hours with us.

Then, on Easter Sunday, we will gather to celebrate Christ's resurrection. Our service will begin quietly as we stand at the empty tomb with Mary in her grief. From that stillness, we will move into joyful celebration of the risen Christ. It promises to be a grand morning!

How can we skip part of the story? We cannot. I truly hope that you will join us for all of it. Holy Week! You need to witness the full story! You will leave each service moved.

We will celebrate Earth Care Sunday on April 19. The Market Square Ringers will be back in worship ringing two stirring pieces. The choir has some new music planned for the morning as well and it will be a wonderful morning celebrating our Mother Earth.

Looking ahead, our next Arts on the Square program will be held on Sunday, April 19, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. We are delighted to welcome concert organist Lynne Davis. Lynne's career has been steeped in French music, culture, and style. She is a leading international concert artist and master teacher, and has performed in almost every cathedral in France. She is an

incredible musician and I hope you will join us for her concert. This concert is co-sponsored with the Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.



Tyler Canonico-Dilley
Minister of Music & Worship

SAVE THE DATE! The Sanctuary Choir, accompanied by international concert organist Isabelle Demers, will present a concert of French and English music on Sunday, May 3 at 4:00 p.m. You will not want to miss the final concert of our season.

Peace and love,
Tyler

Sanctuary Choir Repertoire for April:

April 2 (Maundy Thursday) – “Non Nobis” by Peter Anglea and “Ubi Caritas” by Morten Lauridsen

April 3 (Good Friday) – “O Vos Omnes” by Pablo Casals” and Larry Fleming’s moving arrangement of “Give Me Jesus”

April 5 (Easter Sunday) – “Easter Introit” by John Ferguson, “A Song to the Lamb” by Gerre Hancock, “Easter Hymn” by David Conte, “Agnus Dei” from Louis Vierne’s Messe Solennelle, and “Hallelujah” from *Messiah* by George F. Handel

April 12 (2nd Sunday of Easter) – “Christ the Lord Is Risen Again” by Michael Larkin and “Sing We with a Merry Heart” by Robert Wetzler

April 19 (Earth Care Sunday) – “I Danced in the Morning” by Michael McCarthy and “The Beauty of the Earth” by Gwyneth Walker

April 26 (4th Sunday of Easter) – “Christ, Our Ever-Dawning Hope” arranged by Benjamin Harlan and “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” by Eric Nelson

Les Brown Big Band Festival

Saturday, April 11 • 5:00 pm (Doors open at 4:30 pm)
Williams Valley High School • 10300 Rt. 209, Tower City, PA



As part of an effort to connect with one another outside the walls of the church, Deacon David Minnich invites you to join him for a wonderful evening of big band music! Enjoy continuous music featuring The Moonlighters and The Town of Renown Orchestra, along with jazz bands from Elizabethtown College and several area high schools. Special guests include Festival Emcee Erika Funke, host of WVIA’s ArtScene, and Hal Espinosa, retired 1st trumpet for the Band of Renown. Food trucks on site. This is a come-and-go-as-you-please event — no need to sit still for three hours. Dust off your poodle skirt and saddle shoes and come on out! Admission: \$10. Interested in carpooling? Contact the church office!

Sunday, April 19
4:00 p.m.

Lynne Davis
Concert Organist

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

One of America's foremost interpreters of French organ music plays the 83-rank J. Nedra Schilling Organ (Orgues Létourneau Opus 136)

"Lynne Davis exhibits a level of authority in playing French works that is virtually unmatched in this country." (*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*)

Suggested donation \$15.

Co-sponsored by the Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

You are invited to a free presentation by Lynne Davis on French organ music at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 18, at Market Square Church.

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Complimentary parking in the adjacent Market Square Garage.

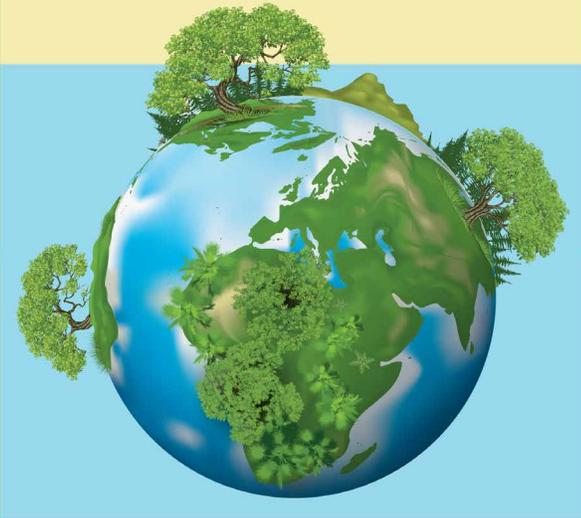


EARTH DAY – APRIL 19, 2026

The day begins with the Ecology Action Committee sponsoring the Adult Forum at 9:30 a.m.

BIRDS / TREES / CLIMATE CHANGE

Earth Day



Earth Care Congregation

Earth Wisdom

There is a serious threat to the magnificent Monarch Butterfly. The Endangered Species Act was passed in 1973 to provide special protections to such beloved creatures as the Bald Eagle, which is one of the great ESA success stories. There is concern currently, in the form of the ESA Amendment Acts of 2025 which scientists and environmentalists fear will weaken the protection of some species that are seriously endangered. Monarch Butterflies and the Hellbender Salamander are two such species in Pennsylvania in need of our voices and that protection. They are awaiting rule changes in the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service but are currently experiencing “political interference” rather than protection in the form of an amendment to the Endangered Species Act now in Congress. Thanks to such organizations as Allegheny Front, we can learn more, speak out and advocate on behalf of Monarch Butterflies, grizzly bears and other threatened species.



—Margee Kooistra, member, Ecology Action Committee

Earth Day Special Offering

On Earth Day, April 19, at our 11:00 a.m. service, a special offering will be collected in support of our church's membership in PA Interfaith Power and Light (PA IPL). PA IPL is a community of congregations, faith based organizations, and individuals, who educate, address and act on climate change issues.



The Environmental Action Committee has, over the years, partnered with PA IPL mostly through advocacy.

Thank you for supporting earth care.

Earth Day Adult Forum

A speaker from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Ali Bowling, Executive Advisor for Climate & Sustainability, will join us to give a talk on climate change and its impact on birds and trees on April 19 at 9:30 a.m. Ali is a former president of Appalachian Audubon Society, and will provide a fascinating look at impacts in Pennsylvania.

Please mark your calendar to come and learn how we can all make a difference for our planet.

Our Church Family

PJ Taylor's aunt, Helen Zern, died on February 22.

Scott Tornblom died on March 4. His memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 9.

Patty Gordon died on March 5. Her memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 28 at 11 am.

Charles H. Stone turned 98 on February 28.

Ethan Draper's grandfather, Art Cabbage, died on March 20. Ethan's senior recital at LVC will be held on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:30 pm.

Congratulations to Ollie Silver, who celebrated his LVC Senior Recital on March 19. Here's a link to his performance: <https://shorturl.at/WXNZs>

Lydia Hunter and Steve Ho celebrated their wedding on March 15. Lydia is the daughter of Ruth Hunter, the sister of Elder Andrew Hunter, and the granddaughter of Minister of Music Emerita Ellen Hunt.

Congratulations to Georgia Earp, whose book of poetry, *I Am from the 20th Century*, comes out in April. Georgia, who writes under her grandmother's name, Lucy Sage, will have copies available soon after publication. The book will also be available through Kelsay Books (the publisher) and Amazon by April 11.

We Were Made for These Times

Dear Market Square friends,

In response to conversations I've had with many of you surrounding the current climate and the deep sadness, concern, anger, fatigue...we are feeling as a result, I'd like to share a piece of writing with you. A little while back, a friend sent an excerpt to me from an essay by Clarissa Pinkola Estes (<https://shorturl.at/dMSn2>). I would encourage you to read it if you are needing a reminder that we were built with strength and an ability to strengthen others, especially during challenging times. We are called to this as Rev. Stan reminded us in his Christmas Eve message: first find the light within us, then share it with those around us.

The truth that we can do all things through Christ who gives us strength may need a good dusting off right now. Choosing to use our unique gifts to share the light and create ripples further strengthens us as we weather the harsh climate and beyond. My bed is easier to get out of in the morning knowing each act in my small corner of the world is making a difference in the big picture.

Strength and action is the fabric of who we are at Market Square and why Joe and I are proud to be members with you. So, while none of this is new to you, I think we can all use reminders. And as we approach Easter, never was there a reminder more beautiful and relevant than the message that we are overcomers along with our Savior.

If you are interested in reading the excerpt and are not able to access the link above or the QR code below, feel free to email or text me and I can forward it to you. I can also give you a hard copy in person.

In peace and unity,
Ashley Robinson
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Below is an excerpt from Dr. Phuong's February 2026 monthly ISC report.



The Department of Homeland Security issued a memorandum on February 18, 2026, concerning the detention of refugees who fail to apply for Adjustment of Status after one year in the United States.

According to the memo, DHS may detain refugees who:

- Do not file an Adjustment of Status application after one year in the United States; or
- Fail to attend a scheduled Adjustment of Status interview.

The policy has raised concerns among legal experts because it represents a significant shift from longstanding practices under which refugees were generally not subject to detention for these reasons. The memo also suggests that there may be no specific time limits on the length of detention in such cases.

Refugees may receive interview notices from either DHS or USCIS as part of the revetting or Adjustment of Status process. Interviews typically take place at USCIS field offices and may last several hours. Officers may ask questions about the applicant's original refugee claim, travel history, family relationships, and any potential security concerns.

Possible outcomes of these interviews include approval of Adjustment of Status, issuance of a Notice of Intent to Terminate (NOIT) refugee status, or referral of the case to immigration court for removal proceedings.

The task of helping our refugee clients go through the same bureaucratic hurdles to recertify their legal status will be crushing. In order to assist our refugee clients effectively, we will have to prepare our staff and volunteers with the appropriate immigration training, as well as developing additional resources to cover the costs involved in the USCIS application and interviewing process for each refugee family.

We are planning to organize a Community Orientation event to address Operation PARRIS (Post-Admission Refugee Reverification and Integrity Strengthening) on April 21, 2026.

Please do not forget us in your prayers.

Gratefully yours,
Phuong N. Truong



FAITH • COMMUNITY • COMPASSION • JUSTICE • SERVICE

Session Activities: March 2026 Update

by Cindy Bendroth, Clerk of Session

Market Square's Session is responsible for the church's mission, governance, and programs. Rev. Stan Jenkins moderates the Session. Current Ruling Elders may serve up to two consecutive, three-year terms. Active 2025 Elders are:

Terms Expiring in 2026	Terms Expiring in 2027	Terms Expiring in 2028
Cindy Bendroth (2nd term)	Sandy Bell (2nd term)	Beth Cate-Freeman (2nd term)
Kristin Cassell (1st term)	Betsy Cobb (1st term)	Emily Dame (1st term)
Dale Laninga (2nd term)	Andrew Hunter (2nd term)	Beth Hager (2nd term)
Dave Lehman (2nd term)	Steve McMullen (1st term)	Cherstin Hamel (1st term)
David Volkman (1st term)	Lana Walmer (1st term)	Barb Jewett (1st term)

Beacon Society

John Dame gave a presentation on the Beacon Society. The Society is an opportunity for members to make a planned gift to Market Square.

Finance

Session approved making quarterly payments for General Mission, Per Capita and the International Service Center to the Presbytery of Carlisle (amounts as approved in the 2026 annual budget.)

Personnel

Session approved the change of Tyler Canonico-Dilley's title from "Minister of Music" to "Minister of Music and Worship."

Trustees

Trustees approved a contract with TKE to modernize the elevator. Funding for the refurbishing is from a donation by the Mapp Family and Fidelity investments. Trustees also did an energy audit conducted by PPL. The Trustees will work incrementally on some of the recommendations.

Ecology Action

Session approved the Ecology Action Committee's guidelines. The guidelines are part of a plan that the Committee has to continue as an Earth Care Congregation, a PCUSA initiative that MSPC continues to support.

As of March 17, 2026 there were 324 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.



The Peace Garden at Riverfront Park

Dedicated to the pursuit of peace and the preservation of our Earth, the Peace Garden was established in April 1990 by the Harrisburg-Hershey Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility and the City of Harrisburg. It can be found along Front Street between Emerald and Maclay Streets. Many of our congregation members have been involved over the years, most notably Jim and Sandy Jones, Ann Marie and John Judson, and Gwen Lehman.

The gardens are appreciated by all who walk, cycle, or drive by and are considered a respite in this fast paced world.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 9, from 9:00 a.m. to noon and help us plant the Peace Garden along Harrisburg's Riverfront. Just bring your garden shovel, gloves, and a willingness to plant. We are also interested in individuals that would like to help maintain the gardens through the season with a little weeding and deadheading from time to time.

Please contact Phyllis Mooney (pinerunfarm@me.com, 717-805-2968) should you have any questions.

Our Sanctuary Choir at Carnegie Hall!

In mid-March, several members of our Sanctuary Choir (volunteers and Choral Scholars) joined the Lebanon Valley College Choirs on a trip to New York City. Joined by other choirs, they performed two major works on the Carnegie Hall stage accompanied by a professional orchestra.

In addition to the Carnegie Hall performance, the choirs of LVC gave a concert at St. Patrick's Cathedral, under the direction of our very own Minister of Music & Worship, Tyler Canonico-Dilley (who is known as Professor CD to the students!).

After all the singing, they were taken out on a dinner cruise which sailed around the Statue of Liberty. Everyone made it home safely and has shared about what a remarkable trip it was!



HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY

A Century of Living: Happy 100th Birthday, Bill Dallam

On April 30, Market Square Presbyterian Church celebrates a remarkable milestone — the 100th birthday of William Morgan Dallam III, known to all of us simply as Bill. The last living World War II veteran in our congregation, Bill has lived a life of quiet courage, deep faith, and enduring service. We are honored to mark this extraordinary occasion by sharing a small part of his remarkable story.

A Young Man Goes to War

Bill Dallam talked his parents into allowing him to enlist in the Navy at the ripe old age of 17 — much to his mother Irene's chagrin. She signed the permission forms, but reluctantly. Her older son was already serving with the Army Corps of Engineers in the European Theater, and now her youngest was headed to sea.

Bill was assigned to the USS Moale DD 693 as a Torpedoman Striker and gunner on a three-man crew, later earning a promotion to Torpedoman 3rd Class by war's end. He would serve at sea for 19 months, seeing action in the Philippines, the Battle of Ormoc Bay, and Task Force 58.

The family's situation had grown complicated in the meantime. Bill's father had been quietly recruited to join the engineering team at Hanford, Washington, working on components of the atomic bomb that would eventually be used on Nagasaki. The entire project was classified, and the family was relocated to a secret government city built to house the workers. Bill, already a bit lax about correspondence, never received his family's new address. Months passed without a word.

When Mom Called the White House

Irene Dallam was not a woman who believed in starting at the bottom. A prominent Red Cross volunteer and devoted admirer of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, she knew that Mrs. Roosevelt had sons of her own in uniform. She felt certain the First Lady would understand a mother's worry — and so she wrote directly to Eleanor Roosevelt and laid out her case.

The letter found its mark. Not long after mail call one day aboard ship, Bill heard his name crackle over the loudspeakers, summoning him to the captain's quarters. Captain William M. Foster was not pleased. He wanted to know, in no uncertain terms, when Bill had last written to his mother. Bill admitted it



had been a while. The captain slid a slip of paper across the desk — his family's new address — and ordered him straight to his bunk to write. He made clear that he “never wanted to receive another message from Eleanor Roosevelt about Bill Dallam” again.

Bill was a model letter-writer from that day forward.

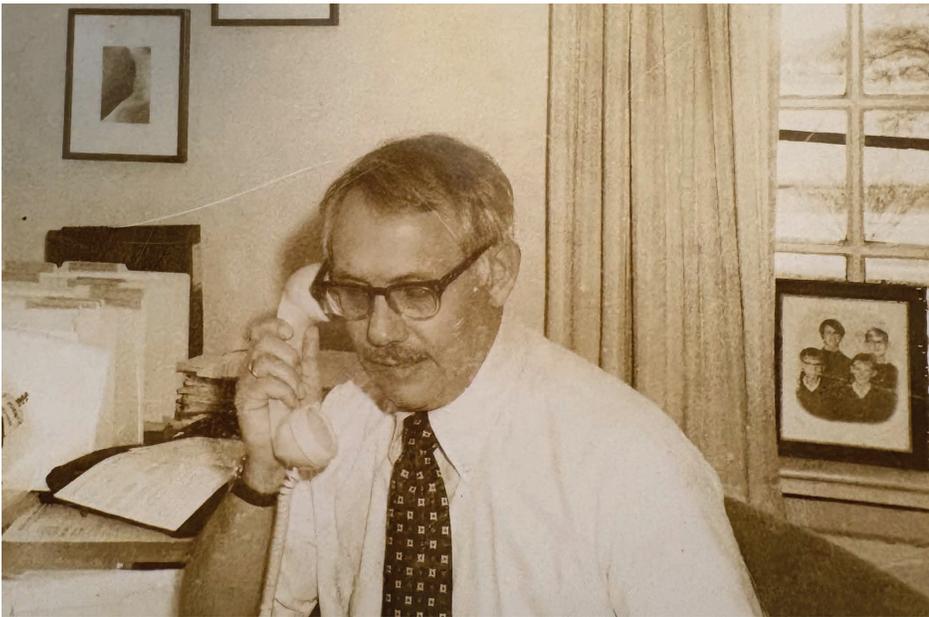
A Secret Mission: Nagasaki, September 1945

The war in Japan had just ended when Bill's ship received a call for volunteers for a classified mission. The captain asked each man four questions that had to be answered in the negative: Are you married? Do you have children? Are you engaged? Are you an only child? Those who qualified placed their hands on a Bible and swore to secrecy.

On September 17, 1945 — fifteen days after the Peace Treaty was signed — the USS Moale anchored in Tokyo Bay near a Japanese naval base. Volunteers were told to leave all personal belongings behind, wear dungarees and white hats, and carry a .45 pistol. Each man was given a light-colored badge and instructed to report immediately if it began to darken. It was the first time any of them had heard the word radiation.

Posing as a damage survey team, they rode in canvas-covered Army trucks to the outskirts of Nagasaki. On the way, they passed a small group of Japanese civilians — old men, women, and children, some with visible burns — huddled near the command post.

Outside the trucks, the air was utterly still. No wind. No insects. No birds. Everything within thousands of yards of the blast zone had been reduced to rubble, roughly thigh-high. The



parents at a guesthouse on the Alfred I. DuPont estate. It was there that the family finally learned what Bill’s father had been doing all along: as a powerhouse engineer, he had helped build the plant in Washington State that produced the materials for the Nagasaki bomb. It was the DuPont Corporation that had built the facility.

Bill keeps on his wall the citation his father received, signed by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson — a daily reminder, he has said, of how dangerous humankind can be, and of how desperately we need both spiritual and human leadership if we are to survive.

After his discharge, Bill enrolled at West Chester State Teachers College, graduating in 1950. His sense of duty hadn’t faded: he re-enlisted to serve 13 months during the Korean War aboard the USS Oriskany CV

84, this time as an Aerial Mineman 2nd Class.

Please join us in celebrating Bill Dallam’s 100th birthday on April 30. We are grateful for his life, his service, and the stories he carries — stories that remind us that the call to peacemaking is both urgent and holy.

Photos include: when Bill was in the Navy, at West Chester University, and from his time at the Department of Education as Director of Compensatory Education. Bill with a thank you note from students at the Downey School. Through the Mary Lou Dallam Fund and our Peacemaking Committee, he has been instrumental in donating books to local Harrisburg elementary schools.

roads were unobstructed but filled with debris, much of it unidentifiable. No one had ever seen melted concrete or steel. Even more than forty days after the bombing, a sour, foul smell still hung in the air.

It took a moment to understand that the dark, charred shapes scattered across the ground were the remains of human beings. One of the men said quietly, “I came as a warrior looking at a defeated enemy, and now I feel like a murderer.”

The bomb had exploded roughly 1,800 feet above one of the city’s valleys, killing an estimated 40,000 to 60,000 people across a three-mile area. Nagasaki, nestled in a series of valleys, was one-third destroyed. In the distance, outlines of structures stood as reminders that human beings had actually lived there.

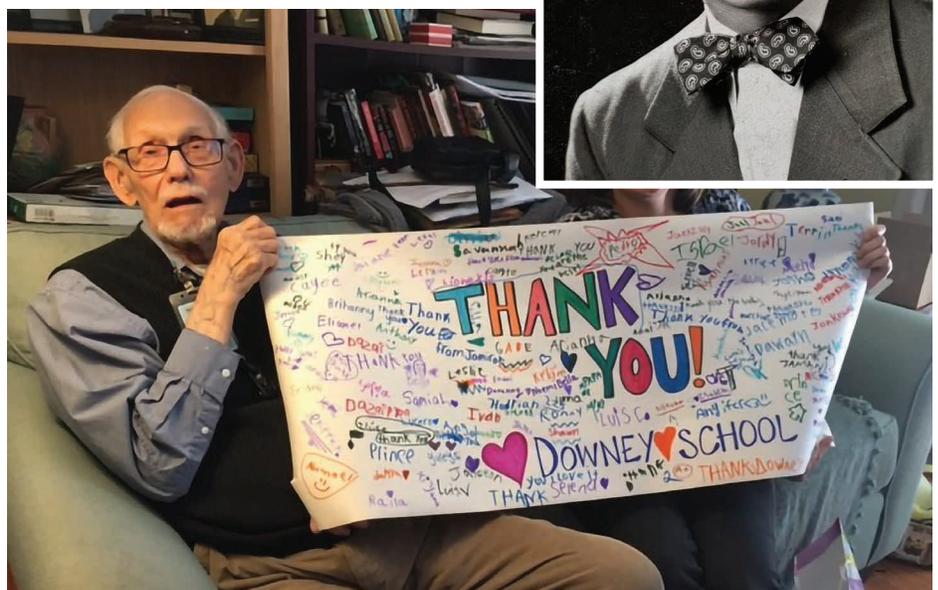
When the radiation badges began to change color, the order came to leave. The ride back was very quiet. Passing the huddled group of Japanese civilians again, the men opened their remaining cans of fruit and asked the soldiers stationed at the post to distribute them before the trucks pulled away.

Back on board, the volunteers surrendered their clothes, received new ones, turned in their radiation badges, and were medically examined. They were warned again to remain silent.

On September 27, 1945, the USS Moale left Japan for home.

Coming Home — and a Family Secret Revealed

After the war, Bill’s family reunited — his two sisters and their husbands (both pilots), and his brother John, who had been captured by the Germans during the Battle of the Bulge — all rejoining their



Honoring Marty Tornblom

Marty Tornblom was recently honored at the Whitaker Museum in Centerville, Utah, as part of the museum's exhibit, "A Century of Centerville Women: 1847-1947." Marty's oral histories of growing up in that area are available at the QR code.

Three Market Square ruling elders in Utah: Nancy Snyder, Mallory Dance, and Marty Tornblom.



Book Discussion

Lively minds, good food, and a big question: what can we do? Our *Poverty, by America* discussion on March 22 was just the beginning — more to come!



arts ON THE Square Gallery

Market Square Presbyterian Church

Last date for "Faces & Places: Works by Mindy Deardorff and Sherryl Heberlig":
Sunday, April 19

Coming up:
"How I see It: Paintings and Portraits by Rodney Pate"

Opening reception in Geneva Hall, Sunday, April 26, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

Beth Hager,
Arts On The Square Gallery Coordinator





Interfaith Freedom Seder at Beth El Temple

April 12, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
Beth El Temple, 2637 North Front Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Save the date for the 14th annual Freedom Seder!

The Freedom Seder is an interfaith event that commemorates the journey from slavery to freedom for Jews in ancient Egypt and for African Americans in the United States. We celebrate these emancipations while acknowledging the forms of hatred and oppression that persist today and committing to work against them together. We will sing, perform Passover rituals, and share a meal as we explore how we can stand together with our neighbors.

The cost to attend is \$25 per person (\$15 per teenager) and includes dinner. Visit the registration form <https://shorturl.at/Sctov> to reserve your spot, or contact amy@bethelhb.org or 717-232-0556 with questions. Please register by April 3.

Honoring Our Roots

On March 17, Elder Dave Volkman and Deacon Chris Baldrige joined representatives from eight other historic congregations at Homeland Center for an evening of food, fellowship, and gratitude. The gathering celebrated the 157-year legacy of the nine founding churches — including MSPC — whose vision and generosity gave rise to Homeland in 1867. The highlight of the evening was the dedication of a special space near the Homeland Chapel, now permanently marked in honor of those founding congregations. We are proud to be among those who helped lay this foundation of care for our community's most vulnerable neighbors — and humbled to see that story told in stone.



Re-Imagining Planned Giving: A Gift That Grows With You

Last month we explored some of the common misconceptions about planned giving — who it's for, how much it takes, and when to begin. This month, we want to share something that surprises many people: a planned gift isn't set in stone.

Most planned gifts — whether made through a will or a beneficiary designation — are fully revocable. That means you can change them anytime as your life and circumstances evolve. In fact, nearly half of all planned giving donors revise their plans over their lifetime, and that's not just normal — it's expected. And here's the encouraging part: of those who make changes, the vast majority actually increase their giving. Only a small fraction reduce it.

Planned giving is designed to be flexible — a way to care for your loved ones *and* support the future of this church, without having to choose between the two.

Have you already included the church in your plans? If so, we'd love to know. Telling us doesn't make your plans public, and it doesn't lock you into anything permanent. But it does allow us to honor your intentions, confirm that your wishes are clearly understood, and welcome you into a community of others who have made the same faithful choice. Many people say that simply sharing brings an unexpected sense of peace, clarity, and joy.

We are the beneficiaries of generations who gave sacrificially so that this church — and its ministries — could thrive today. A planned gift, however modest, is your opportunity to do the same for those who come after us.

We invite you to prayerfully consider it. And thank you — truly — to all who already have.

Please consult your professional advisors to ensure any gift aligns with your personal situation and goals.

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Photo of organ tuner at work by Kari Hultman.

Sunday Services

Korean Language Service—9:30 a.m.
in the 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.
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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.