

# THE Marketplace



**MARKET SQUARE**  
Presbyterian Church  
*A Beacon of Hope on the Square*

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You've probably noticed that we've been having Minutes For Mission every Sunday with various members involved in different activities of the church answering two questions: *Why does Market Square matter and what would change if Market Square were suddenly to disappear?* This is part of the Stewardship & Finance Committee's extended campaign, throughout the summer and into the fall, leading up to Stewardship and Dedication Sundays.

We've divided up the activities people talk about in terms of how we prepare ourselves for ministry, and how we serve our community—or roughly what we do to “equip the saints” and what we do to continue Jesus' ministry as the Body of Christ on earth. We could also see this as our inward focus and our outward focus. The point is that the two foci are interrelated and reflect our holistic approach to ministry. We nurture ourselves spiritually that we might be prepared to better serve our community.

For instance, worship (praising God's holy name) and the arts feed us—and to that extent represent faith formation—but as we read in the book of James, “faith without works is dead.” We cannot reach our higher calling in God if we do not serve our community. Faith formation that does not bear fruit in service, or for instance, in programs like our Sunday morning breakfast and Friday evening dinner for our unhoused neighbors, is in vain.

This understanding of who we are and what it means to be the church reflects our commitment to the PC(USA)'s Matthew 25 program. We have dedicated ourselves to three pursuits: To be a vital congregation, to eliminate structural poverty, and to



**Rev. Stanley Jenkins**  
Pastor, Head of Staff

dismantle systemic racism. The Matthew 25 program recognizes that congregational vitality is not merely a matter of the number of members on our rolls, but rather, is inextricably linked to how we are helping to transform our world, how we are building the Beloved Community—pressing the world toward the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God.

The hope in our stewardship campaign is that you will gain a new appreciation not only for what we are already doing, but also for just how much of a difference we are making in our little corner of the world. What we do matters. It may not be the last word on significance—but it really does matter. When we support Market Square with time and treasure, when we reach out to the “least of these,” we are making a stand in this world. A stand against the notion pressed by the powers that be that violence, exclusion, and hate are our indelible fate, and a stand for God's promise of a transformed world—a world of justice and peace. We bear witness that we do not have to be paralyzed—but indeed, through Jesus Christ are given voice, agency—the power to help make a better world.

As always, this year, once again, we are going to be asking you to give more and to do so cheerfully, not out of guilt or out of obligation—but out of the joy of being part of something bigger than ourselves—the joy of living a purposeful life and making a difference. I've said over and over just how unique I believe Market Square is. God is doing important work in our church—and we have been called into fellowship with God—called into participation in God's healing of creation. I have no doubt that God has so much more in store for us.

## *Movie Night at Market Square!*

**Friday, June 26 at 6:45 p.m. | Geneva Hall, 4th Floor**

Join us for a screening of *Music of the Heart*, starring Meryl Streep and Angela Bassett. Based on a true story, this heartwarming film follows one woman's remarkable journey to bring the gift of music to students in New York City's toughest neighborhoods, and the transformation that followed. Popcorn and drinks provided. Just bring yourself!





## Summer Schedule

- We will have the final **Lunch and Learn** of the program year on June 21st.
- We will not have a children's **prayer breakfast** in June—we'll resume in September.
- **Adult Forum** is on summer break and will resume on September 13.

**Rev. Allison Smith**  
Supply Associate Pastor



*Children's  
Prayer  
Breakfast  
photos from  
May.*



## With God On Our Side

*An Addendum By Jim Terry*

*In the 1960's came the Vietnam War  
Now no one can tell me what the fighting was for  
They said it was victory, they said it was pride  
And they knew for certain  
They had God on their side.*

*Then we were fighting in Iraq and Afghan  
And people were dying midst the rocks and the sand  
They said we'd find truth there, but everyone lied  
Did we really believe that  
We had God on our side?*

*Now we rain fire and bombs on Iran  
And bring mass destruction across the whole land  
We say we want peace and love to abide  
Do we honestly think that  
God's on our side?*

*I've studied the history of the gun and the sword  
How men use religion to justify war  
If we sanctify violence and justice denied  
How can we ever  
Have God on our side?*

( Bob Dylan released *With God on Our Side* in 1964, but it had no reference to the Vietnam War which the U.S. escalated dramatically the following year.)

## Support Health Ministries

Join local gamers for Medical Game Night on Saturday, June 13, 2026, from 5:00–8:00 p.m. at Tree of Life Lutheran Church in Harrisburg!

Enjoy an evening of food, music, community, and medical-themed games while supporting the Health Ministries of Christ Lutheran Church and the medical and dental clinics serving neighbors in need in Allison Hill.

Tickets are \$20 for individuals or \$40 for families and may be purchased at the door, though presales are encouraged to help with planning. For cash ticket purchases, contact Leta Beam at 717-329-3849. For more information, contact Keely Reese at [Keely.Reese66@gmail.com](mailto:Keely.Reese66@gmail.com).

## Share the Love!

Don't forget to "Like" Market Square on Facebook and Instagram! There you'll find lots of updates on church events and happenings, as well as clips from worship services, inspiring quotes, and the occasional bit of hilarity. :)



## Come to the Table: A Potluck Lunch on June 28!

There's something about sharing a meal that does what very little else can. Conversations that might never happen find their way to the surface. Strangers become friends. Old friends remember why they love each other. And for a little while, the table becomes exactly what it was always meant to be.

The Board of Deacons is inviting the whole congregation to do just that. On Sunday, June 28, following the 11 am worship service, please join us for a potluck lunch in Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish, bring your appetite, and most of all, bring yourself.

To keep things simple and well-rounded, here's a guide based on your last name:

**A–H: Bring a protein**  
**I–P: Bring a side dish**  
**Q–Z: Bring a dessert**

Sign-up sheets will be available in the atrium/narthex in the weeks leading up to the event, so you can let us know what you're planning to bring. Don't worry if cooking isn't your forte; a rotisserie chicken or a store-bought pie is just as welcome as anything made from scratch.

We hope you'll plan to stay after worship and pull up a chair. The deacons are looking forward to an afternoon of good food, good conversation, and the kind of community that reminds us why we gather in the first place.

### *Please spread the word*

Our weekend feeding ministries are looking for volunteers, and there are meaningful ways to get involved on both Friday evenings and Sunday mornings.

**Friday Night Dinner** is a to-go meal served on 2nd Street for about 100 guests. Volunteers work in one of two shifts: 3:00–5:30 p.m. (food prep and plating) or 5:15–7:30 p.m. (distributing meals and clean-up). We are also looking for some more people who are willing to take a Friday and plan a menu, shop, and cook. If you've got kitchen confidence and a heart for the work, this one's for you.

Our **Sunday Breakfast** is currently looking for providers, the planners and cooks who make the meal happen. Most of our providers take one Sunday a month, though we're glad to work with groups who prefer every other month. Volunteers typically arrive by 7:30 a.m. and are finished at 9:30 a.m.

We welcome other congregations, families, businesses, 12-step groups, nonprofit teams, and any group looking for a hands-on service opportunity. Help us spread the word!

**For more information, contact Nancy in the church office at [sheets@marketsquarechurch.org](mailto:sheets@marketsquarechurch.org).**

Questions? Reach out to the Board of Deacons or speak with any deacon on Sunday morning.

## STEWARDSHIP

**YTD Pledge..... \$202,615**  
**YTD Budget ..... \$166,665**  
**Surplus ..... \$ 35,950**

### April Financial Update – With Gratitude

We are deeply thankful for the faithful generosity of our congregation. As of the end of April, year-to-date pledges total \$202,615, compared to a year-to-date budget of \$166,665, resulting in a surplus of \$35,950. This strong start reflects your commitment to our church's mission and ministries, and we are truly grateful for your continued support.

As we move into the summer months—a time when giving often slows—we encourage everyone to remain mindful of their pledges and to continue supporting the life and work of the church as they are able. Your ongoing generosity helps ensure that ministry and mission continue smoothly throughout the year. Thank you for all that you do and for being such a faithful and caring congregation.

**Michelle Sheaffer**, Financial Administrator

## Our Church Family

Kathy Williams would like to thank her church family for all the expressions of sympathy and care following the death of her beloved husband Patrick.

### New members

We welcome Lynn Conway, Judy Griesemer, Kevin Leitzel, Tom Richards, and Barbara Warfel to the fold.

### Births

Barrett R. Bowman, Marty Shifflett's newest great nephew, joined the world on Mother's day.

### News about former members

Mim Kegerize died on Mother's Day; she was Market Square's parish nurse.

Ginger (Hogg) Aurand's husband Rich died suddenly on May 17 of a heart attack.



# Music Notes



**Tyler Canonico-Dilley**  
*Minister of Music & Worship*

Dear friends,  
Happy almost-summer! I hope that everyone will be able to experience rest and relaxation this season. I give thanks to all our choir members, bell ringers, and team members of Arts on the Square. Your dedication and commitment to our church and our music ministry are very appreciated. Thank you for your continued dedication and working hard throughout the program year. You, too, deserve a time for rest and relaxation because you've earned it and we have exciting things planned for the upcoming year. 😊

Throughout June, July, and August, we will have church members and guest musicians sharing their gifts with us in worship. The Sanctuary Choir will return to worship on Genesis Sunday, September 13. (I've already started the countdown clock!)

Once a month, we will have a Summer Choir. Anyone and everyone are welcome to join us! Love to sing? Think you love to sing? Looking to try something new? Try this out! We will meet on the given Sunday at 9:30 a.m. to learn the music for worship. It's low stress and lots of fun, so I hope you will give it a try if you're interested. This month's Summer Choir will participate in worship on **Sunday, June 21**. I hope you'll join us!

Peace and love,

**Tyler**

## Session Activities: May 2026 Update

*Cindy Bendroth, Clerk of Session*

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

### Personnel

- Session approved Anne Ross's Covenant of Agreement. Anne provides pastoral care to the congregation for 10-15 hours per week.
- Session approved the revision of the duties of the personnel committee.

### Safe Church Policies

- Approved an update to the Safe Church Policy for Children,

Youth, and Vulnerable Adults Policy to include vulnerable adults. This was revised due to changes in Presbyterian policy.

### International Service Center

Approved the collection of money for the International Service Center transportation and interpretation support for Afghan refugee reinterviews.

### Clerk's Report

As of May 19, 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.

## EARTH WISDOM: COMPOSTING, A WISE PRACTICE

In the United States, food is the most common material sent to landfills, comprising about 24% of solid municipal waste. Trapped under layers of garbage, these food scraps and yard waste materials not only release massive amounts of pollutants, such as methane, they also become unavailable where they are needed most, back in the soil. Composting, rather than trashing food waste, transforms squandered food and yard waste into a useful resource through decomposition. It provides an ideal environment for bacteria, fungi, and worms to break down nitrogen-rich materials such as "greens" (grass clippings, plants) and carbon-rich "browns" (dried leaves, twigs, paper). Some people refer to this end-product as "black gold" amended soil, full of healthy nutrients for plants and people.

Other benefits for our planet: **1.** Promotes carbon sequestration. **2.** Reduces waste to landfills. **3.** Soil structure retains water better **4.** Helps to prevent erosion. All wise reasons to compost... and It is FREE!

**Barbara Pennell, Ecology Action Committee**



## Congratulations, Graduates!

As a church family, we give thanks for the accomplishments, dedication, and bright futures of these graduates. We celebrate with them and hold them in prayer as they begin new adventures. May God guide and bless each graduate as they begin the next chapter of their journey.

**Adam Bateman** will be graduating from CASA on June 3 (which is also his 18th birthday). He will be heading out to Chicago to start a 4-year degree program at DePaul University in the fall. In the meantime, you can catch him onstage this summer in Gamut's Free Shakespeare in the Park production of *As You Like It*, to be performed in June. From his dad, Ken: "I'm not sure what other relevant information you might like to know, other than he's a great kid with a HUGE heart and I couldn't be prouder of him."

**Katie Camilli** graduated with honors from Kutztown University with a degree in Library Science. She will be working at the Pennsylvania State Library over the summer and then pursuing a graduate degree in Library Science at Simmons College in the fall.

**Bennett Dame** is the son of Paul & Sherrie Dame and the grandson of John & Emily Dame. He will graduate from Central York High School on May 29 where he played Lacrosse for 4 years and scored 125 career goals. Bennett participated in Unified Bocce which is a Special Olympics inclusive sport pairing students with intellectual disabilities and students without intellectual disabilities to foster friendship, teamwork and school inclusion via participation in a varsity-style sport. He also participated in the Panther Preschool Program which offers a lab experience in Early Childhood Education for students interested in becoming teachers. Bennett was named Student of the Month in April and received the U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award at a recent Award Ceremony. Bennett will attend Penn State University Main Campus pursuing an Education Major.

John and Susanne Robinson's grandchildren:

- **Cole Darnley**, recent graduate of the College of Engineering and Polymer Science at The University of Akron, majoring in CIS-Programming.
- **Chloe Darnley**, recent graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania, majoring in speech pathology. She will continue in IUP's graduate school to earn a master's degree.
- **Ian Robinson**, recent graduate of Calvert Hall College High School, Baltimore, will study next at the Smeal College of Business at The Pennsylvania State University, majoring in business.

### Caring for Sacred Ground (possibly with goats)

Do you know a goat or cow with a calling for Christian service? Harrisburg's Historic Lincoln Cemetery, Dauphin County's oldest surviving Black cemetery, is looking for a little help keeping its grounds in shape. If you know someone who practices conservation grazing, or if you or someone you know is looking for a meaningful place to put in service hours, please reach out to Kevin Burrell at kevinbrll@gmail.com or 717-497-3879.

Caring for this sacred and historic ground is a genuine act of community stewardship, and we'd love to help make the connection.



**Ethan Draper** graduated from LVC with a B.A. degree in Sacred Music with an organ concentration.

**Noah Heisler**, Judy Polliard's grandson, graduated *summa cum laude* from Susquehanna University with a B.S. in Ecology.

**Thaddeus McConnell**, grandson of Judd and Peggy McConnell, will graduate from Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire in June. He will attend Lehigh University.

**Alix Moreland**, "favorite oldest" granddaughter of John and Karen Gelnett, will be graduating from Kent State University in May with a degree in education.

**William Flynn Pennell** (grandson of Bob and Barbara Pennell) graduated with a BS degree from the Business School at The University of Tennessee. Flynn will start his finance career after a trip to Spain and Italy.

**Ollie Winslow Silver** graduated *summa cum laude* from Lebanon Valley College with his Bachelor of Arts in Music. He'll be starting at West Chester University this August to pursue his Master of Arts in Musicology.

Lana Walmer's great nephews graduated from Penn State: **Ethan Walmer** with a degree in Cybersecurity and Owen Walmer with a degree in Physical Therapy.

Dave and Gwen Lehman's grandchildren:

- **Lila Yackee** is graduating from the University of North Carolina.
- **Magill Yackee** is graduating from high school in Madison, Wisconsin, and headed to Purdue University.

### Special Offering on Earth Day, April 19

PA IPL (Pennsylvania Interfaith Power and Light) again is the recipient of the special offering collected on Earth Day this year. This national organization (IPL – Interfaith Power and Light) is a faith-based environmental organization that mobilizes religious communities to take action on climate change through renewable energy, energy efficiency, and advocacy. Market Square is a member of the Pennsylvania branch and supports PA IPL every year with a donation. The offering this year resulted in \$898. The Peacemaking Committee will add \$102 to that amount, making our **donation this year \$1,000**. THANKS TO ALL for supporting this important organization.

**Debbie Olson**, Ecology Action Committee



## Transportation and Interpretation Support for Afghan Refugee Reinterviews

On February 18, 2026, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a memorandum mandating a comprehensive review—and in many cases, reinterviews—of refugees admitted to the United States between January 21, 2021, and February 20, 2025. This process requires a reexamination of each individual's original refugee claim, as well as a reassessment of any potential grounds of inadmissibility that could affect eligibility for lawful permanent residence. In the Harrisburg Capital Region, more than 300 Afghan refugee families served by the International Service Center (ISC) since January 2022 will be impacted by this policy. Many are currently in the process of adjusting their legal status and now face additional scrutiny that may significantly delay or jeopardize their path to permanent residency.

Affected refugees will receive interview notices from DHS as part of either the revetting process or their Adjustment of Status application. These interviews—typically conducted at the DHS Asylum Office in Newark, New Jersey—can last between five and eight hours and involve detailed questioning about applicants' original claims, family relationships, and potential security concerns. Outcomes may include approval of status adjustment, issuance of a Notice of Intent to Terminate (NOIT) refugee status, or referral to immigration court for deportation proceedings.

ISC's Afghan staff are uniquely positioned to support these families by providing interpretation, cultural mediation, and case assistance, ensuring that interviews are conducted fairly and that individuals with limited English proficiency fully understand the process. However, a critical barrier remains: transportation. The Newark Asylum Office is approximately 200 miles from Harrisburg, creating a significant financial and logistical burden for families with already limited resources.

This ISC is seeking funding to cover transportation costs for Afghan staff accompanying 50 low-income needy Afghan refugee families to their required interviews. By ensuring reliable transportation and on-site support, the ISC will help safeguard due process, improve communication during interviews, and reduce the risk of adverse outcomes caused by misunderstanding or lack of access.

**The cost of transporting each family is calculated as follows:**

$(368 \text{ miles} \times \$0.725) + \$30.00 \text{ (tolls)} + \$25.00 \text{ (parking)} = \$321.80 \text{ per family}$   
Total funding requested for 50 low-income vulnerable Afghan refugee families:  
 $\$321.80 \times 50 = \$16,090.00$

The beneficiaries of this project will be 50 low-income Limited-English-Proficient Afghan refugee families from the Harrisburg Capital Region who are required to undergo DHS reinterviews. One example is Mr. and Mrs. Ahmad, who arrived in the United States in 2024 with their six school-aged children after fleeing Afghanistan following the Taliban's return to power.

Like so many before them, they hope for safety, dignity, and a chance to rebuild. They landed not just in a new country but in a new life, with nothing but courage and clothes on their backs. With support from ISC, Mr. Ahmad secured employment as a forklift operator after months of navigating job applications and interviews in a new language. Like many low-income refugee families, however, their progress remains hard-earned and fragile.

The new DHS review process introduces significant uncertainty, requiring families to revisit past trauma and defend their eligibility for protection—often without the resources needed to navigate a complex legal system.

Families like the Ahmads face multiple barriers, including limited English proficiency, lack of reliable transportation, and unfamiliarity with U.S. immigration procedures. Without adequate support, these challenges can result in missed appointments, miscommunication during interviews, or negative case outcomes with life-altering consequences.

**Dr. Phuong N Truong**

*Note: As Dr. Phuong's letter makes clear, the new federal re-vetting requirement is placing real financial strain on the ISC and the families they serve. If you'd like to help cover the cost of transportation to Newark, please make your check out to the church and note "ISC Transportation" in the memo line, or give online using the same designation. The church will consolidate all gifts and write one check to the ISC on your behalf. Our Session voted at its May meeting to extend extra support to the ISC during this time, and we invite you to join in that effort.*



**arts**  
ON THE *Square*  
Gallery  
Market Square Presbyterian Church

Rodney Pate gave a walking tour to members of Adult Forum on the morning of his exhibit's opening on April 26.

View "How I See It: Paintings and Portraits by Rodney S. Pate" through Sunday, June 28, 2026.



## *The Parlor is Receiving a Facelift*

I imagine every household has a long overdue project that has been kicked down the road a few times for a variety of reasons. That seems to be the case for the Market Square parlor. Its time has finally come, and in the coming weeks, improvements will be made.

The parlor is a space which is utilized by families before and after events such as weddings or funerals. It is the "green room" of Market Square where performers spend time prior to and/or after a performance, during an intermission, or as a place to safely leave equipment not needed in the sanctuary. It is also a gathering space for the pastors to meet with those serving communion, liturgists, and other participants in worship.

As I'm sure you're aware, many costly updates have taken place at our church over the past few years. Items which required more immediate attention. Finances are still tight, and money never seems to be available to budget for improvements to the parlor. Mrs. Bobbie Van Scyoc brought the issue to the forefront by generously making a donation specifically for improvements to the parlor. The Trustees prompted the House Committee to begin conversations about the project. Thank you, Bobbie!

No magic fund was found, but a few thousand dollars were identified to begin the process. The parlor will be renovated in a style to match the chapel, which is directly connected by a doorway. The same color of paint will be used and the exact same carpet will be installed. Sean Meara has already tackled a couple of the walls and has kindly offered to remove the old carpet as a cost-saving measure.

Please be aware that the portraits and artifacts currently housed in the parlor will not be indiscriminately removed. The House Committee has asked the Archives Committee to have conversation about the wall-hangings and bookcases. They have already met, and their expertise will drive any decisions made regarding the display of treasured objects.

We continue to dream about how that room may be used in the future. At this time, there is no funding available to update the furnishings. It is a work in progress, and we will have to be patient as we brainstorm and get creative together. God will provide as we continue to use our facilities and talents to be all God wants us to be in Harrisburg.

**Janet Kunkel**, Chair, Board of Trustees

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Early 1950's *Patriot News* press photo that is now part of the Old Sled Works collection. Color added by Jimmy Rosen on "Remember When IN HARRISBURG, PA, USA" Facebook page.

## 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.  
[marketsquarechurch.org](https://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.