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MARKET SQUARE
Presbyterian Church
A Beacon of Hope on the Square

It's hard to believe but this month marks my first year anniversary here at Market Square. Both Leslie and I have been humbled and overwhelmed by the generosity of this congregation. You have made us feel welcomed, valued, and at home. Thank you!

It has been inspirational to see your faithfulness in word and deed, your willingness to serve, dream, and discern the will of God. When I first got here I took part in a series of gatherings with you all on Sunday afternoons. It was a wonderful opportunity to get to know some of you. At those meetings I often asked everybody to share why they came, and why they keep coming, to Market Square. I was struck by how often people mentioned our social justice commitments and our music program. When I was searching for my next call, before I had even met you all in person, those were the two things that stood out for me about our church as well. It is rare in my experience to find a church so clear on its own particular mission.

That kind of clarity and focus is a huge gift. To know who we are as a community, and to know how we are called to serve, allows us to more effectively open our hearts and minds to the movement of the Spirit in our midst.



Rev. Stanley Jenkins
Pastor, Head of Staff

I also want to take this time to highlight what a gift we have in our staff here. God has brought an amazing and diverse group of people together at this time in this place to help equip our congregation for ministry in our community. I have been in ordained ministry for almost forty years now, so I can say with some authority that we have an exceptional staff.

All this is to say that, as Jesus taught, "from everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required, and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded." In John's Gospel he tells his disciples that they will do what he does and even "greater deeds than these," because he is returning to the one he calls the Father, closing the circuit flowing from the Father, to the Son, and from the Son to us, and then through the Holy Spirit back to the Father. We are a part of a circuit of love and are being equipped to participate in God's healing transformation of the world.

I can't imagine a better group of co-workers with which to work and play and rejoice in the fields of the Lord. Thank you and thank God!



There is a room in our church where good gifts of God - quiet strength, inspiration, and inner peace are found. On Sunday mornings prior to worship, this small room is where Rev. Anne Ross and Elizabeth Terry lead anyone seeking these good gifts. On September 6, we begin each first Sunday of the month, **The Room for the Inner Way, 10:00-10:35 a.m.** Come and join us as we lead in the spiritual practices of *Lectio Divina*, breath prayer, meditation, silence, and other practices that nourish your soul. The Room is tucked in the corner beside Geneva Hall on the 4th floor. Come and receive comfort for your soul.

—Rev. Anne Ross and Elizabeth Terry

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. :)



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Rev. Allison Smith
Supply Associate Pastor

In my journey of faith, I have mostly thought about prayer as a way of talking. When I was a child, I even imagined that my bedtime prayers were a bit like leaving God a message on an answering machine and if I forgot to say “Amen” it was as though I forgot to hang up the phone and God would be hearing all my thoughts. I suppose I thought God wouldn’t listen in unless I was praying. It hasn’t been until recent years that I have taken seriously the idea of prayer as a way of listening.

Contemplative prayer consists of a number of different practices, but what they have in common is the desire to talk less, listen more, and allow God to be at work within us. Most of us have little experience with this way of praying, yet it is essential if we want to answer the call to discipleship that we all feel tugging at our hearts. It is also an antidote to the world we live in that so rarely values silence, unproductivity, and rest. Contemplative prayer keeps us grounded in our identity as beloved, those made in the image of God, and it is from that grounding that we are able to shine with the love and compassion of God. So, over the next year, I encourage you to take up a contemplative practice. You can participate in The Room for the Inner Way on Sunday mornings at 10:00, we’ll be offering an online Advent retreat, and each month in the newsletter I’ll be writing about a contemplative prayer practice that you can try. You will connect with some of them more readily than others, but they are all valuable, and a meaningful way to deepen your relationship with the source of our being beyond Sunday morning!

STEWARDSHIP

YTD Actual	\$ 321,875
YTD Budget	\$ 291,667
Surplus	\$ 30,208

Year-to-Date Giving (through July)

Thank you for your outstanding generosity during the first half of 2026! We are grateful to be ahead of budget thanks to your faithful support.

As many of you have heard, we are beginning an exciting elevator modernization project! A reliable elevator is an important part of keeping our church welcoming and accessible for everyone in our vibrant congregation.

This much-needed project comes with a cost of more than \$175,000, and we are incredibly grateful that several generous members have already contributed toward this goal. Their support has given us a wonderful start!

If you feel called to help, we would be deeply appreciative of any contribution, large or small. Donations can be made by writing “Elevator” on the memo line of your check or by giving online.

Thank you for your continued generosity and for helping us invest in the future of our church community.

Michelle Sheaffer
Financial Administrator

Worship Schedule: September

September 6—15th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Korean Language Worship in the Davis Chapel
The Reverend Ki Nam Lee preaching

11:00 a.m. English Language Worship in the Sanctuary
The Reverend Stanley J. Jenkins preaching
Sacrament of Holy Communion

September 13—Genesis Sunday and 16th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Korean Language Worship in the Davis Chapel
The Reverend Ki Nam Lee preaching

11:00 a.m. English Language Worship in the Sanctuary
The Reverend Stanley J. Jenkins preaching

September 20—Ecology Sunday and 17th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Korean Language Worship in the Davis Chapel
The Reverend Nam Gil Roh preaching

11:00 a.m. English Language Worship in the Sanctuary
The Reverend Allison R. Smith preaching
Sacrament of Holy Baptism

September 27—18th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Korean Language Worship in the Davis Chapel
The Reverend Ki Nam Lee preaching

11:00 a.m. English Language Worship in the Sanctuary

Session Update - July/August 2026

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. The 2026 Session:

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)	Beth Hager (2nd term)
Dale Laninga (2nd term)	Andrew Hunter (2nd term)	Cherstin Hamel (1st term)
Dave Lehman (2nd term)	Steve McMullen (1st term)	Barb Jewett (1st term)
David Volkman (1st term)	Lana Walmer (1st term)	

Finance

Approved that the **Financial Statements for The Years Ended December 31, 2025 and 2024 and Independent Accountant's Review Report** be adopted.

Personnel

Approved job descriptions for the Safety Associate, Sunday Security Lead, and Breakfast Operations Support Leader. These were updated job descriptions for positions already filled.

Approved the job description and hiring of Kari Hultman as Communications & Creative Director.

Committees

Approved a donation collection for Dorothy King to help cover her time and expenses for directing her play, "Miss Lydia's Church". The collection will take place during the performance at Market Square on January 31, 2027. This request was put forward by the Anti-Racism Taskforce.

Approved making the Ecology Action Committee as a "standing" Committee. Presently it reports to the Peacemaking Committee, which reports to the Faith and Justice Committee. It will now report directly to the Faith and Justice Committee.

Approved the Worship Committee's requested changes to who can be recognized on All Saints' Day. The Worship Committee stated the following may be recognized:

- All members;
- Any affiliated clergy;
- Anyone on staff, and
- Any "active friends of MSPC" who are known by the congregation (with consultation from the Pastors and the Ministry Support Administrator).

Approved new rules defined by the Worship Committee for how the Abiding Memorial Fund can be spent. The Worship Committee recommends that the fund should only be used for objects related to worship that are special, meaningful, and of a more permanent nature.

Music Program

Approved \$1,800 for the purchase of 30 choir vestments from Wesley United Methodist Church from the Hershey Music Fund. The vestments are the same as Market Square's and are at a reduced rate.

Approved the hiring and the funding of a new Organ Scholar. A generous donor funds this position and Tyler has identified a new scholar.

Approved the Artist-in-Residence Proposal. Tyler has asked that Jonathan Walker-VanKuren be our next Artist-in-Residence and be paid out of standard funds allocated for guest musicians.

Presbytery

Approved holding the 2027 September Presbytery meeting at Market Square Church.

As of August 18, 2026 there were 327 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.



Music Notes



Tyler Canonico-Dilley
Minister of Music & Worship

Dear friends,

It's that time again! That's right – a new program year! After having a wonderful planning retreat with Revs. Stan and Allison, I am super excited to begin this new year. It is time for our education programming to begin again, our choirs to return to worship, and our Arts on the Square events to resume. We have an incredibly exciting year planned for all of us! I hope you, too, will be energized about this year!

We have some new hires in the Music Ministry! Caleb Leckrone is our new Organ Scholar and will hop on the bench soon. He will assist in accompanying the choir in worship and concerts, and over the next four years he will learn the components of leading a full-time music ministry program. I'm also excited to share that Jonathan Walker-VanKuren has been named our new Artist-in-Residence. Jonathan will share his gifts in worship with us throughout the year, will participate in some Arts on the Square concerts, and will give his own concert for us in February. Bryant Rohrer is assuming the role of our Volunteer Music Administrator where he will help with all the moving parts of our music office. He will also serve as the Administrator for Arts on the Square. Louise Poorman will continue serving as our collaborative pianist. We enjoy hearing Louise offer her gifts with us in worship, and she also accompanies the choir each week for their rehearsal. Lots of exciting changes!

Now is a great time to join the Sanctuary Choir and/or the Market Square Ringers. The Market Square Ringers rehearse on Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and share their gifts with us in worship about once a month. This ensemble occasionally performs concerts at Bethany Village and other retirement homes. The Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:15 to 9:30 p.m. and participates in worship weekly. This year they will be performing in our Carols by Candlelight concert and will present Craig Hella Johnson's *Considering Matthew Shepard* in April. We have a busy and

exciting year planned. If you love to sing and/or ring, I hope you will consider joining us. Come make music with our fabulous musicians!

This year is my 10th program year at Market Square which is hard to believe! Where did the time go?! I am honored to serve here alongside our talented, loving, and friendly community. Market Square is a special place – a place where we walk the walk Jesus taught us. To kick off the celebrations and the new Arts on the Square season, I am going to offer an organ recital on Sunday, September 20, at 4:00 p.m. The dynamic program offers a variety of works including several organ transcriptions. I don't want to give the surprises away, so I hope you will join us for an afternoon of wonderful music and celebration.

Peace and love,
Tyler

Sanctuary Choir Repertoire for September:

September 6 (15th Sunday after Pentecost) – The Scholars of the Choir will sing Charles V. Stanford's "Oh! For a Closer Walk with God" and "Ubi Caritas" by Ola Gjeilo

September 13 (Genesis Sunday) – "Praise His Holy Name!" by Keith Hampton and "Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee" by Paul Halley

September 20 (Ecology Sunday) – "Fairest Lord Jesus" by Charles Forsberg and "Touch the Earth Lightly" by Daniel Nelson

September 27 (18th Sunday after Pentecost) – "At the Name of Jesus" by Ralph Vaughan Williams and Anton Bruckner's "Christus factus est"

Adult Forum

September 13: Contemplative Prayer

We'll be kicking off our Adult Education fall programming with a class focused on contemplative prayer. This session will begin with an overview of what contemplative prayer is, why it is essential for spiritual health, and why it can be a game changer for the well-being of the whole person particularly in our time. We'll conclude with a group contemplative practice to put that learning into action!

September 20-27:

Ecology Action Committee—Data Centers

This September the environmental concern to be highlighted by the Ecology Action Committee is data centers. On September 20 we will show a short video titled "***We saw what AI data centers don't want you to see.***" Members of the EAC were amazed at what we didn't know. You will be, too. On September 27 we'll continue our discussion of data centers. Join us at 9:30 in the Conference Room up the ramp on the 3rd floor. Coffee and pastries will be provided for your pleasure!

Meet Our New (and Returning!) Musicians



Caleb Leckrone, Organ Scholar

Caleb is a graduate of South Western High School in Hanover, Pennsylvania. Throughout high school, he was involved in various musical activities. His most notable achievements are qualifying for both district band and chorus several years in a row and also qualifying for regional band and chorus. Caleb was one of three organists at Trinity United

Church of Christ in Hanover and frequently accompanied their Sanctuary Choir. He also played for two sister parishes in Maryland when he wasn't busy playing for Trinity. This fall, Caleb is a first-year student at Lebanon Valley College, majoring in music with concentrations in organ performance and sacred music. He is very excited to be the next Organ Scholar at Market Square.



Jonathan Walker-VanKuren, Artist-in-Residence

African American educator and tenor, Jonathan Walker-VanKuren has enjoyed a successful career both on and off the operatic stage performing works of the jazz, musical theatre, art song, and opera repertoires while having taught students from all around the country. During the 2019-2020

season, Jonathan premiered his solo recital entitled, "Songs my mother taught me..." which is a celebration of African American History through spirituals sponsored by Fort Worth Opera. As a soloist, his performances have included singing the tenor solo in Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9* (Livingston Symphony Orchestra), Haydn's *Paukenmesse*, and Carter's *Cantata*, among others.

Jonathan is currently an Associate Professor of Voice and Artist Teacher of Studio Voice and Music Theatre at Lebanon Valley College. He is no stranger to Market Square and is honored to be the next named Artist-in-Residence.

Have you seen the line-up for 2026-2027? Posters are hanging at church and the performers and artists, dates, and times are listed on the AOTS website. Be sure to keep an eye on the AOTS social media posts for information about upcoming concerts, gallery showings, and other events. And make sure to give us a follow and share with your friends so they, too, can experience the outstanding artists that are part of this season's program.

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Bryant Rohrer, Volunteer Music Admin. and Administrator for AOTS

Bryant is a recent graduate of Messiah University with a Bachelor of Science in Music Education, and he is a bass in Market Square's Sanctuary Choir. After four years as a Market Square Choral Scholar, he is continuing to participate in church life as the Arts on the Square Administrator and Volunteer Music

Administrator. As the Arts on the Square Administrator, he assists with planning and preparation with the AOTS Team, along with creating programs, assisting with marketing and advertising, and assisting the Artistic Director. As Volunteer Music Administrator, he assists in maintaining Market Square's extensive music library along with assisting the Minister of Music and Worship in administrative tasks. Bryant lives in Duncannon with his family, and is a bookkeeper at his family's local business.



Louise Poorman, Collaborative Pianist

Louise has been playing the piano from a very young age. She taught elementary music for 25 years and served as accompanist and singer for the Alumni Chorale at Lebanon Valley College under the baton of Dr. Pierce Getz. She has been an active musician in the community and her love of music and dedication to the performing arts

made this a meaningful part of her musical journey. At Market Square, she has been an active member of the Sanctuary Choir and Market Square Ringers. During the interim period, she served as the Interim Bell Choir Director. Louise has accompanied the Sanctuary Choir for nine years and loves accompanying their choir rehearsals each week.



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**SEPT
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4:00 PM**

Tyler A. Canonico-Dilley

SpecTACular Organ Recital

Market Square Presbyterian Church's Minister of Music & Worship and Arts on the Square's Artistic Director, Tyler Canonico-Dilley, will present a dynamic program in celebration of his 10th anniversary at MSPC! Tyler will perform on the church's four-manual, 83-rank J. Nedra Schilling Létourneau Opus 136 pipe organ.

Details at artsonthesquare.net

A donation of \$15 in support of Arts on the Square is suggested.

Complimentary parking is provided in the adjacent Market Square Garage.

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Harrisburg Kipona Festival 2026: Labor Day Weekend (Saturday through Monday, September 5-7)

More than 100 years ago Native American peoples gathered on City Island for their annual PowWow. These traditional gatherings became known as Kipona. In more recent years, the City of Harrisburg has embraced and expanded this tradition of bringing people together to celebrate cultural diversity and community. Today, Kipona has grown into a vibrant multicultural festival, attracting visitors from throughout the region to enjoy delicious food, browse local vendors, and experience the traditional Native American PowWow and dancing. Food trucks line Front Street, while vendors showcase their unique products and crafts.

ISC is honored that the City of Harrisburg has invited us to host the Multicultural Tent this year. The city has asked us to create interactive displays and experiences that increase awareness and appreciation of the diverse cultures that enrich our community. In response, ISC staff are preparing engaging displays and activities that will give families an opportunity to learn more about refugee and immigrant cultures. Staff members

will host individual cultural tables within the Multicultural Tent, representing Afghanistan, Cuba, Haiti, Vietnam, and Ukraine. Children will receive special "passports" and can travel from table to table, learning about different cultures and collecting stamps from each country along the way.

If you have not visited the Kipona celebration on Front Street and City Island in recent years, this is the perfect year to come! We invite you to stop by the ISC Multicultural Tent, show your support for our staff and volunteers, and learn more about the important work and mission of the International Service Center. Our Multicultural Tent will offer a special Asian Lion Dance performance at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 5, courtesy of the Vietnamese Buddhist Association of Central Pennsylvania.

Our ISC staff and volunteers are looking forward with great anticipation to welcoming you to our Multicultural Tent during Labor Day weekend, Saturday through Monday, September 5-7. We hope to see you there!



EARTH WISDOM

"We need to come home to the total Earth community, to hear as our own the cry of devastated forest and poisoned air, denuded soil and polluted rivers, species who no longer find habitat, children without adequate food and indigenous peoples without their sacred lands, the cry of a whole new class of environmental refugees. In this all-embracing community, there is no room for exclusion, for dismissal or denial. A sacred oneness permeates the whole fabric."
—Janet Blewett in *"Community At The Heart Of The Universe."*

What choices do you make to support the well-being of our common home? —**Elizabeth Terry**

SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation begins on September 1, which is recognized as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. And it concludes on October 4, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, who is the patron saint of ecology. This is a time for Christians around the world to renew their relationship with our Creator God and with God's creation.

Christ calls us to love each other and live in harmony. We are also called to care for God's creation. We, then, are called to care for and protect all forms of life and creation — animals, plants, water, air, land, people. This Season of Creation is a perfect time to reflect on the importance of ALL of God's creation. "To recognize that the entire creation speaks of the beauty of its author."

The Ecology Action Committee invites you to take part in the Season of Creation on a personal, family, and community level.

Debbie Olson (excerpts taken from seasonofcreation.org)

Medical Debt Education and Action Series

What do you know about medical debt? My own thinking has evolved since I started working many years ago and took health care benefits for granted. You get a full-time job; you get health care. Not only is health care not a given for those working "full-time," setting aside why it is associated with work at all, the amount of coverage and cost to the beneficiary vary dramatically. Compare the health benefits for members of Congress versus the minimal coverage new Commonwealth hires receive *after* a 6-month wait. We will not even discuss the growing reality of many who work well beyond the 8 hours of "full-time" without medical or dental coverage at all for themselves or their families.

When was the last time you planned for medical or dental debt? My husband, Jon, and I recently transitioned to Medicare and experienced sticker shock regarding the purchase of the commonly prescribed blood thinner Eliquis. Without insurance it would cost us \$2,500 for a 3-month supply. Medicare reduced the cost to \$1,100. After my Commonwealth-supplied supplement engaged, the cost dropped to a manageable \$45. We are very appreciative of the contribution of my Commonwealth benefit plan. Without this contribution, a friend also on Medicare pays roughly \$450 for this same medication through the same insurer as I have. I am sure you have stories, too.

My childhood friend and his younger brother shared challenges with their kidneys. I never understood why, after his parents died, that my friend and his wife put his family home into his and his wife's names. My friend's brother was regularly hospitalized due to the consequences of his failing kidneys and has since passed away. In Pennsylvania there are no protections for patients against the seizure of property for unpaid health debt. There is, likewise, no requirement to offer financial assistance, create a repayment plan for a patient, or limit how much interest can be charged on patient debt.¹ Losing a vehicle because of medical debt when one uses it to supplement income driving for DoorDash or Amazon, could push a struggling

family into homelessness. "More than one in seven non-elderly adults (15.4 percent) live in families with past-due medical debt. Nearly two-thirds of these adults have incomes below 250 percent of FPL"² (Federal Poverty Line) or \$82,500 for a family of four. Finally, medical debt is a huge driver for bankruptcy in the U.S. and disproportionately impacts people of color. I blame the lack of economic resilience in families of color on historical patterns of racism such as the documented "Redlining" that discouraged investment in Black communities, and the denial of GI benefits which reduced homeownership opportunities for returning veterans of color.

The Anti-racism Task Force is hosting a series of conversations about medical debt and responses to the crisis. The moderated panel discussions will feature representatives of the large hospital systems serving central PA, insurers, and elected officials to engage our Market Square community and those outside it about actions individuals, groups and communities of faith can take. And there is lunch! We are packaging this education and action series as an opportunity to support African American-owned restaurants through the pre-purchase of a boxed lunch. You are invited to participate in the discussion or just grab your pre-purchased lunch and go. **The sessions will be from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in Geneva Hall one Saturday each month from October to December.** A highlight of the series will be the participation of a representative from undomedicaldebt.org, a national leader in the purchase of medical debt alleviating the suffering of millions of Americans.

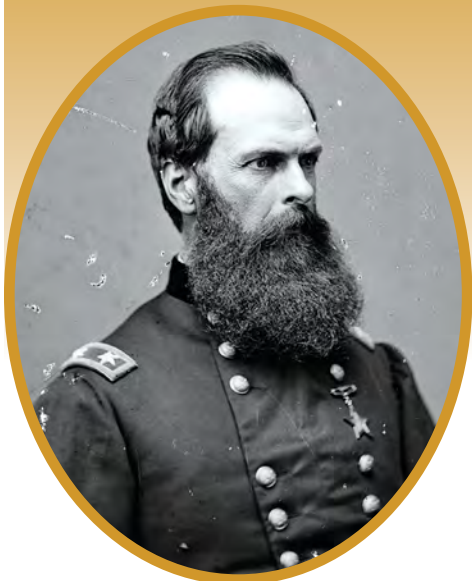
Please stay posted for specific session dates, lists of panelists, and of course the menus and details to order lunch.

The task force hopes to see you there!

Kevin Burrell, Ruling Elder
Anti-racism Task Force, Co-chair

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John White Geary

The Camp Curtin Historical Society recently placed a wayside marker at 3rd and Bridge streets in New Cumberland commemorating John White Geary, a national figure in the mid-19th century and yet all but forgotten today. Geary's

illustrious military and political career spanned the entire country. A hero of the Mexican War, Geary became the first mayor of San Francisco, governor of Kansas Territory, a Civil War general who commanded troops at Gettysburg, and finally a two-term governor of Pennsylvania.

He also was a member of Market Square Presbyterian Church, and when he died in 1873, periodicals across the country published extended accounts of his life and death. Mourners from far and wide packed the church's sanctuary for his funeral.

Born in Westmoreland County in 1819, Geary entered Jefferson College in Canonsburg at age 14 to study civil engineering and law. He left school due to the death of his father, but worked at a variety of jobs to earn enough money to return and graduate in 1841. He worked as a construction engineer with the Allegheny Portage Railroad and in 1843 married Margaret Ann Logan. The couple had two sons.

Geary served as an officer in the Mexican War (1846-1848) and led a regiment at Chapultepec, where he was wounded multiple times. Under a treaty that ended the war, California became part of the United States. In 1849, President James Polk appointed Geary postmaster of San Francisco. The following year, Geary became the city's first mayor. He was 31 years old.

Geary returned to Pennsylvania in 1852 because of his wife's failing health. After her death in 1853, Geary refused a presidential appointment as governor of Utah Territory. However, in 1856, President Franklin Pierce named Geary to be governor of Kansas Territory, at that time a scene of guerrilla fighting between pro-slavery forces and free-staters. Geary tried to be neutral, but incurred the wrath of both sides, and resigned.

In 1858, Geary married Mary Henderson, a Cumberland County widow with a young son. That marriage would produce four more children, three daughters and a son.

At the start of the Civil War, Geary raised two infantry regiments in Pennsylvania and commanded one of them.

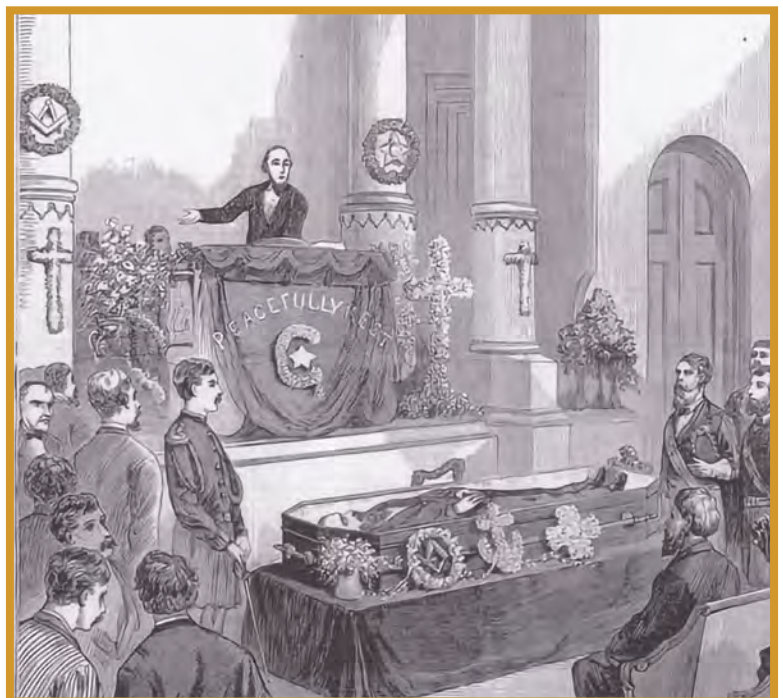
In 1862, he was wounded and captured near Leesburg, VA, but became part of a prisoner exchange and returned to duty. He was promoted to brigadier general and commanded a division at the Battle of Gettysburg in July 1863. That fall, Geary commanded troops at Wauhatchie, Tennessee, a battle that claimed the life of one of his sons, Edward. At the end of the war, Geary oversaw the surrender of Savannah, Georgia, and briefly served as military governor of that city.

In 1866, Geary was elected governor of Pennsylvania, serving two terms that ended in 1873. During his tenure, he earned a reputation as a political independent, vetoing many special interest bills. However, he promoted the passage of legislation that made school attendance compulsory. On February 8, 1873, less than three weeks after leaving office, Geary died of a sudden heart attack. He was just 53 years of age.

Geary's funeral service at **Market Square Presbyterian Church** filled the sanctuary with a wide array of dignitaries and drew press coverage from across the country. The Rev. Thomas H. Robinson eulogized Geary as *"a man of great energy and extraordinary capacity for labor...a patriot (and) a sincere lover of his native state and of the whole country."*

Today, Geary is all but forgotten. However, there are statues of Geary at his gravesite in Harrisburg Cemetery and at Culp's Hill on the Gettysburg Battlefield. There is a Geary Boulevard in San Francisco, a major artery in that city. There is a Geary County in Kansas; a Geary Avenue in New Cumberland, and a Geary Hall, an undergraduate dormitory on the campus of Penn State University.

John Taylor



Our Church Family

It's been a busy summer in our church family! Here are some of the ways we have celebrated, mourned, encouraged, and cared for one another over the past couple of months.

We celebrate! Congratulations to Kate and Ed Allgood and the Allgood, Schwab, Novak, and Garrett families on the birth of Simon Maxwell Allgood, born June 27.

Phyllis Smith celebrates her 85th birthday on August 22. And the Rev. Judd and Peggy McConnell celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary on August 19.

We give thanks for good news and healing. Donna Harper's son, Jim Heisey, received a very positive report at his four-week checkup at Hershey. His doctors are pleased with his progress, and his recovery is right on track.

Dave Minnich's recent heart catheterization showed no blockages—wonderful news!

Ryan Dunbar, son of Kathy and Glen Dunbar, spent some time in the hospital and he remains on oxygen. The Dunbar family is deeply grateful for the outpouring of care and prayers.

Several members of our church family also had surgery over the summer. Dave Arnold had bypass surgery, Rev. Jen McKenna had surgery following a broken leg and ankle, and John Jewitt had foot surgery and is recovering well at home. Beth Hager's mother underwent hip replacement surgery after a fall.

We mourn. We offer our love and condolences to the Queeley family following the death of Suzette L. Moore on July 2. Suzette joined Market Square by confirmation in 1969, and her father, Jim, was the church's beloved longtime sexton.

We also offer our love to the Cameron family following the unexpected death of Sandy Cameron on July 3. Sandy had been a member of Market Square since 2015 and was one of our communion preparers, a job she loved.

Mark Sukay, Tim Sukay's 66-year-old nephew, for whom we had been praying, died of glioblastoma on July 25.

Helen Sheets Samar, Nancy Sheets' aunt, also died unexpectedly on July 25.

We give thanks for those who serve our church. We said farewell this summer to Ollie Silver, who has faithfully served our Community Breakfast ministry through countless early Sunday mornings. As he begins graduate school at West Chester University, we give thanks for his dedication and wish him every blessing in this exciting new chapter.

We also give thanks for Ruling Elder Andrew Hunter, who has stepped away from his Sunday morning work as our livestream technician to enjoy some well-earned free time—including, of course, more pickleball! Andrew will continue to chair the

Outreach and Marketing Committee and serve on Session.

We welcome Rondell Holmes, our new Breakfast Operations Support Leader, and Kari Hultman, our part-time Communications & Creative Director.

It was also a joy to welcome Hylda and Danny Hendriksma back to Market Square during their summer visit from the Netherlands. Hylda has been a member of MSPC since 1982, and Danny was baptized here in 2017.

Finally, we give thanks for the many ways our community cared for one another following the two storms over the July 4th weekend. Neighbors shared ice, refrigerator space, chainsaws, and helping hands; small businesses and churches opened as cooling and charging centers; and Harrisburg's Radish and Rye donated more than \$600 in food to Market Square's feeding programs rather than let it go to waste. As Fred Rogers reminded us, we can always "look for the helpers." This summer, they were all around us. Thanks be to God!

International Service Center

July Highlights

In July, the International Service Center (ISC) continued helping refugees and immigrants build stable, independent lives in Central Pennsylvania. Services included assistance with housing, employment, healthcare, education, transportation, immigration, and public benefits. More than **190 refugees and immigrants** received support across ISC's programs, including 70 Ukrainians, 62 Ukrainian humanitarian parole clients, 35 Afghans, 19 Haitians and asylees, and others from around the world.

Among the month's success stories was an Afghan family whose three adult members found employment, while their daughter enrolled in a tuition-free Medical Assistant program and is now preparing for a career in healthcare. A newly arrived South African family found housing, employment, schools for their children, and a furnished home with the help of ISC staff, volunteers, and donors.

ISC also strengthened its community partnerships through a free medical screening, an employment event, and professional training for staff.

In short: ISC is helping newcomers move from crisis and uncertainty toward safety, employment, stability, and a hopeful future.

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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/v8eqr>

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.