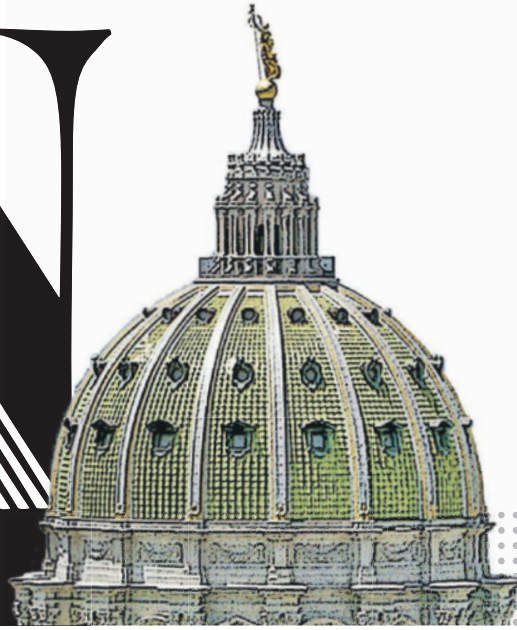


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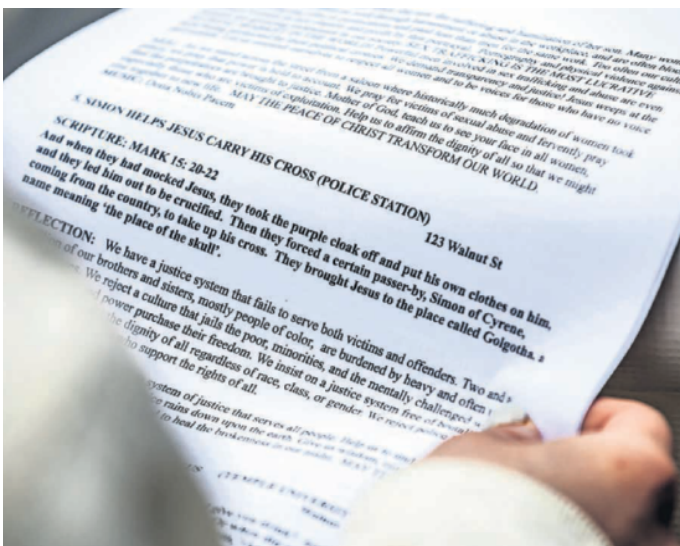
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HARRISBURG

Group connects Good Friday with peace, justice in walk



Pax Christi Harrisburg held its annual walking Way of the Cross in downtown Harrisburg on Good Friday, a Christian holiday that commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his death at Calvary. Easter celebrates Christ's resurrection. The Way of the Cross connects Jesus' journey to his crucifixion with current themes of peace and justice. The contemplative walk takes participants through downtown Harrisburg to stop at 14 places of interest to correspond with the 14 stations of the cross. At each stop, a gospel passage is read along with a commentary about current social justice issues. Grounded in the gospel and Catholic social teaching, Pax Christi USA rejects war, preparation for war, every form of violence and domination, and personal and systemic racism. Pax Christi Harrisburg is an ecumenical group. *Photos by Dan Gleiter, PennLive*



ELECTIONS

Pa. joins 21 states to sue over Trump mail-in voting order

"Pennsylvanians choose their representatives, not Donald Trump," Shapiro says.

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Gov. Josh Shapiro said Friday that Pennsylvania would join a multistate lawsuit seeking to overturn President Donald Trump's executive order to restrict mail-in voting.

"The U.S. Constitution makes clear that elections are to be run by the states, and here in Pennsylvania, we believe that the administration of elections should be non-partisan," Shapiro said in a statement.

"The good people of Pennsylvania will vote — whether in person or by mail — their votes will be counted, and the will of the people will be respected," he said. "Pennsylvanians choose their representatives, not Donald Trump."

Pennsylvania, along with 21 other states, has sued to stop Trump's executive order, which calls on the federal government to review state voter rolls to ensure only citizens are voting and limits the Postal Service from delivering mail-in ballots deemed ineligible.

Critics have charged that Trump's order is unconstitutional and simply a partisan effort to hurt Democrats' chances in this year's midterm elections by curtailing the use of mail-in voting, which is used more by Democrats than Republicans.

The president's criticism of mail-in voting, though, did not stop him from using the method to vote in a Florida special election last month.

Trump has repeatedly lied about the validity of Pennsylvania's and the nation's election results, claiming without evidence that there is widespread fraud. His administration has launched probes into the 2020 results in Georgia and Arizona, both states Trump lost to former President Joe Biden.

While he was attorney general, Shapiro contested and won 43 court cases challenging Pennsylvanians' votes after the 2020 election, noted the statement.

The statement also recalled the steps taken by the Shapiro administration to secure the state's elections, such as creating the Ready to Vote Toolkit, appointing Republican Al Schmidt as secretary of state to oversee elections, redesigning provisional ballot envelopes that reduced ballot rejections by over 11% in 2025, redesigning mail-in ballots for the 2024 election that led to a 57% reduction in rejected ballots compared to the primary, and implementing automatic voter registration for eligible Pennsylvanians getting driver's licenses and identification cards at Pennsylvania Department of Transportation centers.

HARRISBURG

Burglars stripped copper from church, causing \$180K in damage

Bethel AME is planning to hold Easter services online. It's raising money to pay for repairs.

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One of the holiest weekends of the year will look different for a midtown Harrisburg church, where leaders say a Wednesday burglary causing hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage pushed Easter Sunday services online.

As Harrisburg police investigate, Bethel AME Church, in the 1700 block of North Fifth Street, launched a GoFundMe to help cover restoration costs.

Church leaders said they will need \$180,000 to repair the damage and restore the building. As of Friday night, the GoFundMe has raised more than \$1,400 toward a \$16,000 goal.

Bethel AME Church trustee Ray Burnett said two suspects took copper piping from the basement furnace and condenser units from the HVAC systems, leaving the church without water, electricity and air conditioning.

That is forcing the church to host Easter Sunday services over Zoom.

The Rev. Raymond Bragman told media outlets that running water won't be restored at the church until next week.

"It's not safe for people to come here right now because we don't have the things that we need to service the people," Bragman said, according to CBS 21.

On the GoFundMe, a church member said they discovered the burglary during a scheduled choir rehearsal, when they walked into what they called a "scene of vandalism."

The suspects also went through desks and drawers. Burnett said a beer bottle was found outside the church's HVAC units, and additional beer bottles were in the basement.

During a meeting about the burglary Thursday, Bragman said he heard noise outside the church and walked outside, coming face-to-face with one of the thieves, who had returned to the scene, according to WGAL.

Burnett said he chased after the burglars but lost them.

According to CBS21, Bragman said the burglars had been entering the church through a hole underneath ductwork and may have been living in the building.

Harrisburg police searched the area around the church Thursday using K-9 units and drones. No arrests were announced.

Church leaders said there have been other thefts at neighboring churches in the last year, including an HVAC unit that was stolen from the Elevated Life in Christ Community Church in October.

Burnett said the church is working to secure a wooden barrier that the burglars used to get inside, though it is unclear when additional repairs will begin. He said church members are "keeping the faith" despite the situation.

Donations can be made here through gofundme.com/f/help-restore-bethel-ame-church.



Thieves stole copper piping and HVAC units from Bethel AME Church in Harrisburg, leaving the building without water or electricity. Zahriah Balentine, PennLive