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News From Around PA
First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem voted to switch affiliations, leaving the mainline Presbyterian Church (USA) in favor of the conservative Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians. The denomination's stance on same-sex marriage and 'gay' ministers is what propelled the vote. However, the Lehigh Presbytery claims ownership of the property and a legal battle has ensued. Oral arguments were heard Friday.

Former Vice President Joe Biden will serve as the next chair of the National Constitution Center in Philly.

Elizabethtown College students are donning white puzzle piece pins as a means of signaling "penitence" for their "white privilege."

PA Dept. of Education awarded $6.5 M in grants for the training and compensation of school resource and police officers, as well as security programs and equipment.

More than 100 actors and musicians, including Lady Gaga, Sting and Britney Spears, have joined the NFL in condemning Texas' effort to pass the Texas Privacy Act, which would require men to use the men's facilities and vice versa.

The Christian owner of the West Michigan Beef Company was told by USDA inspectors that if he did not remove the "offensive" material about marriage (i.e. marriage is only between one man and one woman) from the break room, they would not carry out the inspection. This would have meant immediate closure of the business that employs 45.

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