

WELCOME TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL!

**PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES
BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF WORSHIP.**

Welcome to summer worship at the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill. During the summer months our congregation scatters; many of our ministries (including our wonderful choir) take a break; our meetings are few and far between. If you are a visitor, this makes us all the more grateful that you are here!

Please join us for Homecoming Sunday on September 14, when our new program year begins.

Resources for those with special needs are available. Speak with an usher for assistance.

If you are a visitor and would like to meet the ministers, take a tour of the church, ask some questions or go to coffee hour, please speak with an usher.

If you need a ride to church, please call the church office at 215-247-8855.

If you need pastoral care, please speak with one of the ministers or call the church office.

If you need child care, a nursery for infants and children up to age 2 is available before worship in the Strouse building; children age 3 and older should accompany parents to worship and join in the Children's Moment, after which they will be dismissed for the Church School Gathering. Bags with coloring pages and crayons are available in the Narthex; please return the bags after the service.

In case of an emergency, there are three exit doors behind you in the Narthex. If you are sitting near the front of the sanctuary, use the door near the lectern.

In case of a medical need, please alert an usher – first aid supplies and a wheelchair are available.

Summer church office hours: Beginning Monday, July 7 thru Friday, August 29, 2014 the church office will be open Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm and Friday from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Narthex News

August 31, 2014

CHURCH SCHOOL AT A GLANCE

8/31/2014	Room	Teacher	Topic
Birth - 12 Months	Room 101	Ms. Debbie	God's Care
1-2 Year Olds	Room 106	Ms. James	God's Care
Pre-K --Grade 5	Chapel	Lisa Burns	Called by Name
Grade 6-8	STAY	IN	WORSHIP

HOME COMING SUNDAY 2014

Sunday, September 14

10:00 a.m. Service of Worship

10:15 a.m. Church School Begins

11:30 a.m. Dinner-on-the-Grounds

This is the Sunday when we are together again! The pews will be filled with young and old, new and returned, curious and committed congregants. The air will be filled with thanksgiving and our hearts will be filled with gratitude for the gift of a God on whom to call.

Fifty-year members will be honored during the service and will be our guests for lunch. Visit the Reception Room for your carnation and name tag prior to worship.

Following worship and church school, we will gather on the lawn for chicken and side dishes provided by you. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the church office. Cake and beverages will be provided. A donation of \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children is requested.

HOME COMING SUNDAY, September 14, 2014

Volunteers are needed for the following:

Set up and break down of tables and chairs

9:00 am

12:30 pm

Receive food in the kitchen prior to the service, maintenance of serving tables during the meal:

Kitchen Crew after the meal:

Balloon prep, set up and take down

9:00 am

12:30 pm

Return form to the church office or sign up on bulletin board outside church office.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry: Next collection date is Sunday, September 7.

GACM provides food, fuel, clothing, housing and other emergency assistance to those who live in the Northwest section of Philadelphia. We collect food and cash donation for the GACM Food Cupboard on the first Sunday of every month. Please help with your donations of: canned tuna, chicken and meats; rice, pasta, and potato products (not in glass jars); peanut butter; canned vegetables; powdered milk; hearty soups and stews; and hot cereals.

Dinner on the Grounds: Sunday, September 14.

Please see the Sign-up Sheet above or on the bulletin board outside the church office for volunteer jobs that include: set-up and break-down, food service, and kitchen help. We really need your help to make this day run smoothly! Thank you.

Prayer Group

Did you know that this church has a group of 10 people who regularly pray for anyone they receive a request for? Requests are not only for church members but may be for anyone who is dealing with an illness or problem. You may call the church office, inform Cindy, or call or email Dianne Greer (484-991-8342 or banddgreer@aol.com) with your request.

THE CHURCH GATHERED

GREETINGS FROM PCCH: SUMMER POSTCARD PROJECT

Whether you plan to travel many miles this summer or simply enjoy the comforts of home, the Music, Arts, & Worship Committee invites you to share your journey with us. Send us postcards, photos, drawings, writing, poetry, or prayers that speak to a spiritual experience you have this summer. The mementos we receive will be combined into a slide show to be presented at a special coffee hour in September. There are three ways to participate: (1) Send postcards that describe your summer experiences to: PCCH, Attn: Music, Arts, & Worship, (2) E-mail photos or digital files (with a description of what they are) to: matthew.ward01@gmail.com (3) Post your photos and stories to the Greetings from PCCH page on Facebook.

BIBLE STUDY FROM DAWN TO DUSK

Wednesdays at 11:00 am and 7:30 pm, beginning September 10

Every Wednesday, you are invited to wrestle with the preacher who is wrestling with the lectionary texts for the upcoming Sunday. This is a time when we think together, question together and listen together to God's always surprising address of us through the words of Scripture. There will soon be a posting of the lectionary readings (Old Testament, Psalm, Gospel and Epistle lessons) on the website. The only homework is to read these texts and come with open minds and hearts to see where God's Spirit will lead us. Oh, and it is a great way to make new friends and find a place in the life of this church.

SPEAKER SERIES ON THE HILL: JEFF BRADY, NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO

Thursday, September 11, 12:00 pm, Brown Bag Lunch; 12:30 pm, Presentation

\$5.00 Requested Donation

NPR's National Desk Correspondent Jeff Brady will highlight several of the major national news stories he has covered in his 11 years at NPR — Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath, the BP Gulf oil spill, the rise of hydraulic fracturing and how it has changed the U.S. oil industry — as well as offer us his insights on the current upheaval of the U.S. media business and why he believes public-funded media are better prepared than most.

THE SECOND HOUR @ PCCH

Sunday, September 21, 11:30 am, Widener Hall

A Behind the Scenes Look at Worship I: Words

Cindy, Brian, Austin, Ken and Dan will walk us through the order of worship theologically, teach us about the history and meaning of the liturgical year and help us understand how a service comes together around the lectionary readings.

Sunday, September 28, 11:30 am, Widener Hall

A Behind the Scenes Look at Worship II: Music

Dan and Ken will give us a musicians' perspective on the importance of music in our worship of God, how they choose what the choir will sing. There will also be a lesson on hymnody. Come ready to learn the basics of reading music as well as a few new hymns for the year ahead.

CANTATAS AND CHAMBER MUSIC

Sunday, September 21, 5:00 pm, Burleigh Cruikshank Memorial Chapel

Johannes Brahms: Neue Liebeslieder Waltzer

This set of love-song waltzes for four singers and piano four-hands will be accompanied by art-songs and part-songs from the Romantic era. Julie Bishop, soprano, Maren Montalbano, mezzo; Steven Williamson, tenor; Daniel Spratlan, bass; Ken Lovett and Kelly Crandell, piano.

We are pleased to announce that the Cantatas and Chamber Music series will resume this fall. Featuring our professional soloists and members of the Gallery Choir, along with instrumentalists from the Philadelphia area, the Cantata series will offer monthly Sunday afternoon performances in a beautiful space. These 50 minute concerts will be preceded by wine, cheese, and other refreshments on the porch and in the Narthex. All performances begin at 5:00 p.m., following a 4:30 p.m. reception. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at coffee hour, through the PCCH website, and at the door. Series tickets will also be available at a discounted price.

CALLING ALL THEATER LOVERS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sunday, November 16, 5:00 pm, Chapel

The fall play reading will be *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* by Christopher Durang. Winner of numerous 2013 awards, including the Best Play Tony Award and the Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Play, this comedy centers on Vanya and Sonia, middle-aged siblings who have put their own lives on hold to care for their parents, and their glamorous sister Masha, a huge Hollywood star. When Masha arrives for a visit with her boy-toy Spike in tow, old resentments flare up and new frictions arise, leading to the airing of long-held grievances, insecurities and misunderstandings. Observing all this are the housemaid Cassandra and the beautiful girl next door Nina, herself an aspiring actress.

Anyone who is interested in being one of the readers for this play is asked to contact director Margaret Spencer (margaret.spencer@alum.exeter.edu). Requirements: attendance at one mandatory rehearsal roughly a week before the performance, the ability to read loudly and clearly enough to be heard at the back of the Chapel, and a willingness to be part of a play with adult themes and several instances of strong language which will not be changed. That's it!

THE CHURCH SENT OUT

COMMUNITY TO END GUN VIOLENCE

Tuesday, September 2, 3:30-4:30 pm

Neighborhood Partners to End Gun Violence continues to demonstrate on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, at Delia's Gun Shop on Torredale Avenue. Contact Bob Fles (rfles@msn.com) for more information.

WITH OUR NEIGHBORS

THE PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Saturday, September 20, 1:30 pm, Old Pine Street Presbyterian Church

Beginning with a jazz worship service featuring a live musical performance by Warren Cooper, this open-door event will include a panel discussion sharing first-hand accounts of non-traditional ministries in local churches and communities. All guests are then invited for fellowship and the opportunity to see their new in-house exhibit "Sacred Spaces: Building Communities of Faith."

CENTER ON THE HILL ... *the place for active adults*

To register for these programs, unless otherwise indicated, please call Leslie Lefer at

215-247-4654 or email llefer@chestnuthillpres.org

The Fall 2014 Newsletter is now available! Stop by the lobby of the Center or outside the church office to pick-up a copy for yourself. You don't want to miss out on all the exciting educational and cultural programs that are coming up. We have over 25 new programs to choose from.

PRE-DIABETES

Monday, September 8, 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm, Free

Come join Susan Pierce, MPT, CDE, Chestnut Hill Hospital's certified Diabetes Educator, for a lively and interactive session to learn more about Pre-Diabetes. She'll help educate you on 1) What is Pre-Diabetes? 2) Who is at risk for Pre-Diabetes? and 3) How do you keep Pre-Diabetes from turning into Diabetes? Bring your questions and leave with some practical, useful answers.

NAVIGATING IN TODAY'S HEALTH SYSTEM

Tuesday, September 9, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm, Free & light lunch provided!, Pre-registration required.

Healthcare a decade ago was so simple; it was the patient and the doctor. In today's health systems, there are several individuals involved in the process — insurance companies, medical professionals, outpatient services, rehab centers, specialists, alternative methods of medicine and even health coaches. It can be overwhelming. And when presented with a specific health situation, the process is magnified and the stress levels escalate out of control. Having a "working knowledge" of today's health systems enables clear management of resources and care delivery. Join Julia Coleman, Director of Admissions and Marketing for Brookside Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, as we explore this relevant topic.

QIGONG (HEALING MOVEMENTS)

Mondays, September 15 – October 6 (four weeks), 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm,

\$40 per four-week session (registration required); \$12 per class for walk-ins

Come and experience the gentle, healing movements of the ancient Chinese art of Qigong (chee-gung). It is the practice of moving Chi, life energy, through the body for good health and well being. These easy movements can be done in a standing or seated position. Enjoy the peaceful, calming feelings brought about by this wonderful art. *Michael McCormack has taught the healing arts for over 20 years. All are welcome*

CENTER ON THE HILL HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

Tuesday, September 16, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm., Free

The Center on the Hill and our talented instructors are delighted to invite you to our first-ever Fall Homecoming Celebration!

Come, learn and celebrate what's happening this Fall at the Center on the Hill. You'll have an opportunity to speak one-on-one with instructors from our Yoga, Meditation, Folk Dancing, Super Bones, Italian, T'ai Chi, QiGong, Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group, Medicare Counseling and much, much more. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. While you're there, don't forget to enter our raffle to win a \$20 gift certificate towards one of these amazing Fall 2014 courses.

THIS WEEK AT PCCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

9:00 am Soloist Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
10:15 am Church School (Chapel)
11:00 am Fellowship (Widener)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:00 am PreK Parent Meeting (Widener)
10:00 am Heeding God's Call (Harris)
3:30 pm NPEG Vigil (Delia's Gun Shop)
7:30 pm Scouts Board of Review (Room 5)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7:00 am Rotary (Widener)
6:30 pm Girlchoir (Choir Room)
8:00 pm Summit Group (Room 3&4)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

12:00 pm Outdoor Gardeners (Widener)
6:30 pm Cub Scouts (Widener)
6:30 pm Finance Committee (Cindy's Office)
7:00 pm Gallery Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7:30 pm Boy Scouts (Widener)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:00 am PreK Parent Meeting (Widener)
4:30 pm Miller Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:00 am Girlchoir (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
3:30 pm Miller Wedding (Sanctuary)

NEXT WEEK AT PCCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:00 am **LORD'S SUPPER**
10:00 am Soloist Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00 am Church School (Chapel)
11:15 am Fellowship (Widener)
11:30 am Deacons Meeting (Harris)
New Member Class (Melcher)

THIS WEEK AT CENTER ON THE HILL ... *the place for active adults*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

CENTER CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:00 am Zumba Gold Class (Room 3&4)
9:30 am Watercolor Class (Room 1&2)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

10:00 am Tai Chi Classes (Room 3&4)
11:30 am Bridge Game (Room 1&2)
12:00 pm Diabetes Education Class (Room 5)
2:30 pm Golden Yoga Class (Room 1&2)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9:00 am PCCH Bridge Group (Room 1&2)
10:00 am Bridge Game (Room 5)
2:00 pm Medicare Counseling (Room 5)
5:45 pm Soul Line Dancing (Room 3&4)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:30 am Yoga with Attitude (Room 1&2)
11:00 am Mah Jongg Private Group (Room 5)
11:30 am Yoga, A Chair and You (Room 1&2)
1:00 pm International Folk Dancing (Room 3&4)
1:30 pm Mah Jongg Open Play (Room 5)
2:30 pm Golden Yoga (Room 1&2)