

WELCOME TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL!

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

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 through 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.

**Narthex News
November 12, 2017**

CHURCH SCHOOL AT A GLANCE			
11/12/2017	Room	Teacher	Topic
Birth - 2 Year Olds	Room 101	Ms. Debbie and Ms. James	God's Care
Pre-K (3-4 Year Olds)	Room 211	Brenda Phillips and Amanda Raphael	Godly Play
Kindergarten-Grade 1	Room 205	Kelly Baughman and Zach Raphael	The Kingdom of Heaven
Grade 2-3	Room 208	Kim Nye and Lila Kushner	The Kingdom of Heaven
Grade 4-5	Room 209	Jim Spause and Emily Spause	The Kingdom of Heaven
Grade 6-7	Youth Room	Cassie Paulk	The Birth of Jesus

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

3-4-5 GRADE FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, November 12, 11:30 am, Reception Room

We will get our pancake brunch and then move to the reception room where we will sort the donations from the Warmth Drive for pick up by Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry on Monday, November 20. Any questions please see Austin Shelley.

JR. HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, November 12: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm: Brunch in the Youth Room

Saturday, November 18: 9:00 – 10:30 am: Gun Violence Memorial Take Down

Sunday, November 19: 2:30 – 6:30 pm: Youth Group at West Kensington Ministry

SR. HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, November 12: 5:00 – 8:30 pm: Escape the Room and Dinner in Doylestown

Saturday, November 18: 9:00 – 10:30 am: Gun Violence Memorial Take Down

Saturday, November 18: 8:00 pm – 8:00 am: Sleepout America Event at the Huertgens

(<https://sleepoutamerica.org/>)

Sunday, November 19: 2:30 – 6:30 pm: Youth Group at West Kensington Ministry

PCCH ANNUAL WARMTH DRIVE

Sunday, November 19, 11:30 am, Reception Room

Please start bringing your gently used warm coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, blankets, etc. for our annual collection to support Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry. We will have a collection box available in the Reception Room to receive your items beginning this week through Sunday, November 19. Thank you for your generosity to help those in need.

VACUUM NEEDED

The church needs a home-style vacuum to keep on the upper floor (Cindy's Office/Melcher). If you have just purchased a new one for your home and would like to donate yours to the church it would be very much appreciated. For further information contact the church office. Thank you!

Breakfast with Santa

The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017



9:00 AM — 11:00 AM

Join Santa Claus at The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill! Enjoy eating a pancake breakfast, writing a letter to the North Pole, making a seasonal craft, and taking pictures with the man in red. Please bring your own camera (or phone) for photos, and please feel free to arrive in your most festive attire. (Pajamas are ok, too!)

All proceeds will benefit our missions partners who seek to end hunger and homelessness in our community and beyond. Tickets are slightly less than \$10 per person in advance through Ticket Leap (\$8.50 + \$1.43 fee) and \$12 per person at the door.

Purchase tickets online (and save!) by visiting our ticket leap site:
pcch.ticketleap.com/breakfast-with-santa-2017/

And, to quell your curiosity about how our modern ideas of Santa Claus emerged, check out the story of Saint Nicholas:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Nicholas

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT SIGN-UP

All children are invited! If you wish to participate in the Christmas Eve Pageant on December 24 at 4:30 pm, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office. The last day to sign up is Sunday, December 3. There will be a mandatory pageant rehearsal on Sunday, December 10 immediately following worship. Any questions please see either Austin Shelley or Brian Russo or contact the church office.

THE CHURCH GATHERED

SOULS SHOT GALLERY HOURS

Widener Hall

10:00 am – 4:00 pm Monday through Friday;

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Wednesdays;

12:00 noon – 3:00 pm Sundays through November

Closed November 22, 23, and 24

2ND HOUR AT PCCH: FAITH AT WORK

Sunday, November 12, 11:30 pm, Reception Room

The place God calls you to is the place where your deep joy and the world's deep hunger meet. This Sunday Kevin Raphael, Michael Baughman and Rona Sisson will talk about their vocation as lawyers.

SYRIAN STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP POTLUCK DINNER

Sunday, November 12, 6:00 pm Widener Hall

All are welcome to share a meal together with Samra as she begins her second year of college. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the church office or go to the following link:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b49aca722a64-potluck>

TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER NIGHT

Friday, November 17, 7:30 pm, Home of Rebecca and Mark Bernstein, 126 E. Sedgwick Street, Philadelphia 19119

Join us for the first of the season round of PCCH Texas Hold'em Poker! Once again, all money raised will go directly to the Youth Mission Trip 2017. Please RSVP to Brian Russo (brusso@chestnuthillpres.org) or Mark Bernstein (markbern2@comcast.net.)

DECEMBER CHURCH LIFE EVENT – 1812 PRODUCTIONS' "THIS IS THE WEEK THAT IS"

Sunday, December 3, Matinee at 2:00 pm

1812's annual political comedy is taking off the gloves and getting ready to hop in the ring with the most unpredictable administration in modern history. Now in its 12th year, 1812's signature production features new faces and returning favorites! The Church Life Committee has arranged for a block of 20 tickets for the Sunday, December 3 matinee at 2:00 pm, cost is \$30 per ticket and current 1812 subscribers can exchange into this

performance and pay any applicable upcharge. The show will be at the Plays and Players Theatre, 1714 Delancey Street, Philadelphia. Founded in 1997, 1812 is the only professional theater company in the country dedicated to comedy. In 2010, they were honored as one of only 10 theaters in the country to receive a National Theatre Company grant from the American Theatre Wing, founder of the Tony Awards. Learn more about the company at www.1812productions.org. Please sign up outside the church office or email PCCHChurchLife@gmail.com to reserve your tickets. Make checks payable to Jeff Podraza.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

GERMANTOWN AVENUE CRISIS MINISTRY'S THANKSGIVING BASKET PROGRAM

Due in the Reception Room on Sunday, November 12. Late baskets will be accepted through Sunday, November 19. Last pick-up is Monday, November 20 at 9:00 am.

The Social Witness Committee is once again supporting GACM's Thanksgiving basket program, a long-time mission partner of ours, who provides food, fuel, clothing, housing, and other emergency assistance to Northwest Philadelphia individuals and families in need. Bags with a list of requested donations will be distributed starting today in the church school and at coffee hour, and will have a shopping list attached for your convenience! If you choose to donate via check instead, a \$35 gift can provide a holiday basket. Make checks payable to Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry. If possible, please have your bags at church by **Sunday, November 12**, but no later than Sunday, November 19. PCCH response to this offering has always been overwhelming and greatly appreciated by GACM.

OUR BROTHER'S PLACE

Next Sloppy Joe Pick-up Date is Monday, November 27

The Social Witness Committee would like to offer special thanks to all members who continue to help with our outreach at the OBP Shelter. We will continue to provide dinner on the fourth Sunday of each month, but will no longer send volunteers to serve. **We continue to need monthly donations of sloppy joes** (simple recipe: brown two pounds of ground beef or turkey, add a can of Manwich sauce, freeze flat in a Ziploc bag and bring to the freezer in the Church kitchen.).

FACE TO FACE

Next serving dates are Saturday, December 23, Saturday, February 17, and Saturday, March 31 (These upcoming dates are all holiday weekends, when volunteerism is low but the need is still great. Please consider signing up for one or more of these dates sooner rather than later to ensure that we cover these needs.)

The Social Witness Committee is happy to inform the congregation that our service at Face to Face is doing extremely well. All are welcome to join us. Face to Face is a well rooted, well managed community service organization located in Germantown, just 15 minutes from church. It provides various services to area residents. Face to Face also provides them with meals—and this is where PCCH is helping out. Volunteers spend about three hours on a Saturday either in preparing the meal (kitchen work) or in helping serve the meal to the guests and cleaning up (there

is a sign-up sheet on the table below the Social Witness bulletin board outside the church office). Those who would like to involve themselves in this service opportunity should contact Emily Camp-Landis (camplandis120@yahoo.com), Melissa Montgomery (melissamon70@yahoo.com), any Social Witness Committee member or one of our ministers.

THE CHURCH SENT OUT

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DIAMOND PARK PROJECT

Saturday, December 2, 2017; Saturday, January 13, 2018; Saturday, February 10, 2018 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

PCCH has been asked to provide six volunteers to return to work on Diamond Park. If you are interested or just want to learn more, contact Brian Russo (brusso@chestnuthillpres.org) or Mark Conti (marksconti@gmail.com). No special skills are needed but volunteers must be at least 16 years old. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office.

WITH OUR NEIGHBORS

THE CROSSING ANNOUNCES THE NATIONAL ANTHEMS TOUR

Monday, November 13, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Pre-concert talk with Donald at 6:00 pm in the Chapel

Music of David Lane, Caroline Shaw and Ted Hearne with the strings of the International Contemporary Ensemble. Performances in Princeton, Washington and Philadelphia. More information and tickets at www.crossingchoir.com/the-national-anthems-tour

PIHN'S ANNUAL EMPTY BOWL DINNER

Wednesday, November 15, United Lutheran Seminary, Brossman Center Benbow Hall.

Three Seatings: 4:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 7:00 pm. Adults \$25, Children and Students \$10

The Empty Bowl Dinner benefits Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network find lasting solutions to family homelessness and its underlying causes. Come enjoy family-friendly activities and live entertainment. For a modest donation, guests receive a free handcrafted bowl and enjoy an all-you-can-eat feast of fresh soups, breads and desserts.

BAKERS NEED FOR PIHN'S EMPTY BOWL DINNER

Bakers are needed to donate cakes, cookies or desserts. Contact rachel@philashelter.org or call 215-280-1915 if you can help.

CHESTNUT STREET SINGERS CONCERT

Saturday, November 18, 8:00 pm, Sanctuary

Chestnut Street Singers, Philadelphia's cooperative chamber choir has a mission to offer unique concerts that are accessible to all. All concerts are "pay-what-you-wish at the door." *The Northern Wild* will explore a fascinating modern repertoire inspired by the visceral feeling of standing in one's native wilderness. The concert will feature songs of earth under foot and sky over head,

with music by Sibelius, Tormis, Elgar, and Ešenvalds. For further information: chestnutstreetsingers@gmail.com.

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

VISUAL CUES AND DECLUTTERING FOR THOSE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

Monday, November 13, 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm, Free

Visual cues are a very important form of communication between a caregiver and someone living with dementia. If an environment is cluttered or distracting, verbal and touch cues become less effective. A person living with a moderate (“Amber”) or advanced (“Ruby”, “Pearl”) level of dementia experiences rapid vision loss. A clutter or hoarding problem can quickly present fall risks at every turn. The National Aging in Place Council will propose strategies for reducing clutter and improving visual stimuli, all while creating engaging activities that strengthens the bond between caregiver and care recipient.

BASICS OF LONG-TERM CARE (BLT) FOR THE SANDWICH GENERATION

Tuesday, November 14, 1:00 pm – 2:00pm, Free

Does this sound familiar? Irene’s daughter comes into our office to ask about home care for her mother. She says her mother is about to be discharged from rehab and she has been told by the social worker that her mother will need round the clock care when she first comes home. The daughter has called Medicare and been assured that Medicare will over the cost of this “non-medical” care. Unfortunately, this is not the case! It is then our job to educate someone who has been given mis-or-partial information, and break the news to them that non-medical custodial care in the home is, nearly all the time, an individual financial responsibility. The goal of this workshop is to educate and empower about the Basics of Long Term (BLT) Care: what long-term care is, how it is defined, who pays for it, what Medicare covers, and what is ‘out of pocket.’

WHO’S LOOKING AT WHO?

Thursday, November 16, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm, \$10 per person

Suzanne Fitzpatrick, docent and art educator, returns to discuss Portraiture. We will examine unusual, strange, beautiful, and amusing portraits by some rather unconventional, lesser-known artists, as well as those of better known painters. A good portrait draws us in, transporting us through place and time into someone else’s world. And of course, behind every face is a story waiting to be told. Come join the fun as we take a close look at some very interesting portraits.

OPIOID ADDICTION AND OLDER ADULTS – WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Monday, November 20, 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm, Free

Think this topic isn’t for you? Think again! It’s time to understand that more than 60 percent of drug overdoses are occurring in adults over age 50. Philadelphia ranks first in the state, followed by Delaware, Bucks and Montgomery counties, for opioid overdoses. Drug overdoses are happening here in our community, to our loved ones. Find out what has created this epidemic.

How can you help? What are the signs and symptoms of addiction that you can look for before it’s too late? Let’s be informed and proactive! Start by bringing your outdated medications to this program! Whitmarsh EMS and Police Department will be on hand to “Take Back” unused and/or expired prescription medications.

THIS WEEK AT PCCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:00 am Crossing Meeting in Parking Lot
9:00 am Girlchoir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
10:15 am Church School (Strouse)
11:00 am Church School Sings (Chapel)
11:15 am Fellowship (Widener)
11:30 am 2nd Hour Discussion (Reception Room)
11:30 am Jr. High Brunch (Youth Room)
11:30 am New Member Class (Melcher)
4:30 pm Rebecca Thornburgh Reception (Narthex)
5:00 pm Rebecca Thornburgh Recital (Chapel)
5:00 pm Sr. High Escape the Room and Dinner
6:00 pm Samra Pot Luck Dinner (Widener)
7:00 pm MALT “Your Energy” Class (Harris)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

6:00 pm Crossing Pre-Concert Discussion (Chapel)
7:00 pm Crossing Concert/Reception (Sanctuary/Widener)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

6:30 pm CY Finance Committee (Harris)
6:30 pm Girlchoir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7:00 pm Zentangle (Room 3&4)
7:30 pm Session (Melcher)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:00 am Rotary (Widener)
11:00 am Bible Study (Harris)
5:30 pm Girlchoir (Choir Room)
6:45 pm Feldenkrais Class (Harris)
8:00 pm Summit Group (Room 3&4)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:30 am Clergy Discussion Group (Reception Room)
 6:00 pm Penn Mindfulness Class (Harris)
 6:30 pm Cub Scouts (Widener)
 7:00 pm MALT Word Press Web Class (Room 1&2)
 7:30 pm Boy Scouts (Widener)
 7:45 pm Gallery Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

9:00 am Organ Practice (Sanctuary)
 7:30 pm Texas Hold'em Poker Night (Bernstein's Home)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9:00 am Girlchoir Rehearsal (Sanctuary/Choir Room)
 9:00 am Set-up for Stewardship Pancake Brunch
 (Widener/Kitchen)
 8:00 pm Chestnut Street Singers Concert/Reception
 (Sanctuary/Narthex)

NEXT WEEK AT PCCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9:00 am Gallery Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 10:15 am Church School (Strouse)
 11:00 am Church School Sings (Chapel)
 11:15 am Stewardship Pancake Brunch (Widener)
 11:30 am 2nd Hour Discussion (Reception Room)
 11:30 am 3-4-5 Grade Fellowship (Reception Room)
 12:00 pm Adult Ed Committee (Room 1&2)
 2:30 pm Jr./Sr. High Youth Groups to West Kensington

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

THIS WEEK AT CENTER ON THE HILL
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

9:30 am Sketching and Drawing Class (Room 1&2)
 10:30 am Intermediate/Advanced Italian (Reception Rm)
 12:30 pm Bridge Game (Room 5)
 12:30 pm Visual Cues and Decluttering (Harris)
 2:00 pm Qigong (Room 3&4)
 2:15 pm Gentle Therapeutic Yoga (Harris)
 2:30 pm French Conversation (Room 1&2)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9:30 am Mindfulness Practice (Harris)
 9:30 am Watercolor Class (Room 1&2)
 10:00 am Internet and Email Class (Room 5)
 12:30 pm Vegetarian Cooking Class (SDA Church)
 1:00 pm Basics of Long-Term Care (Harris)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

9:00 am COTH Trip to Museum of American Revolution
 10:00 am Beginning Tai Chi (Room 3&4)
 11:15 am Tai Chi Level III (Room 3&4)
 11:30 am Bridge Game (Room 1&2)
 12:00 pm Wednesday Diabetes Workshop (Room 5)
 12:30 pm Tai Chi Level II (Room 3&4)
 2:30 pm Golden Yoga (Harris)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:00 am PCCH Bridge Group (Room 1&2)
 9:00 am Pilates Class (Room 3&4)
 9:00 am Qigong Class (Harris)
 10:00 am Bridge Game (Room 5)
 10:30 am Meditation Class (Harris)
 1:00 pm Individual Medicare Counseling (Room 1&2)
 1:30 pm Who's Looking at Who (Harris)
 4:00 pm Zumba Gold in a Chair (Room 3&4)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

9:30 am Yoga with Attitude Class (Harris)
 10:00 am Scrabble (Room 5)
 11:30 am Yoga, A Chair and You (Harris)
 1:00 pm Mah Jongg Open Play (Room 5)
 1:00 pm International Folk Dancing (Room 3&4)
 2:30 pm Golden Yoga (Harris)