

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 19, 2017**

CHURCH SCHOOL AT A GLANCE			
11/19/2017	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	Linnea Johnson and Justin Andrews	Godly Play
Kindergarten-Grade 1	Room 205	Barbara Olson and Emilyanne Shelley	Moses and the Promised Land
Grade 2-3	Room 208	Lisa Burns and Lexi Clement	Moses and the Promised Land
Grade 4-5	Room 209	Shelli Katrina and Matt or Alison Abernethy	Moses and the Promised Land
Grade 6-7	Youth Room	Brian Russo	Jesus at 12, Infancy Narratives

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

3-4-5 GRADE FELLOWSHIP

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

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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.

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

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: CELEBRATION PANCAKE BRUNCH

Sunday, November 19, 11:30 pm, Widener

After a month of interpretation and invitation, we will bring our pledges forward during the last hymn and then fill the long tables of Widener to celebrate with the best pancakes and little stickiest fingers ever.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday, November 21, 7:30 pm

Join us in the upper room at Campbell's Place for a beer and conversation. Join Brian and other "Thinkers" for a round of pints and enlightenment. Any questions, please contact Brian Russo or the church office.

DINNER CHURCH

Sunday, November 26, 6:00 pm, Burleigh Cruikshank Chapel

Bring a dish to share, a beverage of choice and be ready for a lively conversation around a table set with candles and love. Children, youth and adults become a family of faith, breaking bread and sharing the cup in the midst of our meal and in thanksgiving for the love that knows no end.

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.

2ND HOUR BRUNCH

Sunday, December 10, 11:30 am, Widener

While the children are having their Christmas Eve Pageant rehearsal in the sanctuary, we will enjoy a brunch to include hot turkey sandwiches, salad and dessert treats with side dishes provided by you. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office where you can sign up to bring potato salad, cole slaw, deviled eggs, or fruit salad. The children will get their brunch and then head to the sanctuary for the rehearsal. Any questions please contact the church office.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

GERMANTOWN AVENUE CRISIS MINISTRY'S THANKSGIVING BASKET PROGRAM

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. This past Monday the GACM mini bus picked up 44 bags and 18 turkeys. A list of requested donations is available on the table below the Social Witness bulletin board or you may choose to donate via check instead, a \$35 gift can provide a holiday basket. Make checks payable to Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry.

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. 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) or Melissa Montgomery (melissamon70@yahoo.com).

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

TEMPESTA DI MARE CONCERT

PASTORALE – THE HOLIDAYS IN ITALY

Saturday, December 2, 8:00 pm, Sanctuary

Instrumental music and seasonal treats from some of Italy's trend-setting musical centers by Vivaldi, Gabrieli, Locatelli and Pez. . More information and tickets call 215-755-8776 or go to www.tempestadimare.org.

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

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! Whitemarsh EMS and Police Department will be on hand to "Take Back" unused and/or expired prescription medications.

NUTRITION AND STRESS

Tuesday, November 28, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm, \$5 per person

Who doesn't experience stress at some point in their lives, especially during the holidays. Did you know that our body's response to stress creates a whole cascade of biochemical events that can lead to illness? Learn how nutrition and certain herbs can reduce the effects of stress on your body.

FINDING THE RIGHT COMMUNITY FOR YOUR LOVED ONE

Thursday, November 30, 10:30 am – 11:30 am, Free

“I Don’t Know Where to Start!...I Don’t Know What’s Out There!” If the time has come for you or a loved one to transition to a senior living community or if you have just begun looking, you’re probably asking these same questions! Clark Shuster, a Certified Senior Advisor and Owner of Graceful Senior Solutions, will help you answer these and many other questions during an interactive discussion of what you need to look for in a senior living community so that you can make the best possible decision.

AFTERNOON MOVIE

Thursday, November 30, 1:30 pm , \$1 (includes popcorn)

Are you looking for an enjoyable activity that’s economical and during the daytime so you don’t have to drive at night? Are you looking to see a movie in an intimate setting with easy parking and no long lines? Then join us for an enjoyable afternoon at the movies.

Showing: “Paris Can Wait”

Anne (Diane Lane) is at a crossroads in her life. Married to a successful but inattentive movie producer (Alec Baldwin), she unexpectedly finds herself taking a car trip from Cannes to Paris with her husband's business associate (Arnaud Viard). What should be a seven-hour drive turns into a carefree two-day adventure replete with diversions involving picturesque sights, fine food and wine, humor, wisdom and romance, reawakening Anne's senses and giving her a new lust for life. (2017)

A SIMPLE GUIDE TO OVERCOMING LONELINESS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Tuesday, December 5, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm, Free

The holiday season can be a very lonely and overwhelming time for many seniors. Group exercise classes can help build camaraderie and combat loneliness. However with the winter weather upon us, getting out of the house can be difficult. Join us for this informative discussion on how to improve your mood (via the release of endorphins) through easy exercises and activities that anyone can do within the comfort of their own home.

CENTER ON THE HILL HOLIDAY PARTY

Thursday, December 14, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm, \$12.00 per person in advance (\$15.00 at the door) PRE-REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT REQUIRED BY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7th. Contact Leslie Lefer at 215-247-4654 or llefer@chestnuthillpres.org to make your reservation.

The New Horizons Senior Glee Club, an award-winning ensemble of 40 singers and instrumentalists, will make their long awaited return to headline our annual community Holiday Party. The concert titled "A Philadelphia Christmas" will be followed by delicious desserts and beverages. Join us for all the holiday festivities! Desserts will be served post-performance.

THIS WEEK AT PCCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9:00 am
10:00 am
10:15 am
11:00 am
11:15 am
11:30 am
12:00 pm
2:30 pm

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Gallery Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Worship (Sanctuary)
Church School (Strouse)
Church School Sings (Chapel)
Stewardship Pancake Brunch (Widener)
3-4-5 Grade Fellowship (Reception Room)
Adult Ed Committee (Room 1&2)
Jr./Sr. High Youth Groups to West Kensington

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

4:30 pm
6:15 pm
6:30 pm
6:30 pm
7:00 pm

Girlchoir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
Yoga (Melcher)
Girlchoir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
MALT Website Design Class (Room 1&2)
PhiloMusica (Widener)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

10:00 am
6:30 pm
7:30 pm

Circle 4 (Reception Room)
Girlchoir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Theology on Tap (Campbell’s Place)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

6:45 pm
8:00 pm

Feldenkrais Class (Harris)
Summit Group (Room 3&4)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

1:30 pm

OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING
Barth/Werner Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

2:00 pm

Barth/Werner Wedding (Sanctuary)

NEXT WEEK AT PCCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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	Fellowship (Widener)
6:00 pm	Dinner Church (Chapel)

THIS WEEK AT CENTER ON THE HILL

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

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	Opioid Addiction in Older Adults (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 21

9:30 am	Watercolor Class (Room 1&2)
10:00 am	Internet and Email Class (Room 5)
3:00 pm	Zumba Gold (Room 3&4)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

CENTER CLOSED FOR REPAIR WORK

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

CENTER CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

CENTER CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

2017 Operating Fund Summary

The Budget & Actual Financial Standing: October 31, 2017

	Our Projections for the Year	Where Should We Be Today	This is Where We Are Today	Here is the Difference
	2017 Annual Budget	2017 YTD Budget	2017 YTD Actual	2017 Variance
Congregational Response *	\$751,558	\$626,298	\$539,271	(\$87,027)
NOTE: Current Member 2017 Pledges	\$659,000	\$558,333	\$472,242	(\$86,091)
NOTE: Plate Offering (Annual Pledges & Offerings)	\$25,000	\$20,833	\$27,710	\$6,877
Endowment Draws (Our Invested Funds Available)	\$120,162	\$110,757	\$115,677	\$4,920
Other Sources of Funds	\$107,400	\$93,500	\$118,194	\$24,694
Our Total Sources of Funds	\$979,120	\$830,555	\$773,142	(\$57,413)
Our Expenses & Mission Outreach (This is How We Use the Funds)	\$979,120	\$745,212	\$784,514	\$39,302
DIFFERENCE	\$0	\$85,343	(\$11,372)	(\$96,715)

- > For 2016, we were behind in pledge collections by ~ \$34,815
- > YTD For 2017, we were behind in pledge collections by ~ \$86,091
- > Please keep you pledges up to date
- > Unfulfilled pledges from previous years are also still welcomed anytime.

Did You Know? Your PLEDGES help to repair our church, pay utilities, among other expenses.

Did You Know? Your PLEDGES are the backbone of the budget for PCCH each year!

Did You Know? Your PLEDGES are the heart of our mission giving for PCCH each year!

Mission Outreach includes: Germantown Av. Crisis Ministry; Habitat for Humanity, PIHN & others!
Germantown Avenue Ministry -

This ministry is crucial in helping underprivileged families in our area. We donate to 100+ families that receive holiday food baskets and we continue to lead food collection drives for this organization as well as mission giving.