

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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Seeking Director for The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill Preschool. A Master's degree in Early Childhood Education, teaching and administrative experience, internet and social media proficiency a must. Background in the arts desirable. Please visit <http://www.chestnuthillpres.org/about/employment-opportunities/> for a complete job description. Apply by March 20 to jobs@chestnuthillpres.org.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

Holy Week and Easter

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

March 25, 10:00 a.m.

"Death's Disguises" Cynthia A. Jarvis

*The Passion of Our Lord according to Mark (Plainsong)
Choral music of Giovanni Croce and Bartholomäus Gesius*

Maundy Thursday

March 29, 8:00 p.m.

*"For I Have Set You an Example" Austin Crenshaw Shelley
Choral music of Bob Chilcott and Antonio Lotti*

The Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Sunday

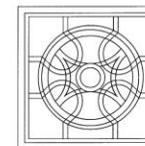
April 1, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

"Destined for Love" Cynthia A. Jarvis

*Choral music of Johannes Brahms, Paul Fetler and Gerre Hancock
Music for organ, trumpet, and timpani*

The Gallery Choir

Daniel Spratlan, director – Ken Lovett, organist



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The Difference Our Endowment Makes:
The William Gemmill Building Sustaining Fund

Barely six months after I arrived in Chestnut Hill, one of this church's pillars and one of God's most devoted servants, Bill Gemmill, was tragically killed as he was changing a flat tire on the South Street exit off the Schuylkill Expressway. I honestly believe our first five years together would have been radically different had Bill not died. His leadership, his wisdom, his integrity, his steady spirit surely would have knit a group of cranky Christians together into some semblance of Christ's body sooner than we managed to knit ourselves together without him.

Still, Bill *was* here. His witness lived on in a bequest and an anonymous gift given in his name that established a designated endowment to support the church home he loved. Hovering around \$500,000 for the last twenty-one years, the William Gemmill Building Sustaining Fund has helped to underwrite the day to day cost of keeping our church home in repair. By taking 5% of its value in bull and bear markets (along with our own growth in annual giving) to help cover the expense of caring for our building, we slowly began to turn this church's pattern of deferred maintenance around. In addition, of course, there have been capital campaigns, making this building accessible, transforming the sanctuary, Widener Hall, the Cruikshank Chapel, and the offices along with building a new organ and creating the Center on the Hill. Soon we will renovate the kitchen, add another restroom, replace the leaking windows and reimagine our entrances. But the items for which we budget every year and the unexpected repairs throughout the year have been less daunting given the steady income we could rely upon—just like Bill was the steady witness this church relied upon...and just as he still is through the William Gemmill Building Sustaining Fund.

Please remember the church in your will so it can thrive for generations to come.

Mission Study: Charting Our Future

Please stay tuned for information regarding the newly established Mission Study. With our anticipated leadership change, we will be assessing our current church community. Listen for additional, more detailed information very soon. Please have your voice heard and support this exciting process; we're counting on you to help chart our future. Our future matters now, more than ever before.

**Narthex News
March 18, 2018**

CHURCH SCHOOL AT A GLANCE			
3/18/2018	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	Jennifer Miller and Jillian Quirus	Godly Play
Kindergarten-Grade 1	Room 205	Karen and Bob Bausman	Written on Our Hearts
Grade 2-3	Room 208	Kimberly Nye and Lila or Joy Kushner	Written on Our Hearts
Grade 4-5	Room 209	Dom and Anna Rebeck	Written on Our Hearts
Grade 6-7	Youth Room	Jeannette Quirus	Palm Sunday Lesson

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

JR. HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, March 18: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Pizza and Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, March 25: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm: Games and Dinner Church

Sunday, April 1: Easter Sunday – No Youth Group

SR. HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

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THE CHURCH GATHERED

2ND HOUR @ PCCH

Sunday, March 18, 11:30 am, Reception Room

When We Are Left Behind”

For our last class in this series, we welcome Ann Klinger, a pastoral counselor and also the mother of Christen Webber! Ann will help us reflect on our own experiences of grief and also help us understand the importance of grief as, in the face of death, we let go with our hands but hold on with our heart.

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

Sunday, March 25, 11:30 am, Widener

Please join us for an all-church brunch immediately following the service of worship on Palm Sunday. We are asking that church members sign up to bring green salad, fruit salad, or deviled eggs. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office. Ham, dinner rolls, condiments, sweets, coffee and tea will be provided.

DINNER CHURCH

Sunday, March 25, 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.

CHURCH LIFE EVENT

Friday, April 13, If Car-pooling, Leave PCCH 6:45 pm, Dinner Reservation 7:30 pm

A Russian restaurant experience at Lanjeron (<http://lanjeron.letseat.at/>) in Northeast Philadelphia. This restaurant, owned by the parents of Anya Russo, is noted for excellent European gourmet food with nightly live entertainment - an evening of fun for all! We have a reservation for a group of 25-30 - cost will be \$55 per person, plus 20% gratuity, for a total of \$66. Come hungry and be

prepared to eat! The restaurant is BYOB and pairs well with vodka and wine. We will discount the cost for those willing to serve as designated drivers for the evening. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Church office - or RSVP to PCCHChurchLife@gmail.com. Reserve early as we expect this will fill up quickly!

AN EVENING OF MELODY & COMEDY RETURNS!

Saturday, April 28, 7:30 pm, Widener

Save the date for a delightful evening showcasing the multitalented members of PCCH. The program will feature a fun & fabulous cabaret-style show as well as light refreshments and a silent auction. All proceeds benefit the PCCH music & arts program. This is an event you do not want to miss! Tickets will be available for purchase during coffee hour in April.

SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED

The Music & Arts Committee is seeking donations for the Melody & Comedy silent auction. If you would be interested in donating airline miles, a stay at your vacation home, theater or concert tickets, museum or movie passes, restaurant gift certificates, or other items please contact Matt Ward at matthew.ward01@gmail.com. Monetary donations toward the purchase of auction items are also welcome and we will gladly shop for you. Deadline for donations is April 15.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, May 5

PCCH annual Kentucky Derby Party at the Podrazas' home, a family-friendly event that will again be fun for all! Start thinking about your most outrageous chapeau...more details to follow.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

GERMANTOWN AVENUE CRISIS MINISTRY: Next collection date is Sunday, April 1.

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.

OUR BROTHER'S PLACE

Next Sloppy Joe Pick-up Date is Monday, March 26

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 date is Saturday, March 31 (This is Easter weekend and volunteerism is low but the need is still great. Please consider signing up 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 Melissa Montgomery (melissamon70@yahoo.com) or Beth Vaccaro (bdv4@verizon.net).

THE CHURCH SENT OUT

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DIAMOND PARK PROJECT

Saturday, April 14, 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

DEMAND THE BAN – MAKE SEMI-AUTOMATIC ASSAULT WEAPONS ILLEGAL NATIONWIDE

Wednesday, March 21, 10:00 am, Gather at Arch Street Friends Meeting House, 4th and Arch Street; 11:00 am, Process to Senator Toomey's Office, 200 Chestnut Street; 11:30 am, Legal Rally at Senator Toomey's Office demanding Toomey's Co-sponsorship of S,2095 Assault Weapons Ban of 2017.

For more information or to register: www.demandtheban.org.

WHEN EARTH REALLY MATTERS – AN INTERFAITH SEDER TO WELCOME PASSOVER AND HOLY WEEK

Saturday, March 24, 8:00 – 10:00 pm, Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, \$5 Donation

You are invited for music, prayer, discussion, and symbolic foods. Draw from ancient traditions to deepen your understanding of climate justice. All are welcome! From 8:30 – 9:30 pm we will observe “Earth Hour” by turning off electric lights. This annual world-wide event shines a light on the need for climate action. Sponsored by Pennsylvania Interfaith Power and Light. RSVPs appreciated: philadelphia@paipl.org.

HEEDING GOD'S CALL TO END GUN VIOLENCE – ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY INTERFAITH STATIONS WALK IN WEST AND SOUTHWEST PHILADELPHIA

Friday, March 30, 4:30 pm, Holy Apostles & The Mediator Episcopal Church, 51st and Spruce Streets, Philadelphia

Meet in prayer and song to honor 265 Philadelphians killed with illegal guns in 2017. Walk to West and Southwest Philadelphia gun murder site prayer circles. Lift up gun murder victims by carrying tee shirts in their honor. Advocate and pray together for life-saving changes. For further information or questions: contactheeding@gmail.com or call 215-238-8550.

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

AN HOUR OF POETRY AT THE CENTER

Thursday, March 22, 11:00 am – Noon, Free

Join us for a fun hour of poetry, whether you have never written a single poem or have written them for years. Poets Phyllis Purscell and William Hengst will read from their recently published books (Remind Me Next Spring..., and Runaway Freight). Then we will open things up, allowing time for everyone who wants to share a poem or two of their own. If time allows we might introduce an exercise to write a poem.

TRANSFORMING PLASTIC BAGS INTO SLEEPING MATS FOR THE HOMELESS

Thursday, March 22, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm, Free

Join us as we continue our work on transforming plastic grocery bags into sleeping mats for the homeless. These mats provide needed extra cushion and a moisture barrier to make life on the streets a bit more bearable. Leigh Munro, has been making these mats for the past year. She'll lead us in a step-by-step process on how to make the mats. (No experience is necessary to join this group.) All mats will be donated to Project Home's Hub of Hope in Suburban Station.

LEARNING TO LOOK

Thursday, March 22, 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm, \$10 per person

Docent and Art Educator, Suzanne Fitzpatrick, returns with the third session of her "Learning to Look" series. This time, we will focus on Landscapes. Choosing paintings from a diverse group of artists, we will examine the elements of landscape paintings and the tools artists use to create interesting and appealing (and sometimes not-so-appealing) scenes. What techniques do artists employ to welcome you into their landscape, and to hold your attention? What techniques do artists use to help you navigate through their world and see what they see? Join in the fun!

USING YOUR APPLE DEVICE FOR COMMUNICATIONS & SCHEDULING

Thursdays, March 22 and 29, 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm, \$24 for two sessions

In this Communications and Scheduling class, we'll cover the essentials to learn how to effectively use basic functions and we will then concentrate on Calendar, Reminders, Mail & iMessages,

Contacts, and using the keyboard. You'll want to know your Apple password to be able to take full advantage of your device features. Peggy Lieby has been a techie since the 1970s. She became a programmer and systems analyst for area companies, including a computer magazine publishing company she co-founded in the 1980s. Peggy's been a fan of iOS devices for over nine years and has been teaching tips and tricks classes for five years.

AARP SMART DRIVERTEK

Monday, March 26, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm, \$5 per person

(Phone registration and pre-payment is required. Call Leslie Lefer, 215-247-4654.)

The AARP Smart DriverTek workshop was jointly developed by AARP Driver Safety and the Hartford, Smart DriverTek and recently launched in the Philadelphia area. This workshop will focus on helping drivers understand current and evolving vehicle safety technologies and how to use them. Participants will also learn the benefits of current and emerging vehicle safety technology like backup cameras, lane departure warnings, and more!

LET'S PLAY POKENO!

Tuesday, March 27, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm, \$1

Pokeno is a casual game that combines elements of Poker and Keno. It also has characteristic of Bingo, where each person gets a game board and markers/chips. However in this game, the "caller" uses playing cards. Sound interesting? Then join us and see what it's all about. No previous Pokeno experience necessary. Small prizes will be awarded!

**PRE-REGISTER TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE ENOUGH POKENO CARDS.
REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY THURSDAY, MARCH 22.**

Remember Loved Ones on Easter Sunday
Donate Memorial Flowers.



EASTER FLOWERS

The PCCH Flower Guild Invites You to Remember Loved Ones at Easter with Memorial Flowers.

On Easter Sunday, April 1, the Sanctuary will once again be blooming with beautiful spring flowers given to the glory of God and to honor loved ones. The Flower Guild invites you to remember or honor your loved ones on Easter by completing and returning this form to the church office no later than Sunday, March 25, 2018. We would need the following information:

Person(s) being
Remembered/Honored _____

Name(s) of
contributors _____

Suggested minimum donation is \$35. Please make your check payable to PCCH, including "Easter Flowers" on the memo line.

Thank you.

2018 Operating Fund Summary

The Budget & Actual Financial Standing: February 28, 2018

	Our Projections for the Year	Where Should We Be Today	This is Where We Are Today	Here is the Difference
	2018 Annual Budget	2018 YTD Budget	2018 YTD Actual	2018 Variance
Congregational Response *	\$751,558	\$144,077	\$100,938	(\$43,139)
NOTE: Current Member 2017 Pledges	\$692,964	\$115,494	\$76,266	(39,228)
NOTE: Plate Offering (Annual Pledges & Offerings)	\$27,000	\$4,500	\$8,284	\$3,784
Endowment Draws (Our Invested Funds Available)	\$120,162	\$2,010	\$2,025	\$15
Other Sources of Funds	\$107,400	\$19,700	\$17,600	(\$2,100)
Our Total Sources of Funds	\$979,120	\$165,787	\$120,563	(\$45,224)
Our Expenses & Mission Outreach (This is How We Use the Funds)	\$979,120	\$168,770	\$141,661	(\$27,109)
DIFFERENCE	\$0	(\$2,983)	(\$21,098)	(\$18,115)

- > For 2017, we were behind in pledge collections by ~ \$56,000
- > Please keep your 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.

THIS WEEK AT PCCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

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)
 11:30 am 2nd Hour Discussion (Reception Room)
 11:30 am APNC Meeting (Harris)
 11:30 am Theology and Pretzels (Iron Hill Brewery)
 5:00 pm Jr./Sr. High Fellowship (Youth Room)

MONDAY, MARCH 19

4:30 pm Girlchoir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
 6:15 pm Yoga (Melcher)
 6:30 pm Girlchoir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
 6:45 pm Feldenkrais Class (Harris)
 7:00 pm Mission Committee Meeting (Room 1&2)
 7:00 pm Mostly Waltz (Chapel)
 7:00 pm PhiloMusica (Widener)

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

10:00 am Circle 4 (Reception Room)
 6:30 pm CY Finance Meeting (Harris)
 6:30 pm Girlchoir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 7:00 pm Business Crash-Course in Social Media (Rm 5)
 7:15 pm Royal Scottish Country Dancers (Chapel)
 7:30 pm Session (Melcher)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

7:00 am Rotary (Widener)
 7:30 am Elder Training (Cindy's Office)
 8:00 pm Summit Group (Room 3&4)

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

9:00 am Clergy Discussion Group (Reception Room)
 5:30 pm Crossing Board Meeting (Melcher)
 6:00 pm Penn Mindfulness (Harris)
 6:30 pm Cub Scouts (Widener)
 7:00 pm Scouts Board of Review (Room 5)
 7:30 pm Boy Scouts (Widener)
 7:45 pm Gallery Choir (Choir Room)

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

9:00 am Organ Practice (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

9:00 am MALT Hands-On Upholstery Class (Rm 3&4)
 9:00 am Martha Agate Yoga Classes (Harris)
 1:30 pm Acting for Kids (Harris)
 7:15 pm Royal Scottish Country Dancing (Widener)

NEXT WEEK AT PCCH**SUNDAY, MARCH 25**

9:00 am Gallery Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 10:15 am Church School (Strouse)
 11:30 am 2nd Hour All Church Brunch (Widener)
 11:30 am APNC Meeting (Harris)
 5:00 pm Jr./Sr. High Fellowship (Youth Room)
 6:00 pm Dinner Church (Chapel)

PALM SUNDAY**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21**

10:00 am Tai Chi Level I (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, MARCH 22

9:00 am PCCH Bridge Group (Room 1&2)
 9:00 am Pilates (Room 3&4)
 9:00 am Qigong (Harris)
 10:00 am Bridge Game (Room 5)
 11:00 am An Hour of Poetry (Harris)
 1:00 pm Individual Medicare Counseling (Room 1&2)
 1:30 pm Learning to Look at Landscapes (Harris)
 1:30 pm Plastic Mats for the Homeless (Widener)
 2:30 pm Using Your Apple Device (Room 1&2)
 4:00 pm Zumba Gold in a Chair (Room 3&4)

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

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

THIS WEEK AT CENTER ON THE HILL**MONDAY, MARCH 19**

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 AARP Smart Driver Course (Harris)
 2:00 pm Qigong Class (Room 3&4)
 2:15 pm Gentle Therapeutic Yoga (Harris)
 2:30 pm French Conversation (Room 1&2)

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

9:30 am Watercolor Class (Room 1&2)
 12:30 pm AARP Smart Driver Course (Harris)
 1:30 pm Singing & Dancing to Oldies (Room 3&4)