

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
May 13, 2018**

CHURCH SCHOOL AT A GLANCE

5/13/2018	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	Linnea Johnson and Brenda Phillips	Godly Play
Kindergarten-Grade 1	Room 205	Steve Bishop and Barbara Olson	Jesus Goes Back to Heaven
Grade 2-3	Room 208	Lisa Burns and Lexi Clement	Jesus Goes Back to Heaven
Grade 4-5	Room 209	Beth Lutz and Nicole Huertgen	Jesus Goes Back to Heaven
Grade 6-7	Youth Room	Brian Russo	James

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

JR. HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, May 13: Mother's Day – No Youth Group

Sunday, May 20: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm: Regular Youth Fellowship in Strouse

Sunday, May 27: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm: Basketball Game after worship in the Parking Lot

Sunday, June 3: 5:00 – 7:00 pm: End of Year Party in Strouse

SR. HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, May 13: Mother's Day – No Youth Group

Sunday, May 20: 4:00 – 8:00 pm: Escape the Room in Doylestown with Dinner

Sunday, May 27: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm: Basketball Game after worship in the Parking Lot

Sunday, June 3, 11:30 am – 12:45 pm: Theology and Pretzels at Iron Hill Brewery

Sunday, June 3: 5:00 – 7:00 pm: End of Year Party in Strouse



PCCCH PRESCHOOL CAMP

For children ages 3-5

May 29 – June 15

9:00 am – 11:30 am

Children participate in outdoor games, camp songs and creative art projects.

Snack and supplies are provided.

5 days per week \$600

3 days per week \$360

2 days per week \$240

After care is available until 1:00 pm for an additional \$10 per day.

For more information contact the Preschool at 215-247-8865 or

check out the Preschool website at preschool@chestnuthillpres.org

ANNOUNCEMENT OF A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Dear Members of PCCH,

There will be a congregational meeting following worship on May 20, 2018 with two important votes affecting the future of our church. In advance of the meeting, we wanted to provide you with information so that you will make every effort to be present and prayerfully consider your vote.

First, as you may recall, we elected an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee at the last meeting of the congregation in February 2018 for the purpose of searching for an Associate Pastor for Youth and Senior Adults. We are pleased to announce that this search has been concluded and our nominee has been approved by the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery. The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee is thrilled to nominate Brian Russo to be our Associate Minister for Youth and Senior Adult Ministry. As Brian is well-known to all of us through his ministry with us over the last ten years, a formal introduction is not required. The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee will be at the meeting if you have questions regarding this process or our selection. At the meeting, we will nominate Brian and the congregation will decide whether or not to call him to be our Associate Minister.

Second, we are continuing to move forward as we begin the process of finding a new head of staff because of Cindy's retirement. The Mission Study Committee has asked the congregation to reflect on who we are as a church and where we would like to go in the future through the CAT survey. The Mission Study Committee is expected to submit its report by early summer. While this work continues, the Session has decided that it is best for the congregation to elect the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) before everyone scatters for the summer. The Nominating Committee, made up of representatives from the session, the deacons and the congregation at large, will place in nomination the names of members who are representative of the whole congregation and who have particular gifts for this important responsibility. Those names will be presented to the congregation at the May 20th congregational meeting where you will be invited to vote. It should be noted that until the Mission Study Report is submitted, the elected PNC will only engage in activities related to their internal organization and orientation to the pastoral search process. Members of the Nominating Committee and the Session will be present at the meeting if you have questions regarding this process.

Please join us on May 20th as we continue charting our future as a church.

Sincerely,

Melissa Montgomery, Chair Associate Pastor Nominating Committee
Kristin Lawton, Chair Nominating Committee
Amy Raphael, Chair Mission Study Committee

HOW YOU CAN HELP

OUR BROTHER'S PLACE

Next Sloppy Joe Pick-up Date is Monday, June 4

THANK YOU TO ALL MEMBERS WHO MADE EXTRA SLOPPY JOES FOR OUR SHORTAGE EMERGENCY THIS MONTH.

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 last 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, May 19 (Prep and Serve), and Saturday, June 9 (Prep and Serve).

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 (bethnellvaccaro@gmail.com).

1ST ANNUAL WEST KENSINGTON MINISTRY (WKM) GOLF OUTING

Monday, June 18, 1:30 p.m. (Sign-In/Lunch starting at noon), Jeffersonville Golf Club

Please join us for this scramble format fun-filled afternoon at a Donald Ross Course and Top 10 PA Public Course. All proceeds benefit WKM. \$150 per player includes: lunch, greens fees, cart, prizes, and post-tournament reception. Sponsorship opportunities also available; please see the flyer on the bulletin board outside the church office. To register, go to www.westkensingtonministry.com. Click on "Golf Outing," at the top right of the home page. For more information, contact Michael Sebright at msebright@evolvebuild.com.

THE CHURCH GATHERED

TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER NIGHT

Friday, May 18, 7:30 pm, Home of Becky and Graeme Frazier, 2176 Harts Lane, Conshohocken 19428

Join us for the third of the season round of PCCH Texas Hold'em Poker! Once again, all money raised will go directly to the Youth Mission Trip 2018. Please RSVP to Brian Russo (brusso@chestnuthillpres.org) or Becky Frazier (frazierbeck@gmail.com).

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday, May 15, 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.

THE CHURCH SENT OUT

HEEDING GOD'S CALL – DEMAND THE BAN – MAKE SEMI-AUTOMATIC ASSAULT WEAPONS ILLEGAL NATIONWIDE

Wednesday, May 16, 10:00 am, Gather at Old First Reformed Church of Christ, 151 N. 4th Street, Philadelphia; 11:00 am Procession to Senator Toomey's Office; 11:30 am Permitted Rally at Senator Toomey Office demanding his co-sponsorship of Assault Weapons Ban of 2017.
For more information or to register: www.demandtheban.org

WITH OUR NEIGHBORS

COMING TO THE TABLE: CONVERSATIONS ON RACE

Saturday, May 19, 9:30 am – 12:00 noon, First Presbyterian Church of Germantown, 35 W. Cheltenham Avenue, 19144

The Northwest Region of the Presbytery is launching a "Coming to the Table" group, using a protocol developed by Coming to the Table (www.comingtothetable.org), a nation-wide organization dedicated to acknowledging and healing the wounds of racism through creating a space where participants feel safe enough, and motivated, to do the work. CTTT led a workshop for the Presbytery in January that was enthusiastically received. Facilitators trained by CTTT will lead us in monthly conversations to deepen our understanding of racism, strengthen community and equip us for action. 9:30-10:00 am will be coffee, registration and fellowship; the program begins promptly at 10:00 am. Call or email Cheryl Pynch (cpynch@summitpres.net or call 215-438-2825) for more information. All are welcome!

TEMPESTA DI MARE CONCERT

Sunday, May 20, 4:00 pm, St. Martin-in-the-Fields

(Location change due to conflict with Pa. Girlchoir Concert at PCCH at 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm on this date. Any questions, please contact the church office. Thank you.)

A joyful Bach birthday cantata "Schleicht, spielende Wellen," whose four soloists each personify a river to acclaim the good they bring to the festive accompaniment of the orchestra, plus the modern premier of Telemann's *Miserere*, written for another great river city: Frankfurt am Main. With Laura Heimes, Meg Bragle, Aaron Sheehan and Randall Scarlata. For tickets or more information 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

A POSITIVE APPROACH TO PROVIDING CARE FOR YOUR LOVED ONE

Tuesday, May 15, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm, Free (Please RSVP for this program.)

Please join us for a supportive and engaging seminar by Senior Helpers (a home care agency located in Chestnut Hill) and The Lutheran Settlement House. This program will include: Education on *Senior Helper's* "Senior Gems" (Understanding Alzheimer's for Caregivers); Caregiver tips on Parkinson's; Leeza Gibbon's *Senior Helper's* Caregiving Tips; A Q&A with Geriatric Social Workers Sarina Issenberg and Robin Gallagher; and Educational information to bring home. *Senior Helpers'* caregivers will also be providing care for those who would like to bring their loved ones to the presentation. Light refreshments will be served.

WHAT IS THE "QIGONG" THING? (Pronounced Chee-Gung)

Tuesday, May 15, 2:30 pm– 3:30 pm, Free

Come to this free class and find out for yourself. Michael McCormack, the Qigong instructor at the Center on the Hill, teaches this ancient Chinese art that promotes good health by moving Chi, life energy, through the body by use of smooth, slow movements. It is appropriate for all ages and movements can be done standing or seated.

NUTRITION AND BRAIN HEALTH

Thursday, May 17, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, \$5 per person

As we age, maintaining brain health is critical to vitality and longevity. Nutrition plays a key role in lowering risk of dementia, Alzheimer's Disease and other neuro-degenerative diseases. In this class, we will learn some foods that can improve brain function and we'll also discuss the importance of glycemic control, antioxidants and exercise.

ART AS MEDITATION

Monday, May 21, 1:00 pm– 3:00 pm, \$25 (minimum of seven participants) Please bring your own pencils and drawing pad.

Through the practice of a basic drawing exercise, students will compare the letting go of their thoughts about a subject to the letting go of their thoughts while meditating. While moving between drawing and guided meditation, each exercise enhances the other. Pencil and drawing pads are the only materials necessary. This workshop is a lesson in learning to see, combined with a series of guided meditations. Learn to focus on a subject and observe things you've never noticed before. Discover how drawing can actually be a form of meditation, and how meditating can enhance your observational skills. No previous experience in either subject is required.

TRANSFORMING PLASTIC BAGS INTO SLEEPING MATS FOR THE HOMELESS

Thursdays, May 17 and 24, 1:30pm – 3:30pm, Free

Please join us as we continue our work on transforming plastic grocery bags into sleeping mats for the homeless of Philadelphia. These mats provide needed extra cushion and a moisture barrier to make life on the streets a bit more bearable. Leigh Munro, one of our Center on the Hill

instructors, 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.

LEGACY AND ESTATE PLANNING

Tuesday, May 22, 10:30 am- 11:30 am, Free

Kyle Cunningham, Certified Retirement Income Professional, works with clients to ensure they have optimized their legacy planning. With taxes in mind, and the numerous financial products that exist, finding and implementing the right plan can be overwhelming and challenging to say the least. Kyle will show us how to simplify this process and ensure that all leave the workshop with good insights into tax-effective legacy and estate planning. He will cover topics from Medicare and long-term care insurance planning to tax-effective strategies to pass and protect wealth. There will also be time for questions.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

7:00 am Rotary (Widener)
 10:30 am Mysticism Discussion (Reception Room)
 11:00 am Bible Study (Harris)
 4:30 pm Martha Agate Yoga Group (Harris)
 5:30 pm Girlchoir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
 8:00 pm Summit Group (Room 3&4)

THURSDAY, MAY 17

9:00 am Clergy Consult Group (Reception Room)
 6:00 pm Penn Mindfulness (Chapel)
 6:30 pm Cub Scouts (Widener)
 7:30 pm Boy Scouts (Widener)

FRIDAY, MAY 18

8:00 am – 5:00 pm Whites Confronting Racism Group (Melcher)
 9:00 am Organ Practice (Sanctuary)
 7:30 pm Texas Hold'em Poker Night (Frazier's Home)

SATURDAY, MAY 19

9:00 am Girlchoir Rehearsal (Sanctuary/Choir Room)
 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Whites Confronting Racism Group (Melcher)
 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm Crossing Board Meeting (Room 1&2)
 1:30 pm Acting for Children Class (Harris)

THIS WEEK AT PCCH

SUNDAY, MAY 13

9:00 am Gallery Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) **MOTHER'S DAY**
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 10:15 am Church School (Strouse)
 11:00 am Church School Sings (Chapel)
 11:15 am Fellowship (Widener)

MONDAY, MAY 14

11:00 am Piffaro Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 4:30 pm Girlchoir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
 6:15 pm Yoga (Melcher)
 6:30 pm Girlchoir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
 7:00 pm PhiloMusica (Widener)

TUESDAY, MAY 15

10:00 am Circle 4 (Reception Room)
 6:30 pm CY Finance Meeting (Harris)
 6:30 pm Girlchoir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 7:00 pm Data Analysis MALT Class (Room 5)
 7:00 pm PhiloMusica (Widener)
 7:15 pm Royal Scottish Country Dancers (Chapel)
 7:30 pm Theology on Tap (Campbell's Place)

NEXT WEEK AT PCCH

SUNDAY, MAY 20

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 Meeting of the Congregation (Sanctuary)
 11:30 pm Jr. High Fellowship (Youth Room)
 11:45 am Church School Teacher Appreciate High Coffee (Widener)
 3:00 pm/6:00 pm Girlchoir Spring Concerts and Reception (Sanctuary/Widener)
 4:00 pm Sr. High Escape the Room in Doylestown

THIS WEEK AT CENTER ON THE HILL

MONDAY, MAY 14

9:30 am Sketching and Drawing Class (Room 1&2)
 10:00 am Strengthen Your Voice Level I (Choir Room)
 11:00 am Basic Knitting (Room 5)
 12:30 pm Bridge Game (Room 5)
 2:00 pm Qigong Class (Room 3&4)
 2:15 pm Gentle Therapeutic Yoga (Harris)
 2:30 pm French Conversation (Room 1&2)

TUESDAY, MAY 15

9:30 am Watercolor Class (Room 1&2)
 10:00 am Intro to Computers (Room 5)
 12:00 pm A Positive Approach to Providing Care (Harris)
 2:30 pm What is this Qigong Thing? (Widener)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

9:00 am COTH Trip to Princeton Museum
 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)
 1:00 pm Wednesday Writing Group (Reception Room)

THURSDAY, MAY 17

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)
 10:30 am Meditation with Lama Coulter (Harris)
 11:00 am Nutrition and Brain Health (Harris)
 1:00 pm Individual Medicare Counseling (Room 1&2)
 1:30 pm Plastic Mats for the Homeless (Widener)
 2:00 pm Buddhist Philosophy and Ethics (Harris)
 5:00 pm Zumba Gold in a Chair (Room 3&4)

FRIDAY, MAY 18

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)

2018 Operating Fund Summary

The Budget & Actual Financial Standing: April 30, 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	\$268,155	(\$60,501)
NOTE: Current Member 2018 Pledges	\$692,964	\$230,988	(57,793)
NOTE: Plate Offering (Annual Pledges & Offerings)	\$27,000	\$13,063	\$4,063
Endowment Draws (Our Invested Funds Available)	\$120,162	\$32,628	\$20
Other Sources of Funds	\$107,400	\$39,400	(\$280)
Our Total Sources of Funds	\$979,120	\$340,183	(\$60,761)
Our Expenses & Mission Outreach (This is How We Use the Funds)	\$979,120	\$327,972	\$1,276
DIFFERENCE	\$0	\$13,487	(\$48,550) (\$62,037)

- > For 2017, we were behind in pledge collections by ~ \$56,000
- > Year-to-Date, we were behind in pledge collections by: (57,793)
- > 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.