

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 20, 2018

CHURCH SCHOOL AT A GLANCE

5/20/2018	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	Sara Eastman and Micah Shelley	Godly Play
Kindergarten-Grade 1	Room 205	Allison DeCaro and Rebecca DePasquale	God Sends the Holy Spirit
Grade 2-3	Room 208	Austin Shelley and Sarah Wright	God Sends the Holy Spirit
Grade 4-5	Room 209	Alison and Matt Abernethy	God Sends the Holy Spirit
Grade 6-7	STAY	IN	WORSHIP

**CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION HIGH COFFEE WILL FOLLOW
THE MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION TODAY.
ALL ARE WELCOME IN WIDENER HALL.**

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

JR. HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

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 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



PCCH 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

SAVE THE DATE: YMGA CAMP (YOGA, MUSIC, GARDEN AND ART CAMP)

Monday, August 20 thru Friday, August 24, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Coming Soon: Details regarding registration and additional camp information!

ANNOUNCEMENT OF A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Dear Members of PCCH,

There will be a congregational meeting following worship **TODAY** 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

PIHN BUDDYING WEEK 2018 NEEDS YOU!

Week of June 3-9 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Once again our congregation joins with St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Our Mother of Consolation Parish to support three homeless families who are guests of Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network's (PIHN) emergency shelter program. The families live at St. Paul's for four weeks in May-June.

During the week of June 3rd to 9th, our congregation will provide "buddying" support to the host (St. Paul's) by cooking, serving, and sharing in dinners with the families each weeknight; and staying overnight in case an extra adult is needed.

Volunteers are still needed to cook meals; to serve and share in the meals with the families; and to stay overnight. We can partner you with an experienced volunteer if this is your first time and you'd like that; we split up responsibilities but also welcome someone who wants to cook and serve, or serve and stay overnight.

Participation of "buddying congregations" is so critical to PIHN's work. And as a volunteer, it is so much easier than you might think!

Please contact Emily Camp-Landis to sign up or with any questions. She is happy to help you make the most of this experience. [215-208-6268](tel:215-208-6268) or camplandis120@yahoo.com (signup is also available through a Signup Genius online - search for Emily's email address at [signupgenius.com](https://www.signupgenius.com) or <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ba8ad2aaaf94-pcchs>)

Thank you for supporting our mission partner, PIHN!

GERMANTOWN AVENUE CRISIS MINISTRY: Next collection date is Sunday, June 3.

PCCH has been a long-time supporter of Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry, not only through financial donations but also via volunteerism, holiday gift basket drives, and monthly donations to their food cupboard. We collect food cupboard donations the **first Sunday of each month** at the end of worship.

Each week, The GACM food cupboard supplies 50 - 60 households with packages that include both fresh and non-perishable foods. Using prescribed products and quantities, clients are invited into the cupboard to choose the items they need. Packages supply food for 3 days and may be received once within a 30-day period.

The goal is to provide food products with which families can provide complete meals; to this end, we will be asking our families to donate a pair of complementary items to help restock the cupboard. This month, the items are **peanut butter and jelly** (preferably in plastic jars) with which families can make sandwiches for school lunches. Each month, the Social Witness Committee, in conjunction with GACM, will let you know about the "pick-a-pair" items for that month. **Thank you again for your continuing support!**

OUR BROTHER'S PLACE

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

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 date is 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).

THE CHURCH GATHERED

ANNUAL SPRING PICNIC

Sunday, June 3, 11:30 am on the Front Lawn or Widener Hall

Join us for our Annual Spring Picnic on the church lawn outside or in Widener Hall immediately following worship. Hotdogs, hamburgers, beverages, and dessert will be provided. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office to sign up for a side dish provided by you! A donation is requested: \$5 for adults, \$2 for kids. Come and enjoy the fellowship and fun! There is also a sign-up sheet for set-up and clean-up. We could use six volunteers before and after to help the Hospitality Committee. Thank you!

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.

WITH OUR NEIGHBORS

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

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 to tax-effective strategies to pass and protect wealth.

MEDITATION WITH LAMA COULTER

Thursdays (ongoing), 10:30 am – 12:00 pm, \$40 for four sessions; \$12 for walk-ins

Lama Coulter will present traditional methods to help us recognize our innate wisdom and love, to restore compassion and joy in the midst of these tumultuous times. These sessions will be collaborative, allowing time for questions and answers, as well as guided meditations. We will focus on clarifying and deepening the essential practice of looking at our mind while letting go of thoughts. We will emerge from meditation to life itself - enthusiastic and at peace. Then our thoughts, speech and action can better benefit ourselves and the environment around us.

TRANSFORMING PLASTIC BAGS INTO SLEEPING MATS FOR THE HOMELESS

Thursday, May 24, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm, 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, will 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.

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING

Fridays, start at any time, 1:00 pm –2:30 pm, \$60 for ten sessions, \$7 per session at the door. Your first visit is free. (No registration required, just come and dance.)

Start your weekend right! Enjoy learning folk dances from the Balkans, Greece, France, the British Isles, and beyond. No partner is needed, as most dances are done in lines and circles. There is always a mix of teaching and "just dancing" and it's a great place for beginners to pick up the basics in a super friendly group. Ask us about our special pre-session class from 12:30 pm-1:00 pm.

THIS 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 Concert and Reception (Sanctuary/Widener)
4:00 pm	Sr. High Escape the Room in Doylestown

MONDAY, MAY 21

4:30 pm	Girlchoir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
6:00 pm	Mission Study Meeting (Harris)
6:15 pm	Yoga (Melcher)
6:30 pm	Girlchoir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
7:00 pm	PhiloMusica (Widener)
7:30 pm	Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (Chapel)

TUESDAY, MAY 22

7:15 pm	Royal Scottish Country Dancers (Chapel)
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

7:00 am	Rotary (Widener)
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 24

6:00 pm	Penn Mindfulness (Chapel)
6:30 pm	Cub Scouts (Widener)
7:00 pm	Scouts Board of Review (Room 1&2)
7:00 pm	MALT WordPress Class (Room 5)
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts (Widener)
7:45 pm	Gallery Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

FRIDAY, MAY 25

9:00 am	Organ Practice (Sanctuary)
11:00 am	PreSchool Graduation/Luncheon (Widener)

SATURDAY, MAY 26

9:00 am	Girlchoir Rehearsal (Sanctuary/Choir Room)
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NEXT WEEK AT PCCH

SUNDAY, MAY 27

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 pm	Jr. & Sr. High Basketball Game (Parking Lot)
3:00 pm	Royal Scottish Country Dancing (Widener)

THIS WEEK AT CENTER ON THE HILL

MONDAY, MAY 21

9:30 am Sketching and Drawing Class (Room 1&2)
 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 22

9:30 am Watercolor Class (Room 1&2)
 10:00 am Intro to Computers (Room 5)
 10:30 am Legacy and Estate Planning (Harris)
 7:00 pm Well Spouse Support Group (Room 1&2)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

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 How to Use Your Android Phone (Harris)
 2:30 pm Golden Yoga (Harris)

THURSDAY, MAY 24

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)
 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)

FRIDAY, MAY 25

9:30 am Yoga with Attitude (Harris)
 10:00 am Scrabble (Room 5)
 11:00 am Private Mah Jongg Group (Room 1&2)
 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)

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	\$9,000	\$4,063
Endowment Draws (Our Invested Funds Available)	\$120,162	\$32,628	\$32,648
Other Sources of Funds	\$107,400	\$39,400	\$39,120
Our Total Sources of Funds	\$979,120	\$340,183	\$279,422
Our Expenses & Mission Outreach (This is How We Use the Funds)	\$979,120	\$326,696	\$327,972
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.