

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 Summer 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.

Drivers Needed for Sanctuary Children at FUMCOG

As most of you know via the media, the First United Methodist Church of Germantown is housing two families seeking refuge in this country. They have an immediate need for drivers who can take three of the children to and from school on one of three days: Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. The school is about two miles from the church. Obviously there are details to be worked out so that the children and parents meet you and so that the school knows you are authorized adults know to the families and children.

If you are interested, please see Cindy after worship or email her at cjarvis@chestnuthillpres.org

Narthex News

September 23, 2018

CHURCH SCHOOL AT A GLANCE

| 9/23/2018 | Room | Teacher | Topic |
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| Birth - 2 Year Olds | Room 101 | Ms. Debbie and Ms. James | God's Care |
| Pre-K (3-4 Year Olds) | Room 211 | Sharyn Walker | Godly Play |
| Kindergarten-Grade 2 | Room 205 | Steve Bishop | Jesus Teaches About First and Last |
| Grade 3-Grade 5 | Room 208 | Lisa Burns | Jesus Teaches About First and Last |
| Grade 6-7 | Youth Room | Brian Russo | Genesis 2: A Second Creation Account |

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

JR. HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, September 23: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Joint Youth Group: pizza and capture the flag

Sunday, October 7: 11:30 am – 2:00 pm: Joint Youth Group: Laser-Tag at Ultrazone

Sunday, October 14: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm: Art Day (painting on mini-canvases)

SR. HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, September 23: 11:45 am – 12:45 pm: Theology and Pretzels: Brunch at Iron Hill

Sunday, September 23: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Joint Youth Group: pizza capture the flag

Sunday, September 30: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm: Service Project: Habitat for Humanity
(Framing Day on our Church Lawn)

Sunday, October 7: 11:30 am – 2:00 pm: Joint Youth Group: Laser-Tag at Ultrazone

Sunday, October 14: No High School Youth Fellowship

PCCH CHURCH LIFE EVENTS

FALL FAMILY HIKE

Saturday, September 29, gather early after at the church parking lot

We will caravan off for a family (and dog)-friendly hike led by Steve Bishop. The location is to be determined, but it will surely be close to a post-hike ice cream stop! See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office.

CHESTNUT HILL FALL FOR THE ARTS

Sunday, September 30

PCCH will once again host a booth for The Arts Festival. This has always been a great opportunity for us to be visible and to promote the church, the Center on the Hill, the PreSchool, and the life and liveliness behind all we do here at PCCH! **We are in need of volunteers for an hour (or more!) slot at the booth** – it's easy, it's fun, and the people-watching is great! The Festival runs from 11 am – 5 pm, and you can sign up early to get the time slot you want by e-mailing jeffpodraza@gmail.com. We'll send out instructions and information before the event.

RUSSIAN DINNER AT LANJERON RESTAURANT

Saturday, October 13

Plan to join us for 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 live entertainment - an evening of fun for all! We have a reservation for a group of 25 (currently we have 20 on the list, so only 5 slots remain) - 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. Please see the sign-up sheet on the office bulletin board.

A list of upcoming events planned by the Church Life Committee can be found on all bulletin boards in the church.

THE CHURCH GATHERED

SECOND HOUR @ PCCH

Sunday, September 23, 11:30 am, Reception Room

Leaving Home Part II

While we celebrate coming home to the places where we live after a summer vacation or coming home to the church after a season away, the United Nations Refugee Agency reports that there are 68.5 million people who have been forced to leave their homes this year, more than any other since World War II. The majority remain homeless in their own countries but 25.4 million have fled to other countries as refugees. How are people of faith responding to this crisis? The Adult Education Committee invites you to a conversation with HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society), one of the few faith-based agencies to survive in the face of our nation's attitude toward refugees.

Sunday, September 30, 8:00 am, Front Lawn

Constructing Homes

The morning will begin at 8:00 am as Habitat for Humanity and PCCH members begin to frame a home on our church's front lawn. Construction will cease for worship and then continue into the afternoon. This continues the Session's commitment to use our front lawn as a part of our church's witness. For those not so inclined to pick up a hammer, there will be a class after worship led by staff members from Habitat in Philadelphia.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

GERMANTOWN AVENUE CRISIS MINISTRY: Next collection date is Sunday, October 7.

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 canned beans and rice.** 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!

THE CHURCH SENT OUT

OUR BROTHER'S PLACE

Next Sloppy Joe Pick-up Date is Monday, September 24

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 for Prep only is Saturday, September 29

Mark your calendar for future dates (all include prep and serve): Saturday, October 27, Saturday, November 10 and Saturday, December 15.

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).

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

BASIC KNITTING FOR BEGINNERS

Mondays, September 24 – November 12, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm, \$40 or \$5 per session (supplies NOT included), Maximum of five students.

Have you always wanted to learn to knit but didn't know where to start? Or tried to knit but found that the written instructions were just too hard to follow? Or knitted years ago and need a little refresher? Then this workshop is for you! Please join Diane Villiers, a knitter for over thirty years, as she provides one-on-one instruction on basic knitting techniques as you work on a key-hole scarf. Supplies are not included. Students should bring to class: size 7 straight knitting needles or a short circular needle and Worsted weight yarn in a plain, light color.

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

Tuesday, September 25, 12:00pm, \$9. Please pay at the door.

To register, call Leslie Lefer, 215-247-4654, or email llefer@chestnuthillpres.org. **IMPORTANT: REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER 10AM MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 OR THE DAY OF THE LUNCH, WILL BE CHARGED \$12.**

Where else in the community can you go for lunch where you'll see both familiar and new faces, where the atmosphere is relaxed and welcoming, where the food is consistently good and served by a wonderful corps of volunteers, where you can stay as long as you like, and where it only costs you nine dollars? Our large room is full of round tables, which are simply decorated and set with white linens and real dishes. Join us at the ever popular Community Luncheon. We'd love to see you there!

VIVA VERDI

Tuesday, September 25 and Thursday, October 4, 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm, \$10 each session (theater ticket not included)

Love, lust, jealousy amid the pyramids of ancient Egypt. What could be more entertaining? Perhaps the fascinating life story of the composer, Giuseppe Verdi, Italy's most famous opera composer of the Romantic Period. Peasant, patriot, parliamentarian and musical revolutionary, his melodies and characters reflected the passions and desires of his audiences then and continue to do so today. In his visionary greatness, he, like Shakespeare, shared his humanistic philosophy and compassion for mankind. We'll also examine the melodic beauty and imaginative orchestration he used in creating AIDA, one of the world's most popular operas. Despite its palaces and triumphal marches, it is the most intimate of all 'grand operas,' perfectly balancing objective descriptions and subjective feelings with the furious vitality of his music. Both in its spectacular and intimate aspects, AIDA is a triumph of his creative imagination.

The group will see this masterpiece on Wednesday, October 10 at Plymouth Meeting's showing of the Met's Live in HD presentation a 1pm or 6:30pm. (Ticketing information will be provided.) In perhaps the greatest of Verdi's mezzo-soprano roles, Amneris, will be the exciting, new Russian superstar, Anita Rachvelishvili. A remarkable young talent and wonderful Facebook friend.

HEALTHY AGING THROUGH BETTER HEARING

Thursday, September 27, 10:30 am – 11:30 am, Free

Hearing loss is the third most common chronic condition in older adulthood yet many people leave it untreated. Find out how hearing supports all aspects of health and how properly selected technology can improve your quality of life. Light refreshments will be served.

INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED ITALIAN

Mondays, October 1 – December 3, 10:30 am – 11:30 am, \$70 for eight sessions.

Maximum of ten students.

This course is designed for those who have studied Italian beyond the Beginner level and would like to practice speaking Italian in a conversational setting. We will focus on pronunciation, building vocabulary, listening comprehension and group discussion. Classes will be conducted exclusively in Italian. Required textbook for this course: Practice Makes Perfect: Italian Reading and Comprehension by Riccarda Saggese. This book is available on Amazon.

WITH OUR NEIGHBORS

GERMANTOWN AVENUE CRISIS MINISTRY 21ST ANNIVERSARY GALA

Fridy, September 28, 6:00 pm, First Presbyterian Church in Germantown

You are invited for an exciting evening featuring a great buffet, a live performance by the Keystone Boychoir and the Pennsylvania Girlchoir, and a special presentation on the life of acclaimed television host Fred Rogers. In addition, the festivities include a Good Neighbor auction to support items such as Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. Register at www.crisisministry.org.

MY PLACE GERMANTOWN'S TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, September 29, doors open at 6:00 pm, Widener Hall, \$40 before September 1, otherwise, \$50.

You are invited to the annual fundraiser to support the mission of My Place Germantown. A casual evening of fun, laughter and a chance to show off how much you know, or do not know! Trivia competition will be played in teams of eight. If you don't have enough to fill your table, you will be seated with others to complete a table. This event is for adults 21 and over. The evening includes a dessert buffet and it is BYOB. In addition to the trivia game, there will be a raffle of gift certificates, gift cards, and more from local restaurants, hotels, theaters, and golf courses. The raffle will be open from 6-7 pm and during the dessert break. Registration forms are available in the church office.

THE BIG GIVE – CRADLES TO CRAYONS AND PECO

Saturday, September 29, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Drop off your donations of: **new and gently used children's clothes, shoes and winter boots, winter coats, hats and gloves, new school supplies, diapers, books, and nursery items.** For a list of donation guidelines and convenient drop-off locations near you, please visit: cradlestocrayons.org/Philadelphia/big-give/ or donations can be dropped off at Cradles to Crayons

Warehouse in West Conshohocken, or they have a local drop off site at the YMCA facility in Roxborough.

PIHN'S "THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME" 5 K WALK/RUN

Sunday, October 14, on the Grounds of Fairmount Park near the Please Touch Museum,

8:00 am – 11:00 am

This is an Oz themed event with special prizes for walkers, runners and pets in costume. If you have little ones, you can make a day of it and stop into the Please Touch Museum. So, grab your Ruby Sneakers, support PIHN and join in the fun. For more information please go to www.philashelter.org and to register go to <https://pihn5k.greatfeats.com>. All participants receive a T-shirt and a "finishers metal." Thank you for supporting families experiencing homelessness with safe, child-friendly shelter.

THIS WEEK AT PCCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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| 9:00 am | Gallery Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) |
| 10:00 am | Worship (Sanctuary) |
| 10:15 am | Church School (Strouse) |
| 11:15 am | Fellowship (Widener) |
| 11:30 am | 2 nd Hour at PCCH (Reception Room) |
| 11:45 am | Theology and Pretzels (Iron Hill Brewery) |
| 5:00 pm | Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group (Strouse) |

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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| 3:30 pm | Girlchoir Rehearsal (Room 3&4) |
| 4:00 pm | Girlchoir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary) |
| 6:15 pm | Yoga (Melcher) |
| 7:00 pm | Philomusica Rehearsal (Widener) |
| 7:00 pm | Mostly Waltz (Chapel) |
| 7:00 pm | Pastor Nominating Committee (Harris) |

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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| 9:00 am | Organ Practice (Sanctuary) |
| 12:00 pm | Community Luncheon (Widener) |
| 6:00 pm | Girlchoir Rehearsal (Choir Room) |
| 7:00 pm | Well Spouse Support Group (Room 1&2) |
| 7:15 pm | Royal Scottish Country Dancers (Chapel) |

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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| 7:15 am | Rotary (Widener) |
| 11:00 am | Bible Study (Harris) |
| 5:30 pm | Girlchoir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary) |
| 8:00 pm | Summit Group (Room 3&4) |

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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| 9:00 am | Organ Practice (Sanctuary) |
| 9:30 am | Music Monkeys (Chapel) |
| 9:30 am | Outdoor Gardeners Board (Melcher) |
| 12:00 pm | Crossing Rehearsal (Sanctuary) |
| 5:00 pm | Penn Mindfulness (Chapel) |
| 6:30 pm | Cub Scouts (Widener) |
| 7:00 pm | Adictango (Room 3&4) |
| 7:00 pm | Scout Board of Review (Harris) |
| 7:00 pm | MALT Web Graphics Class (Room 5) |
| 7:30 pm | Boy Scouts (Room 1&2) |
| 7:45 pm | Gallery Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) |

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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| 9:00 am | Organ Practice (Sanctuary) |
| 9:30 am | Music Monkeys (Chapel) |

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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| am | Family Hike Day (Meet in Parking Lot) |
| 8:00 am | Girlchoir Rehearsal (Sanctuary/Chapel/ Widener/Choir Room/Room 3&4) |
| 12:30 pm | Acting for Children 4-7 (Harris) |
| 1:30 pm | Acting for Children 8-12 (Harris) |
| 5:00 pm | My Place Germantown Event (Widener) |

NEXT WEEK AT PCCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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| 8:30 AM | FALL FOR THE ARTS FESTIVAL |
| 9:00 am | Habitat for Humanity Event (Front Lawn) |
| 10:00 am | Gallery Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) |
| 10:15 am | Worship (Sanctuary) |
| 11:15 am | Church School (Strouse) |
| 11:30 am | Fellowship (Widener) |
| 1:30 pm | 2 nd Hour at PCCH (Front Lawn) |
| | Mostly Waltz (Widener/Room 3&4) |

THIS WEEK AT CENTER ON THE HILL

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:30 am Sketching and Drawing Class (Room 1&2)
12:00 pm Basic Knitting for Beginners (Room 1&2)
12:30 pm Bridge Play (Room 5)
2:00 pm Qigong (Room 3&4)
2:15 pm Gentle Yoga (Harris)
2:30 pm French Conversation (Room 1&2)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9:30 am Watercolor Workshop (Room 1&2)
10:00 am Intro to Computers (Room 5)
10:30 am Balance and Fall Prevention (Harris)
1:00 pm Writing Your Life Story (Room 1&2)
2:30 pm Viva Verdi (Harris)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

9:00 am COTH Trip to Laurel Hill Cemetery
10:00 am Tai Chi Chuan (Room 3&4)
11:30 am Bridge Game (Room 1&2)
12:00 pm Diabetes Workshop (Room 5)
1:00 pm Basics of Your Android Phone (Harris)
2:30 pm Golden Yoga (Harris)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:00 am PCCH Bridge Group (Room 1&2)
9:00 am Qigong (Harris)
10:00 am Bridge Game (Room 5)
10:30 am Healthy Aging & Better Hearing (Harris)
1:00 pm Individual Medicare Counseling (Room 1&2)
1:30 pm Transforming Plastic Bags to Mats (Widener)
4:00 pm Zumba Gold in a Chair (Room 3&4)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9:30 am Yoga with Attitude (Harris)
10:00 am Scrabble (Room 5)
10:00 am Strengthen Your Voice I (Widener)
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)