

**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.



# Christmas Flowers

A Meaningful Way to  
Remember Loved Ones

On Sunday December 23 and on Christmas Eve the sanctuary will be overflowing with beautiful flowers and greens of the season in celebration of Christ’s birth. By donating to the Christmas Flower Fund, you can remember your loved ones as always. You can also highlight a special family event like a birth or anniversary, or give to the Flower Fund in thanksgiving for a special person, for grandchildren, or in honor of programs you love about our church (for example Music and the Arts, The Mission Trip, or Center on the Hill. ) Names of those being honored will be listed in the Christmas Flower Sunday bulletin (12/23/18), the Christmas Eve bulletin (12/24/18) and the Sunday after Christmas bulletin (12/30/18).

**Please submit your names to the church office by  
Wednesday, December 12.**

Your dedication is...

- In honor of \_\_\_\_\_
- In thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_
- In celebration of \_\_\_\_\_
- In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Donated \_\_\_\_\_

In the past we have suggested a donation of \$25 for those wishing to remember a loved one on these Sundays. That amount is not covering our cost. Rather than simply raising the suggested amount, we are trusting your generosity as well as hoping that more in the congregation will take this occasion to lift up someone or some ministry that has been important to them.

**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Conversations with Cindy

*Emails and hard copy mailings have gone out offering approximately one day per month to gather at the home of a church member to reflect on “all the experiences we have shared, the journeys together, the collaborations, births and deaths....” For newer members, the experiences include the last year or two of their lives; others will remember as far back as Cindy’s candidating sermon. But Cindy also wants to help us think about opening our hearts and minds to receive the next shepherd or shepherdess of this flock.*

*Please see the sign-up sheets outside the church office. The next gathering is on **December 30.***

# Narthex News

December 2, 2018

## 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 **TODAY**, Sunday, December 2. There will be a mandatory pageant rehearsal on Sunday, December 9 immediately following worship. Any questions please see either Austin Shelley or Brian Russo or contact the church office.

## CHURCH SCHOOL AT A GLANCE

12/2/2018	Room	Teacher	Topic
<b>Birth - 2 Year Olds</b>	Room 101	Debbie Lambeth and Icilda James	God's Care
<b>Pre-K (3-4 Year Olds)</b>	Room 211	Kimberly Nye and Amanda Raphael	Godly Play
<b>Kindergarten-Grade 2</b>	Room 205	Rebecca DePasquale and Barbara Olson	Abound in Love
<b>Grade 3-Grade 5</b>	Room 208	Sara Eastman and Jillian Quirus	Abound in Love
<b>Grade 6-7</b>	Youth Room	Brian Russo	Genesis 25-33 Jacob and Esau

## CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

### ADVENT WORKSHOP

*Sunday, December 2: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, Widener Hall*

Come one and all to make ornaments for our church's Christmas trees and Advent boxes and crafts for home.

### 3-4-5 FELLOWSHIP

*Sunday, December 2: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, Church Kitchen: Gather after church to bake cookies for our homebound members and play games.*

### JR. HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

*Sunday, December 2: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm: Brunch and Discussion at Iron Hill Brewery*

*Sunday, December 9: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm: Christmas Pageant Rehearsal*

*Sunday, December 9: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Regular Fellowship*

*Sunday, December 16: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm: Christmas Caroling to church members*

### SR. HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

*Sunday, December 2: 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm: Escape the Room event and Dinner in Chestnut Hill*

*Sunday, December 9: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm: Christmas Pageant Rehearsal*

*Sunday, December 9: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm: Black Mirror watch, discussion and pizza*

*Sunday, December 16: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm: Christmas Caroling to church members*

## THE CHURCH GATHERED

### SECOND HOUR @ PCCH

*Sunday, December 2, 11:30 am, Widener Hall*

#### **First Sunday of Advent**

Intergenerational Advent Workshop

*Sunday, December 9, 11:30 am, Widener Hall*

#### **Second Sunday of Advent**

Soup and Bagel Brunch and Rehearsal for Christmas Eve Family Service

### ALL CHURCH CAROLING PARTY

*Wednesday, December 12, 6:00 pm*

Gather in the church parking lot and carpool to sing at the homes of members. Then end the night at Cindy's for a light supper. All ages are welcome!

### THANK YOU FOR GACM THANKSGIVING CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your contributions to Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry's Thanksgiving basket program - PCCH families contributed 60 bags of fresh and canned goods, and 25 turkeys, and the Pre-K School also contributed two large boxes of canned goods, plus wonderful handmade placemats for both GACM and Face to Face. Several members also made cash contributions to GACM.

GACM expects to provide Thanksgiving dinners to nearly 225 area families this year - which could not happen without your support! Nothing says Thanksgiving gratitude like a big hug from Eileen Jones (of which I was the lucky recipient); they are truly grateful for our support, and wish us all a Happy Thanksgiving!

# HANDEL'S MESSIAH

*In its original version as premiered in  
Dublin, 1742*

*Friday, December 7, 8:00 pm  
in the Sanctuary*

*PCCH Gallery Choir  
and  
Tempesta di Mare*

Come hear Handel's choral masterpiece as he first conceived it:  
Intimate, Fresh and Passionate.

Performed by the Tempesta di Mare orchestra,  
soloists Julie Bosworth, Janna Critz,  
Jacob Perry and Corbin Phillips  
and the Gallery Choir of  
The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill,  
directed by Daniel Spratlan.

Tickets can be purchased on the Tempesta di Mare website:  
<https://tempestadimare.org/events/concert-handels-messiah/>.

PCCH members will receive a 10% discount using the code "PCCH."

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### PCCH HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!



We are looking to get volunteers to assist with: set-up, food shopping, centerpieces, food prep and serving, clean-up. We have posted sign-up sheets on the bulletin board outside Widener Hall. We want to get a "head-start" on our volunteer commitment and we will send you a reminder of your responsibility two weeks prior to the event. This worked really well last year and we are looking forward to "many hands making light work." Any questions, please contact Karen Bausman, [karen.bausman@flagstar.com](mailto:karen.bausman@flagstar.com)

### CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE FOR YOUTH MISSION

The congregation has a unique opportunity to help support the Youth Mission Trip to Ghost Ranch in New Mexico from July 13-20, 2019. There are paper ornaments hanging on the Christmas tree next to the piano in Widener Hall. Each ornament will have a supply and cost. Members are encouraged to take an ornament off the tree, with the intent to then mail the ornament back to the church with a check for the respective supply and cost. (Please DO NOT purchase the actual item listed on the ornament!) Members can have a tangible investment in the trip; such that when they watch the forthcoming mission trip video, they will be able to visually see just where, and how far, their contributions went. Please make the check payable to PCCH with 2019 New Mexico Mission Trip on the memo line. Address the envelope ATTN: Brian Russo.

### ACHIEVEABILITY CHRISTMAS GIFTS

*Due by Sunday, December 16, and placed under the big Christmas Tree in Widener Hall*  
We have committed to providing gifts for 25 children served by **ACHIEVEability**. **ACHIEVEability**, works to permanently break the generational cycle of poverty for low income, single parent, and homeless families through higher education, affordable housing, supportive services, community and economic development, and accountability. Church members can sign up for one or more children and get their specific wishlists at coffee hour. Members should spend approximately \$50 on each child. Presents need to be delivered to church wrapped and labeled by Sunday, December 16. Beth Vaccaro is the contact person, [bethnellvaccaro@gmail.com](mailto:bethnellvaccaro@gmail.com).

### OUR BROTHER'S PLACE

*Next Sloppy Joe Pick-up Date is Thursday, December 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 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).

## PIHN ON THE HILL

Sunday, December 2, 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm



Join PIHN on Sunday, December 2 and buy beautiful fair-trade gifts while making a triple difference! With 15% of your purchase being donated to PIHN, you will be making a triple difference by: #1: Buying fair trade; #2: Supporting artisans in developing countries, and #3: Assisting struggling families of our community. In other words, it's a win, win, WIN!

## THE CHURCH SENT OUT

### FACE TO FACE

*Future date for Prep and Serve is 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](mailto:melissamon70@yahoo.com)) or Beth Vaccaro ([bethnellvaccaro@gmail.com](mailto:bethnellvaccaro@gmail.com)).

## WARMTH DRIVE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

As the temperatures drop, we are mindful of neighbors who could use a few extra layers to protect themselves against the cold. Please bring your gently used or new warm clothing items (hats, socks, mittens, gloves, scarves, jackets, sweaters, coats, etc.) to PCCH between now and December 16. Please refrain from donating items that are stained or torn. We are also collecting items specifically for children, so bring the kids' too-small coats and boots as well. A collection box for all donations will be in the reception room until December 16 when our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will sort the clothing for Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry.

### 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](mailto:llefer@chestnuthillpres.org)*

### GOING SOLO – A GUIDE TO LIVING FULLY AS A SINGLE OLDER ADULT

*Monday, December 3, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm, Free*

Recent research confirms what many of us already knew: loneliness and isolation can seriously impact physical and mental health. Whether single by choice or by circumstance, older singles face particular challenges, but also possess unique strengths and opportunities. Join Mary A. Harris, MSS, LCSW, for this lively and inspiring presentation on living fully as a single older adult in a world set up for couples and families. This will be an interactive discussion with topics including: The changing social landscape and finding a new “normal,” Combating loneliness and isolation, Later life development and other opportunities for growth, Loss and Bereavement, Spirituality, Staying active with physical challenges and chronic illness, Expanding your social circle, coping with the Holidays and ‘winter blues,’ Creativity, Self-care, Finding your joy, and the unexpected gifts and perks of being a single elder. Come share, be inspired, and get energized for living life fully, and joyfully, as a single older adult—a life experience all of us will eventually face.

### JEWELRY MAKING WORKSHOP: GEMSTONE EARRINGS

*Tuesday, December 4, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, \$30 per person plus \$30 for supplies (Minimum of five students. Please pre-register.)*

Are you looking for an easy and thoughtful holiday gift for a friend or relative? Then this is the class for you. Each student will make a pair of gemstone earrings. The gemstones (8 mm) will be set in sterling silver. Students will have a choice of three gemstone colors. Come enjoy the jewelry making fun.

**LET’S PLAY POKENO**

*Tuesday, December 4, 1:30 am – 3:00 pm, \$2*

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! PLEASE PRE-REGISTER TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE ENOUGH POKENO CARDS. REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 3.

**COMMUNITY HOLIDAY PARTY**

*Thursday, December 13, 2:00 pm-4:00 pm (new time this year!), \$12 per person in advance or \$15 at the door. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6th.*

We are honored and lucky to have the Pennsylvania Girlchoir join us for our annual holiday celebration. This group of “exceptional girls making exceptional music” will entertain us with holiday classics along with some new arrangements that are sure to delight. Don’t miss this opportunity to see the Pennsylvania Girlchoir in person! Please join us for desserts and beverages in Widener Hall and then we will move to the church sanctuary for the performance.

**WITH OUR NEIGHBORS**

**PENNSYLVANIA GIRLCHOIR HOLIDAY CONCERT**

*Saturday, December 1, 6:00 pm and Sunday, December 2, 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary*

For program, tickets and questions, please go to [www.pennsylvaniagirlchoir.org](http://www.pennsylvaniagirlchoir.org) or call 215-247-6901.

**THE CROSSING @ CHRISTMAS**

*Sunday, December 16, 5:00 pm, Sanctuary (4:00 pm Pre-Concert talk in the Chapel)*

A Gavin Bryars world premiere. Tickets at [www.crossingchoir.org](http://www.crossingchoir.org).

**PIFFARO**

*Saturday, December 22, 7:30 pm, in the Sanctuary*

A Franch Noel with solo voice ensemble Les Canards Chantants and actors Mark Jaster and Sabrina Mandell of Happenstance Theater. Tickets at [www.piffaro.org](http://www.piffaro.org).

**MARCO PANUCCIO PRESENTS O HOLY NIGHT, A CLASSICAL CHRISTMAS**

*Sunday, December 23, 4:00 pm, in the Sanctuary*

Come enjoy “A voice of astonishing lyric beauty,” as mentioned in the Opera News and “Beautifully sung, moving, intelligent,” as quoted in the Chicago Tribune. Mr. Panuccio is a former PCCH Gallery Choir Member. He will be accompanied by David McConnell, collaborative pianist. For tickets please visit: [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3631666](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3631666).

**2018 Operating Fund Summary**

Budget & Actual Financial Standing: October 31, 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
<b>Congregational Response</b>	<b>\$773,464</b>	<b>\$640,387</b>	<b>\$503,146</b>	<b>(\$137,241)</b>
NOTE: Current Member 2018 Pledges	\$692,964	\$577,470	\$453,148	(124,322)
NOTE: Plate Offering	\$27,000	\$22,500	\$24,911	\$2,411
(Annual Pledges & Offerings)				
<b>Endowment Draws *</b>	<b>\$126,935</b>	<b>\$121,316</b>	<b>\$122,105</b>	<b>\$789</b>
(Our Invested Funds Available)				
<b>Other Sources of Funds</b>	<b>\$113,200</b>	<b>\$102,500</b>	<b>\$122,235</b>	<b>\$19,735</b>
<b>Our Total Sources of Funds</b>	<b>\$1,013,599</b>	<b>\$864,203</b>	<b>\$747,486</b>	<b>(\$116,717)</b>
<b>Our Expenses &amp; Mission Outreach</b>	<b>\$1,013,599</b>	<b>\$786,673</b>	<b>\$774,716</b>	<b>(\$11,957)</b>
(This is How We Use the Funds)				
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$77,530</b>	<b>(\$27,230)</b>	<b>(\$104,760)</b>

- > For 2017, we were behind in pledge collections by ~ \$96,090 through Oct.
- > Year-to-Date, we are behind in 2018 pledge collections by: (\$124,322)
- > Please keep your pledges up to date. We have a lot of ground to make up in Nov/Dec!
- > 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!

*Habitat for Humanity-*

For years, members of this congregation have supported Habitat for Humanity with their dollars and their sweat.

For more about Habitat in Philadelphia, see [www.habitatphiladelphia.org](http://www.habitatphiladelphia.org).

**THIS WEEK AT PCCH**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2**

	<b>LORD'S SUPPER</b>
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)
11:00 am	Youth Choir (Youth Room)
11:15 am	Fellowship (Widener)
11:30 am	3-4-5 Advent Workshop (Widener)
11:30 am	Jr. High Fellowship at Iron Hill Brewery
12:00 pm	Gallery Choir Rehearsal (Chapel)
1:00 pm	Girlchoir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
3:00 pm	Girlchoir Holiday Concert (Sanctuary)
5:00 pm	Sr. High Fellowship Escape the Room

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 3**

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)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4**

7:30 am	Rotary Meeting (Room 1&2)
9:00 am	Organ Practice (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm	Tempesta di Mare Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm	Girlchoir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
6:30 pm	CY Board Meeting (Harris)
7:00 pm	Social Witness Committee (Melcher)
7:15 pm	Royal Scottish Country Dancers (Chapel)
7:30 pm	Scouts District Meeting (Room 1&2)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5**

7:00 am	Rotary (Widener)
9:00 am	Pre-K School Event (Chapel)
11:00 am	Bible Study (Harris)
12:00 pm	Tempesta di Mare Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
5:00 pm	Random Garden Club Workshop (Widener)
5:30 pm	Girlchoir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Chapel)
7:00 pm	Tempesta and Gallery Choir (Sanctuary)
8:00 pm	Summit Group (Room 3&4)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6**

7:45 am	BNI Meeting (Widener)
9:00 am	Organ Practice (Sanctuary)
9:30 am	Music Monkeys (Chapel)
9:30 am	Outdoor Gardeners (Widener)
12:00 pm	Tempesta di Mare Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:30 pm	Cub Scouts (Widener)
7:30 pm	Tempesta and Gallery Choir (Sanctuary)
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts (Room 1&2)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7**

9:00 am	Organ Practice (Sanctuary)
10:00 am	Music Monkeys (Chapel)
8:00 pm	Tempesta and Gallery Choir Handel's Messiah (Sanctuary)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8**

8:00 am	Girlchoir Rehearsal (Sanctuary/Chapel/ Choir Room/Room 3&4)
1:30 pm	Crossing Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**NEXT WEEK AT PCCH**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9**

9:00 am	Gallery Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
10:15 am	Church School (Strouse)
11:00 am	Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
11:15 am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hour Soup Brunch (Widener)
11:30 am	Music & Arts Committee (Harris)
2:00 pmm	Crossing Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
5:00 pm	Jr. High Fellowship (Youth Room)
6:00 pm	Sr. High Black Mirror Discussion/Pizza

<b>THIS WEEK AT CENTER ON THE HILL</b>
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**MONDAY, DECEMBER 3**

9:30 am	Sketching and Drawing Class (Room 1&2)
10:30 am	Intermediate/Advanced Italian (Reception Rm)
11:00 am	Going Solo Discussion (Harris)
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, DECEMBER 4**

9:30 am	Watercolor Workshop (Room 1&2)
10:30 am	Jewelry Marking Workshop (Room 5)
1:30 pm	Let's Play Pokeno (Harris)
2:30 pm	Zumba Gold (Room 3&4)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5**

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	Diabetes Workshop (Room 5)
12:30 pm	Tai Chi, Level II (Room 3&4)
2:30 pm	Golden Yoga (Harris)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6**

9:00 am	PCCH Bridge Group (Room 1&2)
9:00 am	Qigong Class (Harris)
10:00 am	Bridge Game (Room 5)
10:30 am	Ancestry.com for Beginners (Harris)
1:00 pm	Medicare Questions by Appt. (Room 1&2)
1:30 pm	Dream Circle (Room 1&2)
4:00 pm	Zumba Gold in a Chair (Room 3&4)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7**

9:30 am	Yoga with Attitude (Harris)
10:00 am	Scrabble Play (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)