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.

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.***

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: _____

Narthex News

December 9, 2018

CHURCH SCHOOL AT A GLANCE

12/9/2018	Room	Teacher	Topic
Birth - 2 Year Olds	Room 101	Debbie Lambeth and Icilda James	God's Care
Pre-K (3-4 Year Olds)	Room 211	Allison DeCaro and Emilyanne Shelley	Godly Play
Kindergarten-Grade 2	Room 205	Kelly Baughman and Amanda Raphael	Prepare the Way of the Lord
Grade 3–Grade 5	Room 208	Dominick and Anna Rebeck	Prepare the Way Of the Lord
Grade 6-7	Youth Room	Brian Russo	Joseph and His Brothers

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

JR. HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
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 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 9, 11:30 am, Widener Hall
Bagel Brunch and Rehearsal for Christmas Eve Family Service

Sunday, December 16, 11:30 am, Melcher
New Member Class with Elders
Sunday, December 16, 2:00 pm, Cruikshank Chapel
Longest Night Service
A service of readings, silence, carols, prayers and remembrance.

The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Third Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2018, 10:00 a.m.
"The Joy of God's Judgment"

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 23, 2018, 10:00 a.m.
"The Humanly Inconceivable Conception of God's Son"

Cynthia A. Jarvis, preaching

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2018

4:30 p.m. - Service of Lessons and Carols especially suited to families with young children

9:30 p.m. - Music for Flute and Harp

10:00 p.m. - A Festival of Lessons and Carols with the Gallery Choir

An inclusive congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), committed to excellence in worship, music and the arts, education and outreach.

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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

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.

ACHIEVEABILTY 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.

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).

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) or Beth Vaccaro (bethnellvaccaro@gmail.com).

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Saturday, December 15, 3:00 pm, 1600 block of Fontain Street, Philadelphia 19121

You are invited to join Habitat for their 216th home dedication as they welcome Rasheeda Green into her new home and celebrate the joy of the season with all who have made this home possible. RSVP to family@habitatphiladelphia.org.

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

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 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11th.

We are honored and lucky to have the Pennsylvania Girl Choir 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 Girl Choir 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

PHILADELPHIA WOMEN'S MUSIC PROJECT CONCERT

Tuesday, December 11, 7:30 pm, in the Sanctuary, Free

The Chorale of the Philadelphia Women's Music Project, conducted by Gayle Wieand, present "A Musical Greeting Card," a free holiday concert. Enjoy songs selected from a range of holiday traditions in this family-friendly performance, offering beautiful harmonies and sing-alongs. (PCCH member Rebecca Thornburgh is a founding member of The Chorale.)

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.

PIFFARO

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

A French Noël with solo voice ensemble Les Canards Chantants and actors Mark Jaster and Sabrina Mandell of Happenstance Theater. Escape today's discordant tones for ethereal voices, the sweet sounds of recorders and lutes, and pastoral scenes brought to life through the magic of tableaux vivants. Inspired by a rare, charmingly illustrated noël manuscript at the Free Library of Philadelphia, A French Noël combines Piffaro's period instruments with singing and acting to evoke Christmas Eve in 16th c. France. Tickets at www.piffaro.org. Special ticket price for all PCCH members. Use code **PCCH** when your purchase your ticket.

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.

PCCH STAFF NEWS

LOOKING TO HOUSE SIT IN JANUARY 2019

Leslie Lefer, Director of the Center on the Hill, and her husband Steve are looking for opportunities to house sit for 3-4 weeks in January. They are selling their house in Elkins Park in preparation for their move to Hilton Head Island, SC in early February. They go to settlement with the buyers on Friday, January 11 and then they will be homeless. If you or someone you know is a snow bird or just needs their house looked after while you're on vacation in January, please contact Leslie via email (llefer@chestnuthillpres.org) or at the Center on the Hill at 215-247-4654. Leslie loves animals, so she's happy to take care of your pets too!

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
Congregational Response	**$773,464**	**$640,387**	**$503,146**	**($137,241)**
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)				
Endowment Draws *	**$126,935**	**$121,316**	**$122,105**	**$789**
(Our Invested Funds Available)				
Other Sources of Funds	**$113,200**	**$102,500**	**$122,235**	**$19,735**
Our Total Sources of Funds	**$1,013,599**	**$864,203**	**$747,486**	**($116,717)**
Our Expenses & Mission Outreach *(This is How We Use the Funds)*	**$1,013,599**	**$786,673**	**$774,716**	**($11,957)**
DIFFERENCE	**$0**	**$77,530**	**($27,230)**	**($104,760)**

> 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.

THIS WEEK AT PCCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00 am	Gallery Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
9:40 am	Church School Sings Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
10:15 am	Church School (Strouse)
11:15 am	Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
11:15 am	2nd Hour Bagel Brunch (Widener)
11:30 am	Music & Arts Committee (Harris)
2:00 pm	Crossing Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
5:00 pm	Jr. High Fellowship (Youth Room)
6:00 pm	Sr. High Black Mirror Discussion/Pizza

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

3:30 pm	Girlchoir Rehearsal (Room 3&4)
4:00 pm	Girlchoir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
6:15 pm	Yoga (Melcher)
6:30 pm	Crossing Rehearsal (Chapel)
7:00 pm	Philomusica Rehearsal (Widener)
7:30 pm	Crossing Board Meeting (Harris)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:00 am	Organ Practice (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm	Girlchoir Rehearsal Room 3&4)
7:00 pm	Zentangle Class (Harris)
7:15 pm	Royal Scottish Country Dancers (Chapel)
7:30 pm	Session (Melcher)
7:30 pm	Phila. Women's Music Project (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:00 am	Rotary (Widener)
11:00 am	Bible Study (Harris)
7:00 pm	PNC Meeting (Harris))
7:00 pm	Crossing Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
8:00 pm	Summit Group (Room 3&4)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:45 am	BNI Meeting (Widener)
9:00 am	Organ Practice (Sanctuary)
9:30 am	Music Monkeys (Chapel)
9:30 am	Clergy Consult Group (Reception Room)
9:30 am	Interfaith Meeting (Melcher)
6:30 pm	Cub Scouts (Widener)
7:30 pm	Gallery Choir (Choir Room)
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts (Room 1&2)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:00 am	Organ Practice (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:00 am	Girlchoir Rehearsal (Sanctuary/Chapel/ Choir Room/Room 3&4))
9:30 pm	Girlchoir Parent Meeting (Harris)

NEXT WEEK AT PCCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:00 am	Gallery Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
10:15 am	Church School (Strouse)
11:00 am	Fellowship (Widener)
11:15 am	Church School Sings (Chapel)
11:15 am	Youth Choir Rehearsal (Youth Room)
11:30 am	New Member Class (Melcher)
12:00 pm	Crossing Set-up (Sanctuary)
4:00 pm	Crossing Pre-Concert Talk (Chapel)
5:00 pm	Crossing Concert (Sanctuary)
5:30 pm	Jr. & Sr. High Christmas Caroling to Members
6:00 pm	Crossing Reception (Widener)

THIS WEEK AT CENTER ON THE HILL

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:30 am	Sketching and Drawing Class (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, DECEMBER 11

9:30 am	Watercolor Workshop (Room 1&2)
9:30 am	Mindfuless Practice (Harris)
2:30 pm	Zumba Gold (Room 3&4)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

10:00 am	Tai Chi, Level I (Room 3&4)
10:30 am	Haiku Poetry (Reception Room)
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 13

9:00 am	PCCH Bridge Group (Room 1&2)
9:00 am	Qigong Class (Harris)
10:00 am	Bridge Game (Room 5)
1:00 pm	Medicare Questions by Appt. (Room1&2)
2:00 pm	Community Holiday Party (Widener/Sanctuary)
4:00 pm	Zumba Gold in a Chair (Room 3&4)
6:30 pm	Alzheimer’s Support Group (Harris)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

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