

WELCOME TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL!

**PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES
BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF WORSHIP.**

Narthex News

January 13, 2019

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.

CHURCH SCHOOL AT A GLANCE			
1/13/2019	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	Lindsey Pennington and Amanda Raphael	Jesus’ Baptism
Kindergarten-Grade 2	Room 205	Christen Webber and Jillian Quirus	Jesus’ Baptism
Grade 3–Grade 5	Room 208	Lisa Burns and Lexi Clement	Jesus’ Baptism
Grade 6-7	Youth Room	Brian Russo	Leviticus

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

FAITH FORWARD NEWSLETTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Each week, Austin sends a newsletter with photos, Bible stories, resources for teaching children about faith at home, and more to PCCH families. If you have children or grandchildren—or even if you are simply curious about what our children’s ministries are up to—please send an email to ashelley@chestnuthillpres.org requesting that Austin add you to the list of recipients!

3-4-5 GRADE FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, January 20: MLK Service Day

JR. HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, January 13, 5:00 – 7:30 pm: Jr. and Sr. High Hibachi dinner at Ooka

Sunday, January 20: 4:15 – 5:30 pm: Walk to Chill for FroYo and Talks about the Mysteries of the Universe

Sunday, January 27: 11:30 am – 12:45 pm: Theology and Pretzels at Iron Hill Brewery

SR. HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, January 13, 5:00 – 7:30 pm: Jr. and Sr. High Hibachi dinner at Ooka

Sunday, January 20, 5:30 – 8:00 pm: Escape the Room in Chestnut Hill and Dinner

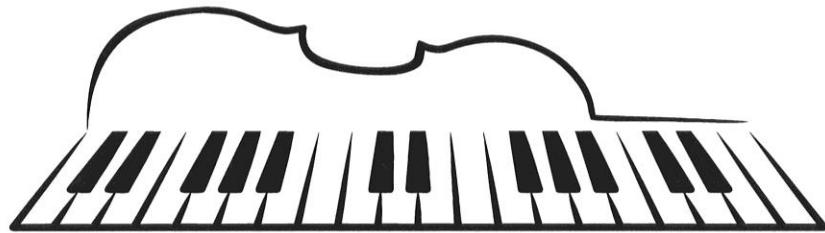
Sunday, January 27: No Youth Group

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. **Today’s Conversations with Cindy at the Slaughter’s home has been cancelled.** The next gathering is on **February 3 at the home of Laura Madeleine.***

Cantatas and Chamber Music



Sunday, January 20, 2019

Johannes Brahms - Piano Trio in B major Op. 8 Maurice Ravel - Trio in A minor

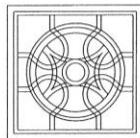
Please join us as the popular Cantatas and Chamber Music series makes a triumphant return. This program will feature a trio of Mark Livshits, performing on our beautiful Steinway piano, and Philadelphia Orchestra musicians Kimberly Fisher, violin, and John Koen, cello.

Johannes Brahms' first piano trio and Maurice Ravel's A minor piano trio are two of the pinnacle works for this ensemble. Though they are belonging to vastly different periods of time, both works represent the composers at their most soulful and creative.

Reception begins at 4:30 p.m. in the Narthex

Performance begins at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Tickets are \$10, available at the door.



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THE CHURCH GATHERED

2ND HOUR @ PCCH

Sunday, January 13, 11:30 am, Reception Room

Barth for Beginners I

Ever wonder why Karl Barth is mentioned so frequently from the pulpit? Who was Karl Barth, and how has his work shaped church discourse? What can we learn from his writings today? You are invited to come with questions and comments to the Second Hour on January 13, 20 and 27, and tease out some details along with Patty Rich and others.

Sunday, January 20, 11:30 am, Reception Room

Barth for Beginners II

Patty Rich leads this series on Barth's life and theology. She is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia and a translator of Barth's work. Do not miss this opportunity to learn about the man behind 23 years of quotes in Cindy's sermons!

Bring a dish to share as well as reflections about change in the church since you joined and about the next chapter in the life of PCCH. This is the third in a series of twelve "Conversations." A great way to meet members you do not know and to begin being a positive part of the change that is surely ahead. Sign up next to the office door.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday, January 22, 7:30 pm (Note change from 3rd Tuesday to 4th Tuesday this month)

Join us again this year 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. Topic TBN. Any questions, please contact Brian Russo or the church office.

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

OUR BROTHER'S PLACE

Next Sloppy Joe Pick-up Date is Monday, January 28.

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

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY SERVICE PROJECT

The Congregation's response to the Welcome Basket Project to support HIAS PA's clients has been very generous! HIAS PA provides legal and supportive services for immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers from all backgrounds. We are still in need of a few items to complete our baskets. The signup sheet will be available after church in Widener Hall on January 13. We also need volunteers to assemble the baskets on Sunday January 20 and deliver them on a future date. Please have all donations brought to Widener Hall by January 20! Any questions, contact Alison Rudolf, alisonrudolf@verizon.net.

FACE TO FACE

Future dates for Prep only is Saturday, February 2 and Saturday, March 2, 2019.

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).

FACE TO FACE VOLUNTEER TRAINING/ORIENTATION

Tuesday, January 22, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

If you have been thinking of volunteering at Face to Face, or if you are a regular volunteer, please consider attending a training/orientation session at the Face to Face location. The session is called the Trauma of Poverty. Our goal is to help attendees gain a small window into our client's lives through stories and pertinent information.

RSVP by January 15 to becky@facetofacegermantown.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

ITALIAN CONVERSATION

Mondays, ongoing, 10:30 am – 11:30 am, \$2 per session

For all those who love and respect the Italian language, we have a new offering of an Italian Conversation group. All are welcome to practice speaking Italian with like-minded Italian aficionados. Practice speaking in a no pressure, fun environment.

INTERGENERATIONAL MLK DAY PROJECT

Tuesday, January 15, 10:00 am – 11:30 am, Free

Inspired by Martin Luther King's day of service, the Center on the Hill and the church's preschool will partner once again. This time we will work together to create care packages for

those seniors served by the Chestnut Hill Meals on Wheels program. **Between Wednesday, January 2 and Friday, January 11 we (both the Center on the Hill and the preschool) will be collecting items to put into our "snack pack" care packages.** These items include: Instant oatmeal packets, Tea bags, Raisin boxes (mini-size), Granola bars (chewy), Cookies (mini-packs). Then on Tuesday, January 15 we will work with the preschoolers to assemble the "snack pack" care packages including creating a hand-decorated card. All are welcome to drop off care package items. If you'd like to participate in assembling these packages, please contact Leslie at 215-247-4654 by Monday, January 14.

CLASSIC COMFORT FOOD WITH A TWIST

Thursday, January 17, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, Free

Join Rabiya Bower, RD, LDN and in-store nutritionist for the Flourtown Giant as she discusses healthier swaps for your favorite warm, winter meals. You don't have to give up mac and cheese to eat a nutritious and delicious dinner!

AGING IN PLACE

Tuesday, January 22, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm, Free

Are you hoping to remain in your home as you age, but have questions about how to do so? Come learn about easy modifications and adaptations that can have a great impact on your ability to age in place successfully. This program will cover structural changes, programs that can support your individual lifestyle plan, and ways to tackle some of the common concerns seniors face as they age.

VIRTUAL DEMENTIA TOUR

Thursday, January 24, Session #1: 11:00 am – 12:15 pm or Session: #2: 12:15 pm – 1:30pm, Free, Registration required.

The Virtual Dementia Tour® simulates the effects of aging and dementia to give families, caregivers, and the general public an opportunity to walk in their shoes. Each tour lasts 20 plus minutes and then we will have a short group debrief at the end of each session. This life-changing experience results in a better understanding of the physical and mental challenges faced by those living with dementia.

WITH OUR NEIGHBORS

CAN WE TALK? COMMUNICATING WITH FRIENDS, FAMILY, NEIGHBORS, FELLOW CONGREGANTS AND COWORKERS ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

Tuesday, January 15, 7:30 – 9:00 pm, Summit Presbyterian Church, 6757 Greene Street, Philadelphia 19119

According to Earthjustice, most Americans say that they care about the environment, yet a growing number believe that the situation is hopeless. And even those who think that something can be done don't engage nearly as much in environmental advocacy as one might expect. This disconnect between ecological concern and action must be addressed, given the broad public support needed to tackle increasingly complex ecological challenges, including climate change.

We'll take a look at the Ecological Roadmap, a national segmentation study of the American public that organizes people according to how they rank more than 130 social values which help shape the public's understanding of, and engagement in, environmental issues. After some conversation, we'll have a chance to try out some conversations/role plays with people who we'd love to talk with, but who see the world from some very different perspectives. Led by the Rev. Alison Cornish, Executive Director of Pennsylvania Interfaith Power and Light, people of faith concerned about climate change. RSVP's appreciated but not required, cprych@summitpres.net

INTERFAITH PHILADELPHIA – CIVIL CONVERSATIONS LIVE EVENT SERIES

Thursday, January 17, 6:30 -8:30 pm, WHYY, 150 N. 6th Street, Philadelphia 19106

In partnership with NewCORE (New Conversation on Race and Ethnicity) and WHYY, a group of prominent religious leaders will share stories and engage in a conversation on how race and racism informs their leadership and the communities they lead. Included in the evening will be a light reception, where attendees will be invited to engage in their own small group discussion and Storytelling activity. Conversation moderated by Rev. Steven Lawrence. This event is free and open to the public. For more information: <https://www.interfaithphiladelphia.org/race-and-faith>.

WHO BROKE THE LAW? A FATHER'S STORY OF HIS SON'S WRONGFUL CONVICTION

January 18, 6:00 pm, St. Vincents's Church, 109 E. Price Street, Philadelphia, 19144

St. Vincent's Peace and Justice Committee will host and Art for Justice will present Chester Hollman, Jr. telling about his son, Chester Hollman III's wrongful conviction to life without parole in Pennsylvania. The public is invited to witness Mr. Chester Hollman Jr's truth telling of a family's tragedy and struggle for justice. There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions and view Art for Justice artworks after the talk. A documentary crew will be filming the event for an upcoming series about wrongful convictions.

MLK DAY OF SERVICE 2019

Monday, January 21, 8:00 am – 12:30 pm, Unitarian Society of Germantown

The Martin Luther King Day of Service is a wonderful opportunity to affirm your support for the values of justice and compassion that ran through the life and legacy of Dr. King. Every year for over two decades, more than 500 volunteers have come to USG, on Lincoln Drive at Wayne Avenue, to participate in MLK Day of Service Projects both on-site (at the church) and off-site (at locations near the church). You can see this year's projects and also Pre-register by going to <http://www.mlkphillyuus.org>. Pre-registration closes at 12:00 pm on Saturday, January 19. On-site registration and check-in will begin at 8:00 am on Monday, January 21. Coffee, bagels, and other light refreshments will be provided. A brief non-denominational worship service will begin at 9:00 am led by Rev. Kent Matthies, and focusing on Dr. King's life and accomplishments. One project will include State Senator Art Haywood's *Raise the Wage Rally* to benefit minimum wage workers. No need to preregister if you only want to participate in the Rally. Come to USG and after the service join Sen. Haywood at a to be announced location at 11:30 am. All are welcome at the Rally; in fact, bring your family and friends! Volunteers leave for their projects at 9:30 am. Projects last for varying amounts of time. Most will be completed before 12:30 pm.

THIS WEEK AT PCCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

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 Rehearsal (Youth Room)
 11:15 am 2nd Hour **Barth for Beginners I**(Reception Rm)
 11:30 am Music & Arts Committee (Harris)
 5:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Fellowship (Hibachi at Ooka)

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

3:30 pm Girlchoir Rehearsal (Room 3&4)
 4:00 pm Girlchoir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
 6:15 pm Yoga (Melcher)
 7:00 pm Finance Committee (Room 1&2)
 7:00 pm Philomusica (Widener)
 7:30 pm PNC Meeting (Melcher)
 7:30 pm Crossing Board Meeting (Harris)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

9:00 am Organ Practice (Sanctuary)
 10:00 am Circle 4 (Reception Room)
 6:00 pm Girlchoir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 6:30 pm CY Finance Committee (Harris)
 7:15 pm Royal Scottish Country Dancers (Widener)
 7:30 pm Session (Melcher)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

7:00 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, JANUARY 17

7:45 am BNI Meeting (Melcher)
 9:00 am Organ Practice (Sanctuary)
 9:30 am Clergy Discussion Group (Reception Room)
 9:30 am Interfaith Meeting (Melcher)
 10:00 am Music Monkeys (Widener)
 1:30 pm Sleeping Mats for the Homeless (Widener)
 3:00 pm Crossing Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 6:30 pm Cub Scouts (Widener)

7:00 pm Adictango (Room 3&4)
 7:30 pm Boy Scouts (Room 1&2)
 7:30 pm Gallery Choir (Choir Room)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

8:00 am Master Charter School Meeting (Melcher)
 9:00 am Organ Practice (Sanctuary)
 10:00 am Music Monkeys (Reception Room)
 3:00 pm Crossing Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 7:30 pm Adictango Social Dance (Widener)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

8:00 am Girlchoir Rehearsal (Sanctuary/Widener/
 Chapel/Choir Room/ Room 3&4)
 9:30 am Yoga with Martha Agate (Melcher)
 9:30 am Girlchoir Parent Meeting (Harris)

NEXT WEEK AT PCCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 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)
 11:00 am Youth Choir Rehearsal (Youth Room)
 11:15 am 2nd Hour **Barth for Beginners II**
 (Reception Room)
 2:00 pm Crossing Rehearsal (Widener)
 4:15 pm Jr. High Fellowship (Walk to FroYo)
 4:30 pm Pre-Concert Reception (Narthex)
 5:00 pm Chamber Music Concert (Sanctuary)
 5:30 pm Sr. High Fellowship (Escape the Room)
 6:30 pm Crossing Rehearsal (Chapel)
 7:00 pm Philomusica Rehearsal (Widener)

THIS WEEK AT CENTER ON THE HILL

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

9:30 am Sketching and Drawing (Room 1&2)
 10:30 am Italian Conversation (Reception Room)
 12:30 pm Bridge Play (Room 5)
 2:00 pm Qigong Class (Room 3&4)
 2:15 pm Gentle Yoga (Harris)
 2:30 pm French Conversation (Room 1&2)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

9:30 am Watercolor Workshop (Room 1&2)
 10:00 am Intergenerational MLK Project (Preschool)
 2:00 pm Strengthening Your Knees and Hips (Harris)
 2:30 pm Zumba Gold (Room 3&4)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

11:30 am Bridge Game (Room 1&2)
 12:00 pm Wednesday Diabetes Workshop (Room 5)
 2:30 pm Golden Yoga (Harris)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

9:00 am PCCH Bridge Group (Room 1&2)
 9:00 am Qigong Class (Harris)
 10:00 am Bridge Game (Room 5)
 11:00 am Classic Comfort Food (Harris)
 1:00 pm Medicare Counseling by Appt. (Room1&2)
 1:30 pm Sleeping Mats for the Homeless (Widener)
 2:30 pm Tone & Sculpt (Room 3&4)
 4:00 pm Zumba Gold in a Chair (Room 3&4)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

9:30 am Yoga with Attitude (Harris)
 10:00 am Scrabble Play (Room 5)
 10:00 am Strengthening Your Voice I (Choir Room)
 11:00 am Strengthening Your Voice II (Choir Room)
 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)