

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.

THANK YOU FROM THE SOCIAL WITNESS COMMITTEE

The Social Witness Committee would like to say a big “Thank You” for your very generous Christmas gift contributions to both ACHIEVEability and Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network. Your gifts helped to make a happier holiday for all the families we supported. Thank you!

Narthex News

January 6, 2019

CHURCH SCHOOL AT A GLANCE

1/06/2019	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	Linnea Johnson and Emilyanne Shelley	Epiphany
Kindergarten-Grade 2	Room 205	Brenda Phillips and Barbara Olson	Epiphany
Grade 3–Grade 5	Room 208	Emily Camp-Landis and Mark Bernstein	Epiphany
Grade 6-7	STAY	IN	Worship

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

3-4-5 GRADE FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, January 6: 12:00 - 2:00 pm: Ice Skating

JR. HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, January 6: 4:00 – 5:00 pm: Regular Jr. High Fellowship

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

SR. HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, January 6: 5:00 – 6:00 pm: Regular Sr. High Fellowship

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

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 **January 13 at the home of Frank and Taylor Slaughter.***

THE CHURCH GATHERED

2ND HOUR @ PCCH

Sunday, January 6, 11:30 am, Widener Hall

A Festive Fellowship Hour

Continuing our tradition of the last few years, Jeff Podraza will be behind the “Virgin Mary” Table offering extra Tabasco and horseradish for the adventuresome!

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 13, 5:30 pm, Slaughter Home

For What Has Been, Thanks! For What Will Be, Yes! Conversations with Cindy

5:30 p.m. Potluck @ Taylor and Frank Slaughter’s Home

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.

SPEAKER SERIES ON THE HILL

Thursday, January 10, gather at 12:00 noon, Widener Hall. Presentation begins at 12:30 pm. Dessert and coffee are provided. A \$5 donation is requested. No registration required.

Sandra M. Clark – The Fight for Journalism: Journalism today is challenged – and needed – more than ever. Attacks on reporters from political officials are unrelenting. More and more local newspapers are folding as the desperate search for sustainable business models continues. Trust among the public is hitting new lows. But the fight isn’t over. Sandra Clark is vice president for news and civic dialogue at WHYY, overseeing the award-winning news operation for radio, TV, and digital at the Philadelphia region’s leading public media outlet. Clark, who joined WHYY in 2016, was previously managing editor at the Philadelphia Inquirer. Under her leadership, the Inquirer won the Pulitzer Prize for criticism in 2014.

PNC UPDATE

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is working hard and meeting regularly. At the first “Conversations with Cindy,” it was expressed that congregation members would like to be reminded who the members of the committee are so that they may express their views and concerns. The following are members of the PNC: Mark Bernstein, Laura Brobyn, Emily Camp-Landis, Katherine Connelly, Gregory Dickinson, Robert Fles, Lyn Huertgen, Landon Jones, Jeffrey Podraza, Amy Raphael and Harry Spaeth.

2019 MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Would you like to memorialize a loved one or give thanks to God as you celebrate a wedding anniversary or celebrate the birthday of your child or grandchild? Consider donating the flowers in the chancel on a Sunday morning. The available Sundays for 2019 are: April 14 (Palm Sunday), June 23, December 1 and December 22. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

USHERS NEEDED

We are currently in need of three new ushers to join our four teams of ushers. You are on duty approximately one Sunday per month. If you are interested, please contact the church office or the head usher, Mike Baughman at baughmam@pepperlaw.com. You can also speak to any of the ushers on duty any Sunday. Please consider joining one of our teams. Thank you.

Cantatas and Chamber Music @ PCCH

January 20, 2019

4:30 p.m. Reception in the Narthex; 5:00 p.m. Concert in the Sanctuary

\$10 tickets available at the door

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.

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. If you are making Christmas Cookies, please remember to make extras and place in the refrigerator with a note labeled "Our Brother's Place." The men always enjoy this extra treat at Christmas.

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 Social Witness Committee is happy to announce a new service project preparing Welcome Baskets to support HIAS PA's clients. HIAS PA provides legal and supportive services for immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers from all backgrounds. Church members will be asked to sign up to donate kitchen supplies, home goods, school and office supplies. Volunteers are also needed to assemble the baskets on Sunday January 20 and deliver them on a future date. Watch for the sign-up sheets in Widener Hall beginning Sunday December 30. Any questions, please 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

TONE AND SCULPT

Thursdays, January 3 – March 7, 2:30 pm – 3:15 pm, \$50 for ten week series or \$7 per class (start at any time)

Get your calorie burn on as we glide through various rhythmic moves to some upbeat sounds. You'll need the following: a bottle of water, yoga mat or towel, a set of 1 and 2 pound hand weights (or 1 1/2 and 3). Let's get whipped into shape for spring and summer. This class will be led by Freda Ebba, certified Zumba instructor, who leads our Zumba Gold class on Tuesday afternoon.

AFTERNOON MOVIE

Tuesday, January 8, 1:30 pm, \$2 (includes popcorn)

Are you looking for an enjoyable activity that's economical and during the daytime so you don't have to drive at night? Are you looking to see a movie in an intimate setting with easy parking and no long lines? Then join us for an enjoyable afternoon at the movies. **Showing "Operation Finale"** Fifteen years after the end of World War II, a team of top-secret Israeli agents travel to Argentina to track down Adolf Eichmann, the Nazi officer who masterminded the transportation logistics that brought millions of innocent Jews to their deaths in concentration camps. Hoping to sneak him out of the country to stand trial, agent Peter Malkin soon finds himself playing a deadly game of cat and mouse with the notorious war criminal. (2018)

HAIKU POETRY

Wednesdays, January 9, February 13 and March 13, 10:30 am – 11:30 am, \$5 per person

Poet and writer Bill Hengst continues to teach and facilitate a class in haiku poetry. "Haiku" has a long tradition in ancient Chinese and Japanese cultures. In class, we will discuss and practice this three-line poetry form. Bring your haiku poems or other short poems to share with the class. We will write some new haiku poems during class.

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: WHY DO IT ALONE?

Thursday, January 10 (second Thursday of each month), 2:00 pm–3:30 pm, Free. For more information, call Jean Kirkley, 215-758-7305 or e-mail jean.kirkley@gmail.com.

Share your wisdom, experiences, challenges and joys with others as caregivers for those living with Alzheimer's and related dementias. This group is an open support group for caregivers, sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association of the Delaware Valley. The group meetings are open to new and interested members. No enrollment or long term commitment is required, just a willingness to share in a confidential and supportive environment.**If you can't make the meeting in person, feel free to join us from the comfort of your home. Simply dial (712) 432-3447 and enter passcode 846968. You are a meeting participant---it's just that simple.

NORTHWEST VILLAGE NETWORK (NVN) ART RECEPTION

Thursday, January 10, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, COTH Lobby

We are pleased to have the Northwest Village Network (NVN) as the Center on the Hill art exhibition this January. NVN will host an art reception with light refreshments on Thursday, January 10. Northwest Village Network is a five-year-old organization offering ways for older people to remain engaged in meaningful activities throughout their later years. A volunteer organization in northwest Philadelphia, our mission is to “work together to provide services and programs that help our members to live independently, stay active and be socially engaged in our community.” We provide social activities, information about issues affecting seniors, and support services such as a free ride service and short term care support for those who need temporary help, such as errands, meals, visits, and pet care. We are presenting our first art show this month, Celebrating Artists in our Midst, which will include thirty-one pieces from ten members. We have stained glass, photographs, paintings, drawings, paper collages, and linocuts in what will be a lively, engaging show.

STRENGTHEN YOUR VOICE, LEVEL I

Fridays, January 11, 18, February 1 and 8 (no class on January 25), 10:00 am – 11:00 am, \$15 per class, Minimum four students.

Gradual voice changes are a normal part of aging. Commonly-reported age-related changes include differences in general pitch level, hoarseness, reduced ability to speak loudly or be heard in noisy situations, breathiness, reduced endurance, and shakiness. Just like other muscles in your body, the muscles of your vocal folds and respiratory system need exercise to stay physically fit. This class will focus on ways to keep your voice sounding strong and healthy. Participants will engage in a variety of vocal exercises designed to activate all facets of the voice. No singing experience is necessary, but participants should expect to engage the singing voice as well as the speaking voice.

STRENGTHEN YOUR VOICE, LEVEL II

Fridays, January 11, 18, February 1 and 8 (no class on January 25), 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, \$15 per class, Minimum four students.

This class will build upon the technical skills learned in Level 1 in a workshop setting. Participants will engage in a group vocal warm-up, and then each participant will spend time working individually with the instructor while the rest of the class observes. This is a good opportunity for those who want to further develop their skills but who are not able to commit to private lessons. Note: some outside preparation will be required.

Prerequisite: All participants should complete Strengthen Your Voice, Level 1 before registering for Level 2.

WITH OUR NEIGHBORS

LYRIC FEST SONGS FROM THE TUNDRA – NORDIC SONG AND VERSE

Saturday, January 12, 4:00 pm, in the Sanctuary

In a collaboration with Variant 6, a virtuosic vocal sextet in Philadelphia, Lyric Fest explores the songs that come from the experience of life in the Tundra. Works from Norway, Sweden, Russia, Ukraine, Finland, Iceland, Poland and Denmark performed in the ethereal acoustics of our sanctuary.

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, cpyrch@summitpres.net

INTERFAITH PHILADELPHIA – CIVIL CONVERSATIONS LIVE EVENT SERIES

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

In partnership with NewCORE (New Conversation on Race and Ethnicity) and WHY, 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>.

SOULS SHOT VOLUNTEER JOB AVAILABLE NOW

The Souls Shot: *Portraits of Victims of Gun Violence* is looking for a volunteer to help with making up an expense report once a month. It is super simple, very straight forward, and should only take a few minutes each month. Contact Laura at soulshotportraitproject@gmail.com if you are interested! Thanks, Laura Madeleine, Director and Curator.

THIS WEEK AT PCCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

	LORD'S SUPPER
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	2 nd Hour Festive Fellowship (Widener)
11:30 am	3,4,5 Fellowship (Ice Skating)
11:30 am	Music and Arts Committee (Harris)
11:30 am	Session Meeting (Melcher)
4:00 pm	Jr. High Fellowship (Brian's Office)
5:00 pm	Sr. High Fellowship (Brian's Office)

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

	Preschool Event (Widener)
3:30 pm	Girlchoir Rehearsal (Room 3&4)
4:00 pm	Girlchoir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
7:00 pm	Philomusica (Widener)
7:30 pm	Church Life Committee (Bernstein Home)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

	Organ Practice (Sanctuary)
9:00 am	Girlchoir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
6:00 pm	Zentangle Class (Room 3&4)
7:00 pm	Royal Scottish Country Dancers (Widener)
7:15 pm	Scouts District Meeting (Room 1&2)
7:30 pm	

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

	Rotary (Widener)
7:00 am	Bible Study (Harris)
11:00 am	Girlchoir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
5:30 pm	Coffee with Carla (Widener)
6:30 pm	PNC Meeting (Harris)
7:00 pm	Summit Group (Room 3&4)
8:00 pm	

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

	BNI Meeting (Melcher)
7:45 am	Organ Practice (Sanctuary)
9:00 am	Music Monkeys (Reception Room)
9:30 am	Speaker Series (Widener)
12:00 pm	Alzheimer's Support Group (Harris)
6:30 pm	

	Cub Scouts (Widener)
6:30 pm	Boy Scouts (Room 1&2)
7:30 pm	Gallery Choir (Choir Room)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

	Organ Practice (Sanctuary)
9:00 am	Music Monkeys (Reception Room)
9:30 am	

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

	Girlchoir Rehearsal (Sanctuary/Widener/ Chapel/Choir Room/ Room 3&4)
8:00 am	Yoga with Martha Agate (Melcher)
9:00 am	Lyric Fest Concert (Sanctuary)
4:00 pm	Royal Scottish Country Dancers (Widener)
7:30 pm	

NEXT WEEK AT PCCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

	Gallery Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
9:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
10:00 am	Church School (Strouse)
10:15 am	Church School Sings (Chapel)
11:00 am	Youth Choir Rehearsal (Youth Room)
11:00 am	2 nd Hour Barth for Beginners I (Reception Rm)
11:15 am	Jr. & Sr. High Fellowship (Hibachi at Ooka)
5:00 pm	Conversations with Cindy (Slaughter's Home)
5:30 pm	

THIS WEEK AT CENTER ON THE HILL
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MONDAY, JANUARY 7

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 8

9:30 am	Mindfulness Practice (Harris)
9:30 am	Watercolor Workshop (Room 1&2)
1:30 pm	Afternoon Movie “ Operation Finale ” (Harris)
2:30 pm	Zumba Gold (Room 3&4)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

10:30 am	Haiku Poetry (Reception Room)
11:30 am	Bridge Game (Room 1&2)
12:00 pm	Wednesday Diabetes Workshop (Room 5)
2:30 pm	Golden Yoga (Harris)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

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 Counseling by Appt. (Room1&2)
1:30 pm	Dream Circle (Room 1&2)
2:30 pm	Tone & Sculpt (Room 3&4)
3:00 pm	NVN Art Reception (COTH Lobby)
4:00 pm	Zumba Gold in a Chair (Room 3&4)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

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)
11:30 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)