

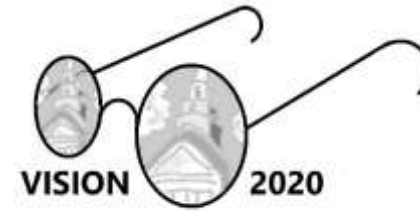
WELCOME TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL!

Whether you are a long-time member, first-time guest, or regular visitor, we are grateful for your presence. We invite you to join us again and to experience the vibrant life of this faith community.

Please silence all electronic devices as worship begins.

You are invited to wear a name tag as we greet each other (and visitors!) during morning worship and at coffee hour. Take a stick-on name tag from the welcome pad in the pews, or in Widener Hall after the service

- Resources to support your worship experience, including hearing devices and large print bulletins with hymns, are available. Speak with an usher for assistance.
- If you are a visitor and would like to meet a minister, tour the church or learn more about us, please speak with an usher.
- All are welcome to Fellowship Hour immediately following worship in Widener Hall.
- If you are interested in exploring church membership, please contact John Wilkinson at the church office or at jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org.
- If you need a ride to church, please call the church office.
- If you need care or support in any way, please contact 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 Church School Gathering. Bags with coloring pages and crayons and other entertainment 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.
- Lost and Found is located in the church office. Larger items are in a box on the lower level. See Owintier Charles on Sundays with questions, or call the church office during the week.



A Plan. A Future. A Hope.

Our Vision 2020 Stewardship effort continues. Thank you for your support. As of December 4, we have received 114 pledges totaling \$440,424.00. This total includes 12 new pledges. We are well on our way to meeting our 2020 goal.

We continue to receive pledges. Pledge cards are available in the pews, or call the church office if you need one. Your timely response is helpful as we begin to make budgetary plans for the next year.

Thanks again to all who have pledged, and thanks in advance to all who will. Your support of our vision is gratifying.

Narthex News

December 8, 2019

CHURCH SCHOOL AT A GLANCE			
12/8/2019	Room	Teacher	Topic
Birth - 2 Year Olds	Room 101	Debbie Lambeth and Ichilda James	God’s Care
Pre-K (3-4 Year Olds)	Room 211	Jennifer Miller and Alison Rudolph	Godly Play
Kindergarten-Grade 1	Room 205	Debra Robinson and Barb Olson	Advent II Isaiah 11:1-10
Grade 2–Grade 5	Room 208	Beth and Helen Lutz	Advent II Isaiah 11:1-10
Grade 6-7	Youth Room	The Beatitudes	Lyn Huertgen

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

3-4-5 FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, December 8: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm: Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsal

Sunday, December 15: 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm: Caroling to the Seniors

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Sunday, December 8: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm: The Gospels

Sunday, December 15: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm: The Life and Death of Jesus

JR. HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, December 8: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm: Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsal

Sunday, December 15: 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm: Caroling to the Seniors

Sunday, December 15: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm: Jr. High Christmas Party

SR. HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, December 8: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm: Movie “Midnight in Paris”

Saturday, December 14: 8:00 am – 2:00 pm: Habitat for Humanity

Sunday, December 15: 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm: Caroling to the Seniors

THE CHURCH GATHERED

SECOND HOUR @ PCCH

Today, 11:30 am, Reception Room

“Who is Jesus in our Book of Confessions” led by John Wilkinson.

Sunday, December 15, 11:30 am, Reception Room

“What our Advent Liturgy and Music says about Jesus” led by John Wilkinson

ADVENT MINI RETREAT

Saturday, December 14, 9:30 am to 12:00 noon, Widener Hall

RSVP on the bulletin board outside the church office, call the church office at 215-247-885 to email ecarpenter@chestnuthillpres.org.

Led by John Wilkinson, this time together will explore scripture, poetry and prose in an informal and interactive setting. Join us for a time to step back from the December rush and prepare your hearts for the birth of the Christ child.

2020 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 2020 are: March 22, June 21, and August 23. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

SERMONS AVAILABLE

Print versions of Sunday morning sermons will generally be available at the church office early in the following week, along with recent past Sundays. You can also read and hear the sermons at the church’s website. Please contact the church office with any questions.

SOCIAL WITNESS COMMITTEE

Let your light shine! Let your voice be heard! During Fellowship Hour in Widener Hall, stop by the Social Witness table. It will have information about important issues, stamped postcards, pens and address lists. Witness to your faith and send a message to your legislators. For further information contact either Sharon Kelly (sharonjkelly311@gmail.com) or Bob Fles (rfles@msn.com).

2019 TAX REMINDER

To be able to deduct donations and pledge payments made to PCCH for 2019, funds must be dated December 31, 2019 and hand-delivered to the church office no later than Friday, January 3, 2020 OR postmarked December 31, 2019 if mailed. All gifts of stock need to be received by the church by December 31, 2019

HOW YOU CAN HELP

ACHIEVABILITY AND PIHN CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Due, Sunday, December 15

PCCH will be collecting gifts for 25 children participating in the ACHIEVability program. 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. Please sign up in Widener Hall after church or contact Beth Vaccaro at bethnellvaccaro@gmail.com. There is a \$50 limit per child and all gifts must be labeled, wrapped and placed under the Christmas tree in Widener Hall by Sunday, December 15. Please sign up for PIHN with Liz Podraza also in Widener Hall or email Liz at lizpodraza@gmail.com.

OUR BROTHER’S PLACE

Next Sloppy Joe Pick-up Date is Monday, December 23. If you are making or buying Christmas cookies, please bring an extra dozen or two to send along with our December Sloppy Joes. The men really appreciate this extra treat at Christmas. Thank you!

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).

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE FOR YOUTH MISSION

The congregation has a unique opportunity to help support the Youth Mission Trip to Belfast, Northern Ireland from July 6 to July 15, 2020. 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 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 2020 Belfast, Northern Ireland Mission Trip on the memo line. Address the envelope ATTN: Brian Russo.

THE CHURCH SENT OUT

FACE TO FACE PREP DATES

Future date for Prep only (9:30 am – 1:30 pm) is Saturday, December 21, 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 Beth Vaccaro (bethnellvaccaro@gmail.com).

WITH OUR NEIGHBORS

PIFFARO CONCERT

Saturday, December 14, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

Tydings Trew: Caroling in Early England

Piffaro will be joined by soprano Nell Snaidas, Grammy Award winning tenor Karim Sulayman, and Mark Rimple, plucked strings. For tickets and information: www.piffaro.org or call 215-235-8469. Be sure to mention the code “PCCH” for discounted \$19.00 tickets.

THE CROSSING @CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 22, 5:00 pm, Sanctuary

Spectral Spirits, a world premiere from Edie Hill on poems of Holly Hughes.

The Little Match Girl Passion (2008) by David Lang on texts of Hans Christian

Andersen and St. Matthew. For tickets and information: www.crossingchoir.org.

CENTER ON THE HILL ... *the place for active adults*

To register for these programs, unless otherwise indicated, please call Mariangela Saavedra at 215-247-4654 or email msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org

MONTHLY MINDFULNESS PRACTICE

Tuesday December 10 Drop-in class: the 2nd Tuesday of the Month, 9:30 am –11:00 am, \$12 per session

“Like water to the parched traveler; meditation, as well as prayer, quench the inner thirst.” — Unknown

Many say “it’s too hard”. But its essence is simply awareness of breathing and our sensations and thoughts. All that’s really required is a safe place, a few minutes (or more) and a willingness to stay with it (focused relaxation). The instructor and the group’s energy also usually make it easier. You are invited to be a part of us. Simply come with a light, wholehearted willingness to participate, and a beginner’s mind.

WEDNESDAY DIABETES WORKSHOP

Wednesdays, Ongoing, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

You can live well with diabetes, pre-diabetes or gestational diabetes. Chestnut Hill Hospital’s certified diabetes educator Kirsten Puskar, CDE, will help you understand managing diabetes to stay healthy. All are welcome to take part in this series of four interactive discussions, where participants receive personalized attention and learn what it takes to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Participants can sign up for one or all four workshops, or just attend the cooking workshop/demo on the 4th Friday of each month.

Examples of some Weekly Topics: The Body System, Diabetes and Basic Nutrition, Nutrition Overview: macro-nutrients, counting carbohydrates and developing an individual meal plan, Classes of Medications and Reducing Stressors, Healthy Cooking: Demonstrations.

HAIKU POETRY

Wednesday, December 11, 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 and read some of our writings aloud.

“This class helped me better understand the aging process”- Sylvia Clark, Haiku Class Member

COMMUNITY HOLIDAY PARTY

December 12, 1:30 pm-3:30 pm, \$10 Per Person in Advance, \$12 at the door. Pre-Registration and Payment is required by Monday December 9, or you will be charged the at the door rate.

Featuring a live performance of timeless music from the Great American Songbook presented by Act III Entertainment. Join us for this wonderful holiday party with music, friends, festive decorations, small bites and dessert buffet!

NAME THAT TUNE - A fun and interactive approach to Music Appreciation

December 17, 1:30 pm -2:30 pm, Free

Do you love music? Do you wish you knew a little more about some of your favorite songs? Join us for a fun and interactive music appreciation class this Winter! Back by popular demand, your instructor Michael Kraus, will guide you through monthly lessons featuring songs from the past. Learn about the musical roots of songs you have known since childhood, and songs you still love to sing along with today. These classes will be entertaining, engaging, educational and fun! Can you Name That Tune? Come and find out!

About the Instructor Michael Kraus: *Michael has been a Music Educator for many years (High School & College); He is also a Musician (trombone) and has played for headliners such as Tony Bennett, Sammy Davis Jr., Liza Minelli, Bobby Darin, Diana Ross, Paul Anka, Frankie Valli, Carol Channing, Connie Francis, Jose Feliciano, among others. He founded Putumayo World Music record label in 1993 to introduce people to the music of the world's cultures.*



Christmas Flowers

A Meaningful Way to
Remember Loved Ones

During the Christmas season the sanctuary will be overflowing with beautiful flowers and greens 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 Eve bulletins (12/24/19) and the Sunday after Christmas bulletin (12/29/19).

**Please submit your names to the church office by
Monday, December 16.**

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 does not cover 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: _____

THIS WEEK AT PCCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

	LESSONS AND CAROLS
9:00 am	Gallery Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
10:20 am	Church School (Strouse)
11:15 am	Fellowship (Widener)
11:15 am	Joyful Noise Rehearsal (Chapel)
11:15 am	Youth Choir Rehearsal (Youth Room)
11:30 am	Second Hour Discussion (Reception Room)
11:30 am	Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
3:00 pm	Girlchoir Concert (Sanctuary)
4:30 pm	Girlchoir Reception (Widener)
5:00 pm	Sr. High Fellowship (Movie)
6:00 pm	Girlchoir Concert (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm	Confirmation Class (Harris)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:00 am	Organ Practice (Sanctuary)
6:00pm	CY Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7:00 pm	Zentangle (Rooms 3 & 4)
7:30 pm	District Boy Scout Meeting (Room 1&2)
7:30 pm	Royal Scottish Country Dancers (Chapel)
7:30 pm	Session (Melcher)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:00 am	Rotary (Widener)
9:00 am	Preschool Class (Chapel)
11:00 am	Bible Study (Reception)
1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (Melcher)
1:00 pm	Girlchoir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
6:00 pm	Girlchoir Rehearsal (Room 3&4)
6:00 pm	Girlchoir Rehearsal (Widener)
6:30 pm	Crossing Rehearsal (Chapel)

7:00 pm

8:00 pm

Watercolor Painting Instruction (Room 1&2)

Summit Group (Room 3&4)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:45 am	BNI Meeting (Widener)
9:00 am	Organ Practice (Sanctuary)
1:30 pm	COTH Holiday Party (Widener)
6:00 pm	FSP Against Bullying (Reception)
6:30 pm	Cub Scouts (Widener)
7:00 pm	Adictango (Rms 3 & 4)
7:30 pm	Gallery Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7:30 pm	Scouts (Rooms 1 & 2)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:00 am	Organ Practice (Sanctuary)
9:00 am	Preschool Yoga (Room 3&4)
4:30 pm	The Crossing Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:00 am	Girlchoir Rehearsal (Sanctuary/Chapel/Choir Room/ Room 3&4)
8:00 am	Sr. High Fellowship: Habitat for Humanity
9:30 am	Advent Mini Retreat (Harris)
1:30 pm	The Crossing Rehearsal (Chapel)
3:30 pm	The Crossing Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:30 pm	Piffaro Concert (Sanctuary)

NEXT SUNDAY AT PCCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:00 am	Gallery Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
10:20 am	Church School (Strouse)
11:15 am	Fellowship (Widener)
11:15 am	Joyful Noise Rehearsal (Chapel)
11:15 am	Youth Choir Rehearsal (Youth Room)
11:30 am	Second Hour Discussion (Reception Room)
12:00 pm	Youth – Caroling to the Seniors
2:00 pm	The Crossing Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
4:00 pm	Philadelphia Women’s Music Project (Chapel)
6:00 pm	Jr. High Christmas Party (Youth Room)
7:00 pm	Confirmation Class (Harris)

THIS WEEK AT CENTER ON THE HILL

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00 am	Nutrition Counseling (Melcher)
9:30 am	Sketching and Drawing Class (Room 1&2)
10:30 am	Italian Conversation (Reception Room)
12:30 pm	Bridge Game (Room 5)
2:15 pm	Gentle Yoga (Harris)
2:30 pm	French Conversation (Room 1&2)
4:00 pm	Zumba Gold (Harris)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:30 am	Watercolor Workshop (Room 1&2)
9:30 am	Mindfulness (Harris)
1:00 pm	Mah Jongg Open Play (Room 5)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00 am	PCCH Bridge Group (Room 1&2)
9:00 am	Qigong Class (Harris)
10:00 am	Bridge Game (Room 5)
1:30 pm	Community Holiday Party (Widener)
2:00 pm	Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group (Harris)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

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)