

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 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.

Narthex News

October 23, 2016

CHURCH SCHOOL AT A GLANCE

10/23/2016	Room	Teacher	Topic
Birth - 2 Year Olds	Room 101	Ms. Debbie and Ms. James	God’s Care
Pre-K (3-4 Year Olds)	Room 211	Beth Lutz and Katie Foster	Godly Play
Kindergarten-Grade 1	Room 205	Karen and Bob Bausman	Come Down
Grade 2-3	Room 208	Jessica and Matthew Hurst	Come Down
Grade 4-5	Room 209	Linda Amsterdam and Matt or Alison Abernethy	Come Down
Grade 6-7	Youth Room	Brian Russo	Genesis 12-21: Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Ishmael and Isaac

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

YOUTH GROUP FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, October 30, 5:00 pm: Jr. High Fellowship in the Youth Room.

Sunday, October 30, 6:00 pm: Dinner Church in the Chapel.

Sunday, October 30, 7:00 pm: Confirmation Class Begins in the Youth Room.

THANK YOU FROM OUR BROTHER’S PLACE

Thanks to Melissa Montgomery and Emilie Carr, who joined team leader Jeff Podraza in serving dinner to the residents of Our Brother's Place men's shelter last Sunday, October 23. We welcome new volunteers to take part in this monthly outreach, however you can help - make Sloppy Joes, sign up to help serve or lead a team on signupgenius.com (click on "find a signup," and search for jeffpodraza@gmail.com for these listings), or reach out to one of the program coordinators (Jeff Podraza, Margaret Spencer, or Sue Brown). To make Sloppy Joes, brown two pounds of ground beef or ground turkey; drain the fat; mix in a Ziploc bag with one large can of Manwich sandwich sauce; freeze flat and bring to the PCCH kitchen. Our next service date is **Sunday, November 27.**

**THE SECOND HOUR
SERMON TALK BACK WITH DEAN THAMES**

October 30, 11:30 am, Reception Room

Therese Thames, Associate Dean of the Chapel at Princeton University, and our guest preacher for the morning, will lead us in a discussion about race from the perspective of a black mother who is raising her son in a white, privileged community and in a nation where being young, male and black is too often a liability. All are welcome!

FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND ARTS

Art Exhibition “Places”

Friday, October 28 – Wednesday, November 9

Receptions: Friday, November 4 and Saturday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m.
Widener Hall

The visual arts component of the PCCH Festival of Music and Arts will be an exhibition entitled *Places* featuring 2 and 3 dimensional works by renowned area artists. These works will inspire, challenge, transport, comfort, and, possibly change you! Come, experience and enjoy.

An exhibition of artworks by Meri Adelman, Edwina Brennan, Laura Cohn, Suzanne DuPlantis, Helene Halstuch, Mary Kane, Monique Sarkessian, Dorothy Roschen, and Julie Zahn. (The exhibition is curated by Laura, formerly Laura Pritchard.)

Festival of Music and Arts

Friday, November 4

**Play Reading: “On the Verge or The Geography of Learning”
by Eric Overmyer**

Three Victorian lady explorers set out in 1888 to find Terra Incognita. On their travels, as they encounter strange new people, places, and vocabulary, they discover that they are traveling not just through space, but through time.

This moving, thought-provoking, raucous, cerebral, charming play will leave you with a heightened appreciation for intrepid adventurers, the importance of community, and trousers.

7:30 p.m. Doors Open; 8:00 p.m. Play Reading

The Burleigh Cruikshank Memorial Chapel – Suggested Donation \$10

Saturday, November 5

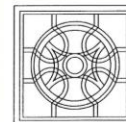
Concert: Gallery Choir and Orchestra

The Gallery Choir will perform works by women composers with string quintet accompaniment. Two works from The Crossing’s recent project,

Seven Responses, will be featured: *Ad Genua* by Icelandic composer Anna Thorvaldsdottir, and *To The Hands* by American Caroline Shaw, winner of the 2013 Pulitzer Prize for Music.

8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary – \$10 at the door

Reception and Art Exhibition featuring women artists following the concert.



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HOW YOU CAN HELP

GERMANTOWN AVENUE CRISIS MINISTRY: Next collection date is Sunday, November 6.

GACM provides food, fuel, clothing, housing and other emergency assistance to those who live in the Northwest section of Philadelphia. We collect food and cash donation for the GACM Food Cupboard on the first Sunday of every month. Please help with your donations of: canned tuna, chicken and meats; rice, pasta, and potato products (not in glass jars); peanut butter; canned vegetables; powdered milk; hearty soups and stews; and hot cereals.

PCCH ANNUAL WARMTH DRIVE

Sunday, November 20, 11:30 am, Widener Hall

Please start bringing your gently used warm coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, blankets, etc. for our annual collection to support Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry. We will have a collection box available in the Reception Room to receive your items through Sunday, November 20. Thank you for your generosity to help those in need.

THE CHURCH GATHERED

DINNER CHURCH

Today, October 30, 6:00 pm, Burleigh Cruikshank Chapel.

Bring a dish to share, a beverage of choice and be ready for a lively conversation around a table set with candles and love. Last month, children, youth and adults became a family of faith, breaking bread at the beginning of the meal and sharing the cup at the end, in thanksgiving for the love that knows no end.

PUBLIC CLASSROOM @ PENN MUSEUM CLASS VIEWING EVENINGS

Wednesdays, November 9 and November 16, 6:30 – 9:00 pm, Reception Room

As we explore religion, race, and reconciliation throughout the fall as a church, join us to learn more about what this thing called “race” really is. The Public Classroom @ Penn Museum is hosting sessions on Science and Race: History, Use, and Abuse. The sessions will be live streamed and we will be gathering for “viewing parties” for these classes here at the church. Please join us for one or more of these classes to learn and discuss together. Bring your own beverage and/or food to share! Topics include: November 9: Geography, Culture, and Race; November 16: Violence and Race. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office or online at SignUp Genius. Search for Margaret Poteet’s email (margaret.poteet@gmail.com) on www.signupgenius.com to find the sign up.

TEXAS HOLD’EM POKER NIGHT

Friday, November 18, 7:30 pm, Home of Kristin and John Lawton, 3 Haddon Place, Ft. Washington, PA 19034

Join us for the first of the season round of PCCH Texas Hold’em Poker! Once again, all money raised will go directly to the Youth Mission Trip 2017. Please RSVP to Brian Russo (brusso@chestnuthillpres.org) or Kristin Lawton (jklawton@comcast.net).

AN AFTERNOON AT STAGECRAFTERS THEATER

Sunday, December 4, 2:00 pm, 8130 Germantown Avenue, Chestnut Hill

As part of our continuing conversation about race, privilege, and reconciliation, the Church Life Committee has organized an afternoon at Stagecrafters Theater in Chestnut Hill to see Bruce Norris’ Pulitzer Prize-winning play, **Clybourne Park**.

In 1959, an all-white community tries to stop the sale of a house to a black family. What happens when, fifty years later, the same house, now in an all-black neighborhood, is sold to a white family...? A clever, darkly funny, and insightful play about race, class, and protecting one’s turf. We’ll gather back at church (or somewhere on the Hill?) afterwards for conversation. Stagecrafters is holding a block of 20 tickets for us - if we get a group of at least 15, tickets will be \$15 apiece. To reserve tickets, email Jeff Podraza (jeffpodraza@gmail.com). Payment is due by November 18. We hope to see you there!

THE CHURCH SENT OUT

WHEN SYRIA BECAME OUR HOME PRESENTED BY OMC PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Sunday, November 13, 2:00 pm, OMC Parish Hall, 11 E. Chestnut Hill Avenue

The Peace and Justice Committee of Our Mother of Consolation (OMC) cordially invites you to attend a presentation by Theresa Kubasak and Gabe Huck, founders of the Iraqi Student Project, who are now assisting Syrian students to get an education. OMC has joined with other area congregations in an ecumenical effort to sponsor one of those students, Samra, who started attending LaSalle University this fall. Theresa and Gabe’s recently published memoir will serve as the basis of their talk, stemming from their time spent in Syria, 2005-2012, working on the project and imbibing the culture and history of the country.

THE PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY MINISTRIES OF DELAWARE VALLEY PRESENTS THE 2ND ANNUAL FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT REARING SUCCESSFUL SONS

Sunday, November 13, 4:00 pm, African American Museum, 701 Arch Street, Philadelphia. Tickets for the Concert \$25; \$100 for 3:00 pm private reception hosted by Ukee Washington.

An afternoon of music featuring The Philadelphia High School for the Creative and Performing Arts Concert Choir to benefit the John Gloucester House. For more information or tickets call 215-389-5504.

PHILADELPHIA INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK 18TH ANNUAL EMPTY BOWL DINNER

Wednesday, November 16, three seatings: 4:00 pm, 5:30 pm, and 7:00 pm, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Brossman Center Benbow Hall, 7301 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia. Minimum Donation, Adults: \$25, Students and Children: \$10.

For a modest donation, guests receive a free handcrafted bowl, and enjoy an all-you-can-eat feast of fresh soups, breads and desserts. At the end of the meal, each attendee leaves with their empty bowl as a reminder that every night in the city of Philadelphia 1,000 children go without a meal or a place to call home.

THE DIFFERENCE YOUR PLEDGE MAKES IN THE WORLD

*If all the 200 households that pledge would raise our pledges by 1% of our household income and if our average household income were \$75,000, we would increase our stewardship by \$150,000. Given that our goal is to grow from \$590,000 pledges in 2016 to \$650,000 pledges in 2017, we could **DOUBLE** our giving to these ministries that are changing the world. These are just a few of the ministries we participate in and fund:*

- BROAD STREET MINISTRY is a worshipping community in center city that anticipates serving 80,000 meals to over 7300 guests this year.
- GERMANTOWN AVENUE CRISIS MINISTRY responds to crises and ongoing needs of the working poor and the elderly poor in Northwest Philadelphia.
- FREEDOM SCHOOL is a reading-based summer program for at-risk children and youth in Germantown led by First Presbyterian Church in Germantown.
- CENTURION MINISTRIES, based in Princeton, N.J., is dedicated to the vindication of the wrongly convicted. Out of 1500 requests this year, they are working on 150 cases.
- PHILADELPHIA INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK shelters families in churches and connects parents to advocacy programs as they move toward permanent housing.
- ACHIEVABILITY provides transitional housing to families as long as each member of the family is actively working toward the next level of his or her education.
- NORTHERN YOUTH PROJECT in New Mexico is a mission project initiated by our youth. When they go to Ghost Ranch, our youth work with NYP youth in agricultural sustainability.
- COVENANT NETWORK is a group working to make our denomination “as generous and just as God’s grace,” especially with regard to the inclusion of LGBTQ Presbyterians.
- SYRIA-LEBANON PARTNERSHIP NETWORK feeds, educates and gives hope to thousands of Syrian refugees in Lebanon.
- FRIENDS OF SAMRA is a coalition of faith communities sponsoring a Syrian student who has begun her studies at LaSalle. The hope is to sponsor a family in the future.
- ONE VOICE MOVEMENT supports Israeli and Palestinian youth who are working with their peers to keep the hope of a two state solution alive in the Middle East
- HEEDING GOD’S CALL continues to bear a witness in the city against gun violence, seeking to grow a grace roots movement that will end this national scourge.
- MONTGOMERY COUNTY HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE will help us discern how best to address this growing crisis in the year ahead.
- ST. RAYMOND’S HOUSE provides permanent supportive care to formerly homeless single men and women with chronic health conditions.

Be a part of PCCH’s witness to love and justice in the world: increase your pledge by 1% of your household income.

WITH OUR NEIGHBORS

WE THIRST: LESSONS IN MERCY: A COURSE IN ADDICTION AWARENESS WITHIN OUR SOCIETY

Tuesday Evenings, 7:00—9:00 pm, November 8 and 15, Our Mother of Consolation Parish Hall, Chestnut Hill Avenue, Philadelphia.

Addiction is a disease of the body, mind, and spirit that affects the afflicted, those who love them, and society at large. The lack of solid information exacerbates fear, induces shame, and produces an unwarranted stigma - all of which hinder the healing process. An informational and formational series of four evenings of reflection, this program examines the four aspects of the bio-psycho-social-spiritual disease of addiction. Each seminar focuses on one aspect and explores the problem and considers various solutions.

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

Complete calendar of Center events is available at www.chestnuthillpres.org.

PROPER ERGONOMICS

Thursday, November 3, 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m., Free.

In this session, you will learn how to avoid stress on your body while doing everyday activities such as proper desk/computer ergonomics, proper sleep positions and proper driving techniques. Postural computerized exams will be performed on participants with an emailed report to follow.

FROM PHANTOM TO HAMILTON: LOOK BEHIND AND BEYOND THE CURTAIN

Thursdays, November 3, 10, 17 and December 1, 2:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m., \$40 for four sessions

Leigh Munro, former star of Phantom of the Opera with Michael Crawford, will compare the two musical phenomena of our times. She'll discuss the triumphs and trials of producing such major theatrical hits, including personal challenges of the artists involved in bringing them to life eight times a week. How did the 'Hamilton' hysteria happen? Why has 'Phantom' lasted 28 years? Join us for a lively discussion, including music and video presentations of both shows.

THE BLACK EXPERIENCE DURING WORLD WAR II

Monday, November 7, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m., Free.

David Friedman returns to the Center on the Hill to share his passion for World War II. This time his lecture will cover the African American servicemen who served with distinction in World War II and the bigoted racism they encountered. He will discuss several different groups including the famed Tuskegee Airmen and the Buffalo soldiers.

AFTERNOON MOVIE

Tuesday, November 8, 1:30 p.m., \$1 (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: “**The Red Violin**” The intricate history of a beautiful antique violin is traced from its creation in Cremona, Italy, in 1681, where a legendary violin maker paints it with his dead wife's blood to keep her

memory alive, to an auction house in modern-day Montreal, where it draws the eye of an expert appraiser. Over the years between, the violin travels through four different countries, where it has a profound impact on all those who own it. (1999)

THIS WEEK AT PCCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

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)
11:15 am	Fellowship (Widener)
11:30 am	2 nd Hour Discussion (Reception Room)
5:00 pm	Jr. High Fellowship (Youth Room)
6:00 pm	Dinner Church (Chapel)
7:00 pm	Confirmation Class (Youth Room)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

6:15 pm	Yoga (Melcher)
7:00 pm	Philo Musica (Widener)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7:30 pm	Scouts District Meeting (Room 1&2)
7:30 pm	Philo Musica (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

7:00 am	Rotary (Widener Hall)
11:00 am	Bible Study (Harris)
5:30 pm	Keystone/CY Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
5:30 pm	Super Bones Class (Harris)
6:30 pm	Girlchoir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:30 pm	PG Parent Choir Rehearsal (Widener)
6:45 pm	Awareness Through Movement (Harris)
8:00 pm	Summit Group (Room 3&4)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

10:30 am	Outdoor Gardeners (Widener)
6:00 pm	Penn Mindfulness (Harris)
6:30 pm	Cub Scouts (Widener)
7:00 pm	MALT WordPress Class (Room 5)
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts (Widener)
7:45 pm	Gallery Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

9:00 am	Organ Practice (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm	Art Reception (Widener)
8:00 pm	Play Reading (Chapel)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9:00 am	Girlchoir Rehearsal (Sanctuary/Choir Room)
5:00 pm	Tempesta Artist Recital (Chapel)
7:00 pm	Art Reception (Widener)
8:00 pm	Choral Concert/Reception (Sanctuary)

NEXT WEEK AT PCCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

9:00 am	Gallery Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
10:15 am	Church School (Strouse)
11:15 am	High Coffee with Art Reception (Widener)
7:00 pm	Confirmation Class (Youth Room)

THIS WEEK AT CENTER ON THE HILL ... *the place for active adults*

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

9:00 am	Super Bones Level II (Harris)
9:30 am	Sketching and Drawing Class (Room 1&2)
10:00 am	Beginning Italian Class (Reception Room)
10:30 am	Awareness Through Movement (Room 3&4)
11:00 am	Advanced Italian Class (Reception Room)
12:30 pm	Bridge Game (Room 5)
2:00 pm	Qigong (Room 3&4)
2:15 pm	Gentle Therapeutic Yoga (Harris)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9:30 am	Watercolor Class (Room 1&2)
11:00 am	Introduction to Meditation (Chapel)
12:30 pm	Vegetarian Cooking (SDA Church)
1:00 pm	Writing Your Life Story (Room 1&2)
1:30 pm	Beginning Bridge (Room 5)
1:30 pm	Zumba Gold (Room 3&4)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:30 am COTH Trip to Constitution Center
 10:00 am Internet/Email Class (Room 5)
 11:15 am Tai Chi Chuan Level 3 (Room 3&4)
 11:30 am Bridge Game (Room 1&2)
 12:00 pm Wednesday Diabetes Workshop (Widener)
 12:30 pm Tai Chi Chuan Level 2 (Room 3&4)
 1:00 pm Wednesday Writing Group (Reception Room)
 2:00 pm Intro to Spanish Conversation (Room 5)
 2:30 pm Golden Yoga (Harris)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:00 am PCCH Bridge Group (Room 1&2)
 9:00 am Qigong (Harris)
 9:00 am Super Bones II (Room 3&4)
 10:00 am Bridge Game (Room 5)
 10:30 am Proper Ergonomics (Room 3&4)
 10:30 am Super Bones (Harris)
 1:00 pm Super Bones II (Room 3&4)
 2:00 pm From Phantom to Hamilton (Harris)
 2:00 pm Individual Medicare Counseling (Room 1&2)
 5:45 pm Soul Line Dancing (Room 3&4)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

9:30 am Yoga with Attitude (Harris)
 11:30 am Yoga, A Chair and You (Harris)
 1:00 pm International Folk Dancing (Room 3&4)
 1:30 pm Mah Jongg Open Play (Room 5)
 2:30 pm Golden Yoga (Harris)

2016 Operating Fund Summary

The Budget & Actual Financial Standing through September 30, 2016

Our Projections for the Year	Where Should We Be Today	This is Where We Are Today	Here is the Difference
2016 Annual Budget	2016 YTD Budget	2016 YTD Actual	2016 Variance
Congregational Response *	\$707,522	\$522,392	(\$185,130)
NOTE: Current Member Pledges	\$620,000	\$375,270	(244,730)
NOTE: Plate Offering	\$25,000	\$18,750	(6,250)
(Annual Pledges & Offerings)			
Endowment Draws	\$131,078	\$118,476	\$12,602
(Our Invested Funds Available)			
Other Sources of Funds	\$107,400	\$80,550	(\$26,850)
Our Total Sources of Funds	\$946,000	\$721,418	(\$224,582)
Our Expenses & Mission Outreach	\$946,000	\$648,925	\$297,075
(This is How We Use the Funds)			
DIFFERENCE	\$0	\$72,493	(\$63,137)

* Please keep your pledges up to date.

* For 2016, we are under budget by ~ \$89,730

* Unfulfilled pledges from previous years are still welcomed anytime.

Did You Know? Your PLEDGES help to repair our church, pay for salaries, elevator maintenance, 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 Avenue Crisis Ministry; Habitat for Humanity, Kensington Ministry and others!

Highlight of the Month: Our Brother's Place

At Our Brother's Place, a shelter located near Center City, we have served thousands of meals featuring our homemade Slopy Joes, for nearly 15 years. Our Brother's Place shelters more than 150 men each night and provides day services for many more.