

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH HAPPENING AT PCCH

FELLOWSHIP

Join us in Widener Hall immediately following worship today for coffee and sweet treats! All are welcome.

SECOND HOUR WITH GERMANTOWN AVENUE CRISIS MINISTRY

Today during Second Hour, come learn about the opportunities and challenges faced by one of our primary mission partners, as we are joined by staff from Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry. PCCH was a founding congregation of the Crisis Ministry, which helps our neighbors navigate financial, energy, and food assistance in the short term, while also assisting them to plan stable, sustainable futures. Right now the Crisis Ministry is in need of pantry staples, as federal funding cuts have affected the flow of food from distributing organizations. You can bring items such as mac and cheese, soups, canned fruit and breakfast cereal to the shelf in the Reception Room any time, and we will make sure they get to the Crisis Ministry.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The session has called our annual congregational meeting for Sunday, May 4, immediately following worship. We will elect new classes of elders and deacons, as well as an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, and hear a report from the finance committee. After the meeting, join us in Widener Hall for fellowship and a committee fair! Learn about all the different committees that make PCCH run, and consider how God might be calling you to get more involved in our church's ministry.

PCCH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Harris room. Our next meeting will be on April 30. Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle will be leading the discussion which will focus on the biblical text used for the upcoming Sunday's sermon, **John 21:1-19**. All are welcome.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month. The next Men's Fellowship meeting is Thursday, May 1 from 2-3:30 p.m. in the reception room. Please call Ron Rising at 203.206.7299 with any questions or concerns.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday, May 20, 7:30 p.m. in the upper room of Campbell's Place, 8337 Germantown Avenue. The presenter will be Chris Petrak. All are welcome. Any questions, please contact the church office.

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HOSPITALITY HELPERS!

Have you enjoyed your coffee and treats after worship? Do you prefer drinking out of mugs rather than paper cups? Do you ever wonder how the seasonal napkins and decorations are chosen? Do you agree that tablecloths make Widener Hall more welcoming? Join the Hospitality Committee! Volunteer a few dates to help make the magic happen! Jobs include:

- Cleaning up after church
- Storing clean linens, washing dirty ones
- Setting up, cutting cake, picking up food and clean up for High Coffees and picnics

Contact Sandy Connelly at sandyconnelly@gmail.com with any questions.

GERMANTOWN AVENUE CRISIS MINISTRY FOOD DONATIONS

First Sunday of the month food collection is next Sunday, May 4, 2025.

GACM provides food, fuel, clothing, housing and other emergency assistance to those who live in the Northwest section of Philadelphia. Please help with your donation of cash or food items—canned tuna and chicken, rice, pasta, peanut butter, canned vegetables and beans, hearty soups and stews, and breakfast cereals. Regular sized products, not family size, and packaged in non-glass containers are appreciated. GACM is now also collecting personal hygiene items, such as laundry pods, period products in small packages, individually wrapped toothbrushes, etc.

SOULS SHOT PORTRAIT PROJECT: VOLUNTEER TREASURER NEEDED

Souls Shot Portrait Project is seeking a volunteer Treasurer to support their mission through financial oversight and stewardship. The Treasurer will serve on the Executive Committee but is not required to be a member of their Board of Directors.

This role primarily involves oversight—managing the bookkeepers and accountants responsible for tracking income and expenses, generating financial reports through QuickBooks, and preparing required tax filings, including the federal Form 990. Experience in nonprofit financial management, bookkeeping, accounting, QuickBooks and Excel is helpful. Prior Board experience is welcome, but not required. Estimated time commitment is three hours per month. Please reach out to Aubrey Fink at aubrey@soulshotportraitproject.org or 484.885.7822 for more information.

LADIES CIRCLE GROUP

If socializing, Bible Study and stimulating/lively discussions appeal to you, then you may want to join our group of great women to learn and share. We meet in the reception room on the third Tuesday of every month from September through June at 10 a.m. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 20. Yes, we have coffee and treats! Please contact Taylor Slaughter, praetextum@gmail.com or 215.983.8561, with any questions.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Date	Pre-K-Kindergarten	Grades 1-2	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8
4/27	Michelle Shachtman and Katie O'Dwyer	Mallory Becker and Vincent Rota	Diana Rodgers and Dan Pretz	Kate Magid and Rebecca DePasquale

Classes will be offered for four different age groups:

- Children ages three to kindergarten will engage in faith formation through *Godly Play* curriculum.
- Children in first and second grades will enrich and synthesize their knowledge of our core faith stories through the *Growing in God's Love* curriculum.
- Children in grades three to five will increase their Bible literacy while learning about the richness of our Christian history and faith in a fun, structured setting. Our current curriculum is derived from Memoria Press Christian Studies.
- Middle school youth in grades six to eight will study *Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living*. Youth will explore how they can live out their faith, as Jesus taught, in our modern world. The middle school youth will meet during worship two to three times per month. On the remaining Sundays, youth should participate in the full worship service.

Most Sundays, we will begin Sunday School with a brief opening in the chapel.

On Sundays when Communion is served in worship, the children will return to sit with their families so that they can participate.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Middle and high school youth will meet immediately after worship each week until noon in the Youth Group room. Lunch will be provided. Youth Group will not meet on the first Sunday of the month but will instead engage in Service Sunday after worship.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MUSIC UPDATE

Joyful Noise, our children's choir for ages three through grade five, will rehearse today from 11-11:40 a.m. Children will be brought to their parents in Widener Hall immediately following rehearsal. New singers and drop-ins are always welcome.

Youth Choir, our youth choir for grades six to twelve, will rehearse today. Youth Choir will not meet the first Sunday of each month in order to engage in community service with the Youth Group. New singers are always welcome.

CENTER ON THE HILL

Open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. New online content is posted Monday through Thursday at 12 p.m. on our programs page: chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs.

Upcoming classes and events

Registration is required for all activities and classes at the Center as space is limited for social distancing. Call 215.247.4654 or email msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org to register.

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON (*registration required*)

Tuesday, April 29, 12 p.m., \$15

Where else in the community can you go for lunch where you'll see familiar and new faces, where the atmosphere is relaxed and welcoming, where the food is consistently good, and it costs you only twelve dollars? Our large room is full of round tables that are simply decorated and set with white linens and festive tableware. We'd love to see you there!

UNO DOS TRES—VERY BASIC SPANISH (*registration required*)

Thursdays, May 1-June 5, 11:30 a.m., \$74

Registration required through Mount Airy Learning Tree (MALT). Contact MALT at 215.843.6333 or mtairylearningtree.org to register.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP (*registration required, registration closes on May 5*)

Monday's, April 28-June 9 (no group on May 26), 1 p.m., free

Please join us for six informal gatherings, in a supportive atmosphere, as you share time and stories with others who have experienced loss. Our facilitator Holli Farrow, MSW, will cover topics such as (but not limited to) the myths of grieving, grieving and the holidays, and if grief ever ends. Holly is a bereavement counselor at Crossroads Hospice & Palliative Care with experience in the mental health field, as well as grief and bereavement.

MORRIS ARBORETUM: HOW A PRIVATE ESTATE BECAME

A PUBLIC ARBORETUM (*registration required*)

Tuesday, May 6, 1 p.m., free

Unexpected things can happen when a benefactor wants to preserve her country estate a certain way but others have different plans in mind. In this case, the estate was Compton and the owners were Lydia T. Morris and her brother John T. Morris. It is now the Morris Arboretum and Gardens of Philadelphia. Lydia and John had barely begun to carry out a comprehensive plan for the future of their Chestnut Hill estate when a chronic ailment proved fatal for John in 1915. Lydia picked up where John left off but the plan was disrupted by war, economic depression and shifts in national priorities. Dr. Munro identifies the people who influenced Lydia's decision and answers the question: "Were Lydia's wishes honored?"

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, April 27

Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener, 11 a.m.
Youth Group	Strouse, 11:10 a.m.
Joyful Noise	Strouse or sanctuary 11:10 a.m.
Youth Choir rehearsal	Strouse, 12 p.m.
OMC Cub Scout Banquet	Widener, 1 p.m.

MONDAY, April 28

Organ practice	sanctuary, 9 a.m.
Sketching and Watercolor class	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Tai Chi private practice group	room 3&4, 10:15 a.m.
Table Games open play	room 5, 12 p.m.
Grief Support group	reception, 1:30 p.m.
WaterMedia Level Two class	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Qigong class	Harris, 2 p.m.
Philadelphia Boys and Girls Choir rehearsal	choir room, 3&4, 5:30 p.m.
Philomusica Chorale rehearsal	Widener, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, April 29

Sketching and Watercolor class	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Meditation practice group	room 4, 9:30 a.m.
Windows 11 Made Simple class	Harris, 10 s.m.
Tai Chi for Arthritis class	room 3&4, 11:30 a.m.
Community Luncheon	Widener, 12 p.m.
Mah Jongg open play	room 5, 12:30 p.m.
Strong Bones class	Widener, 1 p.m.
Strong Bones class	Widener, 2:15 p.m.
American Dance Wheels class	Widener, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia Boys and Girls Choir rehearsal	choir room, 6:30 p.m.
Royal Scottish Dancers group	chapel, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia Women's Music Project rehearsal	Widener, 7:30 p.m.

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, April 30

Rotary Club meeting	Widener, 7:30 a.m.
Organ practice	sanctuary, 9 a.m.
Beginning Tai Chi class	Widener, 10 a.m.
Rummy Tiles open play	room 5, 10:30 a.m.
PCCH Bible study	Harris, 10:30 a.m.
Continuing Tai Chi class	Widener, 11:15 a.m.
Bridge open play	room 1&2, 11:30 a.m.
Intermediate Tai Chi	Widener, 12:30 p.m.
Basics of Android Phone class	Harris, 1 p.m.
Staff meeting	reception, 1 p.m.
Mah Jongg open play	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Golden Yoga class	Widener, 3 p.m.
Weight Watchers meeting	Harris, 5:15 p.m.
Philadelphia Boys and Girls Choir rehearsal	chapel, choir, Widener, 3&4, 6:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, May 1

Qigong class	Harris, 9 a.m.
Painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Outdoor Gardeners	Widener, 10:30 a.m.
Uno Dos Tres—Very Basic Spanish class	room 5, 11:30 a.m.
Chair Cardio class	room 3&4, 1 p.m.
Mah Jongg group	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
French Conversation group	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Men's Fellowship	reception, 2 p.m.
Aging in Place group	Harris, 2:15 p.m.
Organ practice	sanctuary, 3 p.m.
American Dance Wheels class	Widener, 3:30 p.m.
MALT Ballroom Dance class	Widener, 6:30 p.m.
Christian Ed Committee meeting	Zoom, 7 p.m.
Gallery Choir rehearsal	sanctuary, 8 p.m.

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

FRIDAY, May 2

PreK Science assembly	Widener, 9 a.m.
Yoga with Attitude class	Harris, 9:45 a.m.
Scrabble play group	room 5, 10 a.m.
Yoga, a Chair and You class	Harris, 11:30 a.m.
International Folk Dancing class	room 3&4, 12:30 p.m.
Philomusica Chorale rehearsal	sanctuary, 7:30 p.m.
PCCH Sober & Out group	Harris, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, May 3

Building cleaning	
Philomusica Chorale concert	sanctuary, 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, May 4

Worship

Church School	Lord's Supper sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Fellowship	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Chestnut Hill Garden Festival	Widener Hall, 11 a.m.
Youth Group	Germanatown Avenue, 11 a.m.
Joyful Noise	Strouse, 11:10 a.m.
Youth Choir	Strouse or sanctuary, 11:10 a.m.
Philadelphia Boys and Girls Choir concert	Strouse, 12 p.m.
	sanctuary, 4 p.m.