

## THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

July 18, 2021

### WELCOME TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL!

Whether you are a first-time guest, regular visitor, or long-time member, 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.*

- Resources are available to support your worship experience, including hearing devices and large print bulletins. Speak with an usher for assistance.
- If you are a visitor and would like to meet a pastor, tour the church or learn more about us, please speak with an usher.
- All are welcome to Coffee Hour immediately following worship outside on the front lawn or in Widener Hall depending upon the weather.
- If you are interested in exploring church membership, please contact John Wilkinson at the church office or at [jjwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:jjwilkinson@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 pastors or call the church office.
- 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.
- 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.
- Sunday worship is live-streamed at [www.chestnuthillpres.org](http://www.chestnuthillpres.org). These services are recorded for later viewing.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING THIS SUNDAY

The Session of PCCH has called for a meeting of the congregation on Sunday, July 18 following the 10:00 a.m. service of worship, whereby the congregation will act on the request of Austin Crenshaw Shelly to dissolve the pastoral relationship so that she may accept the call as Pastor of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh.

### PCCH CHURCH OFFICE

The church summer hours will be Monday—Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. We will resume regular five-day per week 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. hours the Tuesday after Labor Day, September 7.

We are looking for church member volunteers to answer the office telephone and be a friendly face in the church office on Fridays from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Please call Evelyn Carpenter at 215-247-8855 if you are interested in volunteering.

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

#### CHURCH SCHOOL

Welcome back to in-person church school! During today's worship service, children will remain with their families to hear the Children's Moment from their pews. Then we'll dismiss and head to the Chapel where we will keep our masks on and maintain physical distancing. Please feel free to have your child dress comfortably as we may move some of our instruction outdoors onto the lawn, and please remember to send a clearly labeled water bottle each week. (If you're visiting and didn't bring a water bottle or simply forgot, no worries. We have cups and water for your child.) We are excited to be able to gather again!

Children are always welcome in our sanctuary. Should you choose to take your child to our nursery, please ask an usher to direct you to that space. Nursery care is available for children ages two and under and is staffed by two fully-vaccinated, fully background-checked, masked caregivers.

## PCCH YOUTH TRIP

After months of planning, the Youth are heading off on their next summer excursion! From July 24-30, eighteen of us will be in Bluemont, VA on a spiritual retreat. There will be morning and evening devotions (led by all ages), daily workshops, and Bible studies. We will enjoy several hikes along the Appalachian Trail, a day trip to Harpers Ferry, and a night out in our nation's capital. By the miracle of science and God's grace, all of our participants are vaccinated which will clear many potential hurdles and allow for a more enjoyable and memorable experience for the entirety of our group. Please keep our young people and our leaders in your thoughts and prayers as they seek both respite and revitalization during their week away.

### **PCCH VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2021 COMPASSION CAMP (evening edition)**

*Vacation Bible Camp is moving to the evenings this year.  
August 17, 18, 19  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
For ages 3-12  
Cost is \$30.00*

*Bible stories, music, movement, arts and crafts...we will explore the idea of compassion for ourselves, our neighbors and the whole world around us!*

*A sign-up link will be available soon.  
In the meantime, call the church office or email  
[ecarpenter@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:ecarpenter@chestnuthillpres.org) to reserve a spot or for more information.*

### **ADULT OPPORTUNITIES**

*Tuesday, August 17:  
Special Summer Theology on Tap—watch for details.*

*Wednesday, August 18—during the camp:  
Parents are invited to remain at the church for a gathering (refreshments provided!) with John Wilkinson about the future of our children's and family ministry. Please plan to connect with other families and to share your ideas.*

## **THE CHURCH GATHERED**

### **PIHN BACKPACK DRIVE**

We are once again assisting our PIHN partners with their annual backpack drive. As you may recall, PIHN distributes backpacks filled with school supplies to the children in their program for the new school year. Please fill a child-sized backpack (or two, or ten!) with school supplies, including paper, pencils, crayons, stickers, glue sticks, children's safety scissors, or anything else to make the school year better for these children. You may drop off the backpack in the Reception Room. The last day for drop off is **AUGUST 15**. If you are unable to drop off your backpack, and would like to arrange a pickup, please contact Melissa Montgomery at 610-506-0898 or [melissamon70@yahoo.com](mailto:melissamon70@yahoo.com) and we will be happy to arrange a time. Thank you in advance as we continue this much-loved drive.

### **SUPPORTING PIHN**

PIHN, our mission partner that supports homeless families, is beginning the process again of hosting families onsite. If you've been involved in the past, you know how meaningful this is. If you've ever been interested, now is the chance. Contact Melissa Montgomery if you'd like further information at [melissamon70@yahoo.com](mailto:melissamon70@yahoo.com).

PIHN is also in need of receiving a number of items to support its families: air conditioners, microwaves, irons, vacuum cleaners, dressers, sheets, towels and air mattresses. Please contact Melissa for more information or bring clearly marked items to the church.

### **LIVE-STREAM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

As our worship live-stream begins, we are seeking several volunteers to assist with its production. No previous technical experience is needed; you will simply push preset buttons. Ample training will be provided. If you are interested in learning more and joining the team, please contact Daniel Spratlan at [danielspratlan@gmail.com](mailto:danielspratlan@gmail.com).

### **FOOD DONATIONS RECEIVED EVERY SUNDAY AND ALL WEEK**

As food insecurity grows, PCCH will continue to receive shelf stable food donations to support several mission partners. You may bring items to the church every Sunday and during the week. Thank you for your support.

## **THE CHURCH IN COMMUNITY**

### **WEST KENSINGTON GOLF OUTING**

Our mission partner, West Kensington Ministry, is holding its third annual benefit golf outing on Monday, September 27 at Jeffersonville Golf Club. This promises to be a fun day to support an important urban ministry partner in our city. To register, go to [www.westkensingtonministry.com](http://www.westkensingtonministry.com) and click on the green “golfer registration” button. For more information, contact Jeff Podraza or John Wilkinson.

### **SOULS SHOT PORTRAIT PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES**

This summer, you have the opportunity to view two prior Souls Shot Portrait Project exhibits in anticipation of the newest version, debuting at PCCH in November.

- First Presbyterian Church in Springfield (Flourtown): View the 2020-2021 portraits from June 22 through August 28 (Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 1:00—3:00 p.m., Wednesdays from 6:00—8:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sundays from 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon.) Please call ahead.
- St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church: View the 2019-2020 portraits until August 28, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. and Sunday mornings.

Learn more at [www.soulshotportraitproject.org](http://www.soulshotportraitproject.org)

### **SOULS SHOT PORTRAIT PROJECT VOLUNTEER BOOKKEEPER SOUGHT**

Our partner Souls Shot Portrait Project is seeking a volunteer bookkeeper. Familiarity with QuickBooks is required. The initial commitment is for 2-4 hours a month and subsequently 1-2 hours per month. Please contact [soulshotportraitproject@gmail.com](mailto:soulshotportraitproject@gmail.com) for further information. Thank you for your consideration and suggestions.

### **JOB OPPORTUNITY SOUGHT FOR WKM**

A young adult participant active with our mission partner West Kensington Ministry has recently graduated from Jefferson University and is looking for employment. He majored in mechanical engineering and minored in computer science/IT. If you have any possibilities or would like further information, please contact [jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org) who will put you in touch with WKM leadership. Thanks for your response.

## **THE CENTER ON THE HILL**

The Center on the Hill is OPEN for **in-person activities this Summer!** When in person at the Center we are following all recommended guidelines and precautions. New online content, such as virtual tours, fitness videos, art lessons, recorded presentations and more, is still posted Monday—Thursday at 12:00 noon on our programs page here: <https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs/>

### **Upcoming classes and events:**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED for all activities and classes at the Center.

Call 215-247-4654 or email [msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org) to register.

### **SKETCHING AND WATERCOLOR**

*Mondays or Tuesdays, join at any time, 9:30—11:30 a.m., \$32 per month*

Enjoy sketching and watercolor painting in a relaxed class. A variety of mediums will be demonstrated and still life’s and photographs will be used. This drawing and watercolor painting class is for people of all abilities. Instructor Alex Forbes has been teaching classes in the Chestnut Hill area for the past twenty-six years.

### **MAH JONGG OPEN PLAY**

*Tuesdays, ongoing, join at any time, 12:30—2:30 p.m., \$2.00*

This is an opportunity to simply enjoy others’ company and play the game of Mah Jongg. Not for beginners: participants should be familiar enough with the game to play without formal instruction. Over the past years, a small group of people have been meeting to play and would like to expand the number of players.

### **BRIDGE OPEN PLAY**

*Wednesdays, ongoing, join any time, 11:30 a.m.—3:00p.m., \$2.00*

This is an opportunity to simply enjoy others’ company and play the game of Party Bridge. Not for beginners: participants should be familiar enough with the game to play without formal instruction.

### **GOLDEN YOGA**

*Wednesdays, start at any time, 3:00—4:00 p.m., \$10 per class, \$35 for 4 Classes, \$85 for 10 classes*

Golden Yoga is a classical yoga, adapted by the SKY Foundation, to accommodate those who have difficulty getting up and down from the floor. The practices include stretching, breathing, relaxation, and meditation techniques—all done while sitting in a chair or standing. *Barbara Levitt has practiced and taught Classical Yoga for more than forty-five years.*

### **QIGONG (HEALING MOVEMENTS)**

*Mondays, ongoing, 2:00—3:00 p.m. and Thursdays, 9:00—10:00 a.m., \$40 per four classes; \$12 walk-ins per class*

Come and experience the gentle, healing movements of the ancient Chinese art of Qigong (chee - gung). It is the practice of moving Chi, life energy, through the body for good health and well-being. These easy movements can be done in a standing or seated position. Enjoy the peaceful, calming feelings brought about by this wonderful art. *Michael McCormack has taught the healing arts for over twenty years. All are welcome.*

