

ANNUAL MEETING

The Session of the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill has called for the annual meeting of the congregation for Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. The meeting will be held on Zoom, with both video and telephone options. This meeting will be streamlined from our traditional in-person meetings and will focus on the election of new officers and approval of changes in terms of call for the pastors.

Watch your email for the 2020 annual report; if you would like a printed copy, please be in touch with the church office.

The link for the annual meeting is
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84424184194?pwd=Yi9SNVpnS252NXFELzg2c290d2N5UT09>

If you are joining via the telephone:

+1 646 876 9923 US,

Meeting ID: 844 2418 4194

Call the church office if you need assistance in joining the meeting.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Harry Spaeth, whose wife, Barbara, died on Saturday, February 13, 2021.

WALKING IN FAITH: STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

We are closing in on our 2021 goal! Thanks to all who have pledged thus far. The total to date is \$544,253. Another \$1,200.00 was pledged this past week. If you are among the households who pledged in 2020 but haven't yet pledged for 2021, now is the time. We need you to help keep our ministry going strong. You can send your pledge to the church office or make a confidential pledge to ecole@chestnuthillpres.org. Thank you for your faithful support.

SATURDAY HIKE POSTPONED

Saturday, February 20

The Church Life Hike scheduled for this Saturday has been postponed. Stay tuned for a new date.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School Online – www.chestnuthillpres.org

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. on Vimeo

Our weekly recorded church school videos now include a welcome song, a worship set-up, and a Bible story with Austin, as well as a yoga component with Amy Raphael! The yoga poses reinforce the Bible story the children have heard—just one more way to help these faith stories “stick” in our children’s minds and hearts. Later this spring, we’ll transition to including videos from church members who enjoy different hobbies and pastimes. Hopefully we will be able to virtually “visit” with painters, race car drivers, photographers, illustrators, fitness

instructors, woodworkers, builders, baseball fanatics, musicians, artists, and more! (If you have a hobby, vocation, or interesting skill you'd like to share, contact Austin at ashelley@chestnuthillpres.org to be added to her list of special guests!)

If you haven't already, please take a moment to follow our Church School Vimeo page. Following us helps others to find our page online (The more followers we have, the more Vimeo will promote our site.), and it will ensure that new videos come to your inbox when they are posted. Here's the link: <https://vimeo.com/506752509>

JOYFUL NOISE REHEARSAL

Sundays, 11:00—11:30 a.m. (Zoom)

Rehearsal will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will last approximately 30 minutes. Children will work with Julie Snyder on songs, play musical games together, and have some social interaction. As the weather starts to get warmer, we will mix in some outdoor in-person rehearsals with the goal of moving to all in-person rehearsals by the end of the school year. Let's get these kids singing together again!

Here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84250365822?pwd=SlDYTGp4eStOTWM3ZlBOT3lLS2NBdz09>

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, February 21, 4:00—5:00 p.m. in the parking lot

Youth snowball battle extravaganza!

THE CHURCH IN COMMUNITY

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

Friday – Morning Prayer, 7:30 a.m., Facebook Live

Visit our website www.chestnuthillpres.org and our Facebook page regularly for updates and events. Let us know if you have prayer concerns.

SECOND HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Join us on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom as we seek to grow in faith.

- February 21
 - ***White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity***—John Wilkinson will present a summary followed by discussion of this book by Robert Jones. Here is the link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84588861863?pwd=V1dzZGVScVRlNHVPMndUUnQvYXVCUT09>
- February 28
 - **PCCH Book Club**—*Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths*, by Bruce Feiler, chapters 3 and 4. Here is the link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84588861863?pwd=V1dzZGVScVRlNHVPMndUUnQvYXVCUT09>

RACIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES IN LENT

The PCCH Racial Justice Working Group invites you to several opportunities for learning and discussion this Lent. If you would like to participate in the work of the Racial Justice Working Group, please be in touch with John Wilkinson.

>February 24 and March 10 Discussion at 7:30 p.m.

“Acting Against Racism,” Articles from *The Christian Century*. We will discuss a series of brief articles from this popular faith-based journal.

Part I on February 24 and Part II on March 10

Zoom link for the discussions:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87362411434?pwd=YmVvRkJsRms5RkhON1UyNERzT3o0QT09>

Here is the link for the articles [.Layout 1 \(mcusercontent.com\)](#)

If you'd like a printed version, please contact the church office.

>March 20 at 10:00 a.m.

Presbytery Discussion of *Caste*

John Wilkinson will help lead a Presbytery wide forum—to which all are invited—on Isabel Wilkerson's important work, *Caste*. You are encouraged to begin the book now. Event details and link information will be forthcoming.

>March 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Discussion of “Lent of Liberation: Confronting the Legacy of American Slavery,” by Cheri Mills.

This devotional invites readers to learn more about the impact of slavery and its ongoing repercussions. Each daily entry includes a testimony, biblical passage and reflection. You may purchase this resource here: [Lent of Liberation Paper - Cheri L. Mills : Westminster John Knox Press \(wjkbbooks.com\)](#)

Link for the discussion:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87362411434?pwd=YmVvRkJsRms5RkhON1UyNERzT3o0QT09>

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, March 3 and 17, 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a discussion of the upcoming lectionary texts. Here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87362411434?pwd=YmVvRkJsRms5RkhON1UyNERzT3o0QT09>

THE CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center on the Hill is offering ONLINE ONLY events, and classes for participation from home for the winter months of January, February and March. New Online content, such as virtual tours, fitness videos, art lessons, recorded presentations and more, are also posted Monday—Thursday at 12:00 noon on our programs page here:

<https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs/> The schedule for upcoming online events can also be found there.

Upcoming online classes and events:

REGISTRATION REQUIRED for online participation on Zoom by Computer, Tablet or Dial-in by telephone. Instructions and link to join will be sent after you register. Call 215-247-4654 or email msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org to register.

GOLDEN YOGA

Wednesdays, start anytime, 3:00—4:00 p.m., \$40 a month or \$10 per class (Zoom)

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.

DECLUTTERING YOUR HOME

Thursday, February 25, 11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m., FREE (Zoom)

In this class participants will learn how to streamline both their home and virtual environments. Faculty and students from Salus University's Occupational Therapy Department will provide practical tips and tricks for organization and to help decide what to keep, what to donate, and what to trash. Discussion with question and answer session will follow the presentation.

KEYS TO POSTURE AND BALANCE

Thursdays, March 4 and 11, 2:00—3:00 p.m., \$10 per class –take one or both classes.

It is extremely important to maintain good posture to support our health and minimize structural discomforts. In the aging process, alignment and balance can become challenged. This class will give foundational guidelines to maintain postural alignment and increase balance efficiency.