

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY AT PCCH

FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Please join us on the south lawn immediately following worship today. All are welcome!

NEW MEMBER GATHERING

Now that we've returned to in-person worship, we are convening a gathering for those who might be interested in church membership. Please contact John Wilkinson at jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org to learn more or express your interest. Even if you're not ready to join and would like to learn more about PCCH, we'd welcome that conversation!

STEWARDSHIP 2022

Gather*Bless*Serve

Next Sunday, October 17, we will launch our 2022 stewardship season, focused on the theme *Gather*Bless*Serve*. This theme is derived from our commitment to be a Matthew 25 congregation, reflecting Jesus' call to serve the least of these. Watch your mail this week for a letter outlining the theme and our plans. Stewardship Sunday is November 21.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Welcome back! For the next few weeks, we will continue with the plan that we began in June. Children will remain with their families to hear the children's moment from the pews. Then we will dismiss and head to the chapel where we will keep our masks on and maintain physical distancing. Please feel free to have your child dressed comfortably as we may move some of our experience outdoors, and please remember to send a clearly labeled water bottle.

Nursery care is available for children ages two and under and is staffed by two fully vaccinated, fully background-checked adults.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Families: As we continue to navigate this transition period, you have our prayers and support. Though they may be fluid, it would be helpful for us to know your Sunday school plans for the fall. This will help us as we plan for classrooms and teachers. This is not a firm commitment to be present every Sunday. Please be in touch with John Wilkinson (jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org) with your “registration.”

Teachers and Potential Teachers: Thanks to those of you who have already returned your clearance information to Megan McGowan. If you haven’t done this yet, or need the detailed information again, please contact Megan at mmcgowan@chestnuthillpres.org.

JOYFUL NOISE

Rehearsal will return next Sunday, October 17. No rehearsal today.

YOUTH CHOIR

Rehearsal will return next Sunday, October 17. No rehearsal today.

JR. HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (5th–7th Graders)

Sunday, October 17: 5:00–6:00 p.m.: “Presbyterian” Capture the Flag.

SR. HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (8th–12th Graders)

Sunday, October 17: 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.: Longwood Gardens

Sunday, October 24: 12:00–1:00 p.m.: Theology and Pretzels Lunch at Brittinghams

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN & CONNECT

BIBLE STUDY RETURNS

Our regular, in-person Bible study returns this fall, augmented by an evening online opportunity. We will meet the second and fourth Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. at the church, following all protocols. These gatherings will explore the lectionary passages for the coming weeks.

Mark your calendars for the fall:

- October 13 and 27
- November 10

SECOND HOUR RETURNS

After a COVID hiatus and many good Zoom discussions, Second Hour Live returns in October. These gatherings will offer discussions on a variety of topics with leaders from within and beyond the congregation. Plan to stay after church and join us.

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- 10 - Caring for God's creation- Part 1: A Call to Sustainability,
led by Greg Dickinson
- 17 - Introducing the Matthew 25 Initiative,
led by John Wilkinson
- 24 - "Four Hundred Souls," Part 1 of Book Club (Chapter 1, see below for book information)
- 31 - Panel Discussion: "What we've learned during COVID"

CHURCH-WIDE BOOK STUDY

The Adult Education Committee is commending "Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019" as a book to read for the upcoming program year. Edited by Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain, this work is an anthology, written by eighty authors from different fields—novelists, historians, sociologists, political scientists, activists, lawyers, and ten poets; each takes a 5 year period for their brief chapter. The chapters are divided into ten, 40-year sections, and each section is capped by a poem. We will explore this book in our monthly Second Hour sessions beginning October 24 and then in other ways across the year.

FIRE PIT GATHERING

Friday, October 15, 7:30 p.m.

The Church Life Committee is hosting a fire pit gathering at the church. We will provide the fire, you provide food, beverages and a chair. This will be an informal time of gathering and connecting, a chance to see church friends safely outdoors and enjoy beautiful fall weather. RSVP to pccchurchlife@gmail.com or sign up on this sign-up genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4FAFA82CA1FE3-fire>.

INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT JOINING THE FLOWER GUILD?

Fall Flower Guild Workshop, Saturday, October 30, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

We will demonstrate new designs for the sanctuary flowers and will answer your questions about what being in the Flower Guild involves. No previous experience is required to join the Guild and new member training is provided. Attending this workshop is a fun, no obligation way to see if Flower Guild would be a good fit for you. RSVP to Grace Stewart (glstewart1@verizon.net) or sign up on the board outside the church office. All Welcome!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

COOKING FOR FACE TO FACE

Save the Date! We are excited to restart our outreach with our mission partner, Face to Face of Germantown. Please join us in the kitchen after church on **Sunday, October 17**, at 12:00 noon to make casseroles for guests of Face to Face. We will gather together in the kitchen, prepare baked ziti, and share a meal together when we are done. If you aren't able to join us, you may donate items for meal preparation. Here is the link to sign up to bring ingredients: www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044AAFAB22ABF58-casseroles
Face to Face is also requesting onsite volunteer help with meal preparation and dining room serving. We hope to volunteer again soon as a group, but if you are interested in serving individually, you can find out more information and sign up at www.facetofacegermantown.org/volunteer-info/.

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. **NO GLASS CONTAINERS PLEASE.** Thank you for your support.

MEMORIAL TO THE LOST and GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

Sunday, October 31, details and times to be announced. The event concludes at PCCH. This event, organized by Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence, and in collaboration with area congregations, will include a march through the neighborhood to remember lives lost and to re-commit ourselves to a vision of ending gun violence. The culmination of the event will happen at PCCH and will feature the Memorial to the Lost, a poignant and striking display of t-shirts that memorialize those lost. The church has hosted this display in previous years. At the event, you will be invited to sign letters to your legislators. On Saturday, October 30, we will gather at 10:00 a.m. to assemble and install the t-shirt display on our front lawn. All are welcome to help out.
This event, and the Memorial to the Lost display which will be on our lawn for several weeks following October 31, are reflections of our Matthew 25 commitment and the tragic connections between poverty and racism that can lead to gun violence. All are welcome on October 31. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors!

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

If you would be interested in driving someone to church who isn't able to drive themselves, please let us know. Several of our members are in search of rides as they seek to rejoin our community of faith on Sunday mornings. Contact Evelyn Carpenter (215-247-8855 ecarpenter@chestnuthillpres.org) or Brian Russo (908-403-3857 brusso@chestnuthillpres.org) if you are willing to assist us in this ministry.

CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center on the Hill is OPEN for **in-person activities this fall!** When in person at the Center we are following all recommended guidelines and precautions, including masks, **proof of vaccination** and strict sanitation practices. New online content, such as virtual tours, fitness videos, art lessons, recorded presentations and more, is still being posted Monday–Thursday at 12:00 noon on our programs page here: 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 to register.

KEYS TO POSTURE AND BALANCE

Monday, October 11, 1:00–2:00 p.m., \$10

Offered In Person for a limited number of people, or Online Via Zoom.

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.

WEDNESDAY DIABETES AND NUTRITION WORKSHOP

First and Second Wednesdays of the month, Ongoing, 1:00–2:00 p.m., FREE

You can live well with diabetes, pre-diabetes or other chronic disease including obesity with the most nutritious diet. Certified diabetes educator Kirsten Puskar, RDN, CDCES, will help you understand managing your diet and diabetes to stay healthy. All are welcome to take part in her interactive discussions, where participants learn what it takes to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

OPEN PLAY CROQUET

Tuesdays in October (weather permitting), 1:00–2:00 p.m., FREE. Outside on the lawn. 6 participants max.

Join us outside on the lawn to play American Nine-Wicket aka “Backyard” croquet. This is a fun and engaging way to get some fresh air and exercise while playing this fun yard game. No experience necessary.

BASICS OF YOUR APPLE (iOS) DEVICE—TIPS & TECHNIQUE

*Thursday, October 14, 2:00–3:30 p.m., \$12. This class is presented **In Person** for a limited number of participants.*

This class will cover the essentials you need to learn how to effectively use the basic functions and applications of your iPhone or iPad. Our facilitator is Peggy Leiby. She has been teaching tips and tricks classes for eight years.

YOGA WITH ATTITUDE

Fridays, Ongoing, starting October 8, 9:30–11:00 a.m., \$45 per calendar month; first class \$10, walk-ins; \$15 for a single class

This is basic yoga with breath warm-ups, asana and meditation. Students of all ages and levels of experience are welcome. The class provides a method which allows us to adopt an “attitude” when confronted and to respond to the adventures in our lives.

Participants practice alternative viewpoints, “while standing in truth and light. Grace Perkins has been teaching yoga in and around Philadelphia for twenty four years. She has developed a unique program, integrating seasons, posture, metaphors, poetry and stories to enhance the basic Integral Yoga approach.

MUSIC AND ARTS

PIFFARO, THE RENAISSANCE BAND CONCERT

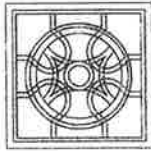
Saturday, October 9, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Special pricing for all PCCH Members, \$19.00/ticket. Discount Code is: PCCH

A New Sun Rising. presented by Piffaro, the Renaissance Band. \$29-49. The concert will also be available online on-demand October 16-26. (215) 235-8469 or piffaro.org. Patrons must provide proof of vaccination. All in attendance must wear a mask and observe social distancing. All musicians, staff, and volunteers are vaccinated. Staff and ushers will be masked at all times. Musicians will not be masked but will perform with a large open area between the stage and the audience. Attendance will be limited to 50% of venue capacity. There will be no

Forum on the Hill

Presented to a limited number of people in-person and streamed online starting at 12:30pm. www.chestnuthillpres.org/education/forum-on-the-hill/



OCTOBER 14

SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS DURING THE PANDEMIC AND BEYOND

THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AFFECTED PERSONS LIVING IN POVERTY AND WITH FOOD INSECURITY MORE ADVERSELY THAN MANY OF US. HOW DID OUR NEIGHBORS FACING HUNGER AND HOUSING CHALLENGES COPE, AND HOW DID COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS RISE TO MEET THE CHALLENGE? THIS FORUM WILL FEATURE A PANEL OF LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS, WHO WILL SHARE THEIR PARTICULAR EXPERIENCES AND THEN EXPLORE LARGER TRENDS. COME FOR THIS IMPORTANT DISCUSSION, THAT WILL INCLUDE PRESENTATION AND AMPLE TIME FOR DISCUSSION.

FEATURING:

**RACHEL FALKOVE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
PHILADELPHIA INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK**

**TARA MONIHAN, DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS, BSW, MSW,
FACE TO FACE GERMANTOWN**

**EILEEN JONES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
GERMANTOWN AVENUE CRISIS MINISTRY**

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Registration Required for in-person attendance.

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<https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/education/forum-on-the-hill/>

Visit our website above to watch live or the recorded version later.



Coro Mundi

in concert

Stephen Kushner, conductor
Ken Lovett, assistant conductor & accompanist
Thomas La Forgia, guest cellist

choral music by Jonathan Dove, Paul Mealor,
Marek Raczynski, Eric Whitacre and more

Sunday, October 10 4:30 pm
Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill
8855 Germantown Avenue
Philadelphia PA



donations accepted at the door

coromundi.org

For the health and safety of everyone concerned,
all audience members will be asked to provide
proof of vaccination and to wear a mask. Thank you.