

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

HAPPENING AT PCCH

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) would like to update the congregation on our recent activities regarding the search for our new pastor and head of staff.

The months of February and March have been very busy for the PNC. After carefully reviewing applications and sermons, we chose several candidates to participate in a screening interview with two members of the PNC. Following this step, we identified five candidates to proceed to panel interviews with the whole PNC. After thoughtful consideration and discernment, we've narrowed our current selection down to three. Now we are in the midst of checking their references, clearing them via the Presbytery, and reaching out to community members who are familiar with our candidates in diverse contexts to gain further insight.

The next step will be to schedule visits to each candidate's home congregation. These visits will afford small groups of PNC members the opportunity to witness them preach in person, observe their interactions with their community, and spend valuable time with them and their families.

Once we have completed our visits, we will coordinate with Presbytery leadership to schedule "neutral pulpits" with our top candidates, where they will visit our area, preach in a neighboring church with the PNC in attendance, and spend time with the PNC and PCCH staff.

In light of Craig's next steps, we acknowledge that it may feel we are beginning another period of uncertainty, but please know that God's timing is truly perfect. While it is important to remember that this is a process of mutual discernment, and that we will not shift our approach to rush toward a compromise because of the circumstances, we are also excited to have some incredible candidates, and we are confident that we will come to unanimous and enthusiastic agreement about our new church leadership in due course.

As a committee, we have been heartened to realize and recognize the strength of our church's reputation and congregation in the reflections of our partners in the Presbytery, our many valuable referral sources, and our candidates. For all of these reasons, please continue to keep the PNC in your prayers as we continue the discernment process.

PCCH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Sunday, April 28, 2024 immediately following worship

All members of the PCCH congregation are encouraged to stay after worship to attend this year's very important Annual Meeting to receive a copy of the Annual Report, to respond to the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates for church officers, and to vote on the revisions to the PCCH Bylaws. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with Dr. Barnes or call the church office.

PCCH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Harris room. This Wednesday, April 24, Dr. Craig Barnes will be leading the discussion which will focus on the biblical text used for next Sunday's worship service. The reading is 1 John 4:7-21. All are welcome.

CHURCH LIFE COMMITTEE SAVE THE DATE—Saturday, May 4

Family-friendly hike and bird watching. Stay turned for details from the Church Life Committee.

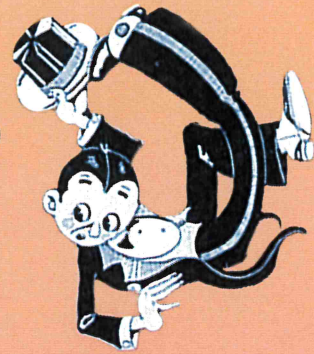
END GUN VIOLENCE ADVOCACY DAY—PENNSYLVANIA STATE CAPITOL

Tuesday, May 7

The Social Witness Committee understands and appreciates the controversy implicit in the topic of gun control and common-sense solutions to reduce gun violence. Our partners at West Kensington Ministry are best acquainted with the fallout from violence, literally on their steps. WKM has taken a leadership role in an effort to reduce gun violence and are asking us to join them with this event.

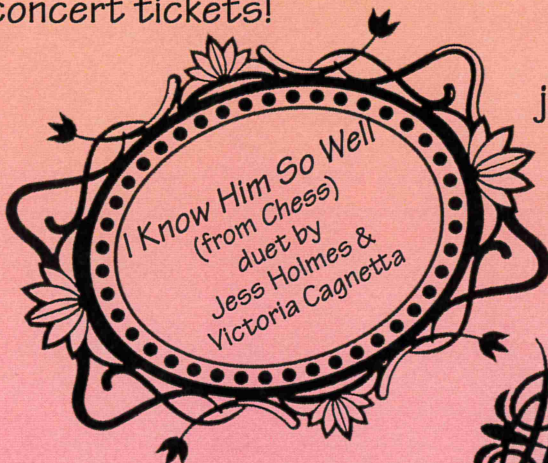
Transportation is being arranged to the Capitol; once there, attendees will meet with legislators and rally at the close of the day. Please give some consideration to joining this effort. Visit tinyurl.com/4k9vv9yc for more information, reach out to Rev. Adan Mairena (adan@westkensingtonministry.com), or see any member of the Social Witness Committee with your questions.

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Saturday, April 27

7 pm doors open
7:30 show

SUPPORT WEST KENSINGTON MINISTRY—ANNUAL GOLF OUTING MAY 13

The Sixth Annual West Kensington Ministry Golf Outing is approaching! Make plans now to play, volunteer, or support this great event that benefits one of our mission partners; WKM is a faith community supporting the human potential of an inner-city community. This year’s outing tees off on Monday, May 13 at 9:45 a.m. at Five Ponds Golf Club in Warminster, and promises more of the golf, fun, and camaraderie that has become the Annual WKM Golf Outing. The golfer donation amount is \$180 per person and

covers lunch, green fees and cart, putting contest, hole prizes, door prizes, post-tournament reception—all for a fun day to benefit a critical urban ministry.

In addition to golf, there are also many opportunities to participate in this benefit event, including hole sponsorships, lunch, reception, and program sponsorships, or donation of prizes or silent auction items. Cash donations are also welcomed. Check the Golf Outing flyer on the bulletin boards for details. You can register, sponsor or donate to the outing by clicking on the green “Golfer Registration” icon near the bottom of the homepage at westkensingtonministry.com. Your support in the past has been both generous and critical to enabling WKM to physically, spiritually, and intellectually impact the lives of its neighbors and be a vital and relevant spiritual presence in the West Kensington community. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jeff Podraza (jeffpodraza@gmail.com).

2024 Operating Fund Financial Summary			
	2024 Annual Budget	2024 YTD Actual	2023 YTD Actual
Congregational Response	693,000	166,303	133,480
Endowment Draws	154,073	38,462	36,838
Other Sources of Funds	158,000	50,725	28,759
Total Sources of Funds	1,005,073	255,490	199,077
All Expenses and Mission	1,005,073	255,602	229,787
Difference	0	(112)	(30,710)

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Date	Godly Play PreK-2nd Grade	Christian Studies Grades 3-5	Feasting on the Word Grades 6-8
4/21	Michelle Shachtman and Mark O'Dwyer	Rebecca DePasquale	Kate Magid

Classes will be offered for three different age groups:

- Children ages 3 to 2nd grade will engage in faith formation through Godly Play curriculum.
- Children in grades 3-5 will increase their Bible literacy while learning about the richness of our Christian history and faith in a fun, structured setting. We will be using the Memoria Press Christian Studies curriculum.
- Middle schoolers in grades 6-8 will wrestle with deep faith questions in classes on alternating weeks. On the other weeks, they will attend worship with their families.

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.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MUSIC

Joyful Noise and Youth Choir will not rehearse today.

All children are welcome to sing with either Joyful Noise or the Youth Choir when we have rehearsals—drop-ins are welcome!

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES

Saturday April 20, Earth Day Service Project, Clean up of Wissahickon Creek at Forbidden Drive. Meet at PCCH at 8:30 a.m. so that we won't have too many cars to park at Forbidden Drive. Let Kate know if your middle school or high school students can help with the clean up.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Children's Ministry program is in need of additional volunteers to join our team to serve as lead teachers, classroom aids, and to deliver the children's message in the worship service. No prior teaching experience is necessary—all that is needed is a loving heart and desire to work with the children of this church. Adults of all ages and life stages are invited to serve. Please contact Julie Snyder at jsbishop717@gmail.com if you are interested.

PCCM Vacation Bible School

Summer's coming soon!



we're BZZZZY making plans

Monday-Friday
August 12-16
 mornings 9 to noon
 ages 3* to grade 5
\$150**

scan for more info or to register NOW!

*must be potty-trained
 **limited scholarships available

CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center on the Hill is open Monday-Fridays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. with all our practices and protocols in place (sanitation, social distancing, and UV air filters). New online content, such as virtual tours, fitness videos, art lessons, recorded presentations and more, is posted Monday-Thursday at 12 p.m. on our programs page here: chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs

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.

APRIL ART SHOW, THURSDAY PAINTERS "Seeing the Natural World Anew"

The Center on the Hill Gallery is open for viewing Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. These vibrant and colorful watercolors are a selection from a group of artists who were part of Howard Watson's last class at the Woodmere Art Museum. They come from a variety of backgrounds and their paintings reflect their different interests. They challenge each other, share information about equipment and techniques, offer feedback, and most of all enjoy encouragement. We hope you will enjoy seeing the resulting landscapes, plants, flowers, and other colorful subjects.

NUTRITION AS YOU AGE—A Healthy Cooking Class (*registration required*)

Tuesday, April 23, 1:30-2:30 p.m., free

Join Sunrise of Lafayette Hill and Fox Rehabilitation to learn about the best ways to build a healthy plate incorporating satisfying portion sizes. Focus will be on nutritional habits, and cooking practices to support healthy eating including a cooking demonstration, and complimentary homemade plate and dessert option provided by Sunrise of Lafayette Hill and Continuous Home Care.

MEMORY—Use It or Lose It (*registration required*)

Thursday, April 25, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., free

As humans, we all want to know and understand our brain. The human brain is an intricate organ managing memory, emotion, thoughts, touch, vision, breathing patterns, and every procedure that controls the human body. Our memories are who we are, yet the process is not perfect. We are capable of remembering an astonishing amount of information; we are also susceptible to memory related mistakes and errors. The focus of the discussion will demonstrate how memory works and offer some tips to improve your memory and enhance recall. Join us for this very interesting program.

MOVIE MUSICAL CABARET (*registration required*)

Tuesday, April 30, 2:30-3:30 p.m., \$5, light refreshments served

Starring Rachel DeMasi

In this 'Movie Musical Show,' there will be a compilation of wonderfully timeless songs that were made famous in various films ranging from the 1930's-1990's. With the help from the official list from the American Film Institute's 'The 25 Greatest Movie Musicals of All Time' Rachel handpicked some of her favorites to share with you. Before each song you will find out which movie the songs were in, when they were produced, and even a fun fact or two about the song or film. So, sit back, relax and take a sunny drive through Tinsel Town!

BENNY GOODMAN'S 1938 CARNEGIE HALL CONCERT (*registration required*)

Thursday, May 2, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$15

In 1938, clarinetist Benny Goodman put on the first-ever jazz concert at Carnegie Hall. It was also the first time that Black and white musicians performed on stage together at a major venue. Join historian (and professional musician) Dr. Paul Sivitz as he examines the intersection of race and jazz just prior to World War II. Several audio selections from the 1938 concert will be included.