

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.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PCCH CONGREGATION

April 28, 2024

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE—Jim Lutz/alternate

Nominating Committee Members:

Jim Lutz (Session representative and chair), Jim Spause (Session representative),
Linda Pettengill (Deacon representative), Laura Brobyn, Laurie Menyo,
Melissa Montgomery, Beth Wrigley (at-large representatives)

SESSION

Class of 2027, second term

Jill Bown

Jack Evans

Jim Spause

Margaret Spencer

Class of 2027, first term

Jeanette Quirus

Dom Rebeck

DEACONS

Class of 2027, second term

Kelly Baughman

Jane McGill

Class of 2026, second term

Amy Raphael

Class of 2027, first term

Steve Bishop

Sharon Walker

NOMINATING COMMITTEE—1-year term

Landon Jones

Beth Lutz

Melissa Montgomery

Dan Pretz

TBN (one additional member)

PCCH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Today, 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. If you would like paper copies of the revised by-laws or the 2023 Annual Report, please contact Evelyn Carpenter in the church office.

SAVE THE DATE—Sunday, May 19 immediately following worship

A special high coffee and thank you to celebrate this past year with Dr. Craig Barnes as PCCH's interim pastor. Plan to stay after worship for this special occasion.

PCCH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Harris room. This Wednesday, May 1, Dr. Russell Sullivan will be leading the discussion which will focus on the biblical text used for next Sunday's worship service. The reading is 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43. All are welcome.

CHURCH LIFE COMMITTEE SPRING BIRD WALK

Saturday, May 4, 8 a.m., Ft. Washington State Park Hawk Observation Deck

We are grateful to Chris Petrak who will be our guide as we watch the activity at the bird feeders near the observation deck and walk some of the trails. This should be peak migration time, so we are likely to see both resident nesting birds and transient migrants. Chris will gear the walk to beginners, but even experienced birders will enjoy this outing. Please RSVP to the church office or to lizpodraza@gmail.com so we know how many attendees to expect. Rain date is May 11.

GERMANTOWN AVENUE CRISIS MINISTRY FOOD DONATIONS

First Sunday of the month food collection is next Sunday, May 5

GACM provides food, fuel, clothing, housing and other emergency assistance to those who live in the Northwest section of Philadelphia. We collect food and cash donations for the GACM Food Cupboard on the first Sunday of every month. Please help with your donations of 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.

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 at adan@westkensingtonministry.com, or see any member of the Social Witness Committee with your questions.

SUPPORT WEST KENSINGTON MINISTRY—ANNUAL GOLF OUTING MAY 13

Make plans 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. 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. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jeff Podraza (jeffpodraza@gmail.com).

PCCH WEEKEND OF SERVICE—Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19

How can you help? Donate items for casseroles and lunches



OR volunteer. If you can't help on Saturday or Sunday, you can bring items to the church before May 19. Use this QR code to sign up to bring ingredients.

Help to prepare meals for our neighbors at Face to Face on Saturday, May 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sign up on the Social Witness bulletin board or call the church office.

Help to make sandwiches or prepare casseroles for Face to Face after coffee hour on Sunday, May 19.

PCH Cantatas and Chamber Music Series

Brahms' Liebeslieder Waltzes

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024
5 PM

WITH

Poulenc Sonata for Piano Four Hands

AND

selected works for organ

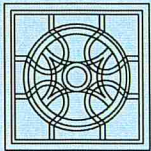
SOLOISTS OF THE GALLERY CHOIR
JEFFREY DeVAULT, PIANO & ORGAN
MARK LIVSHITS, PIANO
DR. DANIEL SPRATLAN, CONDUCTOR

SANCTUARY

PRE-CONCERT RECEPTION 4:30

LIVE-STREAM AVAILABLE

TICKETS \$10



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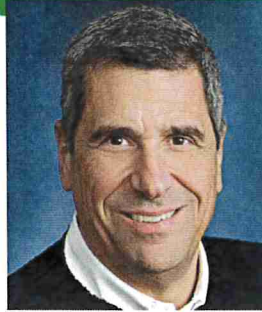
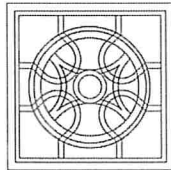
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CHESTNUTHILLPRES.ORG

Forum on the Hill

Presented to a limited number of people in-person at 12:30pm

Recording available online after 5pm.

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MAY 9

ANGELO CATALDI

TURNING UP THE VOLUME IN THE MOST PASSIONATE SPORTS CITY IN AMERICA

Famed radio personality and Philadelphia sports legend, Angelo Cataldi began his career in Philly as a sports journalist for the Philadelphia Inquirer in 1983. From there, he settled into his role as a radio host at 94.1 WIP for 33 remarkable years.

He joins us to talk about his experiences as a sports announcer, his remarkable career and his newly released book. *LOUD* is an exuberant chronicle of Cataldi's life, from his childhood as a self-described "king nerd" in Providence, Rhode Island, to the traditional newspaper career he left behind, and his eventual rise to the top of the Philadelphia sports radio scene on WIP. Through it all, Cataldi remained dedicated to his mission of talking about what the city was talking about, in the same tone. And that tone was loud, passionate, and unapologetically real. Come hear how Angelo became a voice not just in the city but in the hearts of sports enthusiasts far and wide.

Born in Providence, Rhode Island, Angelo Cataldi was destined to dive headfirst into the world of journalism. Armed with a Bachelor's degree in Journalism from the University of Rhode Island, he honed his craft and enhanced his skills at the prestigious Columbia Graduate School of Journalism. His journey to the microphone began in 1977 with a pen as a writer for the Providence Journal and later for the Philadelphia Inquirer throughout the 1980s. In 1990, Angelo took the reins as a talk show host on the iconic 94 WIP Sportsradio, a platform that would become his stage for over 30 years.

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registration required for in-person attendance.

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Visit our website above to watch the recorded version after 5pm.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Date	Godly Play PreK-2nd Grade	Christian Studies Grades 3-5	Feasting on the Word Grades 6-8
4/28	Greg Dickinson and Sarah Wright	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 will rehearse at 11:10 a.m. and Youth Choir will rehearse at 11:40 a.m.

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

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES

Middle school will meet in the youth room during worship.

High school youth group will meet immediately after worship in the youth room for *Sticky Buns and Theology*.

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.

CCH Vacation Bible School

Summer's coming soon!



Camp Firelight
A SUMMER CAMP *Psalm 56:3*
ADVENTURE WITH GOD

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"

This show will be coming down at the end of April, so be sure to stop today to look at it. 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.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP (*registration required*)

Mondays, April 29-June 17 (no group Memorial Day, May 27), 1-2:30 p.m., free

The group is closed to new members after May 6.

We acknowledge the value of sharing time and stories with others who have also experienced a loss. Join us for seven informal gatherings as you grieve the loss of a loved one. Topics covered include—*myths of grieving, grieving and the holidays, does grief ever end* and others.

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 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!

LEARN AND PLAY CROQUET (*registration required*)

Tuesdays, April 30, May 7, and May 14 (weather permitting), 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., free

Croquet is a sport that involves hitting wooden balls with a mallet through hoops (called "wickets") embedded in a grass playing court. 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 a competitive lawn game. No experience necessary. All players welcome.

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.