

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS AT PCCH

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is encouraged to stay after worship for fellowship in Widener Hall.

ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP

Today, Sunday, December 3, during Sunday School, everyone is invited to the chapel to make Advent wreaths for use at home throughout Advent.

LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

All children ages 3 through grade 12 are invited to participate. Sign-ups close on Sunday, December 3. There will be a mandatory rehearsal on Sunday, December 17. The sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board outside of Widener Hall

PCCH PRESCHOOL SELLING FRESH CHRISTMAS WREATHS TODAY

The Preschool will be selling wreaths after worship on Sunday, December 3 in Widener Hall. The cost is \$25 per wreath, or \$35 for a wreath adorned with a bow. All proceeds benefit the preschool's scholarship fund and experiential learning opportunities for the preschool children. Your support is greatly appreciated!

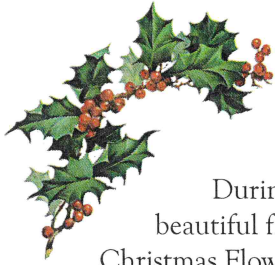
PCCH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Harris room. This Wednesday Dr. Russell Sullivan will be leading the discussion which will focus on the biblical text used for the upcoming Sunday sermon. The reading for December 6 is Isaiah 11:1-9. All are welcome.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Only to one who prays can God make himself vivid. (Harry Emerson Fosdick)

The Prayer Team of the congregation values deeply the spirituality and practice of prayer and would love to receive any prayer requests that you have. Please share your requests by contacting Deacon Kelly Baughman at kellybaughman@yahoo.com or Russell Sullivan at rsullivan@chestnuthillpres.com.



Christmas Flowers

A Meaningful Way to Remember Loved Ones

During the Christmas season the sanctuary will be overflowing with beautiful flowers and greens in celebration of Christ's birth. By donating to the Christmas Flower Fund, you can remember your loved ones. You can also highlight a special family event like a birth or anniversary, or give to the Flower Fund in thanksgiving for a special person, for grandchildren, or in honor of programs you love about our church (for example Music and the Arts, the Mission Trip, or Center on the Hill). Names of those being honored will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

**Please submit your names to the church office by
Monday, December 18**

Your dedication is:

In honor of _____

In thanksgiving for _____

In celebration of _____

In memory of _____

Amount donated _____

In the past we have suggested a donation of \$25 for those wishing to remember a loved one on these Sundays. That amount does not fully cover our cost. Rather than simply raising the suggested amount, we are trusting your generosity, as well as hoping that more in the congregation will take this occasion to lift up someone or some ministry that has been important to them.

Given by: _____

HOLIDAY GIVING AT PCCH

ACHIEVEability: Help brighten the holidays by providing gifts to children in West Philadelphia. PCCH has committed to providing gifts for 50 children. Sign up to fulfill a child's wish list after church this Sunday, December 3 or contact Beth Nell Vaccaro at bethnellvaccaro@gmail.com. All presents are to be wrapped and delivered to church no later than Sunday, December 10.

FACE TO FACE SERVICE DAY ON DECEMBER 23: We will be sending a team of six people to help with meal preparation from 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Sign up on the Social Witness bulletin board outside of the reception room or contact Liz Podraza at lizpodraza@gmail.com.

COLLECTIONS FOR OUR MISSION PARTNERS: Each Sunday during Advent we will be collecting food and toiletries for our mission partners Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry and Face to Face. In addition to suggested items, we will have a basket for monetary donation to purchase needed items for organizations.
December 3: Non-perishable food items for Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry
December 10: Full size deodorant, shampoo, conditioner for Face to Face
December 17: Non-perishable food items for Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry
December 24: Individually wrapped tooth brushes and full-size toothpaste for Face to Face

YOUTH MISSION GIVING TREE: The Mission Giving Tree will be set up in Widener Hall for the month of December. Consider purchasing an ornament on the tree to support the Youth Mission Trip to Montana in the summer 2024. Most ornaments have been hand painted by our talented youth. A table will be set up next to the Giving Tree during fellowship hour for your donations.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR HELP ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

You may contact either Sandy Connelly (sandyconnelly@gmail.com) or Emily McCahery (emma.camp327@gmail.com) with your questions or use the sign-up genius link below to sign up for a time that is convenient for you. Thank you. tinyurl.com/38ya6ccd

You're invited to
Pancakes with the
Elves

Who: all of PCCH

What: Delicious breakfast
served by the Youth Group

Where: Widener Hall

When: Sunday, December 10
after worship

Why: to help raise funds
for the Youth Mission trip
to Montana

Don't forget to visit
the Mission Trip
Giving Tree!

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Date	Godly Play PreK-2nd Grade	Christian Studies Grades 3-5	Feasting on the Word Grades 6-8
12/3	Classes will be combined for the Advent wreath-making event. Volunteers include Michelle Shachtman, Fred and Connie Lewis, Diana Rodgers		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 UPDATE

Joyful Noise and Youth Choir will rehearse in the sanctuary after worship today.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please don't hesitate to reach out to us:
Julie 267-804-2410, jsbishop717@gmail.com and
Kate 215-620-8283, katemagid@gmail.com

YOUTH UPDATE

Tuesday, December 5: Middle school and high school youth group trip to Longwood Gardens.

Leave PCCH at 5 p.m., admission tickets 6:30 p.m. RSVP to Kate Magid

Sunday, December 10: Pancake Breakfast with the Elves following worship

Sunday, December 17: Pageant rehearsal and high school Christmas party

HOW SABA KEPT SINGING—film & concert, followed by Q & A (*registration required*)
Friday, December 8, 1-3 p.m., free. Light refreshments will be served.

The award-winning documentary film *How Saba Kept Singing* shares the story of cantor, Holocaust survivor, and military veteran David S. Wisnia (age 93) who spends his later years travelling with his grandson and musical accompanist, Avi Wisnia (age 38), sharing the story of how he survived the Holocaust through music which the duo perform together. For years, cantor Wisnia's story centered around the belief that he survived Auschwitz mainly by using his beautiful singing voice to entertain his Nazi captors. These performances in the death camp gave him status as a "privileged prisoner." However, when David takes his family back to Poland for one last performance, Avi starts asking questions and they discover that someone else had a hand in Saba's survival. An uplifting story about music, faith, family and resilience, proving love can grow and take hold in even the darkest of places. This film is directed by Sara Taksler (*Tickling Giants*), with Hillary Rodham Clinton and Chelsea Clinton, executive producers.

Avi Wisnia will be joining us to perform some of "Saba's Songs" on piano and to lead a Q & A session following the film. Avi is an award-winning singer, songwriter, storyteller, and educator based in Philadelphia. He performs in venues around the world including the Hammerstein Ballroom in New York and the Kennedy Center in D.C., with concert tours in Japan, Poland, and Brazil.

A SERENE HOLIDAY-POP UP EVENT (*pre-registration required*)

Friday, December 8, 3:30-5 p.m., \$25

Contact Mary: ma2mcca@aol.com, 215-520-0832 to register

Experience live harp music and Alexander Technique. Launch your holiday season with peace, tranquility and ease! Listen to relaxing harp music as you learn tips, tools and strategies to reduce holiday stress. You can learn to transform tension into useful energy, move with balance, strength and fluidity, improve your breathing, enhance body awareness, increase stamina and physical energy. This workshop promises to be both relaxing and invigorating. Please bring a yoga mat and towel if you would like to try the floor work. Special guest: Gloria Galante, professional harpist, CMP