

GOOD TO KNOW

If you are interested in exploring membership at PCCH, please contact Craig Barnes at the church office or at cbarnes@chestnuthillpres.org.

Sunday worship is live-streamed at chestnuthillpres.org/live and is recorded for later viewing. This offering extends our reach across the country and beyond. Visit us when you're away and tell your friends about this new opportunity to join us.

Please share any pastoral care needs or concerns with Russell Sullivan at the church office or at rsullivan@chestnuthillpres.org.

Please see the back cover for information about our church staff and how to contact and connect with us. You also can access today's Bulletin online.

The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill has committed itself to be a Matthew 25 congregation, joining an initiative of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) focused on three areas:



Building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, eradicating systemic poverty.

Visit our Matthew 25 page: chestnuthillpres.org/matthew-25 for more information about Matthew 25 news and events.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

During the season of Lent, our Sunday School children will be collecting money for One Great Hour of Sharing, which helps people around the world affected by hunger, disaster, and injustice. Children can help by bringing change and small bills to Sunday School to put in our collection jar (to remind them of "almsgiving"). Our collection will end on Easter Sunday during the Egg Hunt.

One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes will be placed in the pews on Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024 for adult giving opportunities.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS AT PCCH

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE HIGH COFFEE TODAY

Please join us today after worship in Widener Hall for a special Lenten high coffee. Save the date for our next high coffee on Easter Sunday, March 31. All are invited to attend. Any questions, please contact Sandy Connelly at sandyconnelly@gmail.com or Emily McCahery emma.camp327@gmail.com.

PCCH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Harris room. This Wednesday Dr. Craig Barnes will be leading the discussion which will focus on the biblical text used for the upcoming Sunday sermon. The reading for Lent 3 on Wednesday, February 28, is John 11:38-44. All are welcome.

GERMANTOWN AVENUE CRISIS MINISTRY FOOD DONATIONS

First Sunday of the month food collection is next Sunday, March 3

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.

CHURCH SCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS

There will be a donation box in the church office if you would like to donate small, wrapped candy, without peanuts or peanut butter please, to be placed in the plastic eggs for our annual church school Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. Please drop off your donations by Sunday, March 3.

MELODY AND COMEDY—Calling all performers!

Melody and Comedy, our annual church-wide variety show and silent auction, is scheduled for Saturday, April 27 at 7 p.m. Acts of all types, by performers of all ability levels, are invited to take the stage. If you are interested in performing, please contact Julie Snyder at jsbishop717@gmail.com or speak to any member of the Music and Arts committee.

FESTIVAL OF MUSIC & ARTS



SUNDAY, MARCH 3

ART EXHIBIT

Widener Hall
works by PCCH children & youth

CHOIR CONCERT

12 noon, sanctuary

Mass Transmission
by Mason Bates

PCCH Gallery Choir
Jeffrey DeVault, organ
Daniel Spratlan, conductor

*free will donation
to benefit Music & Arts programming*

*lunch will be served in Widener Hall following
worship, before the concert*

About the music

Commissioned by the San Francisco Symphony for their 2012 Mavericks Festival, *Mass Transmission* brings to life the true story of a loving mother and daughter speaking over the first long-distance radio transmissions between Holland and Java. Ethereal choral sonorities processed through a haze of radio static unfold into virtuosic organ toccatas. The texts for outer movements of the work — from the eyes of the mother — are adapted from an obscure 1928 government publication about the technological advances made by the Dutch in communicating with their colonists. The text for the central portion of the work — from the eyes of the daughter — is adapted from the diary of a Dutch girl growing up in Java.

About the art

After learning the story that inspired *Mass Transmission*, the children and youth of PCCH have created art works and commentaries responding to the ways people can communicate to share their love.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Date	Godly Play PreK-2nd Grade	Christian Studies Grades 3-5	Feasting on the Word Grades 6-8
2/25	Michelle Shachtman and Fred and Connie Lewis	Rebecca and Ella DePasquale, and Amy Raphael	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 will not rehearse today. Youth Choir will rehearse from 11-11:40 a.m. in the Strouse building. All children are welcome to sing with Joyful Noise and the Youth Choir—drop-ins are welcome!

YOUTH UPDATE

Sunday, February 25

Middle school will work on their art service project for the Music and Arts Festival.

High school will meet after worship to head to Iron Hill for lunch and discussion.

Any questions, please contact Kate Magid, katemagid@gmail.com

TRY YOUR LUCK
AND SUPPORT THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP!

PCCZ

POKER NIGHT



3
16
24

7 PM | SATURDAY
EMILY AND RAY
MCCAHERY'S HOUSE

BRING AN APP OR DRINK
TO SHARE

RSVP TO
INFO @ CHESTNUTHILLPRES.ORG

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:

www.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.

SOUL LINE DANCING *(registration required)*

The last two Thursdays of the month, 1:30-2:30 p.m., ongoing, join anytime, \$5

Where can you dance with a room full of people, yet dance by yourself? Get fit and have fun as you line-dance to R&B, jazz, hip-hop, the Philly sound, classic oldies, the latest soul favorites, and more. This is a simple and easy activity, a feel-good form of exercise. No partner needed. All levels welcome. Instructor Gloria Kingcade, master soul line dance teacher, has more than two decades of experience.

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

Tuesday, February 27, 1:30-2:30 p.m., free

Please 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 cooking demonstration, and complimentary homemade plate and dessert option provided by Sunrise of Lafayette Hill and Continuous Home Care.

LAUGHING INTO LEAP YEAR—AN IMPROV COMEDY CLASS *(registration required)*

Thursday, February 29, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., \$5

They say laughter is the key to feeling youthful and energetic. They also say that comedy is a great way to keep your mind and wit sharp! Improvisation (Improv) is a centuries-old art form that has been used mainly in the performing arts, specifically in live comedy. Join us for this fun and entertaining class where we will learn about and practice Short Form Improv. Through the interactive exercises and activities taught in this class, you will be able to experience learning on an intellectual and physical level, while having a great time! Instructor Mariangela Saavedra has been working in theater for 27 years in cities across the country. She is the founder and artistic director of Casabuena Cultural Productions, a community theater and film company based in Germantown/Mt Airy.

SCRABBLE—OPEN PLAY (*registration required*)

Fridays, join at any time, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., \$2

Do you love to play board games? Are you a great speller or do you *want* to be a great speller? Then join in on this classic crossword game that is full-on fun. You can feel the excitement begin as soon as you rack up your letters, choose a great word, and hope to land on a triple-word score. Scrabble game provided.

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING (*registration required*)

Fridays, ongoing start anytime, 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

\$60 for ten sessions, \$7 per session at the door. Your first visit is free.

Enjoy learning folk dances from the Balkans, Greece, France, the British Isles, and beyond. No partner is needed, as most dances are done in lines and circles. There is always a mix of teaching and “just dancing” and it’s a great place for beginners to pick up the basics in a super friendly group. For more details about our Friday folk dance session, contact Anne Ehrhart at anne.ehrhart@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE
MARK YOUR CALENDAR



The graphic features a cartoon bee character on the left, a cabin with a lit fire in the center, and a large sun on the right. The text is arranged in a friendly, hand-drawn style. At the top right, it says 'PCCM Vacation Bible School'. The main title 'Summer's coming soon!' is in a large, bubbly font. Below that, 'Camp Firelight' is written in a large, stylized font. Underneath, it says 'A SUMMER CAMP' and 'Psalm 56:3'. At the bottom, it says 'ADVENTURE WITH GOD'. To the right of the cabin, there is a handwritten-style text block with details about the camp. At the bottom left, there is a QR code with the text 'scan for more info or to register NOW!'. At the bottom right, there are two footnotes: '*must be potty-trained' and '**limited scholarships available'.

PCCM Vacation Bible School

Summer's coming soon!

we're BZZZZY making plans for a super fun time!

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

A SUMMER CAMP
Psalm 56:3
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