

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY AT PCCH

MLK DAY OF SERVICE THANK YOU

Thank you for your presence, whether in person or in spirit, in the launch of our MLK Day of Service. The outcome was precisely what we had envisioned. The inter-generational project demonstrated our love, gifts and commitment to help others. Multiple organizations (Face to Face, Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry, West Kensington Ministry) will benefit from the products of our work. Stay tuned for more hands-on projects to demonstrate our commitment as a Matthew 25 community. Please know that the Social Witness Committee, under the capable leadership of Beth Vaccaro, meets monthly and always welcomes your participation. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

ONGOING BOOK DRIVE

We continue to receive books for the Philadelphia Book Bank and Treehouse Books. Books may be brought to the Reception Room. Philadelphia Book Bank receives children's books in new or gently used condition. Treehouse Books receives new children's books. They have a wish list on Amazon.

SUNDAY MORNING LITURGISTS SOUGHT

If you would like to participate in worship leadership by reading one of the scripture lessons and other parts of the liturgy, we'd love to welcome you to that role. Please contact John Wilkinson at the church office or jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org for further information.

MANDER ORGAN UPDATE

One of the most vital components of a pipe organ is the blower. This is the device that supplies the wind enabling the pipes to sound. It's an electrically powered turbine that maintains a steady wind supply for the organ. On January 4, the blower was removed and taken to Reading Electric where it will be rebuilt. The cost for this work is extra-budgetary; we are awaiting an estimate for the work. We will be without the organ for approximately one month. Our Mander organ is now 24 years old, and it is expected that the instrument will need other necessary repairs in the coming years due to age and use.

PHILADELPHIA COVID UPDATE

Masks during worship and other gatherings will be optional, not required. Thank you for your prayers and understanding as we seek to navigate in this season with full measures of care and compassion.

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN & CONNECT

INVITATION TO PERSONNEL LISTENING SESSIONS—THREE OPPORTUNITIES

As PCCH experiences a season of staff transitions, the Personnel Committee is seeking to gather the wisdom of the congregation as we think about next steps. The committee is holding smaller gatherings with various groups within the church. It will also hold three church-wide gatherings to which all are invited:

- This Sunday, January 22, in person, immediately following worship in Widener Hall
- Tuesday, January 24, 7:30 p.m., on Zoom. Here is the link: tinyurl.com/3v4dumdr
- Thursday, January 26, 1:00 p.m. at Normandy Farms. This session is intended particularly to encourage our senior adults to share their ideas. All are welcome to attend. We hope you will join John Wilkinson, Rebecca Bernstein and Jill Bown. We will conclude by 2:30 p.m. Please contact John Wilkinson at the church office if you have any questions.

Normandy Farms Estates is at 9000 Twin Silo Drive, Blue Bell PA. This is at the intersection of Route 202, (DeKalb Pike) and Morris Road. Please ask security at the gate for directions to the front entrance and parking. There will be directions to the meeting space in the lobby. Please consider car-pooling. If you don't drive, but would like to attend, please call Bob Fles (215-983-9604) or Taylor Slaughter (215-983-8561) and we will try to arrange a ride.

JANUARY SECOND HOUR

January 29

We return to our exploration of "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robyn Wall Kimmerer. We will focus on A Mother's Work, The Consolation of Water Lilies and Allegiance to Gratitude. Our discussions thus far have been lively and engaging. Please join us as we continue engaging this compelling work.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Please join us each Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. in the Harris Room for study, reflection and discussion. We typically explore the lectionary texts for the following Sundays. All are welcome, whether you can join us regularly or not. Hope to see you there.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

We offer classes for two different age groups—one for children ages 3 through 2nd grade (room 212) and another for children in grades 3 through 7 (room 201). Both rooms are directly adjacent to the chapel.

Our curriculum for both age groups, based on the Montessori method of learning, comes from Godly Play, using visual elements to hear Bible stories and then inviting children to express themselves by creating art or building and shaping things.

Godly Play is designed for children to both experience God and to find ways to express their faith experiences. The rhythm of Godly Play is more like worship than school and children are able to explore what they have experienced.

Our younger children from ages 3 to 2nd grade will be immersed in the stories of God's care for us, learning the ebb and flow of silence and interacting, of hearing and doing.

The older group, grades 3 to 7, will focus on the gift of creation and how we might think about the needs of the earth while hearing many ways in which people of the Bible carry out acts of love and care in challenging times.

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

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MUSIC

Joyful Noise, our children's choir, will rehearse immediately following Church School today concluding at 11:40 a.m., when they will be brought to Widener Hall. All children through grade 5 are invited to participate.

Youth Choir will rehearse today from 4:15–5:00 p.m. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to participate.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 22

- 11:10-11:40 a.m. Joyful Noise rehearsal (grades K-5)
- 4:15-5:00 p.m. Youth choir rehearsal (grades 6-12)
- 5:00-6:45 p.m. High school youth group: pizza and game night
- 7:00-8:00 p.m. Confirmation class: Acts and Paul

Sunday, January 29

- 11:10-11:25 a.m. Joyful Noise rehearsal (grades K-5)
- 4:15-5:00 p.m. Youth choir rehearsal (grades 6-12)
- 5:00-8:00 p.m. High school youth group: Ice Skating at Blue Cross River Rink

CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center on the Hill is open Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. with all our practices and protocols in place. New online content is posted Monday to Thursday at 12:00 p.m. on our programs page: 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.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Mondays, January 23, 30, February 6, 13, March 6, 13, 1:00–2:00 p.m., free

Group is closed to new members after January 30.

We acknowledge the value of sharing time and stories with others who have also experienced a loss. Please join us for six informal gatherings as you grieve the loss of a loved one. Topics covered: Myths of Grieving, Grieving and the Holidays, Does Grief Ever End, and others.

FOOT REFLEXOLOGY

Wednesday, January 25, 1:00–2:30 p.m., \$25

Reflexology is a healing art that recognizes reflex points on the hands and feet that correspond to the internal organs of the body. Learn how applying pressure to specific areas using thumb techniques result in stress reduction and increased energy.

AFTERNOON MOVIES

Thursday, January 26, 1:30 p.m., \$2, showing *Elvis*

Are you looking for an enjoyable activity that's economical and during the day time so you don't have to drive at night? Are you looking to see a movie in a relaxing setting with easy parking and no long lines? Then join us for an enjoyable afternoon at the movies.

This 2022 biographical musical drama film is directed by Baz Luhrmann. The film follows the life of rock and roll icon, singer, and actor Elvis Presley, told from the perspective of his manager, Colonel Tom Parker, whose financial abuse of Elvis is a major focus of the film. It stars Austin Butler in the title role, with Tom Hanks as Parker.

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

Tuesday, January 31, 12:00 p.m., \$12, Widener Hall

Registration and payment required by Friday, January 27

Where else in the community can you go for lunch where you will see both familiar and new faces, where the atmosphere is relaxed and welcoming, where the food is consistently good and where it only costs you \$12? Our large room is full of round tables that are simply decorated and set with white linens and festive tableware. All are welcome. Luncheons are subject to all current Covid guidelines, gathering size limits and social distancing practices.

FUN RETIREMENT

Thursday, February 2, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., free

Presented in person for a limited number and recorded to be shared online next week.

Although sometimes without real planning, retirement may not be exactly what you dreamt about. Financial planning is necessary before you leave work. We will assume that you have evaluated your finances, and all is good. Suggestions of fun things to get involved with will be shared, so sit back and relax.

AARP SMART DRIVERTeK

Monday, February 6, 10:00-11:30 a.m., free

Cars are quickly becoming smarter and smarter. You can stay in the know by signing up for the free Smart DriverTEK workshop—a 90-minute interactive session that will get you up-to-date with new intelligent features, like advanced warning systems with automatic braking, which reduce crashes by 50%. Understanding advanced warning systems and the other new features will help you know what to look for when shopping for a new car or how to identify the intelligent features that are in your current car. Accelerate your car knowledge! Register today to learn about: blind-spot detection systems, forward-collision warning systems, lane-departure warning systems, and much more!

PCCH UPCOMING CONCERTS

Philomusica Chorale

Sunday, January 22, 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, reception to follow in Widener Hall
Winter songs by Reena Esman, Dan Locklair, Hans Leo Hassler, Henry Purcell and others,
including selections from Franz Schubert's *Die Winterreise* and Ralph Vaughn Williams' *Songs
of Travel*. Tickets and information visit philomusicachorale.org.

Tempesta di Mare Philadelphia Baroque Orchestra

Sunday, January 29, 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary
Chamber: Anonymous Music by unnamed composers comprises a third of the magnificent
Kromeriz collection in the Czech Republic, outnumbering any named composer's work.
Whoever its authors are, the anonymous music's craft equals that of the known composers
there, like Schmelzer and Biber, which is uniformly excellent and worthy of many concerts.
Tickets and information call 215-755-8776 or info@tempestadimare.org.

PCCH Cantatas and Chamber Music -

Saturday, February 11, 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, free will donation, no livestream
Music of Henry Purcell The Soloists of the Gallery Choir and guest artists will perform solos,
duets, and ensemble pieces by Purcell accompanied by harpsichord, theorbo, and organ.

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, January 22

Worship	sanctuary, 10:00 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Joyful Noise rehearsal	chapel, 11:10 a.m.
Fellowship/Listening Session	Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m.
Youth Choir rehearsal	choir room, 4:15 p.m.
High School youth group	youth office, 5:00 p.m.
Confirmation class	Harris, 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY, January 23

Sketching and Watercolor class	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Mah Jongg 101 class	room 4, 10:00 a.m.
Italian conversation group	Harris, 11:00 a.m.
Classic table games	room 5, 12:00 p.m.
Bridge group	room 4, 12:30 p.m.
Grief Support group	reception room, 1:00 p.m.
WaterMedia Level 2 class	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Qigong class	Harris, 2:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Girlchoir rehearsal	chapel and room 3&4, 4:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Girlchoir rehearsal	sanctuary and choir room, 5:30 p.m.
Philomusica Chorale rehearsal	Widener Hall, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, January 24

Mindfulness practice group	room 4, 9:30 a.m.
Sketching and watercolor class	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Windows 11 Made Simple class	Harris, 10:00 a.m.
Mah Jongg open play	room 5, 12:30 p.m.
Strong Bones exercise class	Widener Hall, 1:00 p.m.
Bingo game	Harris, 1:00 p.m.
Commonwealth Youthchoirs rehearsal	choir room, 6:00 p.m.
Well spouse support group	phone, 7:00 p.m.
Royal Scottish Country Dancers group	chapel, 7:15 p.m.
Philadelphia Women's Music Project rehearsal	Widener Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Listening Session online	zoom, 7:30 p.m.