

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY AT PCCH

SECOND HOUR

Today, Sunday, March 26, 12:00-3:00 p.m., Harris room

Desert of Compassion retreat

Sunday, April 2 (Palm Sunday), 11:30 a.m., Harris room

John Wilkinson will lead us through the various gospel representations of the events of Holy Week

Sunday, April 30, 11:30 a.m., Harris room

Our exploration of *Braiding Sweetgrass* continues. We will discuss *In the Footsteps of Nanabozho: Becoming Indigenous to Place*, *The Sound of Silverbells*, and *Sitting in a Circle*.

TODAY'S BAPTISM

This morning we celebrate the baptism of Brooke Deborah Barrett, child of Kellye Stewart DeSantis and Mark William Barrett.

NORMANDY FARM LENTEN GATHERING WITH COMMUNION

Tuesday, March 28, 11:00 a.m., Normandy Farm Auditorium

All are invited to attend! This Lenten service, led by John Wilkinson, is aimed for seniors, including those seniors who do not drive in the evening. After the service you are invited to remain for a social gathering and lunch at the café on a cash basis for your individual lunch. No RSVP is necessary. Contact the church office for further information.

GOOD FRIDAY NOONDAY SERVICE

In addition to the Good Friday service held at PCCH at 7:30 p.m., all are invited to a Good Friday Service at Oxford Presbyterian Church at 12:00 noon, featuring several Presbyterian congregations. John Wilkinson and Jeffrey DeVault will participate. All are welcome. A meal will be served following the service.

JOHN WILKINSON FAREWELL CELEBRATION

Sunday, April 23, 11:30 a.m., Widener Hall, following the congregational meeting

The congregation is invited to join together to thank and bid farewell to John Wilkinson on his last Sunday with us. John's steady hand, extensive church experience, calm demeanor, and dependable wisdom steered the good ship PCCH through the stormy waters of the COVID pandemic. Now his love of the larger church and his leadership experience take him to accept a new leadership challenge. Please join us on April 23 to express our deep gratitude and wish John and his family well.

PCCH WEEKEND OF SERVICE

Saturday, May 6 and Sunday, May 7

As part of the upcoming Weekend of Service, the Social Witness Committee will be working with a new mission partner to assist homeowners in the Germantown area with necessary home repairs. The mission of Urban Resources Development Corporation (URDC) is to help stabilize neighborhoods in Germantown, Mt. Airy, East/West Oak Lane, and surrounding communities by addressing the housing needs of seniors and low-income families through its Owner-Occupied Repair Program. We are organizing a volunteer group on Saturday, May 6 to take on home repair and improvement projects on site; repairs are usually indoor projects helping URDC clients with painting, demolition, drywall, and spackling. Water, gloves, masks, sanitizer, project supplies, and T-shirts are provided to volunteers, along with lunch.

We hope to have an information session with URDC Executive Director Joseph Waldo before our volunteer day. For more information now, their website is buildgermantown.org.

The volunteer day starts at PCCH at 8:30 a.m. and will end by 3:00 p.m. Youth and above ages are welcome; experience not necessary, but helpful! Contact Jeff Podraza (jeffpodraza@gmail.com, text/call 267-254-8193) for more information or to volunteer. We are limited to 20 volunteers on this project, so sign up early!

WEST KENSINGTON MINISTRY GOLF OUTING

Monday, May 15, 9:45 a.m. at Five Ponds Golf Club in Warminster

The Fifth 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. This year's outing promises more of the golf, fun and camaraderie that has become the Annual WKM Golf Outing. The golfer donation amount is \$175 per person and covers lunch, greens fees and cart, putting contest, hole prizes, door prizes, post-tournament reception, and a fun day to benefit a critical urban ministry.

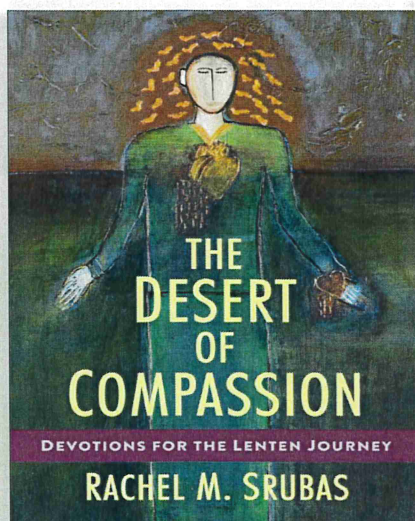
In addition to golf, there are also many opportunities to participate in this benefit event, including hole sponsorships, lunch, reception, program sponsorships, donation of prizes or silent auction items. Donations are also welcomed. Check the Golf Outing flyer on the Social Witness bulletin board for 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).

There is a sign-up sheet for this retreat on the bulletin board outside the church office.

LENTEN RETREAT

Sunday, March 26 noon until 3 p.m.

led by John Wilkinson



Rachel Srubas' book offers daily reflections to be read throughout Lent.

At the retreat, we will gather themes and reflect on how they connect with our own faith journeys.

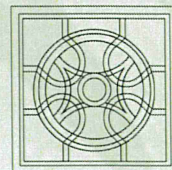
Come for a time of discussion,
reflection and connection.

Register with the church office by March 22

\$10 (includes lunch)

book available at the church office and at coffee hour

at a discounted price of \$9



PRESCHOOL UPDATE

We are pleased to share the news that the Session has approved the appointment of Megan Cullen as the new director of the PCCH Preschool. Megan is well-known to us, having served as church administrator for the last several years. What may not be known is that she served in both administrative and teaching roles for the preschool at various times. She is well-suited to do this work, and is enthusiastic about doing it. Welcome, Megan!

A special word of thanks to Diana Rodgers, who has served marvelously as Interim Director of the Preschool. Diana has helped the preschool navigate significant transitional issues, and we are grateful to her for her outstanding leadership. Thank you, Diana! Diana will continue to provide leadership for the duration of the program year, and then hand the leadership reins to Megan.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR SOUGHT

We are beginning the process of identifying a new church administrator. This multi-dimensional role works with a range of staff, church members and others to oversee the operation of PCCH. A variety of previous work experiences could serve as qualifications for this work.

For a position description, or to learn more, please contact John Wilkinson at jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org.

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.

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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN & CONNECT

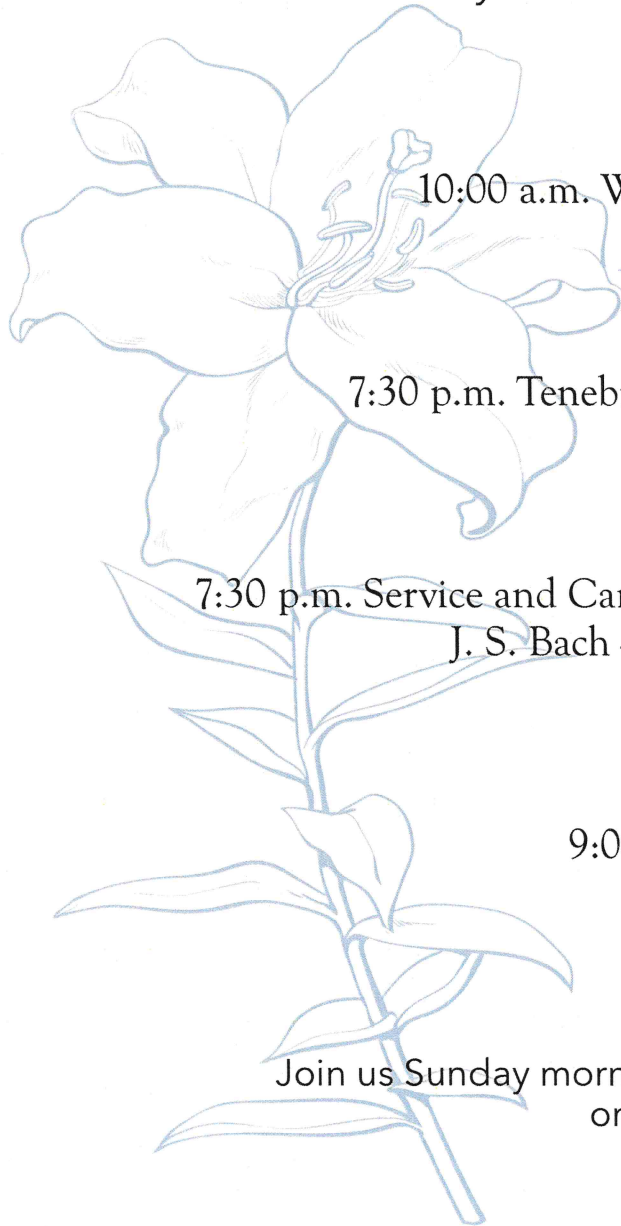
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

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.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill

an inclusive community of faith



PALM SUNDAY

April 2

10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary & online

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 6

7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service with the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY

April 7

7:30 p.m. Service and Cantatas & Chamber Music Concert
J. S. Bach - BWV 4, *Christ Lag in Todesbanden*

EASTER SUNDAY

April 9

9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Worship services
in the sanctuary & online

Join us Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in our sanctuary
or live-stream at chestnuthillpres.org

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS SOUGHT

We are in need of more teachers and teacher assistants in our church school classes! If you are interested in volunteering for either of these roles, please reach out to Megan Petero at mpetero@chestnuthillpres.org. There will be training and information sessions once we have a list of prospective teachers. Thank you!

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 today from 11:10–11:40 a.m. 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, March 26

- 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. Regular youth group
- 7:00–8:00 p.m. Confirmation class: *Book of Order and Confessions*

Sunday, April 2 (Palm Sunday)

- 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. Regular youth group with guest speaker from Urban Resources Development Corporation

Sunday, April 9 (Easter Sunday)

- No Joyful Noise or Youth Choir rehearsal
- 10:15 a.m. Mark your calendar for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Details to come.

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.

CLASSIC TABLE GAMES—OPEN PLAY (*registration required*)

Mondays, ongoing, join anytime, 12:00–2:00 p.m., \$2

Playing table games is proven to stimulate brain areas that are responsible for memory formation and complex thought processes in all ages. Bring your own favorite game to play or choose from one that we have here at the Center.

SOUL LINE DANCING (*registration required*)

Thursday, March 30, 1:30–2:30p.m., \$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 class is a simple and easy activity, a feel-good form of exercise. No partner needed. All levels welcome.

NAME THAT TUNE (*registration required*)

Tuesday, March 28, 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., free

Do you love music? Do you wish you knew a little more about some of your favorite songs? Join us for a fun and interactive music appreciation class! Back by popular demand, instructor Michael Kraus will guide you through fun music lessons featuring songs from the past. Learn about the musical roots of songs you have known since childhood, and songs you still love to sing along with today. This class will be entertaining, engaging, educational, and fun!

AFTERNOON MOVIE (*registration required*)

Thursday, March 30, 1:30 p.m., \$2, showing *Downton Abbey*

This is the continuing story of the Crawley family, wealthy owners of a large estate in the English countryside in the early 20th century. The film, set in 1927, depicts a royal visit to the Crawleys' stately home in Yorkshire. As royal staff members descend on Downton, an assassin has also arrived and attempts to kill the monarch. The Crawleys and their servants are pitted against the royal entourage, including the Queen's lady-in-waiting, who has fallen out with the Crawley family, especially the Dowager Countess.

GOLDEN YOGA (*registration required*)

Wednesdays, start any time, 3:00–4:00 p.m., \$10 per class, \$35 for 4 classes, \$85 for 10 classes
Golden yoga is a classical yoga, adapted by the SKY Foundation, to accommodate those who have difficulty getting up and down from the floor. The practices include stretching, breathing, relaxation, and meditation techniques, all done while sitting in a chair or standing.

Easter Flower Memorials

*The PCCH Flower Guild
invites you to remember loved ones at Easter
with memorial flowers.*

On Easter Sunday, April 9, the Sanctuary will once again be blooming with beautiful spring flowers given to the glory of God and in memory or thanksgiving for loved ones.

The Flower Guild invites you to remember or honor your loved ones on Easter by completing and returning this form to the church office no later than Sunday, April 2.

Please provide the following information:

In loving memory of:

In honor of or in thanksgiving for:

Name(s) of contributors

Suggested minimum donation is \$35. Please make your check payable to PCCH, including "Easter Flowers" on the memo line.

an evening of
Melody & Comedy



Saturday, April 29, 2023
Widener Hall, Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill

★ silent auction and light hors d'oeuvres
doors open at 7:00 pm; show starts at 7:30 pm
tickets available at the door
\$15 adults, \$10 children, \$40 family ★