

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY AT PCCH

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.

SECOND HOUR

Following worship, 11:30 a.m., reception room

- May 15: Four Hundred Souls, Part Nine
- May 22 John Wilkinson, Post-Pandemic Conversations Continued

FORUM ON THE HILL

Did you miss it on Thursday May 12. Watch it now online at:

chestnuthillpres.org/education/forum-on-the-hill

Speaker: Beth Shalom Hessel

Topic: The Right to Be American: Japanese Americans and World War II

During WWII, more than 100,000 American citizens and long-term residents of Japanese descent were placed by the federal government in remote prison camps because they “looked like the enemy.” Japanese Americans and their allies found different ways to challenge the invalidation of their place in this country. We will explore the experiences of Japanese Americans during WWII.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday, May 24, 7:15 p.m., Campbell's Place

Join us at Campbell's Place on Germantown Avenue with a new earlier start time. All are welcome. Please contact Brian Russo with any questions (brusso@chestnuthillpres.org).

CHURCH PICNIC AND FAREWELL TO KEN LOVETT

Sunday, June 12, immediately following worship

Mark your calendars now and plan to stay following worship for the annual end-of-year picnic. There is a sign-up sheet for side dishes on the bulletin board outside the church office, or you can sign up online at this link:

www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4FAFA82CA1FE3-pcch2

We will also bid a fond farewell to Ken Lovett on this date.

The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill

SPAGHETTI DINNER



Sunday, May 22, 2022

5:00—7:00 p.m.

Widener Hall

Adults: \$12.00; Children: \$8.00

Family Maximum: \$35.00

All money generated from ticket sales and donations will go directly to the youth work camp in Detroit, Michigan this summer.

Tickets are available on Sunday at Fellowship Hour and also at the door .

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Today the children will hear the amazing story from the Revelation to John in which God shows John how life in Jesus, is life in a new heaven and a new earth. Although the children may not yet make the connection, there is a parallel to John's vision and Jesus' invitation for us to pray that God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Next week, after experiencing a baptism in worship, children will also get a chance to see and explore baptism in our Sunday lesson.

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.

We return to observing the City of Philadelphia's optional mask mandate.

JOYFUL NOISE

All children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to participate! Weekly Rehearsals will begin immediately following church school and end at approximately 11:30 a.m. Your children will be brought to you at fellowship in Widener Hall.

YOUTH CHOIR

Youth choir practices following worship/church school. All young people in grades 6 through 12 are welcome. Rehearsals are held in the youth room of the Strouse Building.

JUNIOR and SENIOR HIGH FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, May 15: 5:00–6:00 p.m.: Pizza and Youth Sunday Rehearsal.

Sunday, May 22: 10:00–11:00 a.m.: Youth Sunday Worship Service

Sunday, May 22: 3:30–8:00 p.m.: Youth Spaghetti Dinner

Festival of Music and Arts

Art Exhibit and Opening Reception

Embracing Nature

Marie Bender, Painter

Mark Conti, Photographer

Friday, June 3

7:30 pm - Widener Hall and Reception Room

Two artists with diverse perspectives celebrate the natural world. Employing oil painting and photography they invite you to enter into the realm of the environment in which we live and see it anew.

PCCH Gallery Choir and

Drexel University Chorus and Chamber Singer

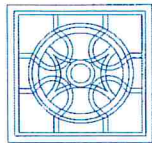
Daniel Spratlan, conductor

Sunday, June 5

12:00 pm - PCCH Sanctuary

Join us in the enveloping acoustic of The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill as the PCCH Gallery Choir along with the Drexel University Chorus and Chamber Singers present a concert which addresses our relationship with and impact on the earth and its inhabitants. The choirs will perform music by Edie Hill, Ēriks Ešņvalds, Alonso Lobo, Heinrich Schütz, Lewis Spratlan, and J. S. Bach. The audience is welcome to arrive early to view the art exhibit in Widener Hall. The concert will be livestreamed using the Livestream button at www.chestnuthillpres.org.

A free will donation will be accepted at both events.



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OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN & CONNECT

PCCH ORAL HISTORY PROJECT *(from Brian Russo)*

I'm very excited to share with you a project that Jill Bown and I have been working on for the last several months. It is a collection of recorded interviews, oral histories if you will, with members of our church. They are raw conversations, edited only for the sake of time. Though unscripted they are yet substantive, and will hopefully serve not only as a way to get to know our people a little bit better, but also as an educational moment about history itself and the power of vulnerability. The project is called "There's silver in those pockets"—a quotation from our first conversation with Antonia Kok when describing the value of interpersonal interactions. The recordings will be released over a series of Thursdays, and as the project expands, will continue to do so in bursts of three or four at a time.

Some background: I was with Jill Bown and her family when her father died. The night before, Jill and her brother shared stories with me about his life, and I was blessed with a composite of a beautiful man who achieved a great many things. We gathered again shortly thereafter, and Jill wondered aloud about applying what happened with her father and me to the rest of our community. As in, maybe let's not wait until our loved ones die before we share their stories (or better yet, listen to them share it), but let's do it now! Well, immediately my soul soared, as for years I've wanted to do something combining my interests in photo/video and the lives of our seniors, but I could never quite articulate a proper vision for it. Well, here it is, all thanks to Jill.

Each conversation was recorded in the participant's respective home and living room, using only the available lighting, utilizing my three-camera setup. Each conversation lasted about an hour and a half, which I then edited down to about 12-14 minutes. As stated, none of these conversations were scripted. And honestly, I think it turns out for the better; for the end-product is not a rehearsed documentary, but an authentic and somewhat surprising window into the more significant moments of the lives of our dear ones.

If you would like to share and record your own story, just let me know at brusso@chestnuthillpres.org.

The videos will be released on Facebook, via our Vimeo page, and will hopefully live somewhere on our website accessed by tabs and links.

Thursday, May 19: Antonia Kok

Thursday, May 26: Jean Hardwick

Thursday, June 2: Kass Dymecki

CENTER ON THE HILL

Center on the Hill is open Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. with all our practices and protocols in place (sanitation practices, limited number of participants per class, 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 12:00 p.m. on our programs page: chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs
Registration 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.

MAY ART GALLERY EXHIBIT

Philadelphia Corporation for Aging (PCA)

The gallery is open for viewing Monday–Friday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. daily and before and after worship services. Closing Reception is Thursday, May 26, 4:00–5:00 p.m. in the Center hallway. This show will be part of the annual Celebrate the Arts and Aging exhibition around the city. As the Agency on Aging, PCA supports and creates programs designed to foster older adults' quality of life and help them live independently in their community. They know that staying active and engaged is one of the keys to healthy aging. Their goal for Celebrate Arts and Aging is to encourage older people to experience the wealth of artistic possibilities our region has to offer and to showcase the outstanding works of senior artists. For a list of their services go to www.pcaCares.org

CROQUET OPEN PLAY (weather permitting)

Tuesdays, May 17 and 24, 10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m., free. Space is limited.

Join us outside on the lawn to play American Nine-Wicket aka “Backyard” Croquet. This is a fun and engaging way to get fresh air and exercise while playing a competitive lawn sport!

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

Tuesday, May 17, 12:00 p.m., \$10 (Registrations received the day before or day of the lunch will be \$12), Registration Required

Where else in the community can you go for lunch where you'll see both familiar and new faces, where the atmosphere is relaxed and welcoming, where the food is consistently good and served by a wonderful corps of volunteers? Our large room is full of round tables that are simply decorated and set with white linens and festive tableware.

**Luncheons are subject to all current Covid guidelines, including proof of vaccination, gathering size limits, and social distancing practices.*

"SOUL" LINE DANCING

Tuesday, May 17, 3:00–4:00 p.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. Gloria will help you make this 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. In January 2001 Gloria founded D.A.S.H.E.R.S. Entertainment Network (Dancing And Singing Helps Everyone Relieve Stress).

“DO I STAY OR DO I GO”

Thursday, May 19, 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., free. Recorded and posted online on May 24.

Most of us will have to make a decision as we age whether to remain in our own homes, or move into a continuous care retirement community. This workshop is designed to answer your questions and give you the facts and information you need to make the decision that is best for you. We are all individuals with unique emotional, social and physical needs. Is it better to remain at home or to move into a congregate living arrangement? What are the real costs of both decisions given the stresses we have all endured over the past two years? If we choose a CCRC, do monthly fees increase when we need to move through to the next level of care? If we remain at home, can we continue with yard and home maintenance? How do we best maintain freedom and independence? Come join us and find some answers.

PCCH PRESCHOOL NEWS

NEW PLAYGROUND COMING SOON!

We are delighted to announce that on June 27 a new playground will be installed to replace our old, dated playground. The new and improved playground will meet current safety standards, be heat resistant and mostly shaded. It will include two climbers and a true outdoor xylophone as a nod to PCCH's music ministry. The preschool will be the primary users but it will also be used by the church's children and youth.

In addition to funds from the preschool and a generous gift from a church member, we will help fund the playground by doing a Buy-A-Brick project. What a wonderful way to honor your children or grandchildren who may have attended the Preschool and/or just support our very worthy Preschool! Bricks will be installed on the third week in August. Bricks are \$100 and may be purchased online. In addition to purchasing a brick, we are also grateful for any monetary donations. Please click on <https://pcchpreschool.org/new-playground-2022/> to purchase a brick and to see photos of the two climbers and xylophone. Bricks will be on sale at coffee hour on Sunday, May 22.

OTHER EXCITING THINGS GOING ON AT THE PRESCHOOL

We have four spots open for next year; we would love more church families to enroll, or for you to refer families to us.

Chestnut Hill Brewing is hosting a Dine and Donate night on May 22 from 5:00–7:00 p.m. If diners mention that they are from PCCH, 10% of their food and beverage bill will be donated to our school. People can also order takeout online with code CHPRES22 in the promotion code line and get the same deal. Reservations are best for CH Brewing in person, here is their link: <https://resy.com/cities/pha/market-at-the-fareway?date=2022-05-03&seats=2&query=chestnut%20hill%20brewing%20company>