

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

HAPPENING AT PCCH

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR NOMINATING AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEES

The Pastor Nominating and Personnel Committees would like to update the congregation on our search for our new pastor and head of staff.

When we last communicated, the PNC was in the process of scheduling visits with three candidates. We also reminded our community that this is a process of mutual discernment, and we will not rush toward a compromise. After talking at length with references, visiting home churches, and spending time with three candidates, we will not be calling any of them as our next Pastor.

We understand this news may be disappointing. However, the PNC wants to reiterate that we are committed to getting this right and that this is the Holy Spirit at work. The process of discernment takes time. While the PNC wants to be in control, ultimately, this is God's decision.

The PNC has received valuable counsel from Craig and the Commission on Ministry about next steps and has been in close communication with the staff and the Personnel Committee. We are confident that with continued prayer and discernment, a unanimous and enthusiastic decision regarding our new church leadership will emerge. Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support as we continue this important search.

In the meantime, the Personnel Committee continues to work to ensure that we have strong pastoral leadership during this transitional time. Russell has committed to serve as our bridge pastor through the summer and into the beginning of the church calendar year. We are also working with him and the Commission on Ministry to identify additional support as needed and expect to provide further information to you shortly.

A CELEBRATION TO SAY THANK YOU AND FAREWELL

Today, Sunday, May 19 immediately following worship

The Hospitality Committee is having a special high coffee and thank you to celebrate this past year with Dr. Craig Barnes as PCCH's interim pastor. Plan to stay after worship today for this special occasion.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday, May 21, 7:30 p.m., Campbell's Place

Join us at Campbell's Place, upper room, on Germantown Avenue. All are welcome.

Mark Bernstein will be this month's discussion leader. Any questions, please contact the church office.

URBAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (URDC) WORKDAY

The Social Witness Committee will be again working with URDC to assist homeowners in the Germantown area with necessary home repairs. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, June 8.**

URDC's mission is to help stabilize neighborhoods in Germantown and surrounding communities by addressing the housing needs of seniors and low-income families through its Owner-Occupied Repair Program. On June 8, we will join URDC to take on home repair and improvement projects on site. Water, gloves, masks, sanitizer, project supplies, and T-shirts are provided to volunteers, along with lunch. It's a great opportunity to help people in need. The volunteer day starts at PCCH at 8:30 a.m. and will end by 3 p.m. Youth and above ages are welcome; experience not necessary. Contact Jeff Podraza (jeffpodraza@gmail.com, text/call 267-254-8193) for more information or to sign up.

PCCH GALLERY PICK-UP CHOIR

Do you want to sing with the PCCH Gallery Choir? On Sundays June 9 and 16, anyone interested in singing may join the Gallery Choir in worship! No audition is required. Please arrive at 9 a.m. in the Gallery (organ loft) to rehearse for the 10 a.m. service. This is a great chance if you are new, too busy on Thursday nights, or weren't sure how to get involved, to meet one another and get singing! No ongoing commitment is required if you come, but anyone who enjoys the experience and wants to join the Gallery Choir in the fall may audition with Daniel Spratlan after the service or at a later date. If you cannot make it on one of these days but you want to sing in the choir, or if you have any questions, please contact Daniel at danielspratlan@gmail.com.

Weekend of Service

MANY WAYS TO HELP!

Donate items for casseroles and lunches
OR volunteer!

Saturday, May 18

Face to Face

9:30am – 1pm

Help to prepare meals for our neighbors at Face to Face. Sign up on the Social Witness bulletin board or call the church office.

Sunday, May 19

after coffee hour

Help to make sandwiches, prepare casseroles for Face to Face, or plant flowers and vegetables in the PCCH garden.

Youth are welcome for all projects, and younger children are encouraged to help out on Sunday



If you can't help on Saturday or Sunday, you can bring items to the church before May 19.

Use this QR code to sign up to bring ingredients.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

PCC# Cantatas and Chamber Music Series

Brahms' Liebeslieder Waltzes

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024
5 PM

WITH

Poulenc Sonata for Piano Four Hands

AND

selected works for organ

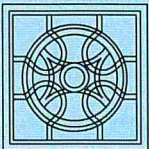
SOLOISTS OF THE GALLERY CHOIR
JEFFREY DeVAULT, PIANO & ORGAN
MARK LIVSHITS, PIANO
DR. DANIEL SPRATLAN, CONDUCTOR

SANCTUARY

PRE-CONCERT RECEPTION 4:30

LIVE-STREAM AVAILABLE

TICKETS \$10



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CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Date	Godly Play PreK-2nd Grade	Christian Studies Grades 3-5	Feasting on the Word Grades 6-8
5/19	Greg Dickinson and Sarah Wright	Rebecca DePasquale and Connie Lewis	stay in worship

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

Joyful Noise and Youth Choir will both rehearse today from 11:10-11:40 a.m. All children are welcome to sing with either choir—drop-ins are welcome! Our last rehearsal until fall is next Sunday, May 26. Joyful Noise and Youth Choir will both sing in worship on Sunday, June 2.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES

Middle school youth group will meet in the youth room from 5-6:30 p.m. this Sunday, May 19 for a special evening youth fellowship. Pizza will be provided.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Children's Ministry program is in need of additional volunteers to join our team to serve as lead teachers, classroom aids, and to deliver the children's message in the worship service. No prior teaching experience is necessary—all that is needed is a loving heart and desire to work with the children of this church. Adults of all ages and life stages are invited to serve. Please contact Julie Snyder at jsbishop717@gmail.com if you are interested.



The Hospitality Committee
asks you to help make
PCCH's annual spring picnic
a success!

Bring your favorite seasonal side dish
or volunteer for setup or cleanup

Let us know how you can help!

use the sign-up sheet
(posted outside the church office)

or use the QR code



Questions? Reach out to Emily McCahery
215.208.6268 emma.camp327@gmail.com

Remember...many ~~ants~~ hands make light work!

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:

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.

SING FOR JOY, FOR HEALTH, FOR MEMORY *(registration required)*

Thursday, May 23, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$5, light refreshments provided

We will sing familiar favorites from musicals, standards, folk, and traditional repertoires. Accompanied by piano or English concertina. Featured favorites will be drawn from different genres—traditional, standards, musicals, pop, plus some droll storytelling from the British Isles.

CHAIR CARDIO *(registration required)*

Thursdays, May 23-June 20, 1-2 p.m., \$10/per class

Dance, stretch, move and groove for an all-levels chair cardio class where we will use light weights, and a fun playlist to get our heart rate and energy levels up. Be prepared to laugh and have fun.

MAY ART SHOW—PHILADELPHIA CORPORATION FOR AGING Mixed Media

Meet the Artists Closing Reception, Thursday May 30, 4-6 p.m., light refreshments served

This show is part of the annual Celebrate the Arts and Aging exhibition around the city.

As the Area Agency on Aging, PCA supports and creates programs designed to foster older adults' quality of life and help them live independently in their community.

MOSAICS USING STAINED GLASS *(registration required)*

Tuesdays, June 4-18, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., \$50, all materials included

Students will learn how to design an 8" x 8" mosaic using stained glass. All levels of experience welcome. Selection of imagery is up to the individual, but would be best for designs that are not overly detail oriented. Consider using a favorite photo, design or sketch as your inspiration for your mosaic. Come to the first session with an idea for your panel, sized (printed out, black and white or color) to an 8" square. Having a color version of your image on your cell phone to refer will be helpful as well.