

## GOOD TO KNOW

If you are interested in exploring membership at PCCH, please contact Russell Sullivan at the church office or at [rsullivan@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:rsullivan@chestnuthillpres.org).

Sunday worship is live-streamed at [chestnuthillpres.org/live](https://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](mailto:rsullivan@chestnuthillpres.org).

If you would like to receive a ride to church for Sunday worship, please contact the church office.

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](https://chestnuthillpres.org/matthew-25) for more information about Matthew 25 news and events.

## MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Sunday, June 11, immediately following worship in the sanctuary

The Session of the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill has called a meeting of the congregation following worship on Sunday, June 11, 2023, to receive a report from the Nominating Committee and to elect officers.

# THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT PCCH

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### OUR GUEST PREACHER TODAY

The Rev. Chris Petrak is a retired member of the Presbytery of Lehigh. Dr. Petrak served as pastor and head of staff at First Presbyterian Church of Stroudsburg and in other Presbyterian churches in Pennsylvania. He was also the pastor of the Congregational Church in Newfane, Vermont. He has degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He lives in Roxborough with his wife Nissa who is a member of PCCH.

### SECOND HOUR

Today, May 28 11:30 a.m., reception room

Our May exploration of *Braiding Sweetgrass* continues. Today we will discuss *The Sacred and the Superfund*; *People of Corn*, *People of Light*; and *Collateral Damage*.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 4—AN EXCITING DAY AT PCCH

We are honored to have the Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace, the Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Philadelphia and the Co-Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as our guest preacher. Rev. Santana-Grace holds the highest non-staff elected office in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), representing over one million members. Rev. Santana-Grace began serving as Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Philadelphia in February 2014, making her the first woman and person of color to be installed in their more-than-300-year history. Rev. Santana-Grace is a graduate of the Princeton Theological Seminary and in 2023 she was the recipient of their Distinguished Alumnus Award and elected Trustee Emeritus of the seminary.

This Communion Sunday we are also delighted that the Rev. Dr. M. Craig Barnes will preside at the table as PCCH's Interim Pastor and Head of Staff. Craig has had a long and distinguished career as a pastor and educator, and his preaching, scholarship, and work on behalf of the denomination are known nationally. Craig served as the pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church in Madison, WI, until 1992, when he became the pastor of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington D.C. In 2002 he became a chaired professor at Pittsburgh Seminary while also serving as the pastor of Shadyside Presbyterian Church where he is now pastor emeritus. In 2012, he was elected president of Princeton Theological Seminary and became the president emeritus in January 2023.

Please join us on Sunday, June 4, in-person or via livestream, as we welcome the Rev. Ruth Santana-Grace as our guest preacher, and we formally welcome the Rev. Dr. M. Craig Barnes to PCCH.

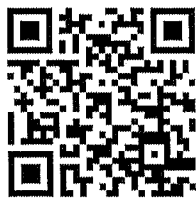
### PCCH PICK-UP CHOIR

Do you want to sing with the PCCH Gallery Choir? On Sundays June 11 and 25 anyone interested in singing may join the Gallery Choir in worship! No audition is required. Please arrive at 9:00 a.m. in the gallery (organ loft) to rehearse for the 10:00 a.m. service. This is a great chance if you are new to PCCH, 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, but anyone who enjoys the experience and wants to join the Gallery Choir in the fall may audition with Dan. If you cannot make it on one of these days but you want to sing in the choir, please contact Dan Spratlan at [danielspratlan@gmail.com](mailto:danielspratlan@gmail.com).

### NEW YORK CITY CHILDREN'S CHORUS

On June 18 the New York City Children's Chorus will join us to lead worship. This chorus is a graded choral program for children in the metropolitan New York City area who wish to receive training in the art of singing in a rigorous and rewarding choral environment. Founded in 2012 by Mary Huff at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, the New York City Children's Chorus enables choristers, through hard work and dedication, to develop a passionate commitment to excellence through the choral arts, to learn discipline and self-confidence, and to give back to their community through the gift of music. Recent international appearances include performance tours of Spain, Austria, and Canada, including concerts to full houses in Madrid, Granada, Valencia, Vienna, Salzburg, and Toro. Nationally, they have performed at the Basilica of the National Shrine, Washington, DC, Old North Church and Old South Church, Boston, Plymouth Plantation, Plymouth, Massachusetts, as well as concerts in Pennsylvania and in Nashville, Tennessee. Recent television appearances include Good Morning America, Today Show, NBC Sports, CBS Sunday Morning, Saturday Night Live, and Merry Knicksmas at Madison Square Garden, New York.

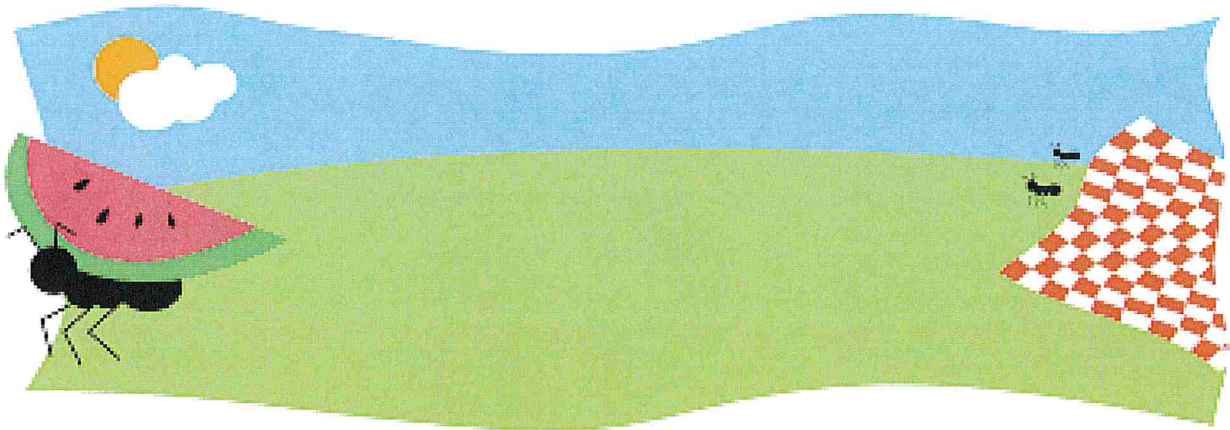
### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, August 14 through Friday, August 18, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon.

This year we will explore what it means to be “called” through music, drama, yoga, art, mission, and more. VBS is open to children ages 3 through 5th grade. All are welcome! Join us and bring a friend.

Register here: [tinyurl.com/254juxax](http://tinyurl.com/254juxax)



## *Annual Spring Picnic*

*Sunday, June 11th*

*after worship, on the front lawn*

The Hospitality Committee asks you to help make  
PCCH's  
annual spring picnic a success:  
Bring your favorite seasonal side dish  
Volunteer for setup and cleanup

Use the sheets posted outside the church office  
to let us know how you can help;  
or reach out to Emily McCahery at  
215-208-6268     [emma.camp327@gmail.com](mailto:emma.camp327@gmail.com)

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

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

On Sunday mornings we normally offer classes for two different age groups—one for children ages 3 through 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Attention all parents: we still need snacks and teacher volunteers.**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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** No rehearsal today. Our final rehearsal of the year is June 4.

**Youth Choir** No rehearsal today. Our final rehearsal of the year is June 4.

## CENTER ON THE HILL

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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](http://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](mailto:msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org).

The Center will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day. Have a great holiday weekend.

### PHILADELPHIA CORPORATION FOR AGING (PCA) MEET THE ARTISTS RECEPTION

Wednesday May 31, 4:00–6:00 p.m., free. Light refreshments will be 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. 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](http://www.pcaCares.org).

### MANAGING CHRONIC ILLNESS *(registration required)*

Thursday, June 1, 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., free  
Presented in person, and recorded to be shared online the following week. People managing chronic disease must make life-long choices that will enhance their daily routines. These choices do not have to be major or challenging but consistent. The goal of chronic disease self-management is to help people achieve a better quality of life through the understanding of their condition. This approach includes multiple recommendations with input provided by their physician/nurse practitioner. The coordination of treatments, screenings, check-ups, and patient education must be presented to the patient with appropriate follow up. This plan, as followed, can allow patients to enjoy their life with the support of their physicians, nurse and family.

**WINDOWS 11 MADE SIMPLE** (*registration required through MALT*)

Tuesdays, June 6-27 (3 sessions, no class on June 13), 10:00 a.m.-12 p.m., \$89

Contact MALT at 215-843-6333 or [mtairylearningtree.org](http://mtairylearningtree.org) to register.

Windows 11 is a Microsoft operating system for personal computers and tablets. In this class you will learn to use Windows—how to access multiple programs, organize files, change computer settings, arrange your desktop, save and print documents. This class is for any device using the Windows 10 operating system. Students may bring their own laptop with Windows 11 installed. There will also be laptops available to use at the class.

Instructor David Grauel has been a technical support and training specialist in Microsoft office products for such companies as Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley. He has years of experience in staff training, online help desks and network troubleshooting.

**ZUMBA GOLD** (*registration required*)

Wednesdays, ongoing starting April 12, 11:00-11:55 a.m.

single class \$12, 4 classes \$45, 8 classes \$80

What's Zumba Gold? Zumba Gold combines the enticing world rhythms of Zumba with the strength-training techniques of the Zumba Toning Program, creating an easy-to-follow, health-boosting dance fitness program for active, older adults, as well as beginners. You are welcome to bring your own 1-2 lbs weights to build strength and tone all target zones.