

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.

GACM THANK YOU

Thanks to all who contributed food and financial support to the Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry Thanksgiving basket drive, and to those PCCH members who volunteered their time. Over 100 baskets were given out to community members on Friday, November 18, with even more scheduled to be distributed on Monday, November 21. Eileen Jones, Executive Director of GACM, said “It was such a rewarding day receiving the gifts of generous food donors and volunteers—also seeing so many people helped!” Your contributions have great impact. Thank you again!

ADVENT GIFT-GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Two opportunities are available to you as we prepare for the Advent season:

- Reverse Advent Boxes. Place items in the Reverse Advent box to be distributed among four ministries—Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry; Face to Face; Philadelphia Interfaith Housing Network (PIHN); and West Kensington Ministry. Bring your boxes to church by **Thursday, December 24**, Christmas Eve. Boxes are available at church or by contacting Megan Petero, mpetero@chestnuthillpres.org.
- Help brighten the holidays by providing gifts to children in West Philadelphia. This Advent season, PCCH has committed to providing gifts for 45 children through ACHIEVEability. Sign up to fulfill a child’s wish list after church, or reach out to Beth Vaccaro directly at bethnellvaccaro@gmail.com. All presents are to be wrapped and delivered to church no later than **Sunday, December 4, 2022**. Please place all presents next to the Christmas tree in Widener Hall or on the stage.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS FOR SALE TODAY

Widener Hall 11:15 a.m., \$20 per wreath

As a fundraiser, the PCCH preschool parent association will be selling decorated live Christmas wreaths at coffee hour today in Widener Hall.

This past Sunday, November 20
was a terrific one in our life together.



During worship, people presented pledge cards as we sang familiar Thanksgiving hymns.

Following worship, we gathered in Widener Hall for a great pancake brunch prepared by the Stewardship Committee. Children (and others!) did Advent crafts and many took home reverse Advent boxes or names for our Achievability gift drive.

Here are some preliminary figures—for which we are grateful!

- 98 total pledges
- \$368,861 total pledged amount

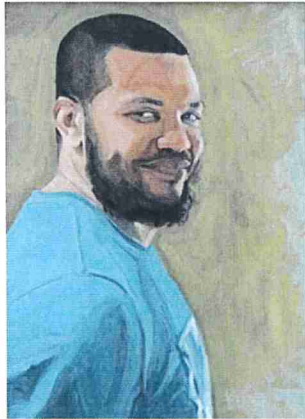
Thanks to all who have pledged already,
and thanks in advance to those who will pledge soon.



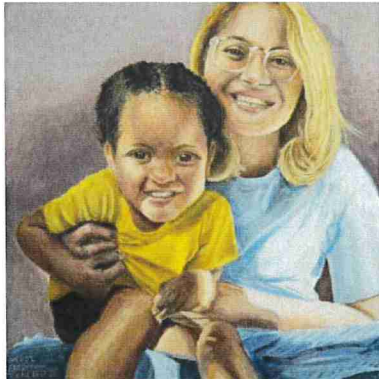
It's easy to do—
you can put a completed pledge card in
the offering plate on a Sunday morning,
you can mail it to the church office,
or you can send a confidential pledge
to mcullen@chestnuthillpres.org.

SOULS SHOT PORTRAIT PROJECT™

*Portraits of Victims
of Gun Violence*



*My Gift to Omar, Portrait of Omar Jenkins.
by Sally Berton*



*Josalissa, Portrait of Josalissa Melendez
by Wendy Eliot-Vandivier*

Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill

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Souls Shot Portrait Project Exhibition

This project pairs fine artists with families and friends of victims of gun violence. The artists create portraits using diverse approaches and emphasize the individuality and uniqueness of the victims portrayed. The exhibition is a truly moving tribute. Please join us for this powerful experience.

Free and open to the public

**NOVEMBER 4 TO
DECEMBER 15, 2022**

Gallery hours:

M 9-4, T 9-12, 3-4, F 9-4,
or by appointment, 215 247 8855
or 215 740 8678.
Closed November 24 and 25.



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Christmas Flowers

A Meaningful Way to Remember Loved Ones

During the Christmas season the sanctuary will be overflowing with beautiful flowers and greens in celebration of Christ's birth. By donating to the Christmas Flower Fund, you can remember your loved ones as always. You can also highlight a special family event like a birth or anniversary, or give to the Flower Fund in thanksgiving for a special person, for grandchildren, or in honor of programs you love about our church (for example Music and the Arts, the Mission Trip, or Center on the Hill). Names of those being honored will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletins (12/24/2022) and the Christmas day bulletin (12/25/2022).

**Please submit your names to the church office by
Monday, December 19**

Your dedication is:

In honor of _____

In thanksgiving for _____

In celebration of _____

In memory of _____

Amount donated _____

In the past we have suggested a donation of \$25 for those wishing to remember a loved one on these Sundays. That amount does not fully cover our cost. Rather than simply raising the suggested amount, we are trusting your generosity as well as hoping that more in the congregation will take this occasion to lift up someone or some ministry that has been important to them.

Given by: _____

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Partway through worship, the children are invited to come forward for a children's moment. After that, children through grade 7 will proceed to the Strouse Education Building (church school wing) for church school. Church School classes include a visual story and time for the children to create, read, and play!

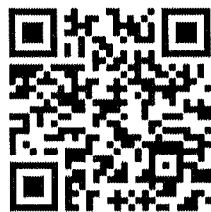
Joyful Noise, the musical component of our children's ministry, meets weekly in the chapel immediately following Church School on Sunday mornings, concluding at 11:40 a.m. The children will sing in worship once each month. All children through grade 5 are invited to participate.

Youth Choir rehearses weekly on Sundays from 4:30-5:00 p.m. and sings in worship once each month. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to participate. Please note that beginning in January 2023 we will have a 45-minute rehearsal time and move our start time to 4:15 p.m.

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.

CALLING ALL KIDS

All children ages 3 through grade 5 who like to sing are invited to join Joyful Noise, our children's choir, as they rehearse and perform the musical *Who Built the Ark?*, based on the Old Testament story of Noah. Children who participate will gain confidence, musical and theatrical skills, and an understanding of the relevance of Noah's story to their lives. Church attendance is not required for participation, and friends are welcome to join us.



Rehearsals will take place on Sundays from 11:10 a.m.-12:10 p.m. (children who are not yet in kindergarten will be dismissed at 11:40 a.m.). Rehearsal dates: January 8-May 7 (no rehearsal 2/5, 2/12, 4/9).

Performance date: Sunday, May 14 at 10:00 a.m. during the worship service. Scan the QR code to register. Deadline to register is January 2.

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT SIGNUP

All children are invited! If you wish to participate in the Christmas Eve Pageant on December 24 at 4:30 pm, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office. The last day to sign up is Sunday, December 4. There will be a mandatory pageant rehearsal on Sunday, December 11 immediately following worship. Questions, please contact either Brian Russo at brusso@chestnuthillpres.org or Megan Petero at mpetero@chestnuthillpres.org.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 27

- 3:30–4:00 p.m. Youth Choir rehearsal (grades 6-12) (special time this week only)
- 4:00–7:00 p.m. Bowling at Our Town Alley, East Norriton

Sunday, December 4

- 11:10–11:40 a.m. Joyful Noise /Youth Choir rehearsal (grades K-12)
- 5:00–6:45 p.m. Dinner at Cin Cin
- 7:00–8:00 p.m. Confirmation class (grades 7-9) “*Prophecy, Poetry, and Wisdom*”

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN & CONNECT

SECOND HOUR

Join us following worship in December for these lively and engaging conversations.
Reception room, 11:30 a.m.

- **Sunday, December 4:** *Braiding Sweetgrass* discussion, focusing on the essays *Maple Sugar Moon and Witch Hazel* in the second section “*Tending Sweetgrass.*”
- **Sunday, December 11:** Discussion on the lectionary in Advent. We will explore the three-year Advent lectionary cycle and dive in to this year’s passages.
- **Sunday, December 18:** Prose and poetry of the season. We will look at well-known and lesser-known writings to help us find deeper meaning in this season.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, November 30, 11:00 a.m., Harris room

We will be exploring the lectionary texts for the following Sunday, December 4, 2022. All are welcome to attend as you are available. Any questions, contact John Wilkinson or Brian Russo.

TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER NIGHT

Join us on Friday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of John and Jeannette Quirus. All money goes to the 2023 Youth Mission Trip. Help our hosts by bringing a dish to share. Call the church office if you need the address. Contact Brian Russo with any questions.

CENTER ON THE HILL

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 (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 to 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.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE CENTER ON THE HILL.

This season we are asking you to help make it possible for us to continue offering our excellent programming at little or no cost to our participants, as well as developing new and engaging activities in the upcoming months. If you have enjoyed Center on the Hill, and our classes and events, will you please consider supporting us by donating to our 2022 Annual Campaign? Your contribution will help us to fulfill our vision of offering quality programming both in-person safely and online, to people who are newly discovering us, as well as those returning to “the place for active adults.”

To donate by credit card please visit us online at tinyurl.com/bdhcbvj2 to donate through our PayPal button on that page. To donate by check, please make checks payable to “PCCH,” write “COTH Donation” on the memo line, and mail them to: Center on the Hill, 8855 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19118

Thank you for your support as we look forward to a vibrant year ahead at Center on the Hill.

HOW NUTRITION CHANGES AS YOU AGE

Thursday, December 1, 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m., free

You often hear that eating healthy is extremely important as you age; however, you seldom hear about some of the changes that take place in your body and how those changes can affect your food choices. This program is just one of the many we use to help educate our communities about taking control of their health and wellness. Presented by Tina Jackson from HUMANA, who enjoys sharing ways we all can take control of our health and wellness.

NORTHWEST ARTISTS ART SHOW & SALE

December 2-17

Opening reception: Friday, December 2, 4:00–8:00 p.m. Join us for our opening festivities featuring traditional holiday fare. Normal gallery and sale hours Monday–Fridays, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

We are pleased to host this exhibition that features artwork created by the Center's own NW Artists. Original paintings, photography, drawings, greeting cards, jewelry, hand crafted candles and more will be on display and for sale. A reception on Friday, December 2 will create a festive gathering including delicious treats and live music, sure to provide holiday fun and a unique shopping experience. A percentage of sales supports the Center on the Hill.

AFTERNOON MOVIE

Tuesday, December 6, 1:30 p.m., \$2, *Encanto*

From Walt Disney Studios, this is the tale of the Madrigals, an extraordinary family who lives hidden in the mountains of Colombia—in a magical house, in a vibrant town, in a wondrous, charmed place called an *Encanto*. The magic of the Encanto has blessed every child in the family with a unique gift, from super strength to the power to heal—every child except one, Mirabel. But when she discovers that the magic surrounding the Encanto is in danger, Mirabel decides that she—the only ordinary Madrigal—might just be her exceptional family's last hope.

TRIVIA FOR EVERYONE!

Thursday, December 8, 12:30–1:30 p.m., free

Join us for holiday-themed trivia this December at the Center. Give your brain a workout, learn something new, meet new people, and have a lot of fun! Prizes and snacks provided.

COMMUNITY HOLIDAY PARTY*

Thursday, December 15, 12:30–2:00p.m., \$10 per person in advance, \$12 at the door. Pre-registration and payment is required by Monday December 12, or you will be charged the at the door rate. Join us for this wonderful holiday party with music, friends, festive decorations, light bites and dessert buffet!

*This party is subject to all current CDC Covid guidelines, gathering limits, and social distancing recommendations at the time of the event.