

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS AT PCCH

NAME TAGS

You will find stick-on name tags in your bulletins today. Please wear these to help us get to know each other and keep them on if you are planning to stay for the light lunch at fellowship hour prior to the David Kim and Friends Cantatas and Chamber Music event.

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

Everyone (including families) is encouraged to stay for a world-class concert at 12 p.m. today! Sandwiches and chips will be served at coffee hour so that stomachs can be filled beforehand. The concert is very informal and will last about one hour. Come hear our organist Jeff DeVault play alongside one of America's most celebrated violinists. A \$10 donation is suggested to help offset costs.

GACM FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH FOOD COLLECTION

Those of you who brought non-perishable food items to worship this morning are invited to bring them to the communion table during the singing of the final hymn. Remember, please no glass jars or bottles. You can, of course, bring food at any time of the month and just place your items on the book shelves in the lower level outside the administrator's office or in the reception room. Thank you.

PCCH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Harris room. Dr. Barnes will be leading the discussion which will focus on the biblical text used for the upcoming Sunday sermon. The reading for October 4 is Exodus 18:5-12 and Philippians 3:4b-14. All are welcome.

CINDY JARVIS, PASTOR EMERITA PREACHING

On Sunday, October 8, Cindy will be preaching at the 10:00 a.m. worship service and then we will have a special reception to honor and thank Cindy. Please plan to attend this festive occasion. All are welcome.

NEW MEMBER CLASS—save the date

Saturday, November 18, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Harris room.
More information to follow .

DAVID KIM & FRIENDS RETURN TO PCCH

Today—Sunday, October 1, 12 p.m., in the sanctuary

We are proud to welcome David Kim, Concertmaster of the Philadelphia Orchestra for over two decades, back to PCCH this autumn. David will join several accomplished musical colleagues to present the Handel *Violin Sonata in D* and the Brahms *Piano Quartet in G minor*. Conveniently scheduled soon after Sunday worship concludes, this intimate concert is a rare and wonderful opportunity to hear a virtuosic performance by an engaging, internationally acclaimed artist—don't miss it! \$10 donation

SECOND HOUR SERIES ON CHRISTIAN PARENTING

October 22 and 29, 11:40 a.m. in the reception room

Research has shown that the number one factor in empowering children to develop Christian faith that lasts into adulthood is the influence of parents actively living their faith. All adults are invited to join Julie Snyder for a two-week Second Hour series based on the book *Sticky Faith*, a research-based guide that presents powerful strategies to parents on how to encourage their children's growth in the Christian faith.

Books are available in the main office for \$10 for those who are interested in reading on their own (reading is not required for attendance).

Childcare and lunch for children will be provided.

Cantatas and Chamber Music

David Kim



& Friends

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OF CHESTNUT HILL



SOCIAL WITNESS COMMITTEE WELCOMES YOU

Our Matthew 25 commitment continues with several opportunities to support people in need in our community! Save the dates for our next "Weekend of Service" on Saturday and Sunday, October 14 and 15. This will include family-friendly projects on-site (making peanut butter sandwich lunches, assembling casseroles, seasonal projects) immediately following worship on Sunday, and in the area on Saturday (home repairs with URDC) and Sunday (helping to serve the midday meal at Face to Face). Watch for more information.

We will continue to collect shelf-stable food every Sunday for distribution at Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry's food pantry; bring food forward during the last hymn on the first Sunday of the month, or leave it on the bookshelf in the reception room. No glass jars.

We will once again be sending teams to Face to Face to assist with meal preparation every fourth Saturday morning of the month, with the first one on September 30. This is open to families and youth. Reach out to Melissa Montgomery (melissamon70@yahoo.com) to sign up or if you have questions.

The Social Witness Committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. We would love to have you join us. For more information about any of the above, contact Beth Nell Vaccaro at bethnellvaccaro@gmail.com.

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Saturday, October 14

Urban Resources Development Corporation (URDC)

Meet at church, 8:30am – 3pm (shorter shifts available)

- Join URDC, volunteers from Unitarian Universalist House and FUMCOG to assist homeowners in the Germantown area
- Home repairs 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
- Work will take place on site in the greater Germantown area
- Experience not necessary, but helpful!
- A great opportunity to help people in need and interact with members of our greater community

Contact Jeff Podraza (jeffpodraza@gmail.com,
text/call 267-254-8193) for more information
Use the QR code to sign up for October 14



Sunday, October 15

Many opportunities after worship to help Face to Face

- Make baked ziti casseroles
- Make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and pack lunches
- Assemble hygiene kits
- Enjoy spending time with PCCH members while assisting our neighbors in need

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



We need donations of ingredients for the Face to Face casseroles, lunches and toiletry kits.

Use the QR code to sign up

A great way to participate even if you will not be at church on October 15!

Weekend of Service

CHURCH LIFE UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Mark your calendars for these events. A great opportunity to have fun and meet people. All ages are invited.

Friday, October 13, 6–9 p.m. Jim Spause's duo, The Savants, at VonC Brewing,
1210 Stanbridge Street, Suite 300, Norristown

This is a family-friendly venue with great beer, wine, and plenty of non-alcoholic beverages too. Let's turn out to support Jim and enjoy some fine music. 2 Street Sammies food truck will be there or you are welcome to bring food from elsewhere. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office or email lizpodraza@gmail.com to let us know that you are coming so we can save a space for you.

Saturday, November 11, 6–9 p.m. Potluck Appetizer Dinner and Game Night

The popular family game night returns. Let's get together to share a meal of appetizers, snacks and play games. Soda and lemonade will be provided. Bring an appetizer, a game to share, and any adult beverages you may want.

Let us know you are interested by signing up on the bulletin board, by calling the church office, or by sending an email to lizpodraza@gmail.com. If you have a great idea for a group activity, please let Liz know.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

| Date | Godly Play PreK-2nd Grade | Christian Studies Grades 3-5 | Simple Sundays Grades 6-8 |
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| 10/1 | Greg Dickinson and Sarah Wright | Rebecca DePaquale | Stay in worship |
| 10/8 | Michelle Shachtman and Fred and Connie Lewis | Diana Rodgers | Kate Magid |

Classes will be offered for three different age groups:

- Children ages 3-2nd 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.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

High school youth group will meet this evening at 5 p.m. in the youth room on the second floor of the Strouse building.

Save the date: PCCH Day of Service after worship on Sunday, October 15 following worship.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MUSIC UPDATE

- Joyful Noise, our children's choir for children ages 3 through grade 5, weekly rehearsals on Sundays from 11:10-11:40 a.m.
- Youth Choir, for singers in grades 6-12, weekly rehearsals on Sundays from 4:15-5 p.m.

Both groups will meet in the music and drama room on the second floor of the Strouse building. All children and youth are welcome.

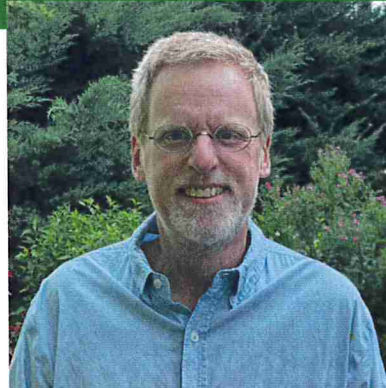
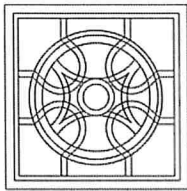
If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at the following:

Julie 267-804-2410, jsbishop717@gmail.com or

Kate 215-620-8283, katemagid@gmail.com

Forum on the Hill

Presented to a limited number of people in-person at 12:30pm then recorded and posted online starting at 5pm. www.chestnuthillpres.org/education/forum-on-the-hill/



OCTOBER 12 12:30PM

PAUL SIVITZ

HOW PURITANICAL WERE THE PURITANS???

From the mid-1800s and lasting the better part of a century, people believed that the Puritans, founders of Massachusetts and Connecticut 200 years earlier, shunned anything that might be considered entertaining. Drawing on the historical records of the Puritans themselves, Dr. Paul Sivitz uncovers the surprising (and often humorous) truth about these supposedly staid and melancholy early English settlers, illustrating how they understood their 17th-century world.

Paul Sivitz received his PhD in History from Montana State University. He specializes in Early America, Race and Slavery, History of Knowledge, and History of Performing Arts. Dr. Sivitz has presented his research at conferences in the US, UK, Paris, Oslo, and Dublin. He is co-director of the digital humanities project, Mapping Historic Philadelphia. One of the project's maps, Free African American Householders in Philadelphia, 1789-1791, is part of the permanent exhibit at the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC.

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Registration Required for in-person attendance.

Contact 215-247-4654 or email msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org

<https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/education/forum-on-the-hill/>

Visit our website above to watch the recorded version after 5pm.

CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center on the Hill is open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. with all our ongoing health practices and protocols in place. New online content is posted Monday to Thursday at 12 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.

LEARN AND PLAY CROQUET *(registration required)*

Tuesdays, October 3 and October 10 (weather permitting), 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., free
Croquet is a sport that involves hitting wooden balls with a mallet through hoops (called “wickets”) embedded in a grass playing court. Join us outside on the lawn to play American Nine-Wicket aka “backyard” croquet. This is a fun and engaging way to get some fresh air and exercise while playing a competitive lawn game. No experience necessary, all players welcome.

HEALTHY MEALS COOKING CLASS *(registration required)*

Tuesday, October 3, 1-2pm, \$10

Cooking classes with Kirsten have returned! Kirsten Puskar, the dietitian at Spring House Nutrition, will show you how to cook recipes that are deliciously healthy, quick, affordable with plenty of protein and a variety of vegetables to keep us strong and energized. Come join her in the kitchen this fall to learn about and try out easy delicious recipes that you make once and enjoy multiple times, including special dishes for the holidays. Who has time to make a meal every night? These recipes also freeze well, so it’s simply a choice of what to defrost, heat and enjoy. Kirsten Puskar, MS, RDN, LDN, CDCES, is an education specialist, and registered dietitian nutritionist licensed in Pennsylvania. Kirsten’s passion is helping people find their most nutritious diet to improve their health and lifestyle, while discovering delicious new recipes.

LEARN TO PLAY RUMMY TILES *(registration required)*

Wednesday, October 4, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., free

Rummy Tiles (aka Rummikub) is one of the world’s best-selling and most-played games. Players take turns placing numbered tiles in runs or groups, Rummy style. The first player to use all of their tiles wins. Fast-paced, easy gameplay for 2 to 4 players, combining elements of the card game rummy and mahjong. Come learn how to play and return for ongoing open play.

AVOIDING MEDICARE SCAMS (*registration required*)

Thursday, October 5, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., free

Presented in person, and recorded to be shared online the following week.

Your Medicare card is a valuable resource and your number should be protected. There are many scams trying to get your number to defraud Medicare. Joan Adler is a Medicare counselor and a volunteer for the Senior Medicare Patrol, which investigates issues of Medicare fraud and abuse. We will also discuss other types of scams and how to protect yourself.

BEADING STRETCH BRACELETS (*registration required*)

Thursday, October 5, 1-3 p.m., \$15 includes all beads and materials.

Materials for 2 bracelets included.

Just in time for the Holidays, come learn how to make beautiful stretch bracelets using precious stone, ceramic, glass, and crafted beads. Create fantastic works of art you can wear on your wrist. Fun and easy you will enjoy picking out your favorite beads to include in your creation and then string them together to make a wonderful gift, or keep it for yourself. All Materials for two bracelets included in cost of the class. Additional materials can be purchased to make more if you want for \$5 each additional bracelet.

ART SHOW and RECEPTION

The "Gallery" is open for viewing Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily, and before and after worship on Sundays.

October artist is Gerry Tuten, acrylics

Meet the Artist Reception, Thursday, October 5, 3-5 p.m., light refreshments

Gerry Tuten connects us to the natural world by detailing intricate floating microcosms in pond life that may not be visible to the naked eye or even under a microscope. Tuten lays bare the astonishing intricacies and seeming disorder of nature for us to marvel at and decipher layer by layer. The deliberate configuration and precision of flow ground the sides of her paper and contrast deliberately with the perpetual motion of the amoebas and other organisms. Her work is a metaphor for and a reminder of our place in the cosmos. Gerry grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and lives now with her husband and dog in Villanova. She loves to paint in her studio in Norristown and by the ocean in Cape Cod or anywhere there is water.