

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY AT PCCH

Stewardship 2022



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Thanks to all who have returned your 2022 pledge cards thus far. As of Wednesday, November 24, we have received 75 pledges totaling \$360,544 in commitments. Thank you!

Your Stewardship Committee hopes you will return your pledge soon, as it helps in our planning for the next year.

You can:

- Return your pledge during worship on a Sunday morning.
- Mail a completed pledge card to the church office. If you need a pledge card, let us know.
- Email a confidential pledge to mmcgowan@chestnuthillpres.org.

INFO TABLE AT COFFEE HOUR

At Coffee Hour this morning, you can sign-up for three opportunities:

- Children participation in the Christmas Pageant (see Roberta Kearney or Brian Russo for details).
- Our second Casserole Day for Face to Face on December 5—either to volunteer your time or to donate meal items.
- Christmas gifts for the Achievability Program.

NEW MEMBER GATHERING

We are convening a gathering for those who might be interested in church membership. Please contact John Wilkinson at jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org to learn more or express your interest. Even if you're not ready to join and would like to learn more about PCCH, we'd welcome that conversation!

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Following the Children's Sermon we will dismiss and head to the chapel where we will keep our masks on and maintain physical distancing. Rehearsal with the Joyful Noise choir occurs immediately after Sunday school in the chapel.

Nursery care is available for children ages two and under and is staffed by two fully vaccinated, fully background-checked adults.

We are grateful for our teachers (and potential teachers) who are ready to teach our children as soon as parents feel comfortable returning to worship. Please contact Roberta Kearney at rkearney@chestnuthillpres.org for more information on involving your children or to teach our children.

During Advent, Sunday school children will be interacting with a series of Wondering Stories. Families can celebrate Advent at home using the Advent devotional found in the Reverse Advent box.

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. Rehearsal is cancelled this morning because of the holiday weekend.

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.

REVERSE ADVENT BOXES

The boxes are ready for pick up on November 28 in the Reception Room. Adults are welcome to take a box as well. The boxes contain a devotional to connect the story of Jesus' coming to the items we place in the box. This year, items for infants previously placed in the box will be presented during Christmas Eve worship at 4:30 p.m.

JR. HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (5th–7th Graders)

Sunday, November 28: 11:15 a.m.–12:00 p.m.: Church School Cleanup Project

SR. HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (8th–12th Graders)

Sunday, November 28: 11:15 a.m.–12:00 p.m.: Church School Cleanup Project

Sunday, December 5: 5:00–6:00 p.m.: Black Mirror and Discussion

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 5. There will be a mandatory pageant rehearsal on Sunday, December 12 immediately following worship. Questions, please contact either Brian Russo at brusso@chestnuthillpres.org or Roberta Kearney at rkearney@chestnuthillpres.org.

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN & CONNECT

UPCOMING SECOND HOUR

Please join us for Second Hour, stimulating discussions on faith and life covering a broad range of topics. All are welcome! We begin at 11:30 a.m. following coffee hour.

- November 28: Happy Thanksgiving
- December 5: “*Four Hundred Souls*,” Part three. We have had meaningful conversations about this important work. You can join us anytime.
- December 12: Caring for God’s Creation, Part two, Ecological Principles. Led by Greg Dickinson
- December 19: Christmas Carol Sing
- December 26: Merry Christmas

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday, November 30, 7:30 p.m.

Theology on Tap is returning to Campbell’s Place on Germantown Avenue. All are welcome. Please contact Brian Russo with any questions (brusso@chestnuthillpres.org).

BIBLE STUDY

We will meet weekly in December, Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Reception Room. Mark your calendars: December 1, 8, 15 and 22. All are welcome to join us!

ADVENT RETREAT

Saturday, December 11, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Led by Roberta Kearney, “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” expresses the longings of a hurting world for a savior. Advent is a season we explore and reflect on our yearnings for a different kind of life for ourselves and the world. During our Advent retreat we will look at some spiritual practices as we anticipate the coming of Christ. RSVP by December 5 to rkearney@chestnuthillpres.org.

CHURCH-WIDE BOOK STUDY

The Adult Education Committee is commending “Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019” as a book to read for the upcoming program year. Edited by Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain, this work is an anthology, written by eighty authors from different fields—novelists, historians, sociologists, political scientists, activists, lawyers, and ten poets; each takes a five year period for their brief chapter. The chapters are divided into ten, 40-year sections, and each section is capped by a poem. **Next session: December 5, Part Three.** A copy of the book for borrowing is available in the church office.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

USHER TEAM OPPORTUNITIES

As we return to worship, we are looking to refresh several of our usher teams. Ushering is a great way to serve, to get to know people and to provide hospitality. Typically, ushers are members of a team that serves once a month, and substitute options are available.

If you'd like to serve, or to learn more, contact Michael Baughman at michael.baughman@troutman.com.

FOOD DONATIONS RECEIVED EVERY SUNDAY AND ALL WEEK

As food insecurity grows, PCCH will continue to receive shelf stable food donations to support several mission partners. You may bring items to the church every Sunday and during the week. **NO GLASS CONTAINERS PLEASE.** Thank you for your support.

WORK DAY AT WEST KENSINGTON MINISTRY

Our mission partner West Kensington Ministry (WKM) is holding a clean-up/clean-out day on Saturday, December 4, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The task is to fill a dumpster to help WKM make more of its space usable for mission. Work will be completed by 1:00 p.m. All are welcome! For further information, please contact John Wilkinson at jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org.

SUPPORTING FACE TO FACE

Thanks to those who contributed food or shared their time to prepare casseroles for Face to Face. We had a terrific first experience.



Our next Casserole Day will be Sunday, December 5. Here is the link to the Sign Up Genius for our December date: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044AAFAB22ABF58-casseroles> There will also be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the office.

PCCH PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The preschool is having a sale of gently used children's winter clothes, accessories and holiday outfits and new toys (in box with tag) on Thursday and Friday, December 2–3 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to benefit their scholarship fund. The sale will be held in room 3&4 of the Center on the Hill. Any questions, please contact the preschool at 215-247-8865.

PRESCHOOL SEEKING SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Our preschool is currently in need of substitute teachers. The hours are 8:30 a.m.–12:00 noon. The children range in age from 2–5 years old. Substitute teachers are required to have certain clearances which the preschool's administrative assistant would help you to obtain. If you, or someone you know, might be interested, please contact Megan McGowan with any questions at mmcgowan@chestnuthillpres.org.



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 (12/24/2021) and the Sunday after Christmas bulletin (12/26/2021).

Please submit your names to the church office by

Monday, December 20.

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: _____

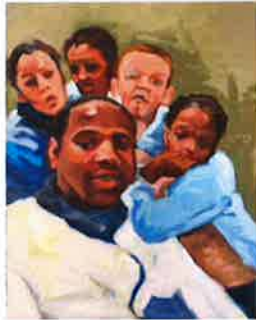
**SOULS
SHOT**
**PORTRAIT
PROJECT**
*Portraits of Victims
of Gun Violence*



Family of Hassan Portrait of Hassan Wood
by Warren Keyser



Portrait of Troy Smith, Jr. by Laura Frazure



Gathered Around Tashaugh Portrait of Tashaugh
Robinson by Marianne Buschini

The Presbyterian Church
of Chestnut Hill

hosts the

2021-2022 portraits

from the

**Souls Shot
Portrait Project**

November 5th through
December 14th, 2021

*Free and open
to the public*

The Souls Shot Portrait 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.

Widener Hall Gallery Hours:

Mondays through Fridays 9 – 5 Sundays noon
– 2, or by appointment. 215 247 8855
Visitors are asked to wear masks in the building.

*Please call ahead as there may be groups
using the gallery space from time to time.*



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CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center on the Hill is open for in-person activities this fall! When in person at the Center we are following all recommended guidelines and precautions, including masks, proof of vaccination and strict sanitation practices. New online content, such as virtual tours, fitness videos, art lessons, recorded presentations and more, is still being posted Monday–Thursday at 12:00 noon on our Programs page. Registration required for all activities and classes at the Center. Call 215-247-4654 or email msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org to register. www.chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs

ART SHOW AND SALE

NW Philly Artists: This exhibit and sale will be **open** Monday–Fridays 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. No Appointment is needed. Please stop by this exhibition from November 26 to December 17 that features artwork created during the pandemic by the Center’s own NW Artists. Original paintings, photography, drawings, greeting cards, jewelry, and more will be on display and for sale. A percentage of sales will go to support the Center on the Hill.

SKETCHING AND WATERCOLOR CLASS

Mondays, join at any time, 9:30–11:30 a.m., \$32 per month

Enjoy sketching and watercolor painting in a relaxed class. A variety of mediums will be demonstrated and still life’s and photographs will be used. This drawing and watercolor painting class is for people of all abilities. *Instructor Alex Forbes has been teaching classes in the Chestnut Hill area for the past twenty-six years.*

QIGONG (HEALING MOVEMENTS)

Mondays, 2:00–3:00 p.m. (start anytime); Thursdays, 9:00–10:00 a.m. (ongoing, start anytime); \$40 per four classes; \$12 walk-ins per class

Come and experience the gentle, healing movements of the ancient Chinese art of Qigong (chee - gung). It is the practice of moving Chi, life energy, through the body for good health and well-being. These easy movements can be done in a standing or seated position. Enjoy the peaceful, calming feelings brought about by this wonderful art. Michael McCormack has taught the healing arts for over twenty years.

COMMUNITY HOLIDAY PARTY

Thursday December, 9, 12:30–2:30p.m., \$10 Per Person in Advance, \$12 at the door.

Registration and payment is required by Monday, December 6, or you will be charged the at the door rate. Space is limited.

Join us for this wonderful holiday party with music, friends, festive decorations, light bites and dessert buffet! Featuring a **Live Holiday Cabaret** performance by Rachel DeMasi at 1:00 p.m.

*This party is subject to all current Covid guidelines, including proof of vaccination, gathering limits, and social distancing.