

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

WALKING IN FAITH: STEWARDSHIP 2021 THANK YOU

Thanks to the many of you who have responded to our 2021 stewardship effort by returning a pledge card to the church. As of January 8, 2021 we have received 129 pledges totaling \$527,923. Send your completed pledge card to the church office or send a confidential email to ecole@chestnuthillpres.org. Your timely support is appreciated.

CHRISTMAS 2020 WORSHIP

We have created a special “Christmas 2020” button on our home page, www.chestnuthillpres.org, so that you can easily find and view our various Christmas worship offerings. While all of our previous worship services remain on our website, that Christmas button will soon disappear. You are encouraged to view one last time our celebration of Jesus’ birth as we turn to the new year.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CHURCH SCHOOL

Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Log onto our website at <https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/> and click on the Church School button at the top of the page.

Church School begins at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday prior to worship for children of all ages. We would love to have the adults tuning in to pay attention to what we do in church school—often a purely behind the scenes venture. The sessions continue to be available on the website.

YOUTH GROUP

Senior High: Sunday, January 10, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.: In the parking lot at the fire pit

Junior High: Sunday, January 10, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.: On Zoom (See Brian’s email)

THE CHURCH IN COMMUNITY

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday – Bible Study, 12:00 noon, Facebook Live

Friday – Morning Prayer, 7:30 a.m., Facebook Live

Visit our website www.chestnuthillpres.org and our Facebook page regularly for updates and events. Let us know if you have prayer concerns.

SECOND HOUR OPPORTUNITIES IN THE NEW YEAR

Happy New Year from your Adult Education Committee. A new year will provide new opportunities for learning and spiritual growth. Join us on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom as we seek to grow in faith.

Here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87560710917?pwd=Um1STVFNRR1J6WTJtcnVlQ3hhK1c2QT09>

- January 10
 - **Second Hour Bible Study: Exploring the Lectionary**
 - We will begin our programming each month with a discussion about where the lectionary will take us in the coming weeks. Join us as John Wilkinson helps us explore the historical and cultural context of this month's readings in hopes that greater understanding may help us to better apply the lessons to our own lives.
 - For this session we will focus on I Corinthians.
- January 17
 - **Sharing Our Stories**
 - As our lives continue to be disrupted by this pandemic, join us for an opportunity to share your experiences during this difficult time. Smith Wigglesworth once said, "God has chosen us to help one another" and in this spirit we hope this virtual opportunity may help us to better support each other even in the face of physical isolation.
- January 24
 - **Vaccines: What We Know**
 - At a time when our hope for a safer future rests on new vaccines, questions abound. How do vaccines work in a public health setting? Specifically, how do these new COVID vaccines induce immunity? How does approval take place? How is safety monitored? Our own Greg Dickinson has a PhD in immunology, conducted biomedical research in the field of vaccine design, and teaches vaccinology to nursing students in the area. Join us for a discussion of these questions as we explore vaccines in the age of COVID.
- January 31
 - **PCCH Book Club- Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths by Bruce Feiler**
 - On the last Sunday of each month, we will meet to discuss our Spring 2021 book. This week our discussion will focus on Chapters 1 and 2: The birth and call of Abraham. Join us as we discuss a biblical narrative that forms the foundation of three faiths. We will do some presentation but you are encouraged to order the book, available through Amazon or other sources.

SPEAKER SERIES ON THE HILL

Thursday January 14

Presented online live on Zoom at 12:30 p.m.

Link to watch live at 12:30 p.m. or the recorded version at 5:00 p.m. is here:

<https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/education/speaker-series-hill/>

Speaker: David Thornburgh

Topic: The 2020 Election's (Almost!) Over: Now What? The Challenges to Politics and Governance in Pennsylvania

David Thornburgh is president and CEO of the Committee of Seventy, a nonpartisan civic leadership organization that advances representative, ethical and effective government in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania through citizen engagement and public policy advocacy. He is a frequent commentator on public policy and regional development issues. He will be speaking to us about this most recent election and some of the challenges that will be facing Pennsylvania in the year ahead.

CANTATAS AND CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT

Friday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us as PCCH presents our next Cantatas and Chamber Music Livestream Performance: *An evening of French and American Art Song* with Rebecca Myers, soprano, and Laura Ward, piano. These wonderful Philadelphia-based musicians will be performing works by Debussy, Barber, Boyle and Lasser.

To watch, please visit <https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/music-arts/cantatas-and-chamber-music/>.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. REFLECTION

Monday, January 18, 7:00 p.m.

Live on Zoom

Join us for a brief time of reflection as we share selections from Dr. King's writings and reflect on our response to his ministry in 2021.

The link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86429318922?pwd=OWZJZXFQVk1TM01hQXA3ME5YVXJ4UT09>

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

SOULS SHOT EXHIBITION

Through January 15, 2021 in Widener Hall, free and open to the public. Visiting hours Monday—Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment. Calling the church office is recommended. COVID protocols must be followed. 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. Questions: soulshotportraitproject@gmail.com.

THE SANDWICH BRIGADE MARCHES ON!

Thanks to the many of you who have diligently prepared PBJ sandwiches for Face to Face to supply its food-insecure clients with weekend food. You have filled hundreds of lunch bags! It is much appreciated.

Let's make more! Our next date is **Thursday, January 21**. Please assemble as many sandwiches as you can (peanut butter on *both* slices of bread, jelly in between) and drop off individually bagged sandwiches by **5 P.M.** In addition, we welcome packets of nuts and other snacks, sandwich bags, and bottled water. We also need **two volunteers** to help assemble the lunch bags on Thursday (it takes about 90 minutes), and another to drop the bags off at Face to Face on Friday morning between 9:00—10:00 a.m. Please contact Beth Vaccaro (bethnellvaccaro@gmail.com) or Suzan Willcox (sewillcox@comcast.net).

THE CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center on the Hill is offering ONLINE ONLY events, and classes for participation from home for the winter months of January, February and March. New Online content, such as virtual tours, fitness videos, art lessons, recorded presentations and more, are also posted Monday—Thursday at 12:00 noon on our programs page here:

<https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs/> The schedule for upcoming online events can also be found there.

Upcoming online classes and events:

REGISTRATION REQUIRED for online participation. Call 215-247-4654 or email msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org to register.

STRENGTHEN YOUR VOICE

Mondays, starting January 11, ongoing 1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m., \$25 per class, join at any time. Presented on Zoom for participation by Computer, Tablet or Smartphone.

Designed for those interested in improving their singing voices, although no prior singing experience is necessary. Students will warm up as a group and work on several songs each week. New songs are added every 3-4 weeks based on student interest!

WEDNESDAY DIABETES and NUTRITION WORKSHOP

First and Second Wednesdays of the month, Ongoing 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m., FREE. Presented live through Zoom for participation by computer, tablet or call in by phone.

You can live well with diabetes, pre-diabetes or other chronic disease including obesity with the most nutritious diet. Certified diabetes educator Kirsten Puskar, RDN, CDCES, will help you understand managing your diet and diabetes to stay healthy. All are welcome to take part in her interactive discussions.

T'AI CHI, LEVEL ONE FOR BEGINNERS

Wednesdays, January 20—March 24, 10:00—10:50 a.m., \$100 for the 10 classes. Presented on Zoom for participation by computer, tablet or smartphone.

The ancient Chinese martial art of t'ai chi is a low impact activity that offers benefits of meditation and cardio exercise. Requiring no special equipment, it can be done anywhere. Practiced regularly, t'ai chi can improve balance, reduce stress and anxiety, lower blood pressure, and promote general well-being.