

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

WALKING IN FAITH: STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Thanks to the 135 households (individuals and families) who have pledged \$539,053 for 2021, including those who have pledged in the past week. We are well on our way to achieving our goal, which is approximately 155 pledges committing to \$600,000.

If you pledged in 2020 and haven't yet for 2021, or if you've never pledged, now is the time. You can mail your pledge to the church office or make a confidential pledge to ecole@chestnuthillpres.org. Thank you for your support.

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.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, January 24, 4:00—5:00 p.m. (Zoom)

THE CHURCH IN COMMUNITY

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

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

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=Um1STVFNR1J6WTJTCnVlQ3hhK1c2QT09>

- 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.

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, January 27, 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

One of the things we miss is “live” conversations on matters of faith, even online. As the new year begins, we will introduce live Zoom Bible study, happening every two weeks or so, in both daytime and evening hours. (For the time being, this will replace our Wednesday noon Bible study on Facebook.) On Wednesday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m., join John Wilkinson for a discussion of the scripture passages for upcoming worship services. Here’s the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87233284167?pwd=OUdmRFRtcXJUM09HQTVSeEIZT3R1QT09>

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL ON RACISM AND SLAVERY

The PCCH Racial Justice Working Group invites you to use the Lenten season as a time to explore issues of racism. One way to do that is through the Lenten devotional “Lent of Liberation: Confronting the Legacy of American Slavery.” This devotional invites readers to learn more about the impact of slavery and its ongoing repercussions. Each daily entry includes a testimony, biblical passage and reflection. You may purchase this resource here: [Lent of Liberation Paper - Cheri L. Mills : Westminster John Knox Press \(wjkbks.com\)](#). If you have questions about ordering, please contact the church office.

If you engage this resource during Lent and would like to share your reflections with other church members, please contact John Wilkinson and we will organize a discussion opportunity.

FAITH IN THE RUINS: A RABBI, A PASTOR AND A PRIEST CONVENE A CONVERSATION ABOUT AMERICA POST JANUARY 6, 2021

Thursday, February 4, 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

Adam Zeff (Rabbi, Germantown Jewish Centre), Jarrett Kerbel (Rector, St. Martin’s-in-the-Field Episcopal Church) and John Wilkinson will host a conversation about who we are as a country and how we got here. The clergy will offer their observations and space will be made for conversation and sharing of feelings and perspectives. Please join us for this important and timely conversation.

This session will be held on Zoom. St. Martin’s is hosting this event, and registration is needed. Please register for the link on St. Martin’s website:

<https://www.stmartinec.org/blog/faith-in-the-ruins/>

or direct on Constant Contact:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ehie9v5nad6f204e&oseq=&c=&ch=>

Please contact John Wilkinson if you have any questions.

CANTATAS AND CHAMBER MUSIC

Friday, February 5, 7:00 p.m., Livestream on Facebook (Link to follow)

Please join us for our next Livestream concert as Katy Avery and Thann Scoggin present a recital of baroque and modern vocal masterworks which are thematically relevant to our current times. Bach's 1726 dialog cantata "*Liebster Jesu, mein Verlangen*" opens the program, followed by excerpts from two early 20th-century song cycles by Maurice Ravel: *Chansons madécasses*, an evocative depiction and criticism of colonialism; and the whimsical animal caricatures of *Histoires naturelles*. The recital concludes with a duet written by Philadelphia composer John Conahan in celebration of Thann and Katy's engagement.

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Sunday, February 7, 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Since the Eagles are not in the Super Bowl this year, our youth, in partnership with the Social Witness Committee, will be spending Sunday, February 7 participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring. As many of you know, this event mobilizes grassroots organizations to give locally and help make an impact on hunger and food insecurity. On February 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., we will be collecting much needed pantry supplies for Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry. Please stop by and safely drop off shelf-stable pantry items (no glass please!) including pasta, rice, cereal, canned meat and fish, vegetables and of course soup.

If you are unable to drop off your donation, and would like to arrange a pickup, please contact Melissa Montgomery at 610-506-0898 or melissamon70@yahoo.com and we will be happy to arrange a time. Thank you in advance and we look forward to seeing you (from a safe distance).

POSITION OPENING: CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

PCCH will be seeking a new church administrator to succeed Esther Cole upon her retirement in the spring. If you are aware of someone who might have interest, please contact ecole@chestnuthillpres.org for further information and a position description. You may also direct inquiries to John Wilkinson.

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 on Zoom by Computer, Tablet or Dial-in by telephone. Instructions and link to join will be sent after you register. Call 215-247-4654 or email msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org to register.

MEDICARE OPTIONS OR HOW TO IGNORE JOE NAMATH

Monday, January 25, 10:00—11:00 a.m., Free

Medicare can be complicated and confusing for retirees, baby-boomers preparing for retirement, children who are handling their parents' health care, and social security disability recipients. Joan Adler, Certified APPRISE Medicare Counselor, will discuss your Medicare options. There will be time to discuss special circumstances and answer questions.

HOME SAFETY

Thursday, January 28, 11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m., Free

In this class, faculty and students from Salus University's Occupational Therapy Department will share easy strategies and products to simplify daily activities and improve safety within the home. Presentation will be followed by discussion and Question and Answer session.

GOLDEN YOGA

Wednesdays, beginning February 3, start anytime, 3:00—4:00 p.m., \$40 a month or \$10 per class

Golden Yoga is a classical yoga, adapted by the SKY Foundation, to accommodate those who have difficulty getting up and down from the floor. The practices include stretching, breathing, relaxation, and meditation techniques—all done while sitting in a chair or standing.

WEDNESDAY DIABETES and NUTRITION WORKSHOP

February 3 and 10: First and Second Wednesdays of the month, Ongoing, 12:00—1:00 p.m., Free.

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. The first week we discuss the basics of diabetes and nutrition, the second week is all about meal planning. Come join us!

AARP SMART DRIVERTEK

Thursday, February 4, 11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m., Free. Space is limited: Deadline to register is Friday January 29

Cars are quickly becoming smarter and smarter. But you can stay in the know by signing up for the FREE Smart DriverTEK workshop—a 90-minute interactive session that will get you up to date with new intelligent features. Accelerate your car knowledge! Register today!