

ANNUAL MEETING

The Session of the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill has called for the annual meeting of the congregation for Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. The meeting will be held on Zoom, with both video and telephone options. This meeting will be streamlined from our traditional in-person meetings and will focus on the election of new officers and approval of changes in terms of call for the pastors.

Watch your email for the 2020 annual report; if you would like a printed copy, please be in touch with the church office.

The link for the annual meeting is
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84424184194?pwd=Yi9SNVpnS252NXFELzg2c290d2N5UT09>

If you are joining via the telephone:

+1 646 876 9923 US,

Meeting ID: 844 2418 4194

Call the church office if you need assistance in joining the meeting.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

WALKING IN FAITH: STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

We are closing in on our 2021 goal! Thanks to all who have pledged thus far. The total to date is \$550,053. Another \$5,800 was pledged this past week. If you are among the households who pledged in 2020 but haven't yet pledged for 2021, now is the time. We need you to help keep our ministry going strong. You can send your pledge to the church office or make a confidential pledge to ecole@chestnuthillpres.org. Thank you for your faithful support.

CANTATAS AND CHAMBER MUSIC

Friday, March 12, 7:00 p.m., Livestream Performance

Streaming on Facebook Live (<https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/music-arts/cantatas-and-chamber-music/>). Join us for our next Cantatas and Chamber Music Livestream Performance to hear pianist Mark Livshits in concert. Mark will perform works by Brahms, Mahler, Strauss, Debussy, Rachmaninoff and Marx.

ONLINE PLAY READING OF A NEW COMEDY

"Waiting For The Host" by Marc Palmieri, Friday April 23

We are currently seeking people who would be interested in participating. We are looking for four men and three women to play the characters and one person to read the stage directions. This will be rehearsed a few times on Zoom, and then read live on Zoom on April 23. Anyone interested in being considered for one of the roles please contact Mariangela at msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org and she will send you more information.

Play Synopsis: While theatres, playgrounds, schools, and churches are shuttered by a modern plague, the rector of a small church on Long Island gathers a handful of parishioners via video conference. His goal is to record a theatrical reading of the story of the Passion for the church website. As exes bicker and technology confuses, this socially distant endeavor quickly becomes hilariously chaotic.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School Online – www.chestnuthillpres.org

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. on Vimeo

Our weekly recorded church school videos now include a welcome song, a worship set-up, and a Bible story with Austin, as well as a yoga component with Amy Raphael! The yoga poses reinforce the Bible story the children have heard—just one more way to help these faith stories “stick” in our children’s minds and hearts. Later this spring, we’ll transition to including videos from church members who enjoy different hobbies and pastimes. Hopefully we will be able to virtually “visit” with painters, race car drivers, photographers, illustrators, fitness instructors, woodworkers, builders, baseball fanatics, musicians, artists, and more! (If you have a hobby, vocation, or interesting skill you’d like to share, contact Austin at ashelley@chestnuthillpres.org to be added to her list of special guests!)

If you haven’t already, please take a moment to follow our Church School Vimeo page. Following us helps others to find our page online (The more followers we have, the more Vimeo will promote our site.), and it will ensure that new videos come to your inbox when they are posted. Here’s the link: <https://vimeo.com/506752509>

JOYFUL NOISE REHEARSAL

No Joyful Noise Rehearsal on February 28.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, February 28, 4:00—5:00 p.m. in the church parking lot

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

Join us on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom as we seek to grow in faith.

- February 28
 - **PCCH Book Club**—*Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths*, by Bruce Feiler, chapters 3 and 4. Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84588861863?pwd=V1dzZGVScVRlNHVPMndUUngvYXVCUT09>
- March 7
 - **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** (see announcement and separate link)

- March 14
 - **Austin Crenshaw Shelley**
Rachel Held Evans once wrote that “...Christianity isn’t meant to simply be believed; it’s meant to be lived, shared, eaten, spoken, and enacted in the presence of other people.” As we continue to reimagine what a Christian community looks like in the age of COVID, join our own Austin Crenshaw Shelley as she helps us to explore new ways to grow our faith even in the face of physical isolation.
Link:<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84588861863?pwd=V1dzZGVScVVRINHVPmndUUnQvYXVCUT09>
- March 21
 - **David Stevenson, M.Div., CT**
Please join us in Second Hour as we welcome David Stevenson, M.Div, CT. He is a bereavement coordinator and counselor at Crossroads Hospice and Palliative Care and will lead us in a discussion about coping with the grief associated with these pandemic times.
Link:<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84588861863?pwd=V1dzZGVScVVRINHVPmndUUnQvYXVCUT09>
- March 28
 - **PCCH Book Club**—*Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths*, by Bruce Feiler, chapters 5 and 6. Join us as we continue this important work.
Link:<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84588861863?pwd=V1dzZGVScVVRINHVPmndUUnQvYXVCUT09>

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, March 3 and 17, 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a discussion of the upcoming lectionary texts. Here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87362411434?pwd=YmVvRkJsRms5RkhON1UyNERzT3o0QT09>

RACIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES IN LENT

The PCCH Racial Justice Working Group invites you to several opportunities for learning and discussion this Lent. If you would like to participate in the work of the Racial Justice Working Group, please be in touch with John Wilkinson.

>March 10 Discussion at 7:30 p.m.

“*Acting Against Racism*,” Articles from *The Christian Century*. We will discuss a series of brief articles from this popular faith-based journal.

Part II on March 10

Zoom link for the discussions:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87362411434?pwd=YmVvRkJsRms5RkhON1UyNERzT3o0QT09>

Here is the link for the articles [.Layout 1 \(mcusercontent.com\)](https://www.mcusercontent.com)

If you'd like a printed version, please contact the church office.

>**March 24 at 7:30 p.m.**

Discussion of “Lent of Liberation: Confronting the Legacy of American Slavery,” by Cheri Mills.

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 \(wjkbooks.com\)](https://www.wjkbooks.com/)

Link for the discussion:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87362411434?pwd=YmVvRkJsRms5RkhONlUyNERzT3o0QT09>

>**March 27 at 10:00 a.m.—NOTE NEW DATE**

Presbytery Discussion of *Caste*

John Wilkinson will help lead a Presbytery wide forum—to which all are invited—on Isabel Wilkerson's important work, *Caste*. You are encouraged to begin the book now. Event details and link information will be forthcoming.

SPEAKER SERIES ON THE HILL

Thursday, March 11, 12:30 p.m.

The link to join live at 12:30 p.m., followed by the recorded presentation at 5:00 p.m., is

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

Speaker: Mike Sielski

Topic: Philadelphia Sports Media—Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

A star in the sports journalism world, Mike Sielski is a columnist for The Philadelphia Inquirer and the author of three books. Mike will be discussing the Philadelphia sports scene, the state of journalism and media (*sports and otherwise*), and his upcoming book on Kobe Bryant, which is scheduled for publication in the fall of 2021. *An alumnus of La Salle University and the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, Sielski is one of the most literate and insightful journalists in the nation, and his writing stretches beyond sports into the realms of culture, politics, and American history*

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.

STRENGTHEN YOUR VOICE WITH JULIE SNYDER

Mondays, ongoing, 1:00—2:00 p.m., \$25 per class, join at any time

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! This is an excellent opportunity for those who want to develop their singing skills but who are not able to commit to private lessons.

GOLDEN YOGA

Wednesdays, 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.

KEYS TO POSTURE AND BALANCE

Thursdays, March 4 and 11, 2:00—3:00 p.m., \$10 per class—take one or both classes.

It is extremely important to maintain good posture to support our health and minimize structural discomforts. In the aging process, alignment and balance can become challenged. This class will give foundational guidelines to maintain postural alignment and increase balance efficiency.

SOULS SHOT PORTRAIT PROJECT



Portraits of Victims of Gun Violence

From the Souls Shot Portrait Project:

Thank you, wonderful members of PCCH, for your donations!

We have received so many, many messages of gratitude from the families and friends of the victims of gun violence that we represent with our portraits. We are bringing attention to the far reaching effects of gun violence on families and communities and we are moving people both in and outside of these communities to work towards changing the current systems that facilitate this violence.

As many of you know, thanks to the Social Witness Committee and the Presbytery of Philadelphia we have been able to hire a part time administrative and digital marketing assistant, Chrissy Ngugi, to help make our online presence robust and relevant during these times when the impact of experiencing our powerful exhibitions is limited. She has also done a fabulous job of organizing the project to make it most effective. She is amazing!

So THANK YOU, again, to all of you who have helped keep the Souls Shot Portrait Project going. Artists are already at work on the next group of portraits.

If you have not yet donated, but would like to, there is a fundraising campaign on facebook which can be accessed by going to the Souls Shot Portrait Project page, or you can donate through our website, soulshotportraitproject.org, or by donating to PCCH and indicating that your donation is for the Souls Shot Portrait Project.

Scan QR code to reach our website.



