

We celebrate the birth of Bramble Ellis Brunell to Ian Ellis Brunell and Juliana Christine Miller, born on April 13, 2021. We share this great joy along with grandmother Susan Brunell, and thank God for the gift of new life.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

APRIL SECOND HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Join us each Sunday via Zoom at 11:00 a.m. Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88493549743?pwd=THITK2xFODVyYmZxM0ZiTU44QzQwUT09>

April 18

- Second Hour will take a break this week.

April 25

- PCCH Book Club- *Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths*, by Bruce Feiler, Chapters 5, 6, 7. Join us as we continue this important work.

SPRING BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. on April 28, May 12 and May 26

Join us for Bible study this Spring. Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89619850858?pwd=VmdRcHQ4Wm5nRHZxVjY2V3lTcFR0Zz09>

PCCH KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

Saturday, May 1, starting at 5:00 p.m. under the tent!

If you can't be in the infield at Churchill Downs, the next-best tradition is the PCCH Kentucky Derby party! This family-friendly event will return Saturday, May 1, starting at 5:00 p.m., at PCCH under the tent. Please don your best Derby outfit and your most outlandish chapeau, bedazzle your mask, and bring a picnic and beverages for you and your family! There will be activities for adults and children alike as we gather for the Run for the Roses, with prizes for the best hats and masks. It's a great opportunity to meet new people and reconnect with old friends as well. Mark your calendar and watch the PCCH email for more details.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON WORSHIP SERVICES

Each Sunday this spring, we will hold an afternoon worship service at 4:00 p.m. in the tent. The service will feature a sermon, prayers and choral music, lasting approximately 45 minutes. With the advent of spring, join fellow church members for this time to gather—please wear a mask and maintain social distancing protocols.

TENT SET-UP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of 1-2 people each week to help with light set-up for our weekly 4:00 pm worship service, tables and chairs. Arrival time of around 3:30 p.m. with easy instructions. If you are able to help, please email Evelyn Carpenter at ecarpenter@chestnuthillpres.org. Thank you for your support.

FOOD DONATIONS RECEIVED ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

Throughout the course of our Sunday 4:00 p.m. worship services in the tent, we will receive food donations for our mission partners, including Face to Face, PIHN and Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry. Especially needed are shelf-stable food items. You may also continue Shop Rite gift cards, or simply make a monetary donation. Thank you for your support.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP ONLINE

As we move through Eastertide, you are invited to continue to experience our Holy Week and Easter services online. Maundy Thursday, several Good Friday events and Easter Sunday are all available at www.chestnuthillpres.org with links at the top of the homepage. Thanks to the many participants who made these services happen.

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.

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/user122846953>

JOYFUL NOISE REHEARSAL

Sundays, 11:00—11:30 a.m. (Under the Tent)

Rehearsal will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will last approximately 30 minutes. Children will work with Julie Snyder on songs, play musical games together, and have some social interaction.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, April 18, 5:00—6:00 p.m.: Manhunt/Capture the Flag in the parking lot.

THE CHURCH IN COMMUNITY

HOSTS FOR HOSPITALS

HfH is a nonprofit agency now in its 21st year of operation which provides deeply discounted lodging and support at volunteer-Host and Private-Setting homes as a caring response to the housing needs of patients and their families who come to Greater Philadelphia for specialized medical care. If you are able to provide such housing, or would like to learn more, contact cathy.davis@hostsforhospitals.org

THE CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center on the Hill is NOW OPEN for **in-person activities** (*both inside and outside*), as well as a variety of classes you can **participate in live online!** When in person at the Center we will be following all recommended guidelines and precautions. New online content, such as virtual tours, fitness videos, art lessons, recorded presentations and more, will still be posted Monday—Thursday at Noon on our programs page here:

<https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs/>

The schedule for upcoming in-person and online events can be found there too.

Upcoming online classes and Events:

REGISTRATION REQUIRED for both **in person** and **online participation** on Zoom by computer, tablet or dial in by phone. *Instructions and link to join for online events, sent after you register.* Call 215-247-4654 or email msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org to register.

CHAIR PILATES

Thursdays, April 15—June 3, 1:30 p.m.—2:15 p.m., \$14 per class drop in. In the tent.

Join and learn the well-known method of Contrology developed by Joseph Pilates in the early 1900s that is taught in studios around the country today, in an easy and accessible way for your body. This system integrates the whole self by training the mind to focus precisely on the actions of the body.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Mondays, April 19 & 26, May 10 & 24, June 7 & 14, 1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m., Free In Person for a limited number. Group is closed to new members after April 26.

We acknowledge the value of sharing time and stories with others who have also experienced a loss. Please join us for six informal gatherings as you grieve the loss of a loved one. Topics covered: Myths of Grieving, Grieving & the Holidays, Does Grief Ever End and others. *Our facilitator is David Stevenson, MDiv., CT. He is a bereavement counselor at Crossroads Hospice & Palliative Care.*

LOTUS BLOSSOMING YOGA

Tuesdays, beginning April 20, 10:30—11:45a.m., \$10 per class. Class is held in the tent.

Friday yoga becomes Tuesday while we meet outside. We will be able to greet old friends and meet new ones. All levels welcome, as both intermediate yoga and chair yoga will meet together. This is a traditional gentle class exploring breathing techniques, postures (asana) and meditation with perhaps some poetry and a few stories tucked in. For those attached to their mats and blankets feel free to bring them and we'll adapt postures for all. The emphasis here is gentle. It is suggested that everyone bring a blanket since the chairs outside are metal.

FUN WITH WATERCOLOR TECHNIQUES

Thursdays, April 22, 29, May 6 and 13, 7:00—9:00 p.m., \$80 for the 4 week session.

Presented on Zoom for participation by computer, tablet or smartphone.

If you have always wanted to paint with watercolors, but have been afraid to try, this is the perfect place to start. Geared towards beginners, learn several tricks for creating beautiful watercolors even if you have never tried painting before. Each session will begin with a short demo of a different watercolor technique. Students will then have plenty of time to experiment. *Our instructor, Rebecca Hoenig has been an active artist and teacher for over thirty years.*

BEGINNING YOUR LIFE STORY

Thursdays, April 22—May 27, 2:00—4:00 p.m., \$60 for six week course

Presented on Zoom for participation by computer, tablet or smartphone.

This is a course for those who have thought about writing their life story but just haven't taken the first step. That step is this course for beginners, for those interested in learning the basic approaches for starting, organizing and finishing your story. It will help you overcome whatever fears and concerns you have about embarking on such a personal journey. With guidance, examples and hundreds of ideas for writing, you likely will have many pages to show for your work by the end of the course. *Sam Whyte is a retired professor and dean, the former director of the St. David's Christian Writers' Conference at Eastern University.*