

RETURN TO LIVE, IN-PERSON SANCTUARY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 10:00 A.M.

- At its May 11 meeting, the Session endorsed a plan from the Return to Church Committee to begin holding live, in-person worship in the Sanctuary beginning Sunday, June 13. This is good news!
- We will continue to offer online worship.
- We will be sharing many more details about this important development. In the meantime, keep “watching” online worship, coming to our Sunday worship services at 4:00 p.m. in the tent, and praying for all who continue to be impacted by the coronavirus.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MAY SECOND HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

May 16

- Discussion of “Caste” by Isabel Wilkerson, led by Beth Vaccaro and John Wilkinson

May 23

- Conclusion of “Abraham” by Bruce Feiler. Here is the link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82831275348?pwd=NitsRFVuYkkveHZndTFpN3dEVDJOQT09>

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday, May 18, 7:30 p.m., in the Tent

We will meet next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the tent. Looking forward to seeing everyone. Any questions, email Brian Russo brusso@chestnuthillpres.org.

SPRING BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, May 26, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

MELODY AND COMEDY— SAVE THE DATE

Friday, June 18, 7:00 p.m.

Melody and Comedy is back and will be taking place in the Big Tent! Join us for a fun night of music, skits, and fellowship. All ticket proceeds will benefit our Music and Arts program. If you are interested in performing, please contact Julie Snyder at jsbishop717@gmail.com or Beth Vaccaro at bethnellvaccaro@gmail.com.

NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

As we move toward live streaming our Sunday worship services, several volunteer opportunities have been created. No previous technical experience is needed and ample training will be provided. If you are interested in learning more and joining the team, please contact Daniel Spratlan at danielspratlan@gmail.com.

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.

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.

This group will sing at 4:00 p.m. worship next Sunday, May 23, 2021.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, May 16, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Labyrinth service project and guided walk and meditation. Innabah Camp and Retreat Center, Spring City, PA.

THE CHURCH IN COMMUNITY

SPEAKER SERIES ON THE HILL

Did you Miss it? Watch the recorded presentation [HERE](#):

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

Speaker: Drew Brown

Topic: Philadelphia's consolidation of 1854 and how it led to us drinking the Schuylkill River.

Drew Brown speaks regularly about the City of Philadelphia Water Department's current and historic operations. He is a civil/environmental engineer with more than forty years of experience with the Water Department. He says that the Water Department's history has been a fascinating framework for exploring the City's people and their neighborhoods.

FACE TO FACE NEEDS PBJS!

Bring to the church on Thursday, May 20, by 5:00 p.m.

Face To Face needs sandwiches and lunch bag items to hand out on Fridays to help food-insecure clients over the weekends. Prepare peanut and jelly sandwiches (*hint 1: apply PB to both sides of bread, to prevent soginess; hint 2: sandwiches can be made in advance and frozen!*) Please bring your individually wrapped sandwiches to church **by 5:00 p.m. on**

Thursday May 20. Face to Face also needs individual snack items: fruit cups or applesauce, oranges, granola bars, water bottles, packets of nuts. Your donation of these, as well as paper lunch bags, would be greatly appreciated. You are welcome to write notes to include in the assembled lunch bags. Helping hands are also needed to assemble the lunch bags on Thursday and to transport them on Friday morning. To volunteer, please contact Beth Vaccaro (bethnellvaccaro@gmail.com) or Suzan Willcox (sewillcox@comcast.net).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT WEST KENSINGTON

Saturday, May 22, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Our partners at West Kensington Ministry are hosting a neighborhood clothing distribution event on Saturday, May 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at their church home, 2140 North Hancock Street in Philadelphia. We are looking for **two volunteers** to join our team. Please reach out to Jeff Podraza at jeffpodraza@gmail.com to volunteer, or if you have questions!

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 12:00 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.

MOVIE MUSICAL CABARET

*Tuesday, May 18, 1:00—2:00 p.m., Free, Starring Rachel DeMasi
Presented Live on Zoom for participation **online**, and streamed for a limited number of people **in person** at the Center.*

In this ‘Movie Musical Show’, there will be a compilation of wonderfully timeless songs that were made famous in various films ranging from the 1930-1990’s. With help from the official list of the American Film Institute’s *The 25 Greatest Movie Musicals of All Time*, Rachel handpicked some of her favorites to share with you. Before each song you will find out which movie the songs were in, when they were produced, and even a fun fact or two about the song or film. So, sit back, relax and take a sunny drive through Tinsel Town!

DRAWING AND PAINTING FOUNDATIONS

*Wednesdays, May 19—June 23, 1:30—3:30pm, \$120 for the 6 week Session
Presented on Zoom for participation by Computer, Tablet or Smartphone.*

“Making Art Makes Us Smarter” In this foundation class, exercises will be introduced and will practice developing the skills you need to make successful paintings: line, shape, value, texture, and materials. Then we study and practice paint application, brushing, and color mixing. Pencils, watercolors, sketch paper and watercolor paper will get you started. A supply list will be shared after you register. *About the Instructor: Marcia Jones, MFA Tyler School of Fine Art, 1976. 30 years teaching experience around Philly. Her watercolors are currently on display at LeBus East Falls and will be seen at the Center on the Hill in November, 2021.*

THE OPIOID CRISIS AND COVID 19

*Thursday, May 20, 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m., Free
Presented in person for a limited number of people, and online to join by Zoom or Call in by phone.*

The Opioid Crisis and COVID 19 together have created a disaster for our country. Opioid use in the United States is not new. It goes back to the use of Morphine to help injured soldiers in both the revolutionary war and the civil war. Opioids are most often prescribed for acute pain. Standards of Care and number of Opioid prescriptions written required close monitoring, as misuse became significant. Today the use of opioids is at a crisis level and adding COVID 19 to the mix becomes devastating for all.. Scrutiny and more oversight and knowledge of pain management continues as a challenge. The discussion will conclude with questions and remarks.

BEYOND THE BASICS OF YOUR APPLE (IOS) DEVICES

*Thursday, May 20, 2:00—3:30 p.m., \$12
This class is In Person for a limited number of participants.*

This class is suitable if you are comfortable navigating Settings and the App Store. We’ll have a broad discussion on getting the most out of your Apple device by tailoring its settings to personalize your apps, and we’ll steer the conversation to meet the needs and interests of those in the class. You’ll want to know your Apple password to be able to take full advantage of your device features.

LEARN AND PLAY CROQUET

*Tuesday, May 25, 10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m., Free
Outside on the lawn. Six participants max*

Croquet is a sport that involves hitting wooden balls with a mallet through hoops (called “wickets” in the United States) embedded in a grass playing court. Join us outside on the Lawn to learn how to play American Nine-Wicket aka “Backyard” Croquet. We will also discuss and try out a variation or two on this game as well. This is a fun and engaging way to get some fresh air and exercise while learning a new sport!