

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PCCH QUARTERLY STATEMENTS

Several members have called to say that their quarterly statements contained errors. Please check your statement and contact Megan McGowan, our new church administrator, if you have a question or a problem.

MAY SECOND HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

May 16

- Discussion of “Caste” by Isabel Wilkerson

May 23

- Conclusion of “Abraham” by Bruce Feiler

SPRING BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. on 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 CANCELLED

This year’s party on Saturday, May 1 has been cancelled. We will look forward to a festive gathering next year. In the meantime, the Church Life Committee is hoping to schedule events over the summer as people become more comfortable getting together in large groups. If you have ideas, please share them at PCCHchurchlife@gmail.com.

ANNUAL PCCH SOFTBALL GAME

*Sunday, May 2, 9:00—11:00 a.m., Miles Park, 303 Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill
(Located at the upper softball field next to the pavilion)*

We have a change of location this year because of restrictions at the Crefeld School field and this is the only time and location that we could acquire with all the restrictions in place for COVID. The worship service at 10:00 a.m. can be watched after the softball game. For further information contact Brian Russo at brusso@chestnuthillpres.org. All are welcome to participate or attend.

ONLINE PLAY READING OF A NEW COMEDY CANCELLED

Due to circumstances beyond our control we will not be able to present this reading on Friday, May 14. We look forward to resuming Play Readings in the future when we can participate and enjoy them together in person.

ALL-AGES NATURE WALK AT THE SCHUYLKILL CENTER

Saturday, May 15, 10:00 a.m.

Close to 30 PCCHers attended the first event at the Schuylkill Center in April; don't miss out this time as we enjoy time together outdoors and see what changes Nature has brought to the Center grounds! Bring your family and join your friends for this all-ages, all-church event on Saturday, May 15. We will meet at the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education, 8480 Hagy’s Mill Road. This is an all ages event—the Schuylkill Center will be offering Nature Explorer Kits for families along with a self-guided tour. The sign-up pages have more details; please sign up at <https://forms.gle/tbgjwFNxgp4H5k3Y6> to let us know you’re coming, and to give us your contact info in case we need to communicate updates. Email PCCHchurchlife@gmail.com with questions. Please remember to wear a mask!

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.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, May 2, 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.: Church Softball Game (Miles Park)

Senior High Youth Group only, Sunday, May 2, 5:00—6:00 p.m.: Youth Sunday Recordings (Tent)

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.

T-SHIRT SALE BENEFITS PCCH PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This T-shirt Fundraiser will allow us to welcome families to our preschool who might not be able to afford tuition otherwise. Celebrating multiculturalism and diversity, and creating an environment of inclusion and equity, is not only something we talk about each day in our classrooms, but is also something we take action on. You can place your order using the link on our website: <https://pcchpreschool.org/t-shirt-fundraiser/>

The price of each T-shirt, featuring our original logo on American Apparel brand T-shirts, is \$20 each. There is also an interactive blank cell listed for an additional donation to the school's scholarship fund. Please consider a donation.

Orders must be placed before Mothers' Day, Sunday, May 9. T-Shirt pick up will take place at the school. You will be contacted via email in order to arrange a check to be mailed to the school.

SPEAKER SERIES ON THE HILL

Thursday, May 13, 12:30—1:30 p.m.

Presented both **online** (<https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/education/speaker-series-hill/>) and to a **limited in person** audience (15 people max) in Widener Hall. Please RSVP at 215-247-4654 if you plan to attend in person. *Due to covid-19 guidelines and precautions we will not be serving desserts and beverages at this series for those viewing in person. A \$5 is donation requested.*

Speaker: Drew Brown

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

On a single day in 1854, Philadelphia was transformed from a County with 29 separate and unique municipalities into a Consolidated County composed of one, new, all-encompassing City of Philadelphia that we know today. In a presentation illustrated with historic photographs and original, hand-drawn engineering sketches from the Historical Collection of the City of Philadelphia Water Department, you will recognize scenes that you may never have connected to the water system, starting with Chestnut Hill's Water Tower, not just a monument but an essential component of water delivery in Chestnut Hill beginning in 1849.

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. Not a native of Philadelphia, he says that the Water Department's history has been a fascinating framework for exploring the City's people and their neighborhoods. He lives in Chestnut Hill with his wife and two of his three adult children.

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.

LOTUS BLOSSOMING YOGA

Tuesdays, through June 29, 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.

TWENTIETH CENTURY MUSIC—PART 2

Thursday May 6, 11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m., Free

Presented in person to a limited number of people, and on Zoom to join/watch from home.

Lecturer Margaret Montet returns to present the second half of the lecture she began in October as part of our Speakers Series. Minimalist, Dodecaphonic, Electronic, and Aleatoric music, serious art music, experimental opera, Bop, and Free Jazz: The twentieth century saw a plethora of musical styles flourish and falter. Let's look further into the previous century to follow these trends and genres into the 21st century. Starting where we left off in Part 1, we'll listen to and analyze music of American-born and émigré composers Aaron Copland, Samuel Barber, Arnold Schoenberg, film composers, Minimalists, and even a sampling of 21st century composers in the second part of this two part series.

BASIC APPLE (IOS) DEVICE—TIPS & TECHNIQUE

Thursday, May 13, 2:00—3:30 p.m., \$12

This class is **In Person** for a limited number of participants.

In this session, we'll cover the essentials to learn how to effectively use the basic functions and Apps on iPhones and iPads. We'll also spend time on the Camera and Photos Apps. You'll want to know your Apple password to be able to take full advantage of your device features.