

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PCCH VIRTUAL ART GALLERY

It's finally here! The PCCH Virtual Gallery inaugural exhibition is on view NOW! Our first works are from practicing artists in our midst. Information and commentary accompany each piece. You can visit the gallery on the church's website at <https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/gallery/pcch-virtual-gallery/> and a link will be posted on our Facebook page. Take a stroll through the gallery and enjoy!

ALL are invited to submit for upcoming gallery shows, which will feature a different theme. You may submit an image of something you have already created or make something new—anything you feel that fits the theme. We are looking for all manner of work created by you, our PCCH community and friends. Please send us images of your fine art, illustrations, photographs, sculptures, or crafts. We also welcome and encourage you to submit poetry or other thoughts—your words or those of others that are meaningful to you. (See below for information on how to submit.) Please share your art and your heart with your PCCH community—don't hide your light under a bushel!

For our next exhibition, starting August 1, the theme is "Rhythms." We are in a time of striving to stick to a rhythm in our lives, to keep going in the sameness of our days at home, but also striving for ways to insert some surprise and wonder into those days. Other rhythms are evident in our current world that are a driving force behind seeking peace and justice. Let your own connection to rhythm inspire you!

Please submit your work to us at pcchvirtualgallery@gmail.com by July 24th. Your images should be in a .jpg file format with a resolution of 72 dpi (dots per inch.) Again, we are asking you to send text to accompany your images—it can be as simple as the title of the work, the medium, date created, and your name, BUT we'd love to be able to include even more of your words/thoughts—a poem, a song, an artist's statement, or an explanation of your process or technique. Send your text in a Word file, if possible, but it's fine to include it in the body of your email. If you have any questions about what or how to submit, please email us at pcchvirtualgallery@gmail.com. We will have a new theme every month, so be sure to check in often!

On behalf of the PCCH Music & Arts Committee,
Laura Madeleine and Rebecca Thornburgh

“JUST MERCY,” “LETTER FROM A BIRMINGHAM JAIL,” AND NEXT STEPS

Thanks to all who joined in our book/movie discussion of “Just Mercy.” We will look to a second discussion for those who were unable to join us.

In addition...

If you are interested in participating in a small group that will read Martin Luther King, Jr.'s “Letter from a Birmingham Jail,” please let John Wilkinson know, at jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org. Once we have a group established, we will set dates for gathering, probably 2-3 sessions.

The next book on our reading list will be “Between the World and Me” by Ta-Nahesi Coates, a powerful work taking the form of a letter from a Black father to his son. Read the book this summer and look for discussion opportunities in September.

SEEKING MYSTERY READERS FOR KIDS' WEEKLY ZOOM GATHERING

Each week PCCH's children are gathering online for a Bible story, mini church school lesson, and fellowship. The children have been enjoying hearing from Austin and from a several mystery readers—church members who hop on the Zoom call to read Bible stories to them—and engaging in special activities. If you are interested in being a mystery reader, or if there is a way you can offer a fun game or activity related to our Bible story over Zoom, please email Austin Shelley at ashelley@chestnuthillpres.org for more information.

CENTER ON THE HILL

Community Resources you may need during this time are being updated regularly and can be found at www.chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/community-resources/. In addition, NEW online programming such as interactive games, virtual tours, fitness workouts, art classes, lectures and much more are being created and posted Monday-Friday at Noon on our programs page: www.chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs/ **Newly added this week:** 25 minutes of strength training for older adults; the basics of how to sketch with pencil; learn about how food waste contributes to climate change; visit the live web cams at the Georgia Aquarium; get lost in our city with excellent virtual tours from VisitPhilly.com; a creative activity to do with **loose buttons** you might have at home; and new rounds of our Trivia Game, "I Should Have Known That...!" Visit our pages often to stay active and stay connected.

Special Recurring Event: Center on the Hill is offering a **Nutrition Workshop for Managing Diabetes and Weight:** Wednesdays July 8, 22 and 29 at 12:00 p.m. All are welcome to take part in this series of interactive discussions, where participants receive personalized attention and learn what it takes to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Ambler Nutrition's certified diabetes and nutrition educator Kirsten Puskar, CDE, will help you understand managing your nutrition to stay healthy. The Link and information on how to join the workshop on ZOOM is posted on our Programs page HERE: www.chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs/

AN INVITATION TO STAY CONNECTED TO PCCH

PCCH is an active community with many opportunities to stay engaged, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. With that in mind we wanted to make sure you were aware of all the ways you can electronically stay connected and learn what's going on at PCCH.

Did you know that PCCH now has a YouTube page? We are slowly building our YouTube page content and we're delighted to house our weekly virtual Cantatas and Chamber Music series there as well as the liturgy to recognize and celebrate recent graduates. Please check out our page <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC24kk0wlA3VaQdn8TN-s5sQ>. (You can also access the YouTube via our website's homepage. Just scroll down the homepage and it's on the lower left-hand side.)

Another way we try to keep you informed is through our weekly emails. Each week we send out an "On Faith" email on Monday mornings and on Friday afternoon we send out a "Sunday Worship Update and Announcements" email sharing upcoming activities and events. If you have not been receiving these weekly emails, please contact Leslie Lefer, our Communications Coordinator, at communications@chestnuthillpres.org so she can add you to our distribution list.

And of course you can always check out our website www.chestnuthillpres.org. Besides clicking on the "Watch" button on Sunday mornings to enjoy the worship service, take a moment to look around the website to learn about the variety of interactive programming at the Center on the Hill during this time of social distancing. You will also see that our Social Witness

Committee is still very busy trying to raise awareness and funds for our partners providing direct relief to our neighbors in need.

And finally don't forget our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/PCChestnutHill>. There you can find out about the latest goings on and watch Wednesday's Bible Study Live at noon, Friday's Morning Prayer Live at 7:30 a.m., and much, much more.

UPDATE ON ONLINE GIVING AT PCCH

PCCH has partnered with the Presbyterian Foundation to securely process your electronic giving, whether through your computer or smartphone. These options can save you—and the church office—time!

If you wish to make a tax-deductible gift, please use this Give Now button  (also on our website) to set up new one-time, or recurring gifts.

The Presbyterian Foundation also offers the GivePlus Church app which is available through the App Store and Google Play. Search for "GivePlus Church" to download the app. GivePlus Church is free to download and there are no fees to make a donation.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday – Bible Study, 12:00 noon, Facebook Live

Friday – Morning Prayer, 7:30 a.m., Facebook Live

Friday – Children's Zoom gathering, alternating between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon, contact Austin Shelley for information and an invitation.

Visit our website www.chestnuthillpres.org and our Facebook page regularly for updates and events. Let us know if you have prayer concerns.