

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

NEW PROGRAM YEAR BEGINS TODAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Sunday, September 13

9:30 a.m. **Children's Church School** (PCCH website)

By 9:30 a.m., our weekly church school lesson may be found by clicking on the button labeled "Church School" at the top of PCCH's website. We'll be reading through *Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible* edited by Carol Wehrheim and Elizabeth Caldwell, wondering together about the stories we read and how those stories impact our lives today, and also learning and practicing music with Julie Snyder in Joyful Noise.

10:00 a.m. **Worship** (PCCH website), John Wilkinson preaching

11:00 a.m. **Second Hour Live** (on Zoom), Rachel Falkove, PIHN (see below for further information)

3:00 to 5:00 p.m. **Ice Cream Social** (Distanced) at the church

Drop-in/drive-thru are welcome (and we will have chairs set up under the tent if you'd like to stay for a socially distanced visit), but it would help us if you let us know you're planning to stop by—email ecarpenter@chestnuthillpres.org or call 215.247.8855.

Families with children who are ages birth—fifth grade are invited and encouraged to drop by to pick up a Worship-at-Home bag! Austin will be introducing these bags during our church school lesson on September 13. Every item inside each bag is intended to help families set aside a space for worship at home and to actively engage children in our weekly worship service and in other faith practices throughout each week. Every family will receive its own *Growing in God's Love* story Bible as well as other items that will hopefully nourish the faith of our children during this time.

We will also be receiving food donations to support the Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry

5:00 p.m. **Evening Prayer Service** – at the church, RSVP to ecarpenter@chestnuthillpres.org or 215.247.8855.

SECOND HOUR ONLINE RETURNS

Sunday, September 13, 11:00 a.m. on Zoom

The Adult Education and Social Witness Committees invite you to join us at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday in September to hear from the leaders of our mission partners. These Zoom conversations will help us connect more deeply with the organizations whose important work we support.

- September 13, 11:00 a.m. – Rachel Falkove, PIHN
- September 20, 11:00 a.m. – Bryan Miller, Heeding God's Call
- September 27, 11:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Meeks-Hank, Face to Face
- October to be announced

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82157837121?pwd=cXB4d2l2WnJuM0VCQzB3d1VxTmxTUT09>

Dial by your location

1.301.715.8592 US (Germantown)

Meeting ID: 821 5783 7121

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82157837121>

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday, September 15, 7:30 p.m. on Zoom

Theology on Tap is now meeting live on Zoom! If you are interested in joining our conversation, please RSVP to Brian Russo (brusso@chestnuthillpres.org) for the Zoom link.

PCCH BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, September 16, 7:30 p.m. on Zoom

Ta-Nahesi Coates, "Between the World and Me"

Join us via Zoom for a discussion of the powerful book "Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nahesi Coates, a personal work taking the form of a long letter from a Black father to his son.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86469409371?pwd=cU5Bd01UNGNUMHp6d1hGU085QWRhQT09>

Dial by your location

1.301.715 .592 US (Germantown)

Meeting ID: 864 6940 9371

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86469409371>

SPEAKERS SERIES ON THE HILL ONLINE

Thursday, September 17, 12:30 p.m.

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

Speaker: Mark Nottingham; Topic: An Economic Outlook. What the Presidential Election foretells and what to expect in 2021.

2020 will be remembered as the most turbulent and unpredictable year since 1968. A year that began with promise and enthusiasm quickly devolved into economic shutdowns caused by a global pandemic, the deepest recession since the Great Depression, social unrest and now a presidential election unlike any ever seen before. What can we expect from the election and where will the markets and economy go in 2021? This presentation will present a roadmap for planning over the next 12 months and how one should position their financial planning and investment plan in one of the greatest times of uncertainty in a generation. More specifically, Mark will address the short and long term implications this presents for those who are currently retired or near retirement.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

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

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.

THE BIG TENT HAS ARRIVED!

To help us safely gather this Fall, a large tent has been erected in the parking lot. A variety of worship, study and fellowship activities will be scheduled through the coming weeks. If you have ideas to suggest, or simply want to gather safely with church friends, please let us know. Contact Esther Cole at ecole@chestnuthillpres.org for scheduling information.

PASTORAL CARE

As Fall approaches and the COVID season persists, we continue to be in prayer for one another as we face physical, emotional and spiritual challenges. If you have prayer concerns, either for yourself or others, please be in touch with one of the pastors.

Also, did you know we have a Prayer Chain that regularly prays for the concerns of church members? If you'd like a concern added to the prayer list, please be in touch with Brian Russo at brusso@chestnuthillpres.org.

SHARE YOUR INTEREST AND COMMITMENT BY JOINING A COMMITTEE

The PCCH committees and task forces offer a range of volunteer opportunities for you to get involved and share your energy and gifts. As the new program year begins, perhaps you are discerning this kind of service as a way to get connected and involved. We are especially welcoming people to serve on our various education committees, as well as Social Witness, Church Life, Music and Arts, Worship, and the newly formed Racial Justice Task Force and Property Team. Please be in touch with John Wilkinson at jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org for more information.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES UNDER THE TENT

- Sunday, September 20, 12:15 p.m. “Third Hour” – BYO coffee, donuts, lunch and meet for socially-distanced fellowship and conversation.
- Sunday, September 27, 12:15 p.m. “Third Hour” – see above
- Sunday, September 27, 5:00 p.m. “Service of Evening Prayer,” RSVP at ecarpenter@chestnuthillpres.org or 215.247.8855
- Saturday, October 3, 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Club, bring your breakfast or place an order – details to follow

VIRTUAL GALLERY EXHIBITION—NEW ART ON VIEW NOW!

The Music and Arts Committee is delighted to present the third in our series of virtual art exhibitions, titled “What I Did on My Summer Vacation.” The exhibit is NOW live! To see it and the previous exhibitions, visit the church's website and check under Music and Arts.

Our next themed exhibition is a celebration of our annual Homecoming Sunday—we invite you to share your September smiles with our church family via the PCCH online gallery. Send us a selfie featuring your face in your favorite place! It's a super simple way to reconnect with your PCCH pals. Please send your photos by September 24 to pcchvirtualgallery@gmail.com. We encourage you to include some text to accompany the image—tell us why this is your favorite place right now or share what's on your mind at the moment. Your text can be attached in a Word doc or just included in your email. We can't wait to see your beautiful smiles!

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

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE UPDATES AND SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

In August, PCCH hosted three Red Cross Blood Drives. Those three drives yielded 80 units of blood which will help up to 240 hospital patients! Many church members have numbered among the donors at these drives and have volunteered to welcome and register donors.

In September PCCH will host three drives:

- **Friday, September 18 – 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, September 22 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**
- **Thursday, September 24 – 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

If you can volunteer to greet and take temperatures of potential donors and check them in using the Red Cross computerized system, please email Liz Podraza at lizpodraza@gmail.com. Volunteer shifts are flexible, but two hours is the minimum. One volunteer said she enjoyed helping, in part, because it allowed her to spend some time at church even if she wasn't surrounded by fellow members. All Red Cross employees and donors wear masks and the number of people in Widener Hall at any time is fewer than ten.

If you would like to be a blood donor, go to redcrossblood.org and search for Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill using the zip code 19118. You must have an appointment to donate; no walk-ins can be accepted in an effort to control the number of people in the room.

CENTER ON THE HILL

Center on the Hill—NEW online programming such as interactive games, virtual tours, fitness workouts, art classes, activities, lectures and much more are created and posted Monday-Friday at Noon on our programs page here: www.chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs/. Community Resources are still being updated regularly and can be found here: www.chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/community-resources/. **Newly added content this week:** active stretches to improve your balance; three easy and healthy meals to make at home; basics of watercolor painting lesson; learn about the Grand Teton National Park; visit and explore Mt. Fuji in Japan; play a fun round of Name That Tune, with songs from the 1950's; new rounds of our interactive trivia game Tri-Bond; and new episodes of Tell Me Something Good! with special guests. Visit our pages often to stay active and stay connected.

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.