

WELCOME TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL!

**PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES
BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF WORSHIP.**

Resources for those with special needs are available. Speak with an usher for assistance.

If you are a visitor and would like to meet the ministers, take a tour of the church, ask some questions, or go to coffee hour, please speak with an usher.

If you need a ride to church, please call the church office at 215-247-8855.

If you need pastoral care, please speak with one of the ministers or call the church office.

If you need child care, a nursery for infants and children through age 2 is available before worship in the Strouse building; children age 3 and older should accompany parents to worship and join in the Children’s Moment, after which they will be dismissed for the Summer Church School Gathering. Bags with coloring pages and crayons are available in the narthex; please return the bags after the service.

In case of an emergency, there are three exit doors behind you in the narthex. If you are sitting near the front of the sanctuary, use the door near the lectern.

In case of a medical need, please alert an usher – first aid supplies and a wheelchair are available.

Conversations with Cindy

Emails and hard copy mailings have gone out offering approximately one day per month to gather at the home of a church member to reflect on “all the experiences we have shared, the journeys together, the collaborations, births and deaths....” For newer members, the experiences include the last year or two of their lives; others will remember as far back as Cindy’s candidating sermon. But Cindy also wants to help us think about opening our hearts and minds to receive the next shepherd or shepherdess of this flock.

Please see the sign-up sheets outside the church office. The next gathering is on December 30.

Narthex News

December 30, 2018

CHURCH SCHOOL AT A GLANCE

12/30/2018	Room	Teacher	Topic
Birth - 2 Year Olds	Room 101	Debbie Lambeth and Icilda James	God’s Care
Pre-K (3-4 Year Olds)	Room 211	Jennifer Miller and Clara Hocking	Jesus in the Temple
Kindergarten-Grade 2	Room 205	Steve Bishop	Jesus in the Temple
Grade 3–Grade 5	Room 208	Mark Bernstein and Nicole Huertgen	Jesus in the Temple
Grade 6-7	STAY	IN	Worship

THE CHURCH GATHERED

2ND HOUR @ PCCH

Sunday, January 6, 11:30 am, Widener Hall

All Church Brunch prepared by the Deacons. All are welcome!

2019 PLEDGE ENVELOPES FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

If you requested pledge envelopes for 2019, they are available for pick up today in Widener Hall. Children’s pledge envelopes are also available for pick-up today in Widener Hall.

If you would like a book of pledge envelopes and did not request them, please call the church office.

2018 TAX REMINDER

To be able to deduct donations and pledge payments made to PCCH for 2018, funds must be dated December 31, 2018 and hand-delivered to the church office no later than Wednesday, January 2, 2019 OR postmarked December 31, 2018 if mailed. All gifts of stock need to be received by the church by December 31, 2017.

2019 MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Would you like to memorialize a loved one or give thanks to God as you celebrate a wedding anniversary or celebrate the birthday of your child or grandchild? Consider donating the flowers in the chancel on a Sunday morning. The available Sundays for 2019 are: April 14 (Palm Sunday), June 23, December 1 and December 22. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

USHERS NEEDED

We are currently in need of three new ushers to join our four teams of ushers. You are on duty approximately one Sunday per month. If you are interested, please contact the church office or the head usher, Mike Baughman at baughmam@pepperlaw.com. You can also speak to any of the ushers on duty any Sunday. Please consider joining one of our teams. Thank you.

A special thank you to Jill Bown who volunteered to be an usher. Welcome Jill!

SPEAKER SERIES ON THE HILL

Thursday, January 10, gather at 12:00 noon, Widener Hall. Presentation begins at 12:30 pm. Dessert and coffee are provided. A \$5 donation is requested. No registration required.

Sandra M. Clark – The Fight for Journalism: Journalism today is challenged – and needed – more than ever. Attacks on reporters from political officials are unrelenting. More and more local newspapers are folding as the desperate search for sustainable business models continues. Trust among the public is hitting new lows. But the fight isn't over. Sandra Clark is vice president for news and civic dialogue at WHYY, overseeing the award-winning news operation for radio, TV, and digital at the Philadelphia region's leading public media outlet. Clark, who joined WHYY in 2016, was previously managing editor at the Philadelphia Inquirer. Under her leadership, the Inquirer won the Pulitzer Prize for criticism in 2014.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

GERMANTOWN AVENUE CRISIS MINISTRY: Next collection date is Sunday, January 6.

PCCH has been a long-time supporter of Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry, not only through financial donations but also via volunteerism, holiday gift basket drives, and monthly donations to their food cupboard. We collect food cupboard donations the **first Sunday of each month** at the end of worship. Each week, the GACM food cupboard supplies 50 - 60 households with packages that include both fresh and non-perishable foods. Using prescribed products and quantities, clients are invited into the cupboard to choose the items they need. Packages supply food for 3 days and may be received once within a 30- day period. **The goal is to provide food products with which families can provide complete meals; to this end, we will be asking our families to donate a pair of complementary items to help restock the cupboard. This month, the items are heartly soups and stews.** Each month, the Social Witness Committee, in conjunction with GACM, will let you know about the “pick-a-pair” items for that month. Thank you for your support!

PCCH HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

We are looking to get volunteers to assist with: set-up, food shopping, centerpieces, food prep and serving, clean-up. We have posted sign-up sheets on the bulletin board outside Widener Hall. We want to get a “head-start” on our volunteer commitment and we will send you a reminder of your responsibility two weeks prior to the event. This worked really well last year and we are looking forward to “many hands making light work.” Any questions, please contact Karen Bausman, karen.bausman@flagstar.com

PLASTIC GROCERY STORE BAGS NO LONGER NEEDED

Thank you for collecting and recycling your plastic grocery store bags. We seem to have an abundant supply at the present time and are asking that you no longer bring your bags to the Center on the Hill. We will let you know when we start collecting the bags again. Thank you!

OUR BROTHER'S PLACE

Next Sloppy Joe Pick-up Date is Monday, January 28. If you are making Christmas Cookies, please remember to make extras and place in the refrigerator with a note labeled “Our Brother's Place.” The men always enjoy this extra treat at Christmas.

The Social Witness Committee would like to offer special thanks to all members who continue to help with our outreach at the OBP Shelter. We will continue to provide dinner on the last Sunday of each month, but will no longer send volunteers to serve. **We continue to need monthly donations of sloppy joes** (simple recipe: brown two pounds of ground beef or turkey, add a can of Manwich sauce, freeze flat in a Ziploc bag and bring to the freezer in the Church kitchen).

THE CHURCH SENT OUT

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY SERVICE PROJECT

The Social Witness Committee is happy to announce a new service project preparing Welcome Baskets to support HIAS PA's clients. HIAS PA provides legal and supportive services for immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers from all backgrounds. Church members will be asked to sign up to donate kitchen supplies, home goods, school and office supplies. Volunteers are also needed to assemble the baskets on Sunday January 20 and deliver them on a future date. Watch for the sign-up sheets in Widener Hall beginning Sunday December 30. Any questions, please contact Alison Rudolf, alisonrudolf@verizon.net.

FACE TO FACE

Future dates for Prep only is Saturday, February 2 and Saturday, March 2, 2019.

The Social Witness Committee is happy to inform the congregation that our service at Face to Face is doing extremely well. All are welcome to join us. Face to Face is a well rooted, well managed community service organization located in Germantown, just 15 minutes from church. It provides various services to area residents. Face to Face also provides them with meals—and this is where PCCH is helping out. There is a sign-up sheet on the table below the Social Witness bulletin board outside the church office. Those who would like to involve themselves in this service opportunity should contact Melissa Montgomery (melissamon70@yahoo.com) or Beth Vaccaro (bethnellvaccaro@gmail.com).

FACE TO FACE VOLUNTEER TRAINING/ORIENTATION

Tuesday, January 22, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

If you have been thinking of volunteering at Face to Face, or if you are a regular volunteer, please consider attending a training/orientation session at the Face to Face location. The session is called the Trauma of Poverty. Our goal is to help attendees gain a small window into our client's lives through stories and pertinent information.

RSVP by January 15 to becky@facetofacegermantown.org.

CENTER ON THE HILL ... *the place for active adults*

To register for these programs, unless otherwise indicated, please call Leslie Lefer at 215-247-4654 or email llefer@chestnuthillpres.org

STONE AND SCULPT

Thursdays, January 3 – March 7, 2:30 pm – 3:15 pm, \$50 for ten week series or \$7 per class (start at any time)

Get your calorie burn on as we glide through various rhythmic moves to some upbeat sounds. You'll need the following: a bottle of water, yoga mat or towel, a set of 1 and 2 pound hand weights (or 1 1/2 and 3). Let's get whipped into shape for spring and summer. This class will be led by Freda Ebba, certified Zumba instructor, who leads our Zumba Gold class on Tuesday afternoon.

AFTERNOON MOVIE

Tuesday, January 8, 1:30 pm, \$2 (includes popcorn)

Are you looking for an enjoyable activity that's economical and during the daytime so you don't have to drive at night? Are you looking to see a movie in an intimate setting with easy parking and no long lines? Then join us for an enjoyable afternoon at the movies. **Showing "Operation Finale"** Fifteen years after the end of World War II, a team of top-secret Israeli agents travel to Argentina to track down Adolf Eichmann, the Nazi officer who masterminded the transportation logistics that brought millions of innocent Jews to their deaths in concentration camps. Hoping to sneak him out of the country to stand trial, agent Peter Malkin soon finds himself playing a deadly game of cat and mouse with the notorious war criminal. (2018)

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: WHY DO IT ALONE?

Thursday, January 10 (second Thursday of each month), 2:00 pm–3:30 pm, Free. For more information, call Jean Kirkley, 215-758-7305 or e-mail jean.kirkley@gmail.com.

Share your wisdom, experiences, challenges and joys with others as caregivers for those living with Alzheimer's and related dementias. This group is an open support group for caregivers, sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association of the Delaware Valley. The group meetings are open to new and interested members. No enrollment or long term commitment is required, just a willingness to share in a confidential and supportive environment. **If you can't make the meeting in person, feel free to join us from the comfort of your home. Simply dial (712) 432-3447 and enter passcode 846968. You are a meeting participant---it's just that simple.

STRENGTHEN YOUR VOICE, LEVEL I

Fridays, January 11, 18, February 1 and 8 (no class on January 25), 10:00 am – 11:00 am, \$15 per class, Minimum four students.

Gradual voice changes are a normal part of aging. Commonly-reported age-related changes include differences in general pitch level, hoarseness, reduced ability to speak loudly or be heard in noisy situations, breathiness, reduced endurance, and shakiness. Just like other muscles in your body, the muscles of your vocal folds and respiratory system need exercise to stay physically fit. This class will focus on ways to keep your voice sounding strong and healthy. Participants will engage in a variety of vocal exercises designed to activate all facets of the voice. No singing experience is necessary, but participants should expect to engage the singing voice as well as the speaking voice.

STRENGTHEN YOUR VOICE, LEVEL II

Fridays, January 11, 18, February 1 and 8 (no class on January 25), 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, \$15 per class, Minimum four students.

This class will build upon the technical skills learned in Level 1 in a workshop setting. Participants will engage in a group vocal warm-up, and then each participant will spend time working individually with the instructor while the rest of the class observes. This is a good opportunity for those who want to further develop their skills but who are not able to commit to private lessons. Note: some outside preparation will be required.

Prerequisite: All participants should complete Strengthen Your Voice, Level 1 before registering for Level 2.

WITH OUR NEIGHBORS

LYRIC FEST SONGS FROM THE TUNDRA – NORDIC SONG AND VERSE

Saturday, January 12, 4:00 pm, in the Sanctuary

In a collaboration with Variant 6, a virtuosic vocal sextet in Philadelphia, Lyric Fest explores the songs that come from the experience of life in the Tundra. Works from Norway, Sweden, Russia, Ukraine, Finland, Iceland, Poland and Denmark performed in the ethereal acoustics of our sanctuary.

INTERFAITH PHILADELPHIA – CIVIL CONVERSATIONS LIVE EVENT SERIES

Thursday, January 17, 6:30 -8:30 pm, WHYY, 150 N. 6th Street, Philadelphia 19106

In partnership with NewCORE (New Conversation on Race and Ethnicity) and WHYY, a group of prominent religious leaders will share stories and engage in a conversation on how race and racism informs their leadership and the communities they lead. Included in the evening will be a light reception, where attendees will be invited to engage in their own small group discussion and Storytelling activity. Conversation moderated by Rev. Steven Lawrence. This event is free and open to the public. For more information: <https://www.interfaithphiladelphia.org/race-and-faith>.

THIS WEEK AT PCCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00 am	Gallery Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
10:15 am	Church School (Strouse)
11:00 am	Fellowship (Widener)
11:00 am	Church School Sings (Chapel)
11:00 am	Youth Choir Rehearsal (Youth Room)
5:00 pm	Conversations with Cindy (Raphael's Home)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:30 pm	NEW YEARS EVE Adictango New Year's Eve Dance (Widener)
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

**NEW YEARS DAY
OFFICE AND CENTER CLOSED**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

11:00 am	Bible Study (Harris)
8:00 pm	Summit Group (Room 3&4)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

7:45 am	BNI Meeting (Melcher)
9:00 am	Organ Practice (Sanctuary)
10:30 am	Outdoor Gardeners (Widener)
6:30 pm	Cub Scouts (Widener)
7:00 pm	Adictango (Room 3&4)
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts (Room 1&2)
7:30 pm	Gallery Choir (Choir Room)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

9:00 am	Organ Practice (Sanctuary)
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

1:00 pm	Crossing Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
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NEXT WEEK AT PCCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

9:00 am	Gallery Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
10:15 am	Church School (Strouse)
11:00 am	Church School Sings (Chapel)
11:00 am	Youth Choir Rehearsal (Youth Room)
11:15 am	2 nd Hour Deacons Brunch(Widener)
11:30 am	3,4,5 Fellowship (Ice Skating)

THIS WEEK AT CENTER ON THE HILL

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

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CENTER CLOSED**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

**NEW YEARS EVE
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

11:30 am	Bridge Game (Room 1&2)
2:30 pm	Golden Yoga (Harris)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

9:00 am	PCCH Bridge Group (Room 1&2)
9:00 am	Qigong Class (Harris)
10:00 am	Bridge Game (Room 5)
1:00 pm	Medicare Counseling by Appt. (Room1&2)
1:30 pm	Dream Circle (Room 1&2)
2:30 pm	Tone & Sculpt (Room 3&4)
4:00 pm	Zumba Gold in a Chair (Room 3&4)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

9:30 am	Yoga with Attitude (Harris)
10:00 am	Scrabble Play (Room 5)
11:00 am	Private Mah Jongg Group (Room 1&2)
11:30 am	Yoga, A Chair and You (Harris)
1:00 pm	International Folk Dancing (Room 3&4)
1:00 pm	Mah Jongg Open Play (Room 5)
2:30 pm	Golden Yoga (Harris)