## THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH HAPPENING AT PCCH

#### FELLOWSHIP

Join us in Widener Hall immediately following worship today for coffee and sweet treats. All are welcome.

#### GERMANTOWN AVENUE CRISIS MINISTRY FOOD DONATIONS

Today Sunday, November 3

We collect food and cash donations for the GACM Food Cupboard on the first Sunday of every month.

#### PCCH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Harris room. This Wednesday Dr. Russell Sullivan will be leading the discussion which will focus on the biblical text used for the upcoming Sunday sermon, Mark 12:38-44. All are welcome.

#### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The first meeting of the new Men's Fellowship will be Thursday, November 7th from 2-3:30 p.m. in the reception room. Please call Ron Rising at 203-206-7299 with any questions or concerns.

#### POTLUCK APPETIZER DINNER & GAME NIGHT

Join us Saturday, November 9 from 6-9 p.m. for our popular family game night! Lets get together for a meal of appetizers/snacks and play games. Soda and lemonade will be provided. Bring an appetizer, a game to share and any adult beverages you may want.

#### THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday, November 19, 7:30 p.m. in the upper room of Campbells Place, 8337 Germantown Avenue. Bill Cobb will be our presenter. All are welcome. Any questions, please contact the church office.

# 2024 PCCH Preschool Wreath Sale

## The preschool's annual wreath sale is here!

This year you can pre-order your wreath for pickup at church after worship on December 1.

There will be a limited number of additional wreaths available for sale that day.

There are two wreath options: 18" or 22".

This year's wreaths are made locally in Lancaster and contain Fraser fir, white pine, arborvitae, and seeded eucalyptus.

Please use the QR code to order online or return this form to the church office by November 11th.

> Checks should be payable to PCCH Preschool.

Thank you!

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### CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Date	Godly Play	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8
11/3	<b>PreK-2nd Grade</b> Michelle Shachtman and Sarah Wright	stay in worship	stay in worship

Classes will be offered for three different age groups:

- Children ages 3-2nd grade will engage in faith formation through Godly Play curriculum.
- Children in grades 3-5 will increase their Bible literacy while learning about the richness of our Christian history and faith in a fun, structured setting. We will be using the Memoria Press Christian Studies curriculum.
- Middle school youth in grades 6-8 will study *Follow Me Biblical Practices for Faithful Living.* Youth will explore how they can live out their faith, as Jesus taught, in our modern world. The middle school youth will meet during worship 2-3 times per month. On the remaining Sundays, youth should participate in the full worship service.

Most Sundays, we will begin Sunday School with a brief opening in the chapel.

On Sundays when Communion is served in worship, the children will return to sit with their families so that they can participate.

#### CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MUSIC UPDATE

*Joyful Noise*, our children's choir for ages 3-grade 5, will rehearse today from 11-11:40 a.m. Children will be brought to their parents in the sanctuary immediately following worship. New singers and drop-ins are always welcome.

Youth Choir, our youth choir for grades 6-12, will not rehearse today.

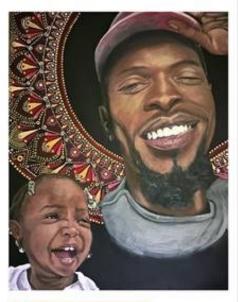
#### CHRISTMAS EVE PAGAENT

All children ages 3 through grade 12 are invited to participate in our Christmas Eve Pageant on December 24 at 4:30 p.m. There will be a mandatory pageant rehearsal on Sunday, December 22 after worship until 12:30 p.m. Last day to sign up is Sunday, December 1. Sign up in person on the signup sheet posted on the bulletin board outside of the church office, or online at https://forms.gle/xgKnk6bM6rZftBsi6.











Portrait of Isaiah C. Williams by Laura Orfanelli, above. Left, Portrait of Jamil Malik Howell by Caroline Stoughton

# Souls Shot Portrait Project Exhibition

## Nov. 1 thru Nov. 24, 2024

Souls Shot Portrait Project pairs fine artists with families and friends of victims of gun violence. The artists create portraits using diverse approaches and emphasize the individuality and uniqueness of the victims portrayed. The exhibition is a truly moving tribute. Please join us for this powerful experience.

## RECEPTION and program November 1, 7 - 9 pm

Free and open to the public

#### **Gallery Hours**

Calling ahead is advised as there are classes in the space from time to time.

Mon - Fri 10am - 4pm, Sun 10-noon, or by appointment 215 247 8855.

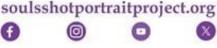


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#### SOULS SHOT PORTRAIT PROJECT COMMENTARY

Light and Shadow

Is it time yet, Zy Time to leave the shadow? Some days are better than others Some days I don't even cry So maybe it is time

I'm scared though The light is too bright, but I'm ready to step out of the shadow Okay then take a step back Listen

Place your hand on your chest, Yummy Feel the warmth from your hand and the beat of your heart? What does it say?

Stay or go where your heart leads you I'll be there, shining

#### Evangeline Bragitikos, artist

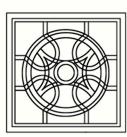
#### Zykeem Ali Thomas

Zykeem was a great son, grandson, brother, uncle and friend. He had a heart of gold and went out of his way to help those he loved. He was everybody's favorite. He brought joy to everyone who encountered him. He was also a jokester but he was everybody's favorite. If he went to move, they all moved with him! He was an amazing artist and loved bright colors, which reflected his personality. Losing Zy left a huge hole in the hearts of his family.

#### Rebecca Thomas, mother

# Forum on the Hil

Presented to a limited number of people **in-person at 12:30pm** Recording available online the day after. chestnuthillpres.org/education/forum-on-the-hill







### NOVEMBER 14 BARBARA VORNDICK, M.ED. ELIZA'S TRUE STORY

In the first biography written about the eldest daughter of President James Monroe, just published in July 2024, author Barbara VornDick replaces the limited—and erroneous historical narrative about Eliza with the complete true story of her life, and the tragic circumstances of her death. Her devotion to family and country had been obscured and forgotten over time, but five years of searching through primary sources, including personal letters, court proceedings, ships' manifests, deeds, wills, and State Department records, revealed the true story of Eliza Monroe's life and her death as a penniless pauper; a situation that befell many women in the 1800s who found themselves at the mercy of men who controlled their access to property and prosperity. In addition to telling Eliza's story, this dynamic speaker presents a glimpse of her fascinating journey into the realm of historical research, and discusses how the discovery of documents from archives on both sides of the Atlantic, some hidden for two centuries, illuminated the facts about Eliza's life and enabled her true story to be told.

Author Barbara VornDick currently works as an Interpreter of History at James Monroe's Highland, the home of President Monroe in Albemarle County, Virginia. It was there that she first became interested in the Monroe women, and was drawn to investigate he truth about Eliza. She currently has three books published with Barnes and Noble Press.

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#### registration required for in-person attendance

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Visit our website above to watch the recorded version posted the next day.

## CENTER ON THE HILL

Open Monday–Friday 9 a.m. 4 p.m. New online content is posted Monday–Thursday at 12 p.m. on our programs page here: chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs. Call 215-247-4654 or email msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org to register.

#### Upcoming classes and events:

#### KNOW YOUR RIGHTS:

## WHAT PATIENTS AND FAMILIES NEED TO UNDERSTAND (registration required)

Thursday, November 7, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., free

Advanced care planning, making decisions about your medical care, in the event you become seriously ill and unable to communicate is important for all individuals to ensure that their wishes are documented and legally recognized. This session Cindy Scott RN, Senior VP, Professional Services at Keystone Care will talk about advanced care planning, who needs to be involved, what decisions need to be covered and other issues to consider.

#### **TRIVIA!** (registration required)

Thursday, November 7, 1-2 p.m., \$2

Join us for Seasonal Themes Trivia this November at the Center. Give your brain a workout, learn something new, meet new people, and have a lot of fun! Prizes and snacks provided!

#### NOVEMBER ART SHOW: Marlis Kraft Mixed Media Collage

Meet the Artist reception, Friday, November 8, 5-7 p.m.

The Gallery is open Monday- Friday 10 am-4 pm and Sundays, before and after worship. Using almost exclusively recycled materials, Marlis Kraft explores textile as an expressive medium. Employing various techniques of surface design, Marlis' work as a textile collage artist has deepened and grown. You will see examples of eco printing, rust dyeing, composting, image transfer, printing, bead work, and mixed media.

#### LETS PLAY BINGO (registration required)

Tuesday, November 12, 1-2:30 p.m.

Join us for your favorite game, with prizes and snacks provided by some of our partners and friends from different organizations in the area. Be sure to come out, meet some new people, and have fun!

#### FORUM ON THE HILL (registration required to attend in person) BARBARA VORNDICK, M.ED: ELIZA'S TRUE STORY

Presented at 12:30 p.m. on the 2nd Thursdays of the month, in person in Widener Hall, then recorded and posted online the following day. Scan the QR code to watch. Brown bag lunches welcome, light refreshments served. A \$5 donation is requested.

