

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.

THEOLOGY ON TAP OPENING DATE

Tuesday, September 24, 7:30 p.m. in the upper room of Campbell's Place, 8337 Germantown Avenue. Dr. Sullivan will present the important work by Pope Francis, *Laudate Deum* ("Praise God"), which is a follow-up to his encyclical *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home* and looks at what has happened since 2015 when the encyclical was released and what still needs to be done. The pope addresses environmental concerns in the world with respect to human life and dignity and shows how environmental degradation can lead to human degradation, especially in how the poor and marginalized are treated. All are welcome. Any questions, please contact the church office.

PCCH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY OPENING DATE

Wednesday, September 25, 10:30 a.m. in the Harris room on the lower level of the building. Dr. Russell Sullivan will be leading the discussion which will focus on the biblical text used for the upcoming Sunday sermon on September 29. The reading for September 25 is Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22. All are welcome

SAVE THE DATE—PCCH NEW MEMBER CLASS

Saturday, October 5, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

If you are a regular visitor, thank you for worshipping with PCCH. We would love for you to take the next step in your relationship with us, which means becoming a member of the congregation. This is an exciting time for our congregation and a great time to become a part of our life and ministry. We will be hosting a New Members class on Saturday, October 5, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Harris room on the lower level of the church. All of those applying for membership are asked to attend this meeting even if joining us from another Presbyterian congregation. During this class we will get to know you better and you will have the opportunity to become better informed about our church. Some of our elders will also attend this class—at its end there will be a vote to accept new members. New members will be presented to the congregation in worship on Sunday, October 6. Please contact the church office if you would like to attend this class. Personal invitations will also be sent out.

PCH Cantatas & Chamber Music series

Concertmaster
Philadelphia Orchestra



Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto

with
Theme from *Schindler's List* John Williams
Tempo di Minuetto Fritz Kreisler

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 | 12 pm

Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill
8855 Germantown Avenue

Jeffrey DeVault
collaborative pianist

donation \$20
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FORUM ON THE HILL

Did you miss the Forum on the Hill this week?

You can now watch it here: www.chestnuthillpres.org/education/forum-on-the-hill/

MICHAEL SCHAFFER AND BEN LERNER

THE DEFENDER: THE BATTLE TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE ACCUSED

The Defender Association of Philadelphia has been providing free legal counsel to indigent criminal defendants in Philadelphia since 1934. Public defenders represent about 70 percent of the criminal defendants in Philadelphia, on everything from misdemeanors to capital murder. The Defender has been on the cutting edge of juvenile justice reform and the fight against prison overcrowding, has advocated effectively for alternative sentencing to place suitable defendants in rehab programs instead of sending them to jail, and has been an effective watchdog against police misconduct. Michael and Ben will talk about what has made the Defender Association of Philadelphia one of the best public defender agencies in the country.

*Michael Schaffer is the co-author, with the late Edward W. Madelra, Jr., of *The Defender: The Battle to Protect the Rights of the Accused in Philadelphia* (Temple University Press, 2020). He held a variety of editing and reporting positions at *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, including book review editor, before retiring at the end of 2014.*

Judge Ben Lerner was in the vanguard of the criminal justice reform movement in Philadelphia, advocating systemic change and alternative sentencing at a time when the concepts were just gaining traction. He was an early graduate fellow during a five-year innovative partnership between the Law School and the Defender Association of Philadelphia.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Date	Godly Play PreK-2nd Grade	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8
9/8	Michelle Shachtman Rebecca DePasquale	Ella DePasquale and Dominick Rebeck	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 begin rehearsals today from 11-11:40 a.m. Children will proceed directly from Sunday school to Joyful Noise and will be brought to their parents in Widener Hall after rehearsal. New singers and drop-ins are always welcome.

Youth Choir, our youth choir for grades 6-12, will begin rehearsals today from 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Youth choir will not meet the first Sunday of each month in order to engage in community service with the Youth Group. New singers are always welcome.

CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center on the Hill is open Monday–Friday 9 a.m.–4 p.m. with all our practices and protocols in place (sanitation practices, social distancing, and UV air filters). New online content, such as virtual tours, fitness videos, art lessons, recorded presentations and more, is posted Monday–Thursday at noon on our programs page here:

chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs

Registration for our fall classes and events is open now.

Upcoming classes and events:

Registration is required for all activities and classes at the Center, as space is limited for social distancing. Call 215-247-4654 or email msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org to register.

SEPTEMBER ART SHOW Ronald Washington Oil Paintings

The Gallery is open for viewing Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., and before and after worship on Sundays.

“I have always considered my paintings to reflect the journey of my life. These paintings reflect a personal perception of places and people I some time or another witnessed. As a result, these images are biographical representations of who we are.”—R. L. Washington

R.L. Washington was born in Philadelphia. He is a graduate of the Fine Art Magnet Program at Overbrook High School. After receiving a college scholarship to the University of the Arts, he majored in illustration and graduated with a B.F.A. Upon graduation, he won a Leonard Andrews Foundation Painting Award where he studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts College for one year. He has exhibited at numerous galleries and museums around the country. His work has been published in the following books entitled “Mothers: A Loving Celebration” published by Courage Books and “I Am Your Strength” published by XLIBRIS US. He also has been published twice in the International Review of African American Art. His paintings are owned by many collectors worldwide.

MOVIE MUSICAL CABARET (registration required)

Tuesday, September 17, 2:30–3:30 p.m., \$5, starring Rachel DeMasi

Light refreshments will be served.

In this ‘Movie Musical Show,’ there will be a compilation of wonderfully timeless songs that were made famous in various films ranging from the 1930–1990s. With help from the official list of the American Film Institute’s ‘The 25 Greatest Movie Musicals of All Time,’ Rachel handpicked some of her favorites to share with you. Before each song you will find out which movie the songs were in, when they were produced, and even a fun fact or two about the song or film.

REFUSE TO BE A VICTIM OF A SCAM (*registration required*)

Thursday, September 19, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., free

Older adults are increasingly victimized by such crimes as robbery, fraud, scams and identity theft. Northwest Victim Advocates can help seniors affected by a crime if cash was stolen, assist with unpaid medical bills due to a victimization, therapy, and much more. For stolen cash reimbursement the person affected by the crime must be receiving a state benefit such as Social Security, SSI, Disability and/or a pension. Some funds can be recovered through the Victims Compensation Assistance Program. This workshop will provide tips, tools and techniques to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of crime.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP (*registration required*)

Mondays, September 23--November 4 (No group on October 14), 1-2:30 p.m., free

Group is closed to new members after September 30

We acknowledge the value of sharing time and stories with others who have also experienced a loss. Please join us for six informal gatherings as you grieve the loss of a loved one. The group dynamic allows for a supportive atmosphere to acknowledge all the different emotions/reactions that come when a loss occurs. Topics covered: Myths of Grieving, Grieving and Holidays, Does Grief Ever End, Coping Skills and others.

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON (*registration and payment required by 9/20*)

Tuesday, September 24, 12 p.m., \$12

Where else in the community can you go for lunch where you'll see both familiar and new faces, where the atmosphere is relaxed and welcoming, where the food is consistently good, and where it costs you only \$12? Our large room is full of round tables that are simply decorated and set with white linens and festive tableware. We'd love to see you there!

HEALTHY LIVING & HEALTHY AGING (*registration required*)

Thursday, September 26, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., free

Throughout Ellen Donovan's over 30-year career in geriatric nursing and senior living services, she has noticed that there are '5 Principles of Healthy Living' that produce the best outcomes for older adults and apply to all of us, regardless of age. She will teach you about these principles and you will answer some trivia questions to discuss together. This will be a fun and interactive presentation.

Hope Kirschner has been working in the healthcare field for many years. Her expertise in home care, hospice and palliative services has become a passion of hers. In addition to collaborating with Ellen on this program, Hope will also share her own personal experiences in managing stress while caring for an aging parent with helpful suggestions and ideas.