

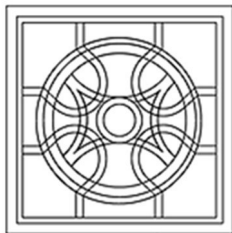
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, September 10, 2023

10 a.m.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



8855 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

WELCOME!

Welcome to the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill!

Whether you're a first-time guest or a longtime member, we are grateful for your presence. There's a place for you here!

See an usher for hearing devices or large-print bulletins.

Nursery care for infants through age 2 is available in the Strouse building—ask an usher for assistance. Children who are 3 are encouraged to attend Godly Play but are welcome to remain in the nursery at parental discretion.

Children's "Praise Packs" to aid with worship participation are available in the narthex.

We encourage you to fill out the black fellowship pads in the pews, to help us to get to know all who've shared worship with us today.

Following the 10 a.m. service, all are invited for refreshments and fellowship in Widener Hall.

We send regular email updates about worship, church life, and other events. Please contact the church office if you'd like to receive them.

Please silence all electronic devices.

Find more information about PCCH on page 12.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Fugue in C minor

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

INTROIT

Robert Lehman
(b. 1960)

O Lord, open thou our lips:
and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us:
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 27:4*)

Leader: One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:

People: To live in the house of the Lord
all of the days of my life.

Leader: To behold the beauty of the Lord

People: and to inquire in his temple.

*HYMN 262

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Forgive my sins, O Lord, the sins of my present and the sins of my past, the sins which I have done to please myself and the sins I have done to please others, the sins I know and the sins I know not. Forgive them all, O Lord, in your mercy and let me be absolved. Deliver me from the bonds of all that by my frailty I have committed. Grant, this, O Holy God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior.

—Thomas Wilson (d. 1755)

*Please stand as you are able.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON

Thomas Juneau
(b. 1977)

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

Juneau

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: As a forgiven people, let us share Christ's peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 14:10-14, 21-22

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, "Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians?" For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.' But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.'

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALTER

Psalm 149:1-4

Henry Smart
(1813-1877)

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in his maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

Let them praise his name in the dance;
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people
and adorns the poor with victory.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

*Children through eighth grade depart for church school in the Strouse building.
Parents, please meet your children at the picnic.*

HYMN (*seated*)

TALLIS' CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true,
Our lives may be our gift to you.

SERMON

The Call of the Desert
*"The Lord drove the sea back
with a strong wind all night."
Exodus 14:21*

M. Craig Barnes

*HYMN 404

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry
(1848-1918)

I was glad when they said unto me,
we will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates,
O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is builded as a city
that is at unity in itself.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem,
they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls,
and plenteousness within thy palaces.

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

Litany of Ministry

There are different gifts,

But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving the Lord,

But it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through people in different ways,

But it is the same God whose purpose is achieved.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

To use for the common good.

Within our common ministry some members are chosen for work as ministers of the Word, ruling elders, or deacons. In ordination we recognize these ministries, remembering that our Lord Jesus Christ said, "Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all."

The Constitutional Questions

The Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

The Prayer of the Congregation

God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation, give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen

Peter Lutkin
(1858-1931)

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Rondeau

Jean-Joseph Mouret
(1682-1738)

OFFICERS BEING ORDAINED OR INSTALLED

Elders

Class of 2026
Greg Dickinson (renewing)
Rebecca DePasquale
William Storm
Elizabeth Podraza
Clarke Woodruff

Deacons

Class of 2026
Debby Evans (renewing)
Kristin Lawton (renewing)
Nicolette Cobbold
Alison Ellison
Ann Goslin
Thanice Petrak
Rachelle Pretz

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

The Rev. Dr. M. Craig Barnes

LITURGIST

The Rev. Dr. Russell C. Sullivan, Jr.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Julie Snyder

MUSIC

2023-2024 Gallery Choir: Katy Avery, Emily Barth, Rebecca Bernstein, John Drake, Joanna Gates, Nick James, Senta Johnson, Landon Jones, Evan Joyce, Jane Kaufman, Lauren Kelly, Anika Kildegaard, Kathy Krantz, Joy Kushner, Charlie Moore, Brad Pennington, Rebecca Phillipson, Jeff Podraza, Liz Podraza, Zach Raphael, Julie Snyder, Jim Spause, Margaret Spencer, Rebecca Thornburgh, Bill Toffey, Beth Nell Vaccaro, Steve Williamson, Clark Woodruff
Daniel Spratlan conductor Jeffrey DeVault organist

GREETERS

Matthew Eastman and Graeme Frazier Elders
Alison Ellison and Becky Frazier Deacons

USHERS

Kevin Raphael Team #1 Leader, **Carolyn Manwaring, Dom Rebeck, Barbara Spause, Sarah Wright**

FLOWER GUILD

Jill Bown and Cathy Brzozowski

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Barbara A. and John W. Sheble** by their four daughters.

COVER ART David Roberts, *Ascent of the Lower Range of Sinai*, 1796-1864, lithograph (print by Louis Haghe). Scottish topographical painter David Roberts (1796-1864) got his start painting scenes for traveling circuses and the theater. He was known especially for *The Holy Land, Syria, Idumea, Arabia, Egypt, and Nubia*, a prolific series of detailed lithograph prints of Egypt and the Near East, inspired by a boyhood dream and that he produced from sketches he made during long tours of the region (1838-1840). By this time Roberts had already established himself as a successful topographical artist; on the strength of the success of this project he was elected to the prestigious Royal Academy. Called "the most ambitious work ever published in England with lithographic plates" (Michael Twyman) and financed by the artist himself, the project's production involved over 600 lithographic stones used over an eight to nine year period.

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PCCH 50 YEAR MEMBERS

Congratulations and Blessings!

Carole Ashmead	Donna Koenig
Bill Ashmead	Joan Lentz
Peg Bachmann	Jeffrey Loughridge
Caryl Berlin	Hope D. Luken
Nancy Brown	James Macallister
Susan Cain	Barbara Masters
Mark Conti	William Mebane
Peter Cooke	Merry Parker
Diane Cornely	Alice Parry
Gail Coyle	Margaret Sauers
Barbara Elwell	Dean Shacklett
Stan Elwell	Betsy Simes
Jack Evans	Nancy Smith
Joyce Fles	Joan Stewart
Bob Fles	Mark Stout
Barbara Frazier	Alice Lea Tasman
Robert Greenawalt	Suzanne Thomas
Dianne Greer	Mary Anne Van Blarcom
Bob Greer	Robert Williams
Diane Hanson	Elsbeth Wrigley
Sally Johnston	Pamela Yeldham
Sharon Kelly	Jean Zeiter

MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation on September 17 in the sanctuary immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee and to receive its motion to elect a Pastoral Nominating Committee. The nominees for the PNC are: Katie Connelly, Matt Eastman, Beth Lutz, Jeff Podraza, Margaret Spencer, David Thornburgh, Tennyson Tippy, Bill Toffey, and Beth Nell Vaccaro.

GOOD TO KNOW

If you are interested in exploring membership at PCCH, please contact Craig Barnes at the church office or at cbarnes@chestnuthillpres.org.

Sunday worship is live-streamed at chestnuthillpres.org/live and is recorded for later viewing. This offering extends our reach across the country and beyond. Visit us when you're away and tell your friends about this new opportunity to join us.

Please share any pastoral care needs or concerns with Russell Sullivan at the church office or at rsullivan@chestnuthillpres.org.

Please see the back cover for information about our church staff and how to contact and connect with us. You also can access today's Bulletin online.

The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill has committed itself to be a Matthew 25 congregation, joining an initiative of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) focused on three areas:



Building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, eradicating systemic poverty.

Visit our Matthew 25 page: chestnuthillpres.org/matthew-25 for more information about Matthew 25 news and events.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS AT PCCH

HOMEcomings PICNIC

Please join us after worship today for our Annual Homecoming Picnic on the front lawn. Everyone is welcome, whether you are signed up or you're not.

PCCH STEEPLE WORK

Work on our steeple is almost complete. Construction activities are limited to weekdays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., during which time the middle driveway will be closed. We ask that everyone participate in keeping PCCH and the construction workers safe by maintaining an awareness of your surroundings when entering or exiting PCCH's driveways, reducing speeds, and maintaining a safe distance from all construction equipment and activities. Contact the church office if you have any questions. Thank you.

PCCH NEW MEMBER CLASS

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, September 16, 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, September 17. Please contact the church office if you would like to attend this class.

PCCH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We will meet this Wednesday, September 13 at 11:00 a.m. in the Harris room. Dr. Barnes will be leading the discussion which will focus on the biblical text used for the upcoming Sunday sermon. A listing of all of the upcoming scripture passages is available through the church office. All are welcome.

CHURCH LIFE UPCOMING ACTIVITIES—SAVE THE DATES

Mark your calendars for these events. A great opportunity to have fun and meet people. Watch the bulletin and e-news for more details. All ages are invited.

Saturday, September 23, 2–4 p.m. Family Hike and/or Raptor Viewing

Let's take a walk and enjoy an opportunity to view migrating raptors at Fort Washington State Park. If a hike is not your thing, Chris Petrak will help us identify raptors from the viewing platform at Fort Washington. Be sure to bring your binoculars.

Friday, October 13, 6–9 p.m. Jim Spause's duo, The Savants, at VonC Brewing in Norristown

This is a family-friendly venue with a food truck and the opportunity to bring your own food. Let's turn out to support Jim and enjoy some fine music. The beer is great and there are plenty of non-alcoholic beverages, too.

Saturday, November 11, 6–9 p.m. Potluck Appetizer Dinner and Game Night

The popular family game night returns. Let's get together to share 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.

Let us know you are interested by signing up on the bulletin board, by calling the church office, or by sending an email to lizpodraza@gmail.com. If you have a great idea for a group activity, please let Liz know.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

NEW DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

The Personnel Committee is delighted to announce that Kate McGill Magid has accepted the invitation to serve as our Director of Youth Ministry, which is a half-time position on our church staff. Kate is a life-long member of PCCH and is now raising her two school-age boys in the church. Kate has served on our session for the last six years and is very much looking forward to serving PCCH in this new role. For years, Kate has worked as an adjunct professor at a local college both teaching and heading the department's internship program. In that role, she mentored and coached young people as they navigated and discerned their career paths. She loves working with young people and is thrilled to begin her journey with the wonderful youth at PCCH as they grow in their faith and enjoy fun and fellowship. When she is not at PCCH, Kate serves the local community of Springfield as its magisterial district judge. Kate and her husband Zach live in Springfield with their two sons. Please join us in welcoming Kate to this new calling.

Both Sunday School and Youth Group begin this Sunday, *Homecoming Sunday*, September 10!

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

We are beyond excited to welcome our children back to the Strouse Building where we now have four completely functional classrooms.

Classes will be offered for three different age groups:

- Children ages 3-2nd grade will engage in faith formation through our Godly Play curriculum. (*Note: we hope to split this class into a PreK class and a K-2 class in the near future)
- 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, and every child in the class will receive their own CEB Deep Blue Bible for use at home and in church school.
- Middle schoolers in grades 6-8 will wrestle with deep faith questions in classes on alternating weeks (*they WILL attend church school on Homecoming Sunday). On the other weeks, they will attend worship with their families. Members of this class will receive their own new Bibles for use at home and in church school. Middle School youth are also invited to participate in Youth Group programming (see below).

Most Sundays, we will begin Sunday School with a brief opening in the chapel. On Sundays where Communion is served in worship, the children will return to sit with their families so that they can participate.

Nursery care continues to be available for children ages 3 and under and is staffed by two fully-vaccinated, fully-background-checked adults. Children who are 3 are encouraged to attend Godly Play but are welcome to remain in the nursery at your discretion.

If you are interested in serving as a Sunday School teacher or teacher's aid, please contact either Julie or Kate. We are in need of both regular teachers and substitutes. Youth volunteers are welcome.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

We are planning an engaging and exciting year for both our high school and our middle school kids. This year, our kids will engage in traditional Youth Group meetings, where we will gather in fellowship and reflect on biblical themes that echo in our daily lives. We have (really, really fun!) activities and events inside and outside the walls of PCCH being planned and engaging service opportunities in our community coming up. We are also beginning to plan our mission trip for summer 2024!

Good to know:

- We will usually meet in the Youth Group room, located in the Strouse Building.
- A detailed calendar will be emailed to you this week.
- High school youth will come to Youth Group Sunday evenings from 5-7 p.m.
- Middle School Youth will typically come to Youth Group on Sunday evenings on Sundays where they went to worship in the morning. Please see the schedule which will be sent to you this week.

Upcoming dates:

- Sunday, September 10: MS kids go to Sunday School in the morning, HS kids in worship. Sunday evening 5-7 p.m. Youth Group with HS kids only.
- Sunday, September 17: Youth Group Fire Pit Kick Off Party! All MS and HS kids are welcome to this awesome event to be hosted at the Lutz house at 5 p.m. Additional details to come soon!
- Sunday, October 8: MS mini golf mania!

If you are a parent of a middle or high schooler and would be willing to help out sometimes (or regularly!) please let Kate Magid know. We will also need help from time to time with transportation for activities outside church.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MUSIC UPDATE

- Joyful Noise, our children's choir for children ages 3 through grade 5, will begin weekly rehearsals on Sundays from 11:10-11:40 a.m. on September 17.
- Youth Choir, for singers in grades 6-12, will begin weekly rehearsals on Sundays from 4:15-5 p.m. on September 10.
- Both groups will meet in the music and drama room (the "stage room") on the second floor of the Strouse Building.
- **There will be no Youth Choir on September 17, and no Joyful Noise or Youth Choir on October 8.**

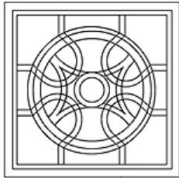
Joyful Noise will sing in worship on the following dates: 11/12, 12/10, 12/24 Christmas Eve Pageant, 2/25, 3/24 Palm Sunday, 5/19, 6/9. They will also perform at Melody and Comedy on 4/27.

Youth Choir will sing in worship on the following dates: 11/12, 12/20, 12/24 Christmas Eve Pageant, 2/4, 3/24 Palm Sunday, 6/9. They will also perform at Melody and Comedy on 4/27, on Youth Sunday (date TBA), and one other Sunday as schedules permit.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at the following: Julie 267-804-2410, jsbishop717@gmail.com
Kate 215-620-8283, katemagid@gmail.com

Forum on the Hill

Presented to a limited number of people in-person at 12:30pm then recorded and posted online starting at 5pm. www.chestnuthillpres.org/education/forum-on-the-hill/



SEPTEMBER 14 12:30PM

THOMAS KEELS

FRANKLIN'S FORGOTTEN PHILADELPHIA

Author and Historian Thomas Keels returns to present more from his book *Forgotten Philadelphia: Lost Architecture of the Quaker City*. This time he is exploring with us *Franklin's Forgotten Philadelphia*. A tour through the vanished city where Benjamin Franklin lived, worked, and helped to create the United States of America.

Tom Keels is a lecturer, writer, and commentator specializing in Philadelphia history and architecture. He is the author or co-author of seven published books, including Philadelphia Graveyards and Cemeteries; Wicked Philadelphia: Sin in the City of Brotherly Love; and Forgotten Philadelphia: Lost Architecture of the Quaker City.

Tom was a Contributing Writer for the Rittenhouse Sq. Revue, writing monthly articles on Philadelphia landmarks and lore. His articles have also appeared in the Chestnut Hill Local, Main Line Times, Springfield Sun, Philadelphia Style Magazine, Germantown Crier, and the Journal of the Historical Society of Montgomery County. His articles on Laurel Hill Cemetery and contractor bosses can be viewed online at The Encyclopedia of Greater Philadelphia.

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Registration Required for in-person attendance.

Contact 215-247-4654 or email msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org

<https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/education/forum-on-the-hill/>

Visit our website above to watch the recorded version after 5pm.

CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center on the Hill is open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. with all our ongoing health practices and protocols in place. New online content is posted Monday to Thursday at 12 p.m. on our programs page: chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs.

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.

SEPTEMBER ART SHOW: ILENE BATTIN, ACRYLICS

The Center on the Hill Hallway Gallery is open for viewing Monday–Fridays 9 a.m.–4 p.m. and Sundays before and after worship.

As said by Ilene Battin, “Mine is a fairly simple story, but no less Ama-ZING. When I began painting I was enamored. While painting, I relaxed, giving attention only to the brush and the paint. When a painting was completed I felt delighted. Sometimes elated, other times frustrated. Most times very happy. I began to see my own distinctive style. Similar to my own handwriting. Recognizable as one of mine. I saw happy all over the paintings. Soon after, a friend wrote to me having seen a photo of my painting and said, ‘If that’s for sale, I want it!’ The rest is history. I paint on canvas and paper but mostly create acrylic paintings on cradle wood panel. I like to make my paintings pop. By adhering small pieces of recycled wood to all sides, my paintings are ready and easy to hang or display on a table or shelf. A spray varnish protects the painting from the environment and further enhances the colors. I’ve been told my style reminds some of Matisse who ‘moved away from exactitude—which according to him was not the truth—and sought the synthesis of form in the essence of its emotions.’ (*Wikipedia*) I most enjoy hearing my paintings make you happy and seeing you smile.”

LET’S PLAY BINGO (*registration required*)

Tuesday September 12, 1–2 p.m., free

Join us for your favorite game, with prizes and snacks provided by some of our partners and friends from different organizations in the area. Meet some new people, and have fun.

STRONG BONES EXERCISE CLASS (*registration required*)

Session 1: September 12–October 31 (no class on 10/10 and 10/17), 1–2 p.m.

\$72 for 6 week session or \$15/class drop in

Studies have proven that doing the right exercises, improving your balance, and making some lifestyle changes, are critical factors in building stronger bones. In addition, active lifestyles are associated with reducing the risk of hip fracture by half. This class will include standing and floor exercises to improve postural alignment, balance, and strength. Physical therapist Joanne Fagerstrom’s program is derived from evidence-based research in the field of osteoporosis. Bring your own mat, but all other equipment will be provided.

SENIOR BALLET: PINK & SILVER SLIPPERS (*registration required*)

Session 1: September 13–October 18, Wednesdays, 9:45–10:45 a.m.

\$99 for 6 week session or \$19/class drop in

Find your inner dancer. If you studied ballet as a child or dreamt of being a ballerina, this class is your dream come true. Basic terminology for ballet barre, center floor, progressions. Karen Taylor-Young has more than 35 years of experience in dance and currently teaches dance and choreographs in Philadelphia and neighboring communities.

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

Tuesday, September 19, 12 p.m., \$12

(*registration and payment required by Friday 9/15, late registration will be \$15*)

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 only costs you \$12? Our large room is full of round tables that are simply decorated and set with white linens and festive tableware. All are welcome.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE AS YOU AGE (*registration required*)

Thursday, September 21, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m., free, light refreshments served

It is important for seniors and their families to consult with experts in long-term care planning to create eldercare financial solutions associated with aging and develop a comprehensive strategy. Planning early for long-term care is crucial for seniors and their families to understand the potential costs involved with aging at home. Long-term care expenses can quickly deplete seniors' savings and become financially burdensome for their families. Seniors who wish to age at home should consider factors such as home modifications, home health care services, and personal care needs. Seniors should plan early for long-term care and take appropriate measures to ensure that they can age comfortably and with dignity while also considering the financial impact of their decisions. Come join our friends from Longevity Income Solutions, Keystone Clinical Studies, and Effraim Home Care for a panel discussion to answer your questions.

CROSSING CHOIR CONCERT

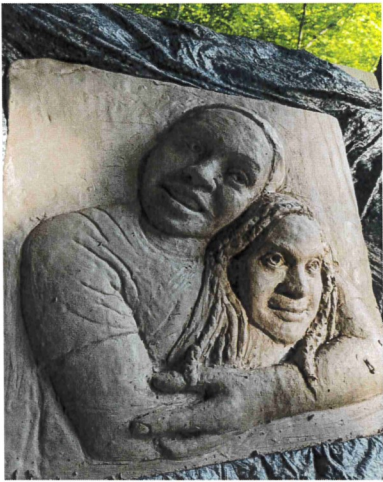
Saturday, September 16, 7 pm, PCCH Sanctuary

Tickets available at crossingchoir.org.

Crickets in Our Backyard—works of Tania Leon, Wang Lu, Ayanna Woods with Claire Chase, flute.

SOULS SHOT PORTRAIT PROJECT™

Portraits of Victims of Gun Violence



Portrait of Antonio Peterson
in progress

Alysse Einbender
ceramic bas-relief

Our artists have been working on their portraits for months. We ask for progress photos from time to time. Above is the bas-relief in progress by sculptor Alysse Einbender. She worked with Wanda Williams who lost her son Antonio Peterson to gun violence.

Thank you to PCCH (and a little help, please)

Dear PCCH Members and friends,

We are grateful to, once again, be installing the Souls Shot Portrait Project exhibition in Widener Hall in November.

Sadly, there are no shortage of victims of gun violence for our passionate artists to represent in their beautiful art-works. This marks the seventh exhibition for Philadelphia area. Our second New Jersey exhibition is traveling there and our first exhibition in Central Pennsylvania is traveling in the state.

With the support of this congregation we have made strides in connecting people in a new and meaningful way with those who have lost their precious lives or had them altered forever by gun violence. We are moving people to take action to work towards peace in our communities; our country.

We still have some opportunities to host the exhibition in 2024. If you know of a space that would be appropriate for the exhibition, please contact me. We are especially interested in colleges and universities as the exhibition provides an excellent opportunity to integrate the issue into many different disciplines and curriculums.

For more information about hosting and volunteering, (we are always looking for volunteers !) please visit our website by scanning the QR code below.

Thank you for your support!

Laura Madeleine

Executive Director

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soulshotportraitproject.org



HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, September 10

Worship

Church School
 Homecoming picnic
 Crossing rehearsal
 Youth choir rehearsal
 Sr. High Fellowship
 Philomusica Board meeting

Homecoming Sunday

sanctuary, 10 a.m.
 Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
 Widener Hall/front lawn, 11:15 a.m.
 sanctuary, 3 p.m.
 Strouse, 4:15 p.m.
 Strouse youth room 5 p.m.
 Harris, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, September 11

Sketching and watercolor class
 AARP Smart Driver course
 Italian conversation group
 Classic table games open play
 WaterMedia level 2
 Qigong
 Alexander technique class
 CY rehearsal
 Philomusica rehearsal
 Finance Committee meeting

room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
 Harris, 10 a.m.
 reception room, 11 a.m.
 room 5, 12 p.m.
 room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
 Harris, 2 p.m.
 Harris, 3:50 p.m.
 choir room/chapel/room 3&4, 5 p.m.
 Widener Hall, 6:30 p.m.
 Harris, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, September 12

Mindfulness practice class
 Sketching and watercolor class
 AARP Smart Driver course
 Mah Jongg class
 Bingo game
 Strong Bones exercise class
 CY (Commonwealth Youth Choir) rehearsal
 Boy Scouts round table
 Royal Scottish country dancers
 Philadelphia Women's Music Project
 Session meeting

room 4, 9:30 a.m.
 room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
 Harris, 10 a.m.
 room 5, 12:30 p.m.
 room 1&2, 1 p.m.
 Widener Hall, 1 p.m.
 sanctuary/choir room/room 3&4, 6 p.m.
 room 1&2, 7 p.m.
 chapel, 7:15 p.m.
 Widener Hall, 7:30 p.m.
 Harris, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, September 13

Rotary Club meeting
 Senior Ballet class
 Rummy tiles open play
 Bible Study group
 Zumba gold class

Widener Hall, 7:30 a.m.
 room 3&4, 9:45 a.m.
 room 5, 10:30 a.m.
 Harris, 11 a.m.
 room 3&4, 11:15 a.m.

Bridge open play	room 1&2, 11:30 a.m.
Staff meeting	Melcher, 1 p.m.
Mah Jongg open play	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Golden yoga class	Widener Hall, 3 p.m.
Weight Watchers group	Harris, 5:15 p.m.
CY rehearsal	sanctuary/choir room/chapel/3&4, 6 p.m.
Deacons' retreat	Widener Hall, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, September 14

BNI meeting	room 5, 7:45 a.m.
Qigong class	Harris, 9 a.m.
Thursday painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Forum on the Hill	Widener Hall, 12:30 p.m.
Mah Jongg MLE group	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Alzheimer's support group	Harris, 2 p.m.
Cub Scout meeting	Melcher, 6 p.m.
Gallery choir rehearsal	choir room, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, September 15

PreSchool Soccer Shots	Widener Hall, 9:30 a.m.
Yoga with Attitude class	Harris, 9:45 a.m.
Scrabble open play	room 5, 10 a.m.
Yoga, A Chair and You class	Harris, 11:30 a.m.
International folk dancing group	room 3&4, 12:30 p.m.
Crossing dress rehearsal	sanctuary, 7 p.m.
PCCH Sober and Out group	Harris, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, September 16

CY rehearsal	all rooms, 8 a.m.
PCCH New Member class	Harris, 10 a.m.
Crossing concert set-up	sanctuary, 12 p.m.
Crossing rehearsal	Widener Hall/chapel, 4 p.m.
Crossing pre-concert talk	chapel, 6 p.m.
Crossing concert	sanctuary, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, September 17

Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener Hall 11:15 a.m.
Joyful Noise rehearsal	Strouse 11:10 a.m.
CY rehearsal	choir room/chapel, 4 p.m.
Youth Choir rehearsal	Strouse, 4:15 p.m.
Senior High youth group	Harris, 7 p.m.

ABOUT PCCH

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL is a lively congregation that has been serving Philadelphia and beyond since 1852. We have been located on this site since 1950. We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Our traditional worship service connects with contemporary approaches to questions of faith and life. We support a wide range of mission partners throughout the city and are home to a number of music groups.

Our membership is drawn from the city and surrounding communities. We aspire to be an inclusive community of faith in our work and worship together.

SESSION

Jill Bown	Lisa Guyer	Taylor Slaughter
Shannon Cavanaugh	Kate Houston	Harry Spaeth
Rebecca DePasquale	James Lutz	James Spause
Gregory Dickinson	Ryan Mann	Margaret Spencer
Matthew Eastman	William Murphy	William Storm
Jack Evans	Elizabeth Podraza	Beth Nell Vaccaro
Graeme Frazier	Michelle Shachtman	Clarke Woodruff

BOARD OF DEACONS

Emily Barth	Becky Frazier	Barbara Olson
Kelly Baughman	Ann Goslin	Thanice Petrak
Mark Bernstein	Beverly Heimbach	Linda Pettengill
Cathy Brzozowski	Lyn Huertgen	Rachelle Pretz
Nicolette Cobbold	Kristin Lawton	Amy Raphael
Beth DeSoo	Emily McCahery	Dominick Rebeck
Alison Ellison	Jane McGill	Deborah Robinson
Debby Evans		Sarah Wright

