

Chestnut Hill Views

From the Pastor's Desk

Happy Summer Everyone!

I think I say that every year around this time, but this year seems to have started with a tremendous BANG! In the last month or so, I think we have had more 90+ days than we have had in the last few years combine. But maybe that is just me. It certainly has been warm already and that means that things are just going to get warmer as we get into the heart of the summer. You all know that I am a fair-weather friend (spring and autumn being my favorite times of the year), and that I am not a huge fan of the heat. However, we have what we have, and we need to figure out how to manage ourselves during those times when we are least comfortable.

As I think about the heat of the summer that is coming our way, I am reminded that every day we are presented with opportunities to change and adapt to what is happening around us. We, as a family of faith, are definitely no different. We have been presented with many opportunities to grow in the last couple of years. Between the changes we needed to make related to not being able to be in worship together, to the changes that have been happening around our physical building. All these changes, I am sure, have given us all a chance to pause and wonder what God has in store for us.

I can tell you that I have seen so much good come out of the time that we have been away from one another, despite all the pain it caused in the moment. If you have not joined us physically in worship yet this year, I invite you to join us. It is time for us to re-connect with those we have missed over the last year. It is time for us to get to know the 8 new members that we have admitted to membership, with 1 more and two baptisms coming up in the next few weeks. That makes 9 new members and 2 brand new believers joining us in our family on the hill. Can you believe it?!?!? Despite being apart for nearly a year, we are growing! This my friends, if nothing else, is something to truly celebrate and remind us that "...in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28, NIV). God is working, making all things new, and still speaking to us...

May God's love surround you this day! Pastor Christian

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Church News

Open For Sunday Worship 9am! The Church has re-opened for socially distanced worship services inside the Church Sanctuary. Masks are optional. Summer worship schedule has begun and worship starts at 9 am. In addition to the in-person worship services, the church will also continue to offer virtual services using the link found on the church website and/or on Facebook.

Pastor's Vacation: Pastor will be on vacation from June 21 through June 28. While he is away, Rev. Dr. Bruce Stevenson will be covering. In the case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Bruce at (610)248-5586.

Faster Internet Service & Better Quality Live-Streaming Is Coming: The Church is currently in the process of updating equipment and internet service to bring you better quality and faster live streaming of worship services. This improved service is schedule to be completed mid-June. Once the work has been completed, the church Wi-Fi names and passwords will change. Watch for information about new names and passwords so that you can reconnect to the church's internet service while you are in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

Annual Church Yard Sale, Bake Sale, & Recycling Event Is Back: The event will return on Saturday Oct 2, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Lower Milford Fire House, located at 1601 Limeport Pike, Coopersburg, PA. Start cleaning out your house and help us make this year's sale a great one!

We are looking for volunteers to help during the week to receive, unpack and set up the donated items we receive for sale. Volunteers are needed Monday Sept 27 - Thursday Sept 30 and Friday October 1 from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Saturday October 2, 2021, we will need help preparing items for pick-up at 2 p.m. (by the Green Drop organization). All items not sold are being donated to Green Drop. If you can help out any night/ day, it would be greatly appreciated. If you can volunteer or would more information about the event, please contact Debbie Koder, 610-390-9026 or e-mail debkoder@yahoo.com

Debbie Weighknecht will be heading up our delicious food items during the day including baked items. If you are interested in donating baked items or soup, please contact Debbie Weighknecht at 610-392-4911.

Items that can be recycled at no charge include small electronics, small appliances and metal. Details will follow. **(Debbie Koder's flyer for the event can be found on page 10).**

Church News, continued ...

Building Fund Donation Thank You: A special thank you to Ed and Gale Hartzell who made a very generous donation toward the exterior wall project! This donation was greatly appreciated. Please be advised that it is never too late to contribute to the Building Fund. Thank you to all who have contributed, no matter the size of the donation.

Pastor Christian's Office Hours: Now that we are beginning to come out of the pandemic and life is beginning to return to normal, Pastor Christian will once again be having office hours during the week. His typical in office hours will be Tuesdays from 9 AM to 1 PM, subject to scheduling changes. If you would like to chat or spend some time with him, please call ahead to make sure that he will definitely be in the office.

Flower Sponsorship: If you are interested in sponsoring Flowers for any Sunday, please sign the Flower Sign-Up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. There are 2 prices for 2 vases, \$25.00 & \$35.00. The flowers are purchased Sunday morning so that they are fresh and beautiful for the altar. Any questions, please speak with Stephanie Creyer.

Confirmation Class: We are in the process of planning a virtual Confirmation Class that will begin this Fall and run September through May. The class will be for all ages (12 to 100+). It is open to anyone who is interested in understanding and exploring their faith as full members of the congregation. If you or someone you know is interested in attending the Confirmation class, please send Pastor Christian an email, by August 1, with contact information so that he can set up a time for folks to get to know one another and learn a little bit about the program and its plans prior to the planned start date the week of September 12.

Deadline for Newsletters: Just a reminder that the deadline for future newsletter article information or submissions is at noon on the 15th of the month prior to the bi-monthly newsletter release; the next deadline is August 15th for September & October newsletter announcements and information.

Volunteers Still Needed: Volunteers are needed to serve in various roles and as part of various committees and groups at Chestnut Hill Church. Chestnut Hill Church Board of Trustees is still looking for a few volunteers to join their team. Anyone with a "hands on" mentality who is able to make small repairs around the church and conduct business primarily via email might be a perfect fit. Please contact Debbie Koder if interested in volunteering - 610-390-9026. There is also still some need for volunteers to join the Missions Team. Please contact Joan Slota, if interested in Missions Team. The Garden Club needs volunteers who can assist with weeding in the garden at your leisure. In addition, Becca Bogart has volunteered to lead a new Team, a Visitation Team, whose responsibility would be to ensure continued connection between the church and its members. If none of these opportunities seem like a good fit for you, please speak with any member of Church Council or Pastor Christian to discuss how your time and talents might fit an opportunity to volunteer.

Church News, continued ...

Summer Worship Music Series: We are excited to feature Hymns of Nature for our summer worship series and dive into some of the history of the hymns that reflect the beauty of God's creation. If anyone has any interest in providing any music for worship, whether it's singing or playing an instrument, solo or in a group, please let Erica (e.dickson@chcucc.org) know. Blessings! ~Erica

CHC T-Shirts: CHC is looking to place a new order for church T-shirts. At this time, there are only a small selection of sizes available. If you are interested in ordering a t-shirt, please contact Debbie Koder, 610-390-9026, with the size of the shirt you would like: S, M, L, XL, and/or 1XL. Also, please let her know if you want a round neck or a V neck T-shirt. The cost for the T-shirts was previously \$10.00, although a confirmation of price won't be available for the new shirts, until a total count of shirts ordered is available.

Ways To Support Chestnut Hill Church

Thrivent Choice Program: If you are a member of Thrivent Financial, make sure you select Chestnut Hill Church as a recipient of your Choice dollars.

Amazon Smile: If you shop through Amazon, make sure you are always going through smile.amazon.com and that Chestnut Hill Church is your chosen charity. Nearly every purchase earns us a contribution shopping on Amazon this way.

E-Offering: We now offer online and automatic giving through myeoffering.com. If you are interested in making your offering via credit card or by automatic withdrawal through your checking account, please sign up today! If you need assistance, please see Pastor Christian and he can help get you setup.

Offer In Person or Via Mail: You may give offerings in person at worship or by setting up an appointment with the Church Secretary or Church Treasurer, 610-967-1196. You may also mail in donations at your leisure.

Interactive & Social Media Connections

Facebook: Don't forget to check in before silencing your device. If you or someone you know would like to be able to access our live feed sermons or to keep up to date on our events, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/269721049717923/> and request to be added to the group.

Instagram: We are now on Instagram. Check us out at [instagram.com/chestnuthillchurchucc/](https://www.instagram.com/chestnuthillchurchucc/)

Online Sermons and Interaction with the Service (trivia and polls): On your smart phones, download and install Faithlife Bible App and request to be part of our presentation group. Pastor Christian will add you and you can use a digital bulletin, interact with the trivia questions, or participate in polls.

Quarterly Town Hall Meeting Recap

The first Town Hall Meeting since the beginning of COVID occurred on Sunday, May 23, 2021, following the worship service. It allowed a time to provide information to members regarding the ongoing business of Chestnut Hill Church, which continued throughout the Pandemic.

The first subject discussed was a water leak that was discovered due to a water pressure drop during ongoing construction work on the church building. Thanks to Glenn Snyder, Harry Rupp, and Debbie Koder, members of the Board of Trustees/Property Maintenance team; they all played an integral part in making sure this was taken care of promptly so that church services that Sunday would not be cancelled.

Ongoing repairs to the church building were discussed, along with information provided on the level of aging damage of the building, additional damage discovered, and how funds would be used from the Miller Endowment Fund to cover repair costs. Additionally, information regarding replacement of the Fellowship Hall flooring was provided.

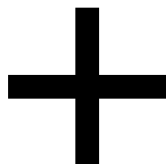
Also discussed was how the church has many committees/teams that are in short supply of additional help to carry out their responsibilities. A challenge was made to the members of the congregation to prayerfully consider how they can best use their own gifts and talents to assist a committee/team of their choice. Becca Bogart volunteered to lead a Visitation Team whose responsibility would be to ensure continued connection between the church and its members. If anyone is interested in being a part of this effort, please let her know. Also, if anyone has a desire to be connected with any of the other teams with an interest to offer support, please contact a member of Council and you will be provided contact information of that specific committee/team.

The congregation was reminded of the limitations upon Pastor's time of which Pastor shared he was going to focus on his three major responsibilities to provide sermons, (a cohesive worship service that can continue to be streamed to members and the community who do not wish to or cannot participate in the physical worship service), and visitation. Pastor's ability to arrange and prepare for video recordings that support the theme presented each Sunday add to its delivery so that he can convey the Good News in multiple ways so as many people as possible can participate.

Finally, many members spoke of the relaxing of the mask requirements in PA and, with a unanimous show of hands, many felt the mask requirements at the church should follow suit. The church still requests that those that have not been fully vaccinated continue to wear a mask, but that they are no longer mandatory for all. Social distancing will remain in effect (the pews will continue to be roped off to allow for that) and windows will be kept open with fans running to allow for air flow whenever possible.

To allow for continued communication between the church and its members, additional Town Hall meetings are anticipated to be scheduled on a quarterly basis.

Chair Yoga Starting Thursday Evenings 6:30-7:30 pm Beginning on Thursday, July 1, 2021



Why do chair yoga?

Just like other forms of yoga, chair yoga provides a number of health benefits – and it's accessible to most people. There are several reasons to give it a try. Yoga is said to:

Enhance strength, endurance, and flexibility

Enhance focus and mental clarity

Improve balance

Provide for some pain and fatigue relief

Provide stress relief

The class will be led by Cindy Buchter, MEd, LPC, RYT-200 (Registered Yoga Alliance Yoga Teacher). Cindy has been providing private individual and small group sessions in the community and is excited to offer this form of yoga to Chestnut Hill Church members, friends of members, and anyone else that is interested in participating from the community.

While the class is offered freely, free will-donations will be accepted for the use of the church building and facilities. Most instructions and postures do not require any additional props; however, you may find bringing the following items helpful to you in your practice:

A yoga strap (an old necktie can also be used)

A tennis ball

Yoga blocks

A bath towel that can be rolled up

The class will run for 8 weeks, from July 1, 2021, until August 19, 2021, and will take place in the Fellowship Hall with windows open or air conditioning running to allow for air flow. Chairs will be spaced apart to allow for distancing. Upon arrival at your first class, you will be asked to sign a waiver in order to participate. **Class size will be limited, so it is highly recommended that you call Cindy prior to the start time of class to reserve a spot. She can be reached at 610-751-1909 or buchtecl@ptd.net.** Each class will be unique, so come to one, or all of them, as your schedule permits!

Please see next page for information concerning COVID safety procedures for Chair Yoga ...

Chair Yoga Information Continued ...

For the continued comfort of all, the mask mandates as outlined on the PA Health website when checked on 6/9/2021 (at [Responding to COVID-19 | PA.GOV](#);) will be followed:

- COVID-19 mitigation measures have been lifted in Pennsylvania.
- The masking order will be lifted on June 28 or when 70 percent of adults are fully vaccinated, whichever comes first. ([Our class starts after this date](#))
- Fully vaccinated Pennsylvanians may choose not to wear a mask, unless they are required by a business or organization. ([We are no longer requiring masks be worn by individuals who have been fully vaccinated](#))
- Businesses and individuals are encouraged to follow [CDC safety guidance](#) (listed below)

As taken from the CDC website last updated on May 16, 2021:

When You've Been Fully Vaccinated

- [If you are fully vaccinated](#), you can resume activities that you did prior to the pandemic.
- Fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.
- If you haven't been vaccinated yet, [find a vaccine](#).

Groups of Chestnut Hill Church

Fellowship of Mindful Men (FoMM) FoMM is a men's fellowship group designed to provide a space to look at ways to grow closer to God and one another. If you are interested in more information, or joining the group, please contact David Kadingo, alfdaver@gmail.com.

Grief Support Group: The Grief Support Group, led by Craig Adams, is regularly checking in with its members in need of support and is currently meeting the [last Saturday of each month](#), the Grief Support group will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 pm at Chestnut Hill Church. This support group is free of charge for ANYONE, whether they are a member of our church or not. If you, or someone you know, might benefit from this group and want more information - please contact Craig Adams, 610-554-4967.

Garden Club Needs Your Help!!!: The Garden Committee is requesting anyone who is able and willing to please assist with the weeding of the garden. This can be done at your leisure, even if you have only a small amount of time to spare. The Garden Club states not to be worried about pulling out the wrong plants as 'weeds pull easy', plants will not pull easy. If you do accidentally pull a plant that is not a weed, they will be forgiving. SO, all help is welcome! They noted it's a great stress reliever too. Any help will be much appreciated!

Groups of Chestnut Hill Church, continued ...

Whine, Women, Worry: Whine Women & Worry will be meeting on Monday July 26th & August 23rd at 6:00 p.m. Please bring your chair as we will be meeting outside in the Garden, weather permitting of course. If the weather is inclement, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies of the church are welcome to attend.

On April 24, 2021, WWW hosted a Food Drive for Betty Lou's Food Pantry and was very appreciative of the turnout and pantry items donated. Below are a few snap shots from the event. WWW will be collecting items for Betty Lou's Pantry throughout this summer, please see the next page for BLP needs. *Photos below, courtesy of Laura Held.*



Pictured above, donations for Betty Lou's packed several vehicles.

Pictured below are Joan Slota, Robin Shedlauskas and Carol Vaslik waiting to help unload/ load more drive-up donations.



Pictured above, Debbie Wagstaff waits for more donations to arrive.

Pictured below are Carol Vaslik and Alice Debus.



Groups of Chestnut Hill Church, continued ...

Betty Lou's Pantry:



WWW Sponsoring Summer Collections

Toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste/brushes, aspirin, body lotion, shaving products, band aids, etc.

(these are products that cannot be purchased with food stamps)

Place donations in bin on table in Fellowship Hall. If you'd like to contribute but are not ready to return to physical church, contact Alice Debus (adebus1@ptd.net) or Laura Held (heldy2@ptd.net)

Always in need at BLP: chunky soups, baked beans/kidney beans, tuna/meat helper, non-sugared cereal, jelly (not grape), laundry detergent



Recycle your old unwanted, broken and outdated electronics and appliances.

Annual Yard/Bake Sale and Electronic Recycling Program

**Chestnut Hill Church will be held at
The Lower Milford Fire House
1601 Limeport Pike, Coopersburg
Saturday October 2, 2021 8 am - 2 pm**

8 am – Until the truck is full (approx. 12 noon)

Items that can be recycled FREE of charge are listed below:

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| ♻️ Telephones/Cell Phones | ♻️ Desktop/Laptop Computers |
| ♻️ LCD Monitors / LCD (flat) TVs | ♻️ Gaming Systems |
| ♻️ Stereos & Speakers/Cables & Cords | ♻️ Printers/Fax Machines/Floor Copiers |
| ♻️ Smart Boards/Keyboards & Mice | ♻️ Copiers/Scanners/Print Cartridges |
| ♻️ UPS Battery Backups/Laptop Batteries | ♻️ Metal Items |
| ♻️ Audio Visual Equipment/Plotters | ♻️ Calculators/Adding Machines |
| ♻️ Microwaves / Small Appliances | ♻️ Exercise Equipment |
| ♻️ Stoves / Dishwasher | ♻️ DVD Players/VCR's / Filing Cabinets |

Item that are NOT Accepted:

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| ♻️ NO Appliances with Freon | ♻️ GO to our website for detailed list of |
| ♻️ NO Refrigerators | ♻️ Items accepted and not accepted. |
| ♻️ NO Freezers | ♻️ |
| ♻️ NO Dehumidifiers | ♻️ NO CRT Computer Monitors |
| ♻️ NO Air Conditioners | ♻️ NO CRT Televisions |

Chestnut Hill Church in Coopersburg Phone: 610-967-1196 OR call Debbie 610-390-9026

Go to our website: www.chestnuthillchurch.org and click on EVENTS.

We will be accepting clothing, household items, nic naks, furniture, books, Toys, etc. in new or slightly used condition. Please no broken items.

Monday Sept. 27 – Thursday Sept. 30 and Friday October 1, from 7 pm to 9 pm nightly at the Lower Milford Fire House on Limeport Pike.

All items not sold at the yard sale are donated to Green Drop Charitable Donations and sponsor St. Vincent de Paul of Philadelphia.

All money raised at the yard sale goes directly to the church to help offset our fuel bill.

Conference Happenings

For all news and updates on the Conference, please see <https://pnec.org/this-week-in-pnec/>.

Get READY! Our bi-annual national gathering has gone virtual! Which means that everyone can participate in this year's gathering. Check out the UCC website for links to the worship and meeting information. Also, we have two delegates attending General Synod this year, Pastor Christian and Stephanie Creyer. We will be live streaming worship from General Synod this year, so if the meeting information is not of interest, you might be interested in worshiping with the entire denomination at a very special time in our history. Everyone can register and participate. The events begin the week of July 5 and continue through July 18. See the UCC website for more information, which can be found at the following link: <https://www.generalsynod.org/> Every night from 5:30pm until at least 9:30pm there are meetings and events in which all can participate.



Neighbors in Need Offering: Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, this special offering will be collected on World Communion Sunday (October 3) and will go to support projects like this one...In South Carolina, Peace Congregational United Church of Christ Congregation members and the Clemson community are working side-by-side in the design and construction of a tiny house, a mobile residency for a person in the LGBTQ community who is no longer welcome at home. The \$20,000 project is in progress with the help of a \$10,000 Grasstop Grant from UCC Justice and Witness Ministries, the first occupant could be ready to find refuge there in January. Please consider giving to these ministries!

Worship Schedule & Information

Upcoming Service Information and *Tentative Sermons: (focus passage in bold)*

July and August: We will be spending some time over the summer looking at and celebrating some of our hymns of nature.

07/04/21	6th Sunday of Pentecost	Ephesians 4:25-5:2
	Sermon Series: "Hymns of Nature: Starting Right!"	
07/11/21	7th Sunday of Pentecost	Matthew 25:31-46
	Sermon Series: "Hymns of Nature: The Least of These"	
07/18/21	8th Sunday of Pentecost	Isaiah 35:4-7
	Sermon Series: "Hymns of Nature: Being Strong"	
07/25/21	9th Sunday of Pentecost	Psalms 45:1-2, 6-9
	Sermon Series: "Hymns of Nature: Anointed with Grace"	
08/01/21	10th Sunday of Pentecost	Psalms 48
	Sermon Series: "Hymns of Nature: What is Stewardship"	
08/08/21	11th Sunday of Pentecost	James 1:17-27
	Sermon Series: "Hymns of Nature: We are the First Fruits"	
08/15/21	12th Sunday of Pentecost	Philippians 3:4-14
	Sermon Series: "Hymns of Nature: Pressing Forward"	
08/22/21	13th Sunday of Pentecost	Psalms 24
	Sermon Series: "Hymns of Nature: To Whom Do We Belong?"	
08/29/21	14th Sunday of Pentecost	Psalms 148
	Sermon Series: "Hymns of Nature: God Created It All"	
09/05/21	15th Sunday of Pentecost	Genesis 45:1-15
	Sermon Series: "Hymns of Nature: God Sends Us Out"	



Bible Trivia

Exported from *Logos Bible Software...* Answers on page 14

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BARREN	BLAZING	CAUSES
DESERT	DESPISES	EARTH
ENOUGH	FATHER	FIRE
FOOL	FOUR	GRAVE
KING	LEECH	MAKE
MOCKS	MORE	MOTHER'S
MOUTH	NEVER	ROCK
SATISFIED	STRUT	SUCKERS
THERE	THINGS	THIRSTY

Financial Report, Celebrations & Pastor Contact Information

Financial Report

Checking/Savings Accounts: (As of May 31, 2021)

QNB checking	\$ 8,870.05
Building Fund	\$ 3,941.29
Special Savings	\$ 35,668.98

Investment Portfolio:

Miller Endowment

(As of 5-31-2021) \$ 473,847.01

Hoff Endowment

(As of 5-31-2021) \$ 212,615.67

Ameriprise

(As of 6-11-2021) \$ 12,553.88

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

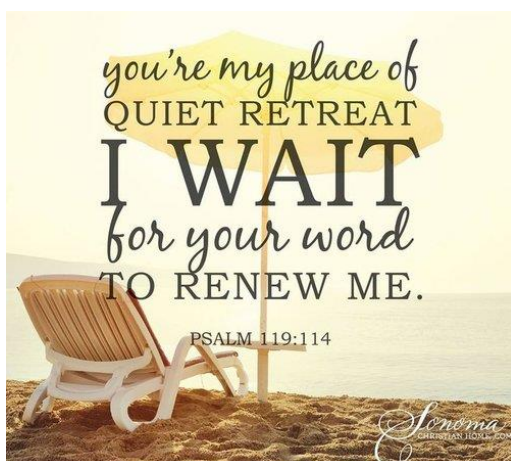
Kimberly Slota

July 11th



Answers for crossword puzzle
on previous page 13.

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K G W R R S G N I H T E
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K O W M H T G N U F R N K
K N C H T R A E H O I V C
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U N P M D E I S I S A T S
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If you would like to make an appointment to see Pastor Christian, please call, text, or email.

Pastor Christian will be in the office on Tuesdays from 9 AM to 1 PM, please call first.