

Chestnut Hill Views

From the Pastor's Desk

Note from the Pastor:

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Those chants and refrains still echo in my ears and heart. It was such a wonderful Lent. We had a chance to study God's word and be in fellowship with one another. I am so grateful to the folks who committed to being part of the conversation and being with me as we stumbled our way through understanding what God expects of our relationship with Him.

As we head into the summer months, I know that folks will be taking vacations and spending time with family. Let's not forget though that our work, as Christ's hands and feet continues. Summer is often a time when activities slow down, and our minds settle into a slower routine. However, those on the fringe of society never get the chance to slow down or relax.

This Lenten Season, we explored what Jesus' final week entailed in detail. As we move into the Easter season, I want to challenge us to hold onto what we have learned and seen together. We all need to foster a sense of love and family as we look to the future and what God has in store for us.

We have so much going. This newsletter speaks to that and there are details of all the happenings of the church. So let's all find a way to get involved. And if there is something that you would like to try, let us know, let Council know or let our Vitality Team know and we will see what we can do to get that project or team started.

Let us make this world better and let us make our family the best that it can be! Peace and blessings,

Pastor Christian

Conference Happenings:

<u>Conference Spring Meeting:</u> The Conference's Spring Meeting is being held (or was held) on Saturday, May 4 at Church of the Good Shepherd in Alburtis. Among the items to be discussed (or were discussed) is the annual financial information, several workshops, and information will be given by our Ministry Teams of the Conference. If you are interested, please see the Conference website for more information (www.pnec.org)

Other Announcements:

MISSION TEAM NEWS:

Mission Team News: We are excited announce a few things that we are working on for the summer. Keep an eye on the TV monitors and bulletins for information on how to get involved with the projects we are planning. If there is something that you might be interested in working on, please let someone on the team know of your desires and ideas. Some of the things that we are working on are projects with Habitat for Humanity, a project with the other 11 churches who serve Betty Lou's Pantry to provide financial assistance for those in need in our local communities, and other ways to serve our local community and beyond.

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We still have some CHC T-shirts available for sale at \$10.00

If you are interested in a T-shirt and I don't have your size, let me know

I was also asked about children's t-shirts.

Let me know and maybe if we have enough of an interest we could get another order together.

Thanks Debbie 610-390-9026

Let's Play Ball!!! Our annual Faith Night at the Iron Pigs Baseball Park Is set for Wednesday May 22nd. Game time is 7:05 pm.

Cost is \$11.00 pp and you get a \$2.00 food or souvenir credit.

See Debbie Koder to sign up. 610-967-1975

In March a small group of us attend the Vitality seminar at Jordan Church, one of the items discussed and reviewed was how accessible and user friendly was your website.

We noticed that on our iPhone, we could not view all our individual tabs at the top, only the main page came up.

Please take a look, as our website has a new look on your iPhone!

In the upper right hand corner there are 3 lines, click on those 3 lines and it will take you to our menu.

Previously you were not able to get to the menu/individual pages.

Also at the bottom of the screen, you have 3 icons, just click on:

Address: This will bring up Google maps with directions and address to our church

Donate: You can donate money to the church

Facebook: You can see what's happening on our FB page

Our website is: www.chestnuthillchurch.org

More items to come in the future, that will make our website more user friendly.

I hope you like the look and ease of viewing the church's website on your desktop and your iPhone.

If you have something you would like added to the website, please email it to Debbie Koder – debboder@yahoo.com

Chestnut Hill Church is busy making it a lot easier for you to stay in touch and in communication with The church, our members and our friends.

If you are not already on Facebook with CHC, what are you waiting for?

We have 2 pages on FB, the first one below is our closed group, anyone can join this group, but we need you to send us a request to join.

We currently have 72 members who have already joined and we have over 250 members in our congregation, so let's see if we can get more to join us.

Please go to this link: https://www.facebook.com/groups/269721049717923/ to join the group.

The 2nd Facebook account below is open to the public and it will show everything we post on our closed group.

This is a great page for people to use when they are searching for a church, maybe even our church!

If you have any questions, please see Debbie Koder 610-390-9026

Chestnut Hill Church Annual Yard Sale is Saturday October 5, 2019 From 8 am – 2 pm at the Lower Milford Firehouse Located at 1601 Limeport Pike Coopersburg, PA 18036 For more information call Debbie 610-390-9026

Items we cannot accept for the yard sale:

Large Appliances

Dishwashers, dryers, washers, heaters, stoves, refrigerators and AC units.

Electronics

All tube TVs and tube computer monitors.

Furniture

No particle board, wicker furniture, soiled furniture or furniture exceeding 50 pounds including: bedroom sets; dining room sets; living room sets; office desks and related furniture; upholstered furniture; loveseats and futons; mirrors; dressers/chest of drawers; storage trunks; entertainment centers; pool and ping-pong tables; sofas; couches and pianos.

Household Items

BBQ grills and tanks, carpets, fans, bottles, cans, liquids and food, crutches and walkers, wheelchairs and scooters, gas tools, hangers, auto rims, tires, ramps, exercise equipment, scrap items, lawn mowers, gas weed eaters and edgers.

Beds

Frames, head and footboards, rollaways and cots, box springs, mattresses or convertible beds and waterbeds.

Books

Encyclopedias, magazines, periodicals and newspapers.

Baby Items

Bassinets, car seats, carriages, changing tables, playpens, baby walkers, high chairs and strollers

Bible Trivia:

From <u>Bible Puzzles, Quizzes & Brain Twisters: the BIG FUN variety collection</u>...all answers are listed on page ____9_.

Parents and Children: Match each Bible child with his or her mother...

DINAH Rachel Leah Sarah **SOLOMON** Bathsheba Elizabeth Delilah MIRIAM Rachel Joanna Jochebed OBED Esther Ruth Naomi SETH Eve Sarah Rebekah SAMUEL Mary Hannah Ruth TIMOTHY Lois Eunice Dorcas **JAMES** Sarah Joanna Mary **JESUS** Mary Sarah

Rebekah

Each month Stephanie will be "interviewing" one of our members in an effort to get to know everyone at Chestnut Hill. As part of that process, Stephanie will also write up a "story" of that person's life for the newsletter. Let's see how much you know about your fellow Chestnut Hill family members.

March Congregation Corner Member:

Hi to all my Chestnut Hill Church friends and family!

I am going to be difficult to disguise, so let's see how Stephanie does in trying to keep my identity secret, at least for a few folks. I was born at home to my parents over 80 years ago. I was raised in this church, so I have many memories here. As a young child I enjoyed running with the farm animals through the fields, I know it sounds silly, but I had a lot of enjoyment doing that. I married young and was married to my sweetheart for a very long time. Our lives were wonderful. I have 3 children and the best moments were seeing them all married here in the church. I have 3 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. I loved teaching Sunday School and enjoy seeing some of my old students that attend church. My favorite Hymn is How Great thou Art.

Spring is my favorite time of year.

I enjoy being able to spend time outside in the fresh air.

I like to work outside in the garden and trimming my hedges.

When I was much younger, I enjoyed a nice long walk.

One time we walked so far that we had to call a family member for a ride home! Those were the good old days.

If I could ask anyone a question from the Bible, it would be God. I would ask him if I was doing a good job at being a servant of the Lord. I hope his answer would be yes.

Who am I?

April Congregation Corner Member:

Hi Everyone,

I haven't been coming to Chestnut Hill for many years like other folks, you could call me a "newbie". I enjoy the activities church has to offer. I enjoy participating in the programs we have in church. My favorite hymn is All is Well.

I love to sing and act, in fact I am going to be in my second play this coming March. Cheerleading is my favorite sport.

I have a brother, 1 dog, 2 cats ,a guinea pig and a lizard.

A few of my favorite things are Fried Rice, Country Music and the movie The Longest Ride. I enjoy spending my free time in the Summer with my Nan! My favorite place so far to vacation is Bermuda, "the water is so beautiful, and I love the lizards".

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May Congregation Corner Member:

Hi to all my Chestnut Hill Church friends and family!

I am relatively new to Chestnut Hill Church but I feel like I have been here for a long time. I enjoy worshipping and spending time with the new church family. I was born and raised in Allentown. As a small child I remember going to church on a few occasions with my friend. It is funny how you remember things, but we did a special service as the youth and my part was the benediction, maybe Pastor Christian will let me try it sometime.

I enjoy cooking and baking, playing Candy Crush and a new found hobby of diamond painting. I am married to a wonderful spouse; I have one child and one grandchild. The best days for me are when I can spend them with my family, I wish I could spend more time with the ones I love, but I take full advantage of those days when I can.

My favorite church hymn is I love to tell the story. I hope to have many more years here at Chestnut Hill.

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JUNE: A warm hello to my Chestnut Hill Church friends and family!

I have been attending Chestnut Hill Church for a very long time. I have made many friends by attending here and some of my extended family also worship here. I was born in Quakertown many years ago and after leaving the area for several years I came back to Coopersburg to make my home here again.

I met my spouse and dated only a short time and then we were married. We traveled across the country in our younger days as my spouse was in the service, Florida, California, Maryland, Mississippi and then back to Pennsylvania when my spouse retired. My favorite state was Maryland, we would enjoy the outdoors fishing & crabbing. We raised 3 children along the way, but one of my children is in Heaven with Jesus, I know my angel is watching over me.

My favorite food is Seafood, yummy, can't get enough of it. I enjoy doing many hobbies in the crafting area, quilting is the closest to my heart. I once entered a contest and won a Blue Ribbon for quilting a Friendship Dahlia. After years of keeping it, I sold it for 450.00. I enjoy the movie The Color Purple and my favorite hymn is How Great thou Art.

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ELECTRONIC OFFERING

If you would like to give your offering electronically, we now have a method for you to do just that. Below are the instructions to set up you electronic offering account. Follow the instructions on the website. If you need added help: Pat Snyder or Pastor Christian can help you.

For those who wish to continue using the regular offering envelopes, you will continue to receive the envelopes in the mail as you have in the past. The envelopes will continue to be mailed to you every 2 months. If you have any questions about the envelopes, please contract Pat Snyder.

E Offering

myEoffering.com

On Log in screen

Click "register"

Name

E-mail

Password

Church

Click on Chestnut Hill Church

Forget member number/ NOT NEEDED

Wallet

Checking/savings account

Credit card

Offerings setup

Amount

Fund (General, improvement)

Church

Funding source

Add Fees \$.30 for Checking/savings Credit card fees determined by card co.

Frequency Weekly, Monthly, etc.

To Log In you need your email and password.

Facebook

If you would like to join CHC Facebook page group, please click on this link and ask to join.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/269721049717923/

Financial Report—March 31, 2019

Checking Account

QNB checking	\$	12,019.78	
Building Fund	\$	9,475.65	(31:1 msM); A.e
Special Savings	\$	40,260.44	7. B; (2 Tim 1:5) 8. C; (Mark 16:1)
Investment Portfol	io		6. B; (I Sam 1:20)
Miller Endowment	\$ 4	428,029.35	4. 4. B; (Matt 1:5) 5. A; (Gen 4:25)
Hoff Endowment	\$ 2	204,864.39	3. 3. C; (Num 26:59)
Ameriprise		\$ 8,855.06	Answers: 1. B; (Gen 30:20-21) 2. 2. A; (2 Sam 12:24);

Whine Women & Worry

Happy Spring to Chestnut Hill Church. Our group is hard at work again this year with several new things coming to the church. Last summer each month we specified a charity that we were donating money to, this year we have another endeavor. We are planning a summer campaign, but that is all I can tell you for now. In the next newsletter you will have all of the details, for now, we still need the approval of council to go forward, but there will be updates in the bulletin as to what we are doing as we get approval.

We are planning to have a "Campfire & Conversation" at our firepit on Friday evening May 3 at 6:30. The group will provide hot dogs and s'more makings, who doesn't enjoy a campfire? Bring your chairs and your friends and join us. If you know anyone who would like to bring a guitar, that would be an awesome idea! We hope to see you there.

Ladies, if you haven't yet come out to one of our meetings, please join us some time, we have a lot of fun. We meet the 3rd Monday of the month.