

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

HAPPENING AT PCCH

DEACON'S BRUNCH

Join us today, Sunday, February 2 for brunch and fellowship with our Deacons immediately after worship. We look forward to seeing you there!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship will meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month. The next meeting of the new Men's Fellowship will be Thursday, February 6 from 2-3:30 p.m. in the reception room. Please call Ron Rising at 203.206.7299 with any questions or concerns.

PCCH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Harris room. Our next meeting will be on February 5. Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle will be leading the discussion which will focus on the biblical text used for the upcoming Sunday's sermon, **Matthew 6:25-34**. All are welcome.

COCKTAIL PARTIES WITH THE REV. ELLEN WILLIAMS HENSLE

We are hosting a series of informal cocktail parties in the coming months at the homes of church members. Join us in a relaxed, social atmosphere to meet Ellen and Tom, hear more about Ellen's vision for the church, and connect with fellow members of our congregation. Our next cocktail parties will be held on February 8 and February 21 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sign up at tinyurl.com/6eu8dnvh or on the bulletin board outside the office.

MEET AND GREET WITH THE REV. ELLEN WILLIAMS HENSLE

On Sunday, February 16, grab a refreshment from Widener Hall and join the Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle in Harris to get to know her better! *Meet and Greets* will be held beginning at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome.

FAMILY AND YOUTH EVENTS WITH THE REV. ELLEN WILLIAMS HENSLE

We are planning events specifically designed for families with children and youth: these will provide more opportunities for our younger members to interact with Ellen in ways that are engaging and fun. Youth (grades six to twelve) are invited to spend time with Ellen on February 9 after worship. Families and children (kindergarten to fifth grade) are invited to spend time with Ellen on March 9 after worship. More details to follow.

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NEW MEMBER CLASS

Are you interested in becoming a member of our wonderful community? Join us on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 10 a.m. for a New Member class. All are welcome. Contact Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle at ewhensle@chestnuthillpres.org with questions or to sign up!

GOT PRINT?

The Music & Arts committee wants to rescue all those magazines and flyers from your recycling bin! We're planning a multimedia arts workshop after church on Sunday, February 23, and we're looking for colorful printed materials to use in creating collage pieces. Please drop off magazines, etc. to the box in the church office. Thanks very much! (And stay tuned for details about the 2/23 workshop, when we'll be creating art for a PCCH exhibition to complement the Gallery Choir's March 8 performance of Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass: Mass for Troubled Times*.)

SPAM EMAIL NOTICE

We want to alert you to an issue regarding spam emails that have been circulating, falsely using the names of some of our staff. These emails may ask for sensitive information or request that you click on suspicious links. To ensure your digital safety, please make sure to verify that the email address is valid before sending any personal or private information or clicking on any included links. Remember that our staff will never ask you for gift cards or emergency funds via email. If you ever have questions about an email's validity, please feel free to call the office for verification. Thank you.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Date	PreK-2nd Grade	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8
2/2	Greg Dickinson and Sarah Wright	Dom Rebeck and Brandon Harris	stay in worship

Classes will be offered for three different age groups:

- Children ages three to second grade will engage in faith formation through Godly Play curriculum.
- Children in grades three to five 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 six to eight 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 two to three 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.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Middle and high school youth will not meet after worship today. Youth Group will not meet on the first Sunday of the month but will instead engage in Service Sunday after worship.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MUSIC UPDATE

Joyful Noise, our children's choir for ages three through grade five, 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 six to 12, will rehearse today from 12-12:45 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

Open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. New online content is posted Monday through Thursday at 12 p.m. on our programs page: chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs.

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.

AGING IN PLACE GROUP (*registration required*)

Thursday, February 6 (the first Thursday of each month), 2:15 p.m., free

Join the conversation and share ideas, tips, tricks, thoughts and concerns that come up in your daily lives. Discuss your insights and observations about the world around you in a welcoming environment. Find support, friendship, and helpful information in this group lead by Megan Do Nascimento, the wellness coordinator at Awbury Arboretum in East Mt. Airy.

HEART HEALTH (*registration required*)

Thursday, February 6, 11 a.m., free

This presentation will cover topics related to heart health such as: defining cardiovascular disease, myths vs. facts, risk factors, warning signs of heart attack and stroke, tips for a healthy heart, understanding the mind-body connection, preparing for doctor visits, plus helpful resources. Presented by UPMC Community HealthChoices.

FEBRUARY ART SHOW:

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL (PCCH) PRESCHOOL

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

MEET THE ARTISTS RECEPTION

Thursday, February 6, 6 p.m., free

This month will feature a very special show presenting works by the youngest members of our community, who attend the Preschool here. Expect colorful expressions of creativity to adorn the walls at the center, and be sure to come and see what they have dreamt up in their imaginations to share with us.

“The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge, but imagination!”—Albert Einstein

LETS PLAY BINGO (*registration required*)

Tuesday, February 11, 1 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. Come out, meet some new people, and have fun!

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, February 2

Worship

Church School

Deacon's Brunch

Youth Group

Joyful Noise rehearsal

American Dance Wheels class

Tempesta Di Mare concert

Lord's Supper

sanctuary, 10 a.m.

Strouse, 10 a.m.

Widener Hall, 11 a.m.

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Strouse or sanctuary, 11:10 a.m.

Widener, 2 p.m.

sanctuary, 4 p.m.

MONDAY, February 3

Sketching and Watercolor class

AARP Smart Driver class

Tai Chi group

Table Games open play

WaterMedia Level Two class

The Crossing rehearsal

Qigong class

Philadelphia Youth Choir rehearsal

Philomusica Chorale rehearsal

room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.

Harris, 10 a.m.

room 3&4, 10 a.m.

room 5, 12 p.m.

room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.

sanctuary, 2 p.m.

Harris, 2 p.m.

chapel, choir, room 3&4, 5:15 p.m.

Widener, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, February 4

Rotary Club meeting

Sketching and Watercolor class

Mindfulness Practice group

AARP Smart Driver class

Introduction to Tai Chi class

Mah Jongg open play

Strong Bones class

Watercolor and Drawing Foundations class

Strong Bones class

American Dance Wheels class

Deacons meeting

Royal Scottish Dancers group

Philadelphia Women's Music Project rehearsal

Scouts district meeting

room 5, 7:30 a.m.

room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.

room 4, 9:30 a.m.

Harris, 10 a.m.

room 3&4, 11:30 a.m.

room 5, 12:30 p.m.

Widener, 1 p.m.

room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.

Widener, 2:15 p.m.

Widener, 4:30 p.m.

Harris, 6:30 p.m.

chapel, 7 p.m.

Widener, 7:30 p.m.

room 1&2, 7:30 p.m.

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, February 5

Rotary Club meeting	Widener, 7:30 a.m.
Organ practice	sanctuary, 9 a.m.
Beginning Tai Chi class	Widener, 10:30 a.m.
Rummy Tiles open play	room 5, 10:30 a.m.
PCCH Bible study	Harris, 10:30 a.m.
Continuing Tai Chi class	Widener, 11:15 a.m.
Bridge open play	room 1&2, 11:30 a.m.
Intermediate Tai Chi class	Widener, 12:30 p.m.
Basics of Android Phone class	Harris, 1 p.m.
Staff meeting	reception, 1 p.m.
Mah Jongg open play	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
The Crossing rehearsal	sanctuary, 2 p.m.
Golden Yoga class	Widener, 3 p.m.
Weight Watchers meeting	Harris, 5:15 p.m.
Philadelphia Youth Choir rehearsal	chapel, choir, Widener, room 3&4, 6:15 p.m.
MALT Beginning Piano class	room 1&2, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, February 6

Qigong class	Harris, 9 a.m.
Painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Outdoor Gardeners	Widener, 10:30 a.m.
The Crossing rehearsal	sanctuary, 11 a.m.
Heart Health class	Harris, 11 a.m.
Chair Cardio class	room 3&4, 1 p.m.
Mah Jongg group	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
French Conversation group	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Men's Fellowship meeting	reception, 2 p.m.
Aging in Place group	Harris, 2:15 p.m.
American Dance Wheels class	Widener, 4:30 p.m.
Meet the Artist reception	COTH hallway, 6 p.m.
MALT Ballroom class	Widener, 6:30 p.m.
Gallery Choir rehearsal	choir room, 8 p.m.

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

FRIDAY, February 7

Yoga with Attitude class	Harris, 9:45 a.m.
Fun with Watercolor Techniques class	room 1&2, 10 a.m.
Scrabble Play group	room 5, 10 a.m.
Yoga, a Chair and You class	Harris, 11:30 a.m.
International Folk Dancing class	room 3&4, 12:30 p.m.
The Crossing concert	sanctuary, 7 p.m.
PCCH Sober & Out group	Harris, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, February 8

Building cleaning	
Youth Group Cooking Chili group	kitchen, 9 a.m.
Philadelphia Youth Choir rehearsal	chapel, choir, room 3&4, Widener, 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, February 9

Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener Hall, 11 a.m.
Youth Group	Strouse, 11:10 a.m.
Joyful Noise rehearsal	Strouse or sanctuary, 11:10 a.m.
Youth Choir rehearsal	Strouse, 12 p.m.

Dear Saints of PCCH,

Below you will find a summary of the church's finances through December 31, 2024. Thank you to everyone who contributed financially to the life of our community in 2024. We were able to make up a significant gap in congregational giving at the end of the year and finish closer (though not all the way) to a balanced budget. Endowment draws are covering our deficit of \$32,844.

We are still in the process of developing the church budget for 2025. You can help us in this process by making a pledge if you have not done so already. Making and fulfilling a pledge allows you to be intentional in your financial commitment and provides critical information for church leadership as we plan our ministry for the year ahead. Pledges of any size are welcome and valued, and it is never too late to submit one. You can pick up a pledge card in the church office.

If you have questions about your pledge, or would like to learn more about the pledging process, please contact our church administrator Rachel Cline: rcline@chestnuthillpres.org. To discuss alternative giving methods such as Qualified Charitable Distributions or donating stock, please contact finance chair Hap Spaeth: hapsaeth@gmail.com.

I am excited for the year ahead and look forward to seeing where God will lead us!

In Christ,
The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle

2024 OPERATING FUND FINANCIAL SUMMARY January 1—December 31, 2024

	2024 Annual Budget	2024 YTD Actual	2023 YTD Actual
Congregational Response	693,000	619,642	612,805
Endowment Draws	154,073	225,807	158,691
Other Sources of Funds	158,000	187,970	160,036
Total Sources of Funds	1,005,073	1,033,419	951,532
All Expenses and Mission	1,005,073	1,066,263	951,532
Difference	0	32,844	0