

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.

PCCH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Harris room. We will not meet for the next two weeks. Our next Bible Study will be on January 8, 2025. Ellen Williams Hensle will be leading the discussion which will focus on the biblical text used for the upcoming Sunday's sermon. All are welcome.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting of the new Men's Fellowship will be Thursday, January 2, 2025 from 2-3:30 p.m. in the reception room. Please call Ron Rising at 203.206.7299 with any questions or concerns.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSAL

All children who signed up for the Christmas Pageant, please remember there is a mandatory rehearsal today, Sunday, December 22, immediately following worship.

YOUTH SERVICE SUNDAY

On the first Sunday of every month, middle and high school youth will engage in a service project immediately after worship. The next *Youth Service Sunday* will be Sunday, January 5.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday, January 21, 7:30 p.m. in the upper room of Campbell's Place, 8337 Germantown Avenue. Mark Bernstein will be the presenter. All are welcome. Any questions, please contact the church office.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT PCCH

We have updated our Christmas Eve schedule for the 2024 season. Our earlier worship and children's Christmas Pageant will remain at 4:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Our evening service of Lessons & Carols will begin at 9 p.m. with the prelude, featuring the PCCH Festival Brass, beginning at 8:30 p.m. Please contact the office with any questions.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Date	PreK-2nd Grade	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8
12/22	Rebecca DePasquale And Katie O'Dwyer	Anna Storm and Buddy Storm	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 meet immediately after worship each week until noon in the Youth Group room. Lunch will be provided. 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 not rehearse today due to the Christmas Pageant rehearsal.

Youth Choir, for grades six to twelve, will not rehearse today due to the Christmas Pageant rehearsal. 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-Thursday at 12 p.m. on our programs page here: chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs. Call 215.247.4654 or email msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org to register. The Center will be closed Monday, December 23 through Friday, January 3 for the holiday break.

Upcoming classes and events

The Center on the Hill is closed Monday, December 23-Friday, January 3 for the holiday break! We will reopen on Monday, January 6th when registration will begin for winter classes and activities.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, December 22

Worship

Church school

Christmas Pageant rehearsal

Fellowship

Youth Group

Youth Choir rehearsal

The Crossing concert

Advent 4

sanctuary, 10 a.m.

Strouse, 10:20 a.m.

sanctuary, 11 a.m.

Widener, 11 a.m.

Strouse, 11:10 a.m.

Strouse, 12 p.m.

sanctuary, 5 p.m.

MONDAY, December 23

Center on the Hill closed

TUESDAY, December 24

Christmas Eve Service and Pageant

Music Prelude

PCCH Service of Lessons and Carols

COTH closed

sanctuary, 4:30 a.m.

sanctuary 8:30 p.m.

sanctuary, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, December 25

Christmas Day

COTH and offices closed

THURSDAY, December 26

COTH and offices closed

FRIDAY, December 27

PCCH Sober & Out

COTH and offices closed

Harris, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, December 28

Building cleaning

COTH and offices closed

all rooms, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, December 29

Worship

Fellowship

COTH and offices closed

sanctuary, 10 a.m.

Widener Hall, 11 a.m.

Dear Saints of PCCH,

Below is a summary of our congregation's financial position as we reach the end of the year. PCCH relies on three main sources for the funds we need to provide programming, operate our building, and pay our employees. The largest of these sources is money given by the congregation. As you can see, we need to make up a significant shortfall in congregational giving to balance our budget for this year.

If you made a pledge in 2024 and are able to fulfill it, please do so by December 31st. If you are in a position to give extra this year, we would be very grateful for any additional support you can provide. And as we begin the budgeting process for 2025, we invite you to make a pledge in support of our congregation's ministry.

If you have questions about your 2024 pledge, or would like to learn more about the pledging process, please contact church administrator Rachel Cline: rcline@chestnuthillpres.org.

Thank you for your generous contributions to the life and work of PCCH.

In Christ,

The Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle

2024 OPERATING FUND FINANCIAL SUMMARY as of November 30, 2024

	2024 Annual Budget	2024 YTD Actual	2023 YTD Actual
Congregational Response	693,000	509,565	501,188
Endowment Draws	154,073	149,236	145,437
Other Sources of Funds	158,000	175,848	140,347
Total Sources of Funds	1,005,073	834,649	786,971
All Expenses and Mission	1,005,073	867,087	719,942
Difference	0	32,438	67,029