

# CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

*a meaningful way to remember or celebrate*

As always, during the Christmas season our sanctuary will be filled with beautiful flowers and greens in celebration of Christ's birth.



We invite you to make a donation  
in support of the Christmas Flower Fund.  
With your gift, you can

- remember loved ones
- celebrate a birth, anniversary, or other special event
- offer thanksgiving for grandchildren or other people who are special to you
- honor one of our programs at PCCH

Names of those honored  
will be listed in the Bulletins  
on Christmas Eve  
and the Sunday after Christmas.

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*If you'd like to make a donation of flowers  
in the name of someone special,  
please complete and return this form  
to the church office no later than  
Sunday, December 15th.*

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Name(s) of contributor(s)

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In loving memory of /In honor of /In thanksgiving for (*please circle one*)

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*The suggested minimum donation is \$35.  
Please make your check payable to PCCH, and include "Christmas flowers" on the memo line.*

# THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## HAPPENING AT PC CH

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### **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. This Wednesday, 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, December 19 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 will be a mandatory rehearsal on Sunday, December 22 immediately following worship.

### **YOUTH SERVICE SUNDAY**

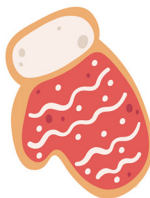
On the first Sunday of every month, middle and high school youth will engage in a service project immediately after worship. The next *Youth Service Sunday* will be Sunday, January 5.

### **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.



PCCH CHILDREN & YOUTH



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# CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE



BRING 2 DOZEN COOKIES  
TO EXCHANGE



**DECEMBER 15TH**



AT THE COFFEE HOUR  
CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-ALONG!



Consider bringing extra cookies  
for us to deliver to  
our homebound PCCH members



# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Date	Godly Play PreK-2nd Grade	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8
12/8	Advent Wreath Workshop with Dom Rebeck, Michelle Shachtman, Fred Lewis, and Connie Lewis		Kate Magid and Rebecca DePasquale

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 rehearse today from 11-11:40 a.m. Children will proceed directly from Sunday school to Joyful Noise and will be brought to their parents in Widener Hall after rehearsal. New singers and drop-ins are always welcome.

*Youth Choir*, for grades six to twelve, will rehearse today from 12-12:45 p.m. (please note new time). 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.

November 27, 2024

Thank you for all your support during our 2024 Thanksgiving Basket Distribution. We were not short on volunteers, turkeys, or supplies. The official count is 227 complete baskets distributed. People were incredibly grateful for the kindness shown as they received their package.

The credit for this accomplishment does not go to Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry, it goes to **YOU!!!!** Each congregation, donor, and volunteer.



**May God bless you all!**

*Eileen*

## CENTER ON THE HILL

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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](http://chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs). Call 215.247.4654 or email [msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto: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*

#### **QIGONG (HEALING MOVEMENTS)** (*registration required*)

Mondays, 2 p.m. and Thursdays, 9 a.m., \$40 for four classes, \$12 for walk-ins

Come and experience the gentle, healing movements of the ancient Chinese art of Qigong (chee-gung). These easy movements can be done in a standing or seated position. Enjoy the peaceful, calming feelings brought about by this wonderful art. Michael McCormack has taught the healing arts for over twenty years. All are welcome.

#### **MAH JONGG** (*registration required*)

Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m., \$2

Enjoy others' company and play the game of Mah Jongg. Not for beginners; participants should be familiar enough with the game to play without formal instruction.

#### **NORTHWEST PHILLY ARTISTS HOLIDAY SHOW AND MARKETPLACE**

Exhibit and Sale open Monday-Saturday, December 6-20, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Original paintings, photography, drawings, greeting cards, jewelry, handcrafted candles, ceramic mugs and more created by the center's own NW Philly artists will be on display and for sale.

#### **COMMUNITY HOLIDAY PARTY** (*registration required*)

Thursday, December 12, 12:30 p.m., \$10 in advance,\* \$12 at the door

Join us for this wonderful holiday party with music, friends, festive decorations, light bites and dessert buffet! Plus other fun surprises to get you in the mood this holiday season!

\*Pre-registration is required by Monday, December 9 to receive the \$10 rate.

**SCRABBLE OPEN PLAY** (*registration required*)

Fridays, join any time, 10:00 a.m., \$2

Do you love to play board games? Are you a great speller or want to be a great speller? Then join in on this classic crossword game that is full-on fun. You can feel the excitement begin as soon as you rack up your letters, choose a great word, and hope to land on a triple-word score. Scrabble game provided.

**GOLDEN YOGA** (*registration required*)

Wednesdays, join any time, 3 p.m., \$10/class, \$35/four classes, \$85/ten classes

This classical yoga adaptation, by the SKY Foundation, accommodates those who have difficulty getting up and down from the floor. The practices includes stretching, breathing, relaxation, and meditation techniques—all done while sitting in a chair or standing.

# HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

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## SUNDAY, December 8

### Worship

Church school

Fellowship

Joyful Noise rehearsal

Youth Group

Second Hour meeting

Youth Choir rehearsal

### Advent 2

sanctuary, 10 a.m.

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Widener, 11 a.m.

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reception room, 11:30 a.m.

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## MONDAY, December 9

Sketching and watercolor class

Tai Chi class

Table games open play

WaterMedia level 2 class

Qigong class

Philadelphia Boys and Girls Choir rehearsal

Philomusica Chorale rehearsal

PCCH Finance meeting

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

room 3&4, 10 a.m.

room 5, 12 p.m.

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

Harris, 2 p.m.

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

Widener, 6:30 p.m.

Harris, 7:30 p.m.

## TUESDAY, December 10

Mindfulness practice

Sketching and watercolor class

Windows 11 Made Simple class

Mah Jongg open play

Strong Bones class

Strong Bones class

American Dance Wheels rehearsal

Royal Scottish dancers

Philadelphia Women's Music Project rehearsal

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.

Widener, 1 p.m.

Widener, 2:15 p.m.

room 3&4, 4:30 p.m.

chapel, 7 p.m.

Widener, 7:30 p.m.

Harris, 7 p.m.



### **WEDNESDAY, December 11**

Rotary Club meeting	Widener, 7:30 a.m.
Beginning Tai Chi class	Widener, 10 a.m.
PCCH Bible Study	Harris, 10:30 a.m.
Rummy Tiles open play	room 5, 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.
Staff meeting	reception room, 1 p.m.
Mah Jongg open play	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Golden Yoga class	Widener, 3 p.m.
Weight Watchers meeting	Harris, 5:15 p.m.
Philadelphia Boys and Girls Choir rehearsal	choir room, room 3&4, chapel, 6:15 p.m.
Cub Scout meeting	Room 1&2, 6:30 p.m.

### **THURSDAY, December 12**

Qigong class	Harris, 9 a.m.
Painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
COTH community holiday party	Widener, 12:30 p.m.
Chair cardio class	room 3&4, 1 p.m.
French conversation group	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
MLE Maj Jongg group	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Alzheimer's caregiver support group	Harris, 2 p.m.
American Dance Wheels rehearsal	room 3&4, 4:30 p.m.

### **FRIDAY, December 13**

Pre-K Soccer Shots	Widener, 9:30 a.m.
Yoga with Attitude class	Harris, 9:45 p.m.
Scrabble Play group	room 5, 10 am
Yoga, a Chair and You	Harris, 11:30 a.m.
International Folk Dancing group	room 3&4, 12:30 p.m.
Pre-K movie	Harris, 1:15 p.m.
PCCH Sober and Out group	Harris, 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY, December 14**

Building cleaning

all rooms, 2 p.m.

**SUNDAY, December 15**

**Worship**

Church school

Carol Sing and Youth Cookie Exchange

Joyful Noise rehearsal

Tempesta di Mare concert

**Advent 3**

sanctuary, 10 a.m.

Strouse, 10:20 a.m.

Widener Hall, 11 a.m.

Strouse or sanctuary, 11:10 a.m.

sanctuary, 4 p.m.

**2024 OPERATING FUND FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	<b>2024 Annual Budget</b>	<b>2024 YTD Actual</b>	<b>2023 YTD Actual</b>
Congregational Response	693,000	454,556	501,188
Endowment Draws	154,073	149,236	145,437
Other Sources of Funds	158,000	160,896	140,347
<b>Total Sources of Funds</b>	<b>1,005,073</b>	<b>764,688</b>	<b>786,971</b>
All Expenses and Mission	1,005,073	763,652	719,942
<b>Difference</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,036</b>	<b>67,029</b>

As of October 31, 2024



# Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24

4:30 pm      **Worship & Children's Christmas Pageant**

8:30 pm      **Prelude**  
*featuring the PCCH Festival Brass*

9 pm      **Christmas Eve Service**  
**Traditional Service of Lessons & Carols**  
*led by the Gallery Choir*