

PCCH Flower Guild



Learn more
about this creative and rewarding ministry!

Join a fun and friendly group working together
to create the beautiful flower arrangements
for Sunday worship and for special holiday displays.

Flower Guild FAQs

Do I need arranging experience?

No experience is necessary! As a new arranger, you'll get started with one-on-one training, then you'll be paired with an experienced partner.

Do I have to get the flowers?

Flowers are delivered to the church; you can do your arranging on either Friday or Saturday.

How often will I be arranging?

You'll be scheduled about once every six weeks, tailored to accommodate your schedule.

How do I sign up?

Sign up for the Flower Guild on the sign-up sheet outside the church office.

What's in it for me?

The Flower Guild's ministry brings the beauty of God's world into our worship space, while giving members of our congregation a very meaningful way to remember loved ones with memorial flowers.

You'll find this an enjoyable and rewarding way
to contribute your talents to beautifying our worship spaces.

For more information, email Grace Stewart at glstewart1@verizon.net



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.

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 January 22. Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle will be leading the discussion which will focus on the biblical text used for the upcoming Sunday's sermon, **Luke 4:14-21**. All are welcome.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE

Join the Social Witness Committee today, January 19, in helping our neighbors in need at our annual MLK, JR. Day of Service. Projects include:

- Making casseroles for Face to Face
- Preparing sandwiches and lunch bags for Face to Face
- Diaper Drive - Bring a package of diapers, Pull-Ups, or wipes
- Art Supplies Drive for West Kensington Ministry

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.

DEACON'S BRUNCH

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

FORUM ON THE HILL | WOODMERE ART MUSEUM: DOCENTS ON THE ROAD

If you missed this past week's fascinating Forum, you can watch here now: chestnuthillpres.org/education/forum-on-the-hill/ Recorded on **January 16**.

Topic: Family Ties: Thomas Hovenden and Helen Corson Hovenden.

HAPPENING AT PCCH

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. Cocktail parties will be held on January 25, February 8, and February 21 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/6eu8dnhv> or on the bulletin board outside the office.

MEET AND GREET WITH THE REV. ELLEN WILLIAMS HENSLE

On Sunday, January 26 (and 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.

PARENTS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH SOCIAL EVENTS—SAVE THE DATE!

Please hold the evenings of Sunday, March 16th and Sunday, May 18th from 6:30-8:30 for parent social opportunities. The March event will be a meet up at a local bar or restaurant and the May event will be a potluck at a home. Both events will be close to PCCH. More details coming soon. Thank you to everyone who filled out the availability and interest surveys.

If you have a teen who would be interested in babysitting for families in our church community, therefore allowing more parents to attend, please have your teen contact Diana Rodgers at dhrogers@gmail.com.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Date	PreK-2nd Grade	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8
1/19	Mark O'Dwyer and Rachelle Pretz	Dom Rebeck and Holly 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 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 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, our youth choir for grades six to 12, 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.

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.

The Center will be closed on Monday, January 20th in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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.

TRIVIA (*registration required*)

Thursday, January 23, 1 p.m., \$2

Join us for entertaining games of Trivia this winter at the Center. Give your brain a workout, learn something new, meet new people, and have a lot of fun! Prizes and refreshments provided!

UNDERSTANDING CANCER RISK AND SCREENING OPTIONS (*registration required*)

Thursday, January 23, 11 a.m., free

Come and learn about cancer risk, screening options and tips for staying healthy! Katerina will discuss cancer screening and why it's important to be screened before experiencing any symptoms. *Presented by Fox Chase Cancer Center.*

“SOUL” LINE DANCING (*registration required, join at any time*)

Thursday, January 23 and 30, 1:30 p.m., \$5

Where can you dance with a room full of people, yet dance by yourself? Get fit and have fun as you line dance to R&B, jazz, hip-hop, the “Philly” sound, classic oldies, the latest soul favorites, and more. Gloria will help you make this simple, and easy activity a feel-good form of exercise. No partner needed! All levels welcome.

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON (*registration required*)

Tuesday, January 28, 12 p.m., \$12 in advance,* \$15 at the door

Where else in the community can you go for lunch where you'll see both familiar and new faces, where the atmosphere is relaxed and welcoming, where the food is consistently good, and where it costs you only twelve dollars? Our large room is full of round tables that are simply decorated and set with white linens and festive tableware. We'd love to see you there!

*Pre-registration and payment is required by Friday, January 24 to receive the \$12 rate.

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, January 19

Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10 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.
Music and Arts Committee meeting	room 5, 11:30 a.m.
Youth Choir rehearsal	Strouse, 12 p.m.

MONDAY, January 20

COTH and offices closed

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Philadelphia Boys & Girls Choir rehearsal	chapel, choir room, room 3&4, 5:15 p.m.
Philomusica Chorale rehearsal	Widener, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, January 21

Sketching and Watercolor class	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Mindfulness practice group	Harris, 9:30 a.m.
Circle 4	reception, 10 a.m.
Tai Chi for Arthritis class	room 3&4, 11:30 a.m.
Mah Jongg open play	room 5, 12:30 p.m.
Strong Bones class	Widener, 1 p.m.
Watercolor and Drawing Foundations class	rooms 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Strong Bones class	Widener, 2:15 p.m.
Royal Scottish Dancers group	chapel, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia Women's Music Project rehearsal	Widener, 7:30 p.m.
Theology on Tap meeting	Campbell's Place, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, January 22

Rotary Club meeting	Widener, 7:30 a.m.
Organ practice	sanctuary, 9 a.m.
Beginning Tai Chi class	Widener, 10 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.
Staff meeting	reception, 12 p.m.
Intermediate Tai Chi class	Widener, 12:30 p.m.
Mah Jongg open play	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Golden Yoga class	Widener, 3 p.m.

HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, January 22 (continued)

Weight Watchers meeting	Harris, 5:15 p.m.
Philadelphia Boys & Girls Choir rehearsal	chapel, choir, Widener, room 3&4, 6:15 p.m.
Cub Scout meeting	room 5, 6:30 p.m.
MALT Beginning Piano class	room 1&2, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, January 23

Qigong class	Harris, 9 a.m.
Painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Outdoor Gardeners board meeting	Melcher, 9:30 a.m.
Understanding Cancer Risks class	Harris, 11 a.m.
Chair Cardio class	room 3&4, 1 p.m.
Trivia group	Harris, 1 p.m.
Mah Jongg group	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
French Conversation group	room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Soul Line Dancing class	Widener, 1:30 p.m.
Organ practice	sanctuary, 3 p.m.
Scout board of review	Harris, 6 p.m.
Gallery Choir rehearsal	choir room, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, January 24

Yoga with Attitude class	Harris, 9:45 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.
PCCH Sober & Out group	Harris, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, January 25

Building cleaning

SUNDAY, January 26

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.
Meet and Greet with Ellen Williams Hensle	Harris, 11:30 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	931,532
All Expenses and Mission	1,005,073	1,066,263	931,532
Difference	0	(32,844)	-