

# Around The Hill



**The Round Hill Presbyterian Church Newsletter |**  
"A caring community in Christ. Making Disciples for Christ. Equipped for ministry by Christ."  
**JANUARY 2025**

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## 2024 Annual Congregational/Corporation Meeting

*Submitted by Bob Leggett*

The Annual Congregational/Corporation Meeting for 2024 was held on Sunday, December 15th after worship.

At the meeting the following were elected to serve as Elders in the Class of 2027, Gayle Larcinese, Jesse Sandor, and Julius Simon.

Elected as Deacons for the Class of 2027 were Kevin Fritz, Bill Leggett, and Leslie Schwirian. There remains a vacancy of one Elder in the class of 2026.

Also, elected to serve as members-at-large on the 2025 nominating committee were Fran Hicks, Nancy Painter, Tom Russell, and Janice Sherman.

During the corporation part of the meeting Fran Hicks was elected to fill out the vacancy in the Trustee Class of 2025. There still remains a Trustee vacancy in the Class of 2027.

The following corporate officers were elected President of the Corporation, Jacquelyn Karnes, Secretary of the Corporation, Beverly Harchelroad, Financial Secretary, Robin Lane, and Auditor, Marilyn Christenson.

The 2025 budget as approved by the Session was reviewed by Jackie Karnes.

If you have any questions please talk with any of the elders.

## **JANUARY** **BIRTHDAYS**

Jackson, Tanya	Jan 1
Hicks, Diana	Jan 2
Puckey Jr., Jim	Jan 3
Napoli, Gary (Jr.)	Jan 4
Karnes, Ava	Jan 5
Harchelroad, Jonathan	Jan 5
Thornton, Emily	Jan 12
Simon, Julius	Jan 26
Girt, Don	Jan 26
Thornton, Ben	Jan 27
Christenson, Jim	Jan 30
Hill, Mary Lou	Jan 31

**No January Anniversaries**

## **The RHPC Worship Committee**

The Worship Committee is one of the five Standing committees of Round Hill Church. It is currently co-chaired by two elders.

This committee has several responsibilities to include:

1. Preparation of Communion. Purchase Communion supplies.
2. Stocking of the pews with prayer request forms, contribution envelopes and pencils.
3. Insuring the candles in the front of the sanctuary are sufficient
4. The obtaining of pulpit supply in the absence of a pastor.
5. With the assistance of members of the congregation, the annual Hanging of the Greens.
6. The removal and storage of the greens annually.
7. The securing of families to light the Advent candles and perform the readings of the verses.
8. Assist with baptisms and funerals.
9. Attend monthly meetings of the Board of Elders.
10. Schedule weekly liturgists and greeters.
11. Assist other church committees as the need arises.

Being a part of the Worship Committee is very fulfilling. Any church member who is interested in becoming a member of this important part of Round Hill is certainly welcome.”

Blessings,  
Tom Russell





## **A LOOK BACK IN TIME**

A History of Round Hill Presbyterian Church

written by Rosella Leggett for the 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*Submitted by Bev Harchelroad*

Rev. Dr. William Sutherland came to serve as Interim Minister in August 1992 and served until February 1994. Rev. Dr. Lowell Meek then answered the call to Round Hill on May 20, 1994 and is presently serving this pastorate. In passing years much work has been done to this building, outside and in the Sanctuary. The present entrance to the Sanctuary was constructed in place of the entrance that faced directly to the west and had steps and a small entrance porch with iron-pipe railing around it. The doors that lead from the front of the Sanctuary to the Patio were at one time the outside doors to the West entrance. The ramps that lead to the Patio and also to the social area have also been built in recent years. These provide handicapped access to both the social area and the Sanctuary.

The front of the church has been re-done in that at one time the choir loft was above the preaching area which was stationed in the center of a double row of seats where there was a double aisle coming down from the back to the front of the Sanctuary.

The pulpit area had chairs that were covered in red velvet. We had a mishap with the chair covering when a stray cat came in and tore them up to have a litter of kittens. They are still the same chairs but have a new covering.

The iron railings around the present pulpit and choir areas were made by local church members and installed by them.

Our church has been active in the past and present in activities of the community and now houses a Clothes Closet that is open one day a week for help for those in need of clothing. Women from local churches of the Ministerium operate this.

We also have a Food Pantry run by the people of the church, which has been a blessing to many families in the area.

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We operate with a Unicameral board and a Board of Deacons with a sizable Christian Education Staff, a Presbyterian Women's Group, and Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Bell Choir, several small group Bible Study Groups, a Cub Scout Pack, a Boy Scout Troop, and a number of other activities, including our Alpha classes.

We have held over one hundred Strawberry Festivals and are still carrying on the tradition.

We have a great church with a great working congregation and we work well together serving Jesus Christ and His work. We are a loving congregation and love the Lord very deeply. Young and old work well together in activities and in spreading the Word through the church and the community.

Now the growth is in our hands  
The spirit started it flowing  
Can we do less than all in our power  
To keep this influence growing?

“A light shining in the wilderness, guiding Christians home” might refer to Round Hill Presbyterian Church. The light has shone from the top of the hill for low these many years and has guided Christians since before the American Revolution, and, God willing, will continue to serve the community for many years





## **The Annual Survivors Christmas Party**

On Tuesday, December 10, Round Hill's Survivors Group met at the Carriage Inn for their annual Christmas party. Sixteen folks attended. They enjoyed good food, fun games, the exchanging of gifts, the singing of some old time Christmas carols and, most importantly, wonderful Christian fellowship was felt by one and all.

*Submitted by Tom Russell*

If this sounds like a fun afternoon, be sure to join us in 2025!



## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

The Christmas Eve  
Communion Service was  
led by Rev. Bill Little and  
was well attended.



## Future Pulpit Coverage

### January

1/05: Bill Little

1/12: Bill Little

1/19: Jesse S.

1/26: Bill Little

### February

2/02 Bob Leggett

2/09 Kevin Fritz

2/16 Jesse S.

2/23 TBD



## 2024 Round Hill Mission Giving

The Mission Funding Team has distributed \$ 16,100 to various ministries and mission causes in 2024. \$10,000 was drawn from the gains in the Ruth and Wayne Billick Missionary Endowment Fund which is a fund established by their children to be used for mission causes supported by Round Hill.

We have made contributions to the World Outreach of the EPC for two missionary families working in Muslim countries in the Middle East. Also, two individuals just starting their missionary work. We gave to the disaster relief efforts of Samaritan's Purse, Elizabeth Salvation Army, Light of Life Rescue Mission on the Northside of Pittsburgh, and Dr. Clement working in India. Others we have contributed to are the Angel Tree ministry of Prison Fellowship, New Life Options Pregnancy Center in Monongahela, the churches and schools that are part of the presbytery's Sierra Leone outreach in Africa, and support for two children through ChildHope. We also pay the postage for the Shoe Boxes that we send each year. Funds have gone to the Navigators, Daily Bread, and Redstone Highlands Capital fund in honor of our member Helen Allen who resides there.

All of these groups have expressed their deep appreciation for the support we give. If you want to support the mission giving of Round Hill, simply mark your offering envelope with the amount you wish to give on the MISSION line. Please make this in addition to your support of your general fund giving. The Mission Funding Team is thankful for all the support Round Hill receives. If you know of a mission cause you would like us to consider please feel free to tell us. Members of the Mission Funding Team are Marilyn Christenson, Barb Gaylord, Bev Harchelroad, Bill Leggett and Bob Leggett.

Submitted by Bob Leggett

## Daytime Bible Study Continues

On January 7, 2025 a new Bible Study topic will begin in the CE Building at 12Noon. **This is open to everyone, and anyone.** If you have a Study Bible bring it, if you don't one will be provided.

This will be an open discussion study with the Bible as our guide. The study will be determined by the group, either The Book of Romans or end time prophecies starting with the Book of Daniel.

Direct inquiries to Bonnie Craig, call or text at (412)400-9284, or email at [dreamstogo2@gmail.com](mailto:dreamstogo2@gmail.com).

## Entering the New Year



God of all time,  
help us enter the New Year quietly,  
thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others,  
mindful that our steps make an impact  
and our words carry power.

May we walk gently.  
May we speak only after we have listened well.

Creator of all life,  
help us enter the New Year reverently,  
aware that you have endowed  
every creature and plant, every person and habitat  
with beauty and purpose.

May we regard the world with tenderness.  
May we honor rather than destroy.

Lover of all souls,  
help us enter the New Year joyfully,  
willing to laugh and dance and dream,  
remembering our many gifts with thanks  
and looking forward to blessings yet to come.

May we welcome your lavish love.  
May we cast off the small, vindictive god our fears have made.  
May the grace and peace of Christ bless us now and in the days ahead.



-Vinita Hampton Wright

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			01	02	03	04
			<i>New Year's Day</i> <i>Church office closed</i>			
	05	06	07	08	09	10
9:00 am Deacons Mtg 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 			10:00 am Intercessory Prayer 12:00 pm Bible Study 			
	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	6:30 Trustees Mtg. 7:00 Session Mtg. 		10:00 am Intercessory Prayer 12:00 pm Bible Study 1:00 Thriving Survivors Lunch 		Newsletter Submission Deadline	
	19	20	21	22	23	24
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Behold, another year begins!  
 Set out afresh for Heaven;  
 Seek pardon for thy former sins,  
 In Christ so freely given. - Simon Browne



## **Around the Hill Dedication**

The cost of this month's Around the Hill has been subsidized by Janet LaFrankie, in honor of the never ending faithfulness of our Heavenly Father.

***One Final Note...***

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