

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

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Sunday Morning
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*More photos
scattered
throughout the
newsletter*

Maundy Thursday Seder Dinner

April 17



Julius Simon led the service



Waiting for dinner

Meet Rev. Bill Little

Rev. Bill Little retired 5 years ago from Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, and still lives in Elizabeth with his wife. He was raised mostly in Gibsonia although he moved with his family to Utah and Texas but always ended up in Western Pennsylvania, where he graduated from Hampton High School. Although his family were occasional church attenders, his faith was developed and strengthened through Young Life where he and his and his wife were brought to Christ.

After High School he joined the Navy where he served our country as a heavy equipment operator with the Seabees. He then served in the Navy as a military drug counselor during the time when Vietnam Vets were returning home. Bill and his wife were married while he was in the Navy. .



After the Navy he attended Geneva College, and then seminary in Boston . His time in Geneva College is where he developed his friendship with Rev. Lowell Meek. He pastored his first church in the North Hills and later Mount Vernon Presbyterian for 24 years. He retired from Mount Vernon five years ago. One of his many activities in retirement is volunteering for the Elizabeth-Forward Meals on Wheels.

When asked about his favorite Bible passage he responded with Psalm 77. The author of the Psalm is struggling with what he perceives is the absence of God in his distress. The author then remembers the times in his life when God was very present in his life.

Welcome Rev. Little to Round Hill Church. We are glad to have you.

MAY ANNIVERSARY

Pat & Laurie Conley

May 5

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Sage Jackson	May 10
Josie Turek	May 12
Grayson Harchelroad	May 13
Jay Schwirian	May 16
Savannah Harchelroad	May 27
Leslee Schwirian	May 31

Deacon Notes

Submitted by Laurie Ferraton

The Round Hill Deacons met April 13 for their monthly meeting. They assembled fifteen Easter baskets for our home church and those who are having health difficulties at this time. The baskets were later delivered, providing a wonderful opportunity to visit and to let them know the congregation of Round Hill cares.

The next Deacon meeting will be May 4.

Trustee Tidbits

Submitted by Jackie Karnes

- We will be working on the pastoral financial package. It's part of the EPC form for a new pastor.
- We sent the letters for the grants a few weeks ago to the Peters Foundation and Crawford Fund, requesting money for new commercial fridge and freezer for the church and also parking lot repairs.

Session Notes

Submitted by Bob Leggett

On Monday, April 14th Session met and received the usual reports. The major business was the Session voted to call **a congregational meeting for Sunday, June 8 after the morning worship service for the sole purpose to elect a Pastoral Search Committee. This is a committee of 7-9 member representatives of the congregation.** They will conduct the necessary functions to obtain a permanent pastor for Round Hill Church. If you have any concerns or questions, you are encouraged to speak with any member of Session. ***The next meeting will be May 19th.***

ROUND HILL CHURCH MEMORIES

Submitted by Bev Harchelroad



A LOOK BACK IN TIME

Two interim ministers followed Rev. Sieber: Rev. Nancy Gorsuch (January to August 1984) and Rev. Lester Crummy, son of Dr. H.R. Crummy, who served as interim in 1950 (October 1984 to 1985).

In January of 1984, the front wall of the Sanctuary renovation was completed. In April 1984, the Pittsburgh Historical Society granted historical designation to Round Hill Church. Herb Howell designed, created, installed and donated a stone historical sign for the Sanctuary.

During this time, the Round Hill Memorial Committee was formed to receive Memorial Gifts. In April of 1985, the Manse was renovated at a cost of \$3,160. A gable roof was installed on the Christian Education Bldg. at a cost of \$29,880. Joll Custom Homes Co. was the contractor. Round Hill had to borrow \$10,000 from Pittsburgh Presbytery for this project.

In June of 1985, Rev. Richard Minnich and Rev. Jill Minnich were called to Round Hill to serve a joint ministry. They served until December of 1987, when Jill resigned as co-pastor. Richard stayed on until February 1992 when he accepted a call to a Presbyterian Church in Ogden, Utah. In January of 1992, a baby grand piano was purchased for use in the Sanctuary.

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During Rev. Minnich's tenure, the following took place: June 1986 the Chancel Guild was formed. The first members were Lois Lawson, Barb Lokash, Cindy Patterson and Lucy Venne. In the Fall of 1987, John Karloski cleaned and/or replaced protective covers on the Sanctuary stained glass windows.

An Allen Digital Computer Organ was purchased for the Sanctuary in March of 1988. Cost: \$17,540. September of 1988 saw a new roof put on the Manse. In October 1988, Mark Neff was hired as church organist. Also in October 1988, the Christian Education Bldg. roof and the Church vestibule roof were both replaced. Sanctuary soffit and fascia was replaced at that time.

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Rev. Dr. William Sutherland served as interim minister from August 1992 until February 1994. On May 20, 1994, Rev. Lowell Meek answered the call to Round Hill Church.



The Thornton Family experienced the Seder. Table 1

The Survivor's lunch was April 8 at the River House in Charleroi. It was a small group of 8 but we had an enjoyable lunch. Our next lunch is May 13 at 1 PM at By George in Monessen. If you would like to join the fellowship let Janice Sherman know so she can reserve a seat for you. Let Jan know if you need a ride, we will be meeting at the church. No age limit required.



Seder Dinner Table 2

Prayer

at Round Hill Church

You don't have to be a preacher or prayer warrior to pray. Prayer is a conversation with God. It requires speaking and listening. You don't have to learn special words or scriptures to pray. Picture God sitting across from you. Talk to him as if he were your friend. Don't be afraid to express your concerns, your sadness, your anger, your happiness or your fears. God is a big God and He can handle all this.

Round Hill Church is a praying church. Every Sunday during our worship service we have an opportunity to express our praises to God and request prayers for ourselves and others. There are yellow slips in the pews to write requests and place in the offering plate. These prayer slips are then given to the intercessory prayer team on Tuesday mornings.

The church website has a prayer tab where anyone who visits there can request prayer. These prayers are forwarded to the intercessory prayer team.

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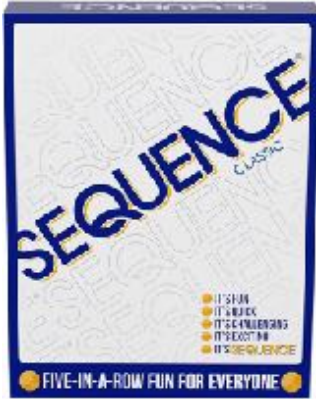
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Another way to request prayer is to send an email to dreamstogo2@gmail.com with a prayer request, praise or update. This request is prayed for by the moderator then forwarded to the members of the email Prayer Team.. If you are so inclined to become part of the email prayer team, send a request to dreamstogo2@gmail.com and you will be included on the list. The deacons and elders have their own text prayer groups that share prayer requests as well. The intercessory prayer team meets on Tuesday mornings at 10AM. and prays for all the prayer requests that come to Round Hill in the past week including the requests of the Food Pantry Clients and other events. Should you be interested in joining the intercessory prayer team, come to the C.E. Building on Tuesday mornings at 10AM. when you can.



Seder Dinner Table 3

Lets Have Some Fun!



Game night will return on **May 2 at 6PM** in the **CE Building** and repeated **Saturday May 10 at 2 PM**.

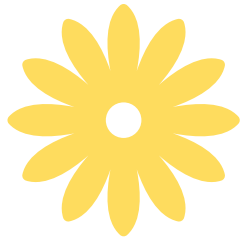
The first two offerings will be a game named “Sequence”. It is played with cards as singles or in teams. There is a little bit of strategy involved and a lot of luck.

The second offering is “Tapple” as seen on Pittsburgh Today Live. Topic is chosen and the players take turns finding words that fit the topic and remaining letters!

Popcorn, small snacks and soft drinks will be provided. Bring a friend and come to play. If you bring children under 10 bring an appropriate game. For any questions contact Bonnie Craig or Lois Lawson. Otherwise see you there.



Seder Dinner Table 4



It's That Time of Year Again

Memorial Day Flower Give Away

Julius is busy growing flowers to give away to visitors to the cemetery over Memorial Day Weekend. In the past we have given away flowers, Round Hill Church information, pamphlets on grief and little gifts. We also have taken prayer request slips, listened to those that just needed to talk and prayed with those that asked. The community looks forward to this ministry.

The sign up sheet will be available in the narthex soon. In the past we took turns sitting in 2 hour increments from 10-12, 12-2, and 2-4. Sign up for your Preferred time. This is a very rewarding ministry. You won't regret it



Meet Rev. Denny Finnegan

My name is the Rev. Denny Finnegan. I graduated from UCLA in 1977 and Fuller Seminary in 1983. Since then I have served in congregations in Hawaii, Missouri, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania in various capacities as both an assistant pastor, associate pastor, solo pastor and lead pastor. This included supervising and overseeing staff for Christian Education, Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Adult Education and Small Groups.

Currently I am retired where I volunteer with Presbyterian Reformed Ministries International (www.primi.org), serve on the Young Life Committee for Fayette County (<https://www.facebook.com/YoungLifeFayetteCounty/>) and am working to develop intercessory prayer with pastors in my county, the EPC, and various ministries. My wife and I live about 8 miles from Ohiopyle, PA.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Rev. Denny Finnegan
Retired Pastor

Meet Rev. Paul Thwaite

It was a blessing to be with you in worship this past March! I am a retired Presbyterian Pastor who has served congregations in Michigan and Pennsylvania over my pastoral career. Born and raised in Bethlehem, PA and First Presbyterian Church, I gave my life to Christ at the age of 13. I received a B.A. in history from Gordon College, an M.Div. from Fuller Theological Seminary, and a D.Min. from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

I've been married to Jan for 35 years and we have two adult daughters, Katie and Becca, who we adopted from Russia in 1997. I currently work part-time as a School Bus driver for Keystone Oaks School District and serve as the Summer Park Pastor at Linwood Park, a summer vacation community in Vermilion, Ohio.

I enjoy watching Pittsburgh sports teams, attending Pittsburgh Symphony and River City Brass Band concerts, Christian music concerts, reading history and biographies, and attending the Indy 500 pretty much every year since 1990! I've been blessed to travel to all 50 states at one time or another as well as other countries on mission trips and vacations.

Several of my favorite Scriptures are Isaiah 40:28-31 and Romans 8:38-39 (among many others!). I continue to seek to "live a life worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God." (Colossians 1:10)

SUNDAY ADULT CLASS

The adult class during the Sunday School hour will be using a study entitled "What Happens Next: A Traveler's Guide Through the End of This Age" by author Max Lucado. In this study Max provides a wise and reassuring overview of what God's Word has to say on a topic that often creates confusion and anxiety. Max explores four big ideas:

- * We were made to reign and rule with Christ.
- * God has made promises to us and will keep them.
- * God has a plan and reveals what's in store for us.
- * We can spend eternity with God in an eternal home.

What Happens Next reminds us we are headed to a far better place than where we started. Feel free to join us any Sunday morning at 9:15 am in the C.E. building. You can join in the discussion or just sit and listen.

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Her children arise up and call her
blessed.
-Proverbs 31:28

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National
Day of
Prayer



Game Night
6:00 pm



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9:00 am Deacons Mtg
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Serv.



10:00 am
Intercessory Prayer
12:00 pm Bible
study



Game
Afternoon
2:00 pm



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9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship



10:00 am
Intercessory Prayer
12:00 pm Bible
study



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9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

6:30 pm
Trustees mtg
7:00 pm Session
mtg



10:00 am
Intercessory Prayer
12:00 pm Bible
study



Newsletter
submission
deadline

Memorial Day
Flower
Giveaway
10-4



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9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Memorial Day Flower
Giveaway
10-4



Memorial Day
Flower Giveaway
10-4
(Church office
closed)



10:00 am
Intercessory Prayer
12:00 pm Bible
study



Food Pantry
truck



8:30 am
Clothes Closet/
Food Pantry

Around the Hill Dedication

The cost of this month's Around the Hill has been paid for by Round Hill Church. If you would like to dedicate an issue please send your dedication to Bonnie Craig

One Final Note...

For submissions, questions or comments email dreamstogo2@gmail.com or call (412) 400-9284

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