

AROUND THE HILL

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 Hours

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Worship. 10:30 AM

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**Cassie Reynolds**

Cassie was born in McKeesport and attended Clairton High School. She grew up in Elrama. She was married to Ken Finley and she attended Round Hill Church at that time. She had 2 sons Kenny and Brian

Finley. Her second marriage was to Bill Reynolds to whom she had her 2 daughters Maureen and Lynn. She has 7 grandchildren one (Audra) who brings her to church now when she is home from Penn State.

Cassie worked many jobs as a waitress and hostess at golf courses and restaurants. She used to play golf and retired from that after she was injured in an auto accident. She loves being around people and is now attending our Survivor's group.

DECEMBER Birthdays

Lois Lawson	Dec 2	Denise Napoli	Dec 18
Dennis Larcinese	Dec 4	Tim Guffey	Dec 27
Stacey Baron	Dec 13	Bill Leggett	Dec 29
Jeremy Jackson	Dec 14		

DECEMBER Anniversaries

Jay & Leslee Schwirian Dec 30

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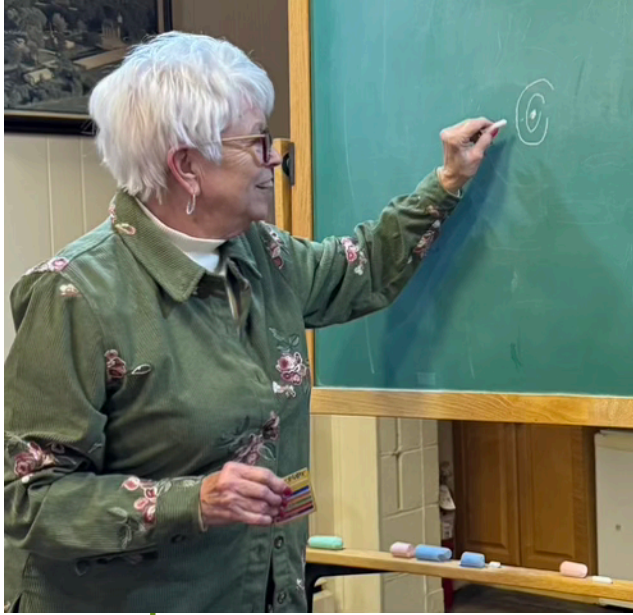
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Emergency Contact Information

We are gathering Emergency Contact Information. We would like to have completed forms for all members and/or those who regularly attend our services. Blank forms can be found in the Narthex and when completed returned to Eileen Russell.

Submitted by Lisa Wagner

NEED A GOOD LAUGH?

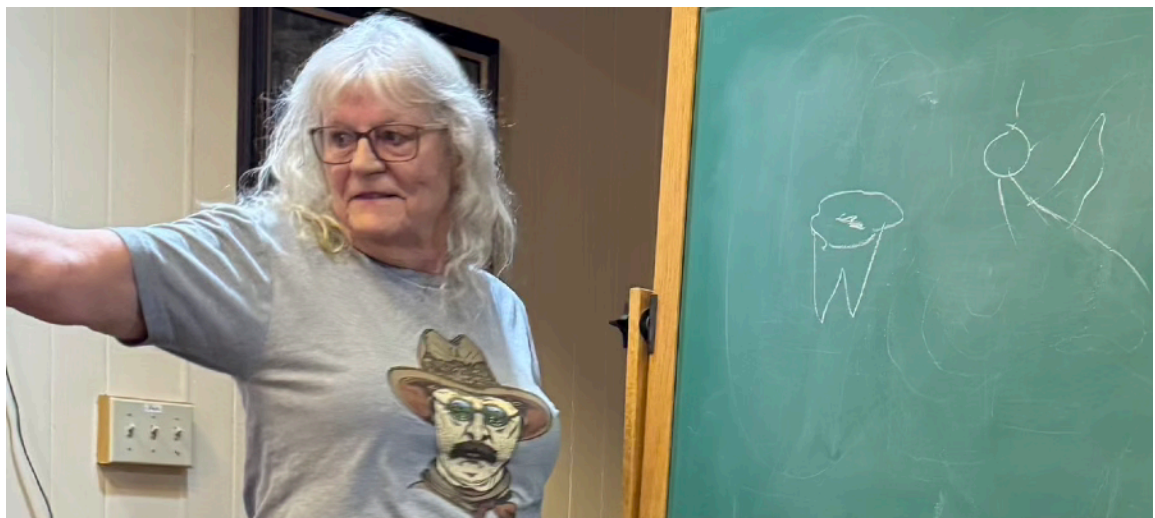


Ear Wax

November's Game Night consisted of a fun game of Pictionary. We ate Jo-Lynn's pizza and some snacks and soft drinks before we laughed and laughed at our artistic efforts. We kept score, sort of, but I don't think anyone knows who won!

Everyone, including the community, is welcome to join in on the second Friday of the month. **Christmas Family Feud** is on the agenda in December.

NEXT GAME NIGHT IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12.



Tooth fairy

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL/CORPORATION MEETING

The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, December 14th after the morning worship service. During the Congregational Meeting the slate of elders and deacons for the class of 2028 and elders to fill the remaining terms in the class of 2026 will be put forth by the Nominating Committee for election. Also, from the floor four members of the congregation will be elected as members-at-large for the Nominating Committee of 2026.

During the corporation meeting the Nominating Committee will present the nominees for a Trustee in the class of 2028, President of the Corporation, Secretary of the Corporation, and Financial Secretary. A review of the 2026 budget will be presented. All active members of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

Speaking of the Congregational Meeting ... There will be a covered dish dinner to follow the meeting. You can sign up to bring a specific dish on the sheet in the Narthex. Because of all the Christmas happenings there will be no December breakfast at the church.

Session Notes:

On Monday, November 10th, Session met and received the usual reports. The Pastoral Search Committee met with Bruce Tenenbaum, liaison from the POA Ministerial Committee. They need to come up with a pastor's job description in order to be posted on the EPC website.

The Annual Congregational/Corporation Meeting was set for December 14th after the morning worship service. In correspondence from the EPC was a preliminary report on the Ad-interim Committee's work on a Position Paper and Pastoral Letter related to Same Sex Attraction (SSA). The elders were given links to read these and comment at the meeting.

There will be an inquirer's class after the holidays for those wanting to know about Round Hill and/or the possibility of joining the church.

The various committees reported their previous and upcoming December activities, some of which will be in various items in the ATH newsletter or the bulletin. If you have any concerns or questions, you are encouraged to speak with any member of Session. The next meeting will be on **Monday, December 8th**.

New Class: Who We Are

What do we believe?
What is the responsibility of membership?
What is the history of our Church

After the holidays, we will be offering a class to assist with answering the above questions. The class will be designed to support those individuals who are considering joining our church or just want to know the answers. At the conclusion of the class there will be no requirement to join our membership. The class will be offered for three consecutive weeks following the Sunday Service. A light lunch will be provided. Please contact a member of Session if you are interested in participating

The Survivor's Lunch

The Survivors met on November 11 at Randall's Restaurant in Perryopolis, PA. Again we had so many in attendance that we couldn't all sit together! ***Join us next month on Tuesday, December 16 at 1PM at Carriage Inn for our annual Christmas Party.*** This is a good ***time*** to give us a try. There will be table games and music and an optional gift exchange, (\$5-10). It's close, easy to park and enter, and always a fun afternoon. So that we have enough seats and treats let Janice Sherman, or Bonnie Craig know if you will be joining the group. If you don't want to drive yourself, meet at the church for a ride.

The Survivors do not meet in January or February and maybe March.

ADULT SUNDAY CLASS

A series entitled "A Brief Survey of the Bible" began and will continue for the next three months. It provides an overview of the Bible's key themes, book by book. At the end you will have a greater understanding of Scripture and know how all the books of the Bible work together. Join us at 9:15 am in the C.E. building to learn with each other. All are welcome.

ROUND HILL CHURCH HISTORY NOTES

Submitted by Bev Harchelroad

Our past is an honorable one – made so by committed Christians – both clergy and lay – who gave unselfishly of their time and talents to make Round Hill a church that would be strong enough to reach out to the community as God's service here. Our prayer is that as we face the future, the Holy Spirit will continue to guide and direct all who minister and worship here.

Round Hill is the product of her past: each pastorate has provided elements which we continue to develop.

"Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations."

Bicentennial year of 1778, plans are underway for the celebration of our own Bicentennial. The History Committee, chaired by Beverly Harchelroad, is busy studying materials loaned by various members of the congregation. They are planning to publish small booklets, "Reminiscences" and "Historical Facts", as well as to prepare a history which will be included in a pictorial Church Directory. Others on the committee are Dorothy Guffey, Joe Hutchinson, Rev. Robert Guffey, Albert Gamble and Dawn Kight.

The Fa8r Committee, headed by Donn Kight, is planning a Free Fair for September 9, 1978. Craftsmen of all kinds from the E-F area will be invited to display and demonstrate their work. Entertainment and box lunches are planned. Also on the committee are Jim Brown, Betty Caldwell, Chiquita Hutchinson, Baba Werner and Bob Boback.

Special Services Committee, chaired by Rosella Leggett, is planning services from March 3 to November 22, 1978. Former ministers will be invited back; an historical service is planned and invitations to sister and daughter churches are being considered. Others on this committee are Graeme Sieber and Bob Leggett.

March 5, 1978: mortgage on the Christian Education Bldg. was paid off and papers were burned in a ceremony. Men of the church paneled the Social Room walls. A contract to level and tile floor in Social Room was sought, not to exceed \$1,400.

TO BE CONTINUED



Annual Women's Christmas Dinner

The Fellowship Team hosted a women's Christmas party at R Place Restaurant on November 20th. The party was open to all women and the theme was "Women of Faith". The food was delicious, the conversation engaging, the gift exchange was amusing, and the centerpieces created by the talented Sue Minkus were beautiful. It was an excellent way to start the holiday season!





NEW WINDOWS ARE INSTALLED!

As you may be aware, one of our members (who wishes to remain anonymous) made a generous donation that has enabled us to replace all 6 of the lower windows in the CE building conference room. These windows are awning type that open at the bottom and have "lifetime" fiberglass frames and dual pane "low E" glass to help deflect the sun's rays that effect us so much in the afternoon. These windows will help somewhat with our electric heating bills as well.

Also helping with our heating bills is a Mini-Split heating and cooling system that has also been installed in our CE building. It will provide heating and cooling in the Conference Room, Secretary's Office, Lobby and Pastor's Office. The existing resistance heating system remains in place and can be used as a backup system.

Two other items that you may notice are new LED lights in the steeple and LED lights behind the Cross in the sanctuary. These are brighter, more energy efficient and longer lasting.

If you are handy around the house there are many small jobs that you can assist with around our Church. If you are able to volunteer some help please make me aware. My cell number is 412-396-9656.

-Fran Hicks, Building and Grounds Trustee



It's already
noticeably
warmer in this
room!



Message to Parents of Children Who Cry in Church:

by David Caird (1936-2025):

I have been told that very sick children don't cry, only healthy babies cry. A baby's cry prompts me to thank God that that baby is healthy enough to cry.

There is a large community of children out there who do not have parents who love them enough and who love God enough to have a commitment to bring that baby into the fellowship of the church and raise him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. I thank God for that parent and pray that I may be a support to that parent in this commitment.

To all within earshot of a crying baby, seize the moment for prayer and thank God that you can hear that child, for there are some who cannot hear. And thank God that that baby enjoys the good health that permits him to maintain a healthy cry, for there are some babies who cannot cry. And thank God for those parents who are raising that child in the church, for there are some who do not bring their children into Christian fellowship.

To the parents, in your discomfort as the parent of a crying child, know that a very poignant prayerful moment has been created for Old David Caird and some others, also. May God bless you and your baby.

Originally contributed by Marilyn Sharp

WHO IS IN THE PULPIT

December 7 Rev. Paul Thwaite

December 24 Rev. Bill Little

















December 14 Rev. Paul Thwaite

December 28 Rev. Bill Little

December 21 Rev. Bill Little

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01	02	03	04	05
		10:00 am <i>Intercessory prayer</i>		1:00 p.m. Mission Team Mtg.		06
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
9:00 am Deacons Mtg 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship <i>MEETING</i> 	6:30 Trustees Mtg. 7:00 Session Mtg <i>MEETING</i> 	10:00 am <i>Intercessory prayer</i>			Newsletter Deadline Game Night 6:00 p.m. 	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Congregational Meeting Followed by covered-dish Christmas dinner <i>MEETING</i> 	<i>Christmas Dinner</i> 	10:00 am Intercessory Prayer 1:00 pm Thriving Survivors Christmas Lunch 	Food Pantry truck 	8:30 am Clothes Closet/ Christmas Store/ Food Pantry 		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship  <i>1st Day of Winter</i>		10:00 am <i>Intercessory prayer</i>	7:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service w/ Communion 	 Christmas Day (church office closed)		
28	29	30	<div> <p><i>We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!</i></p>  </div>			
9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship		10:00 am Intercessory Prayer <i>New Year's Eve</i> 				

News of the Congregation



Jesse W. Sandor Jr.

Jesse W. Sandor Jr. 75, of Lincoln Place, passed peacefully on Thursday November 13, 2025.

Jesse was a devoted member of Round Hill Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Joyce and his family and friends.

Jesse was a devoted Husband, Father, and Pap. He was a lay pastor and elder of his church and was a strong man of faith. He proudly served his country in the Army during the Vietnam Conflict.

We don't say goodbye. We will miss you until we are reunited at the Wedding Feast of the Lamb.

Free Christmas Buffet

The upcoming holiday season presents some neighbors with angst. They are alone and/or unable to cook or afford a large meal. Wagner's Restaurant will once again host a free Christmas Buffet at their location from 12pm – 4pm. The buffet (menu pending) will include Turkey, Ham, Pot Roast, stuffing, potatoes, vegetables, bread, drinks and dessert. All are welcome.

Please spread the word to family and friends.

If you wish to contribute to this mission, they will be accepting donations of cookies (2 dozen max), cans of soda, bottles of water, or cash. Please see Lisa Wagner.

To add news to this publication please text or email info to (412) 400-9284 or dreamstogo2@gmail.com

Around the Hill Dedication

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