

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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Worship. 10:30 AM

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Christmas Eve, 2025. Rev Bill Little was in the Pulpit

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP



Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve.
99 Faithful attended.

December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Left Side



The right side



The Round Hill Shuffle December 21, 2025



Fontanini Nativity

displayed in the CE Building.



2025 Annual Congregational and Corporate Meeting

The annual meetings of the congregation and corporation of Round Hill Presbyterian Church were held on Sunday, December 21st after worship. Laurie Conley, Ben Thornton, and Lisa Wagner were elected as elders to serve in the Class of 2028, Diana Hicks in the Class of 2027, and Bonnie Craig in the Class of 2026. Barb Gaylord, Nancy Painter, and Tom Russell were elected as deacons to serve in the Class of 2028. Tim Guffey, Jackie Karnes, and Janice Turek were elected to serve as members-at-large on the 2026 Nominating Committee with one to be named later. (Anyone willing to volunteer to be on the 2026 Nominating Committee speak to Bob Leggett.)

During the corporation meeting the following positions were elected Trustee for the Class of 2028 Pat Conley, President of the Corporation Jackie Karnes, Secretary of the Corporation Tanya Jackson, Financial Secretary Tim Guffey, Auditor Janice Turek. Jackie Karnes reviewed the 2026 budget that the Session approved at its December meeting.

Session Notes:

On Monday, December 8th Session met and received the usual reports. The Session approved the 2026 budget as presented by the Trustees. They also approved the purchase of a new computer for the church office to replace the outdated one.

Discussion of preparing those interested in ways to present the gospel to folks they encounter will be one point of our outreach in the coming year.

The Nominating Committee presented the slate of elders, deacons and other officers to be nominated at the congregational/corporation meetings. We thanked those Session members who completed their three-year term, Bonnie Craig, Diana Hicks, and Lisa Wagner. Also, Elders Ron Minkus and Jesse Sandor, who passed away this year were remembered, and the work they have done.

Bob Leggett was elected Clerk of Session for 2026. If you have any concerns or questions, you are encouraged to speak with any member of Session. The next meeting will be on Monday, January 12th.

Worship Online

During these winter months if the weather prevents you from attending worship on Sunday you can watch the service online.

Go to **roundhillchurch.org** and pull down the "Worship" line to "Worship Online"

Click it and it will take you to the instructions to view the service.

Once you have the list of services on the right, click on the **"live"** service if you are watching Sunday (which may be the first or last in the list). If you watch at a later time, click the date of the service you want to watch.

Evelyn Miller



Evelyn was born in Elizabeth and spent her time growing up on Town Hill in Elizabeth. She graduated from Elizabeth Forward High School. She has 2 sons David who lives in Pitcairn and Jim who lives in Elizabeth Township. She has 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren with one more on the way.

She worked for 25 years traveling to Pittsburgh daily to clean offices. She attended Immanuel Presbyterian church in McKeesport until they closed and then went to Central Presbyterian in McKeesport and years ago came to Round Hill because our teachings were more aligned with her Biblical beliefs.

She is now limited in attending because she doesn't drive but listens on a CD. She attends the Survivors outings which she really enjoys. In her free time she enjoys Word Searches and game shows on TV.

January Birthdays

Tanya Jackson	Jan 1	Jonathan Harchelroad	Jan 5
Diana Hicks,	Jan 2	Emily Thornton	Jan 12
Jim Puckey Jr.	Jan 3	Steven Evans	Jan 24
Gary Napoli, Jr.	Jan 4	Don Girt	Jan 26
Ava Karnes	Jan 5	Ben Thornton	Jan 27
		Jim Christenson	Jan 30
		Mary Lou Hill	Jan 31

Survivors Christmas Lunch



We gathered at the Carriage Inn. We talked.
We prayed. We ate. We laughed. We played
games. We unwrapped gifts. We sang.

We are on Winter Break until March.
Watch for future dates. New faces are
always welcome.



Inquirers Gathering

The last two Sundays in January and the first Sunday in February we will have a gathering after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall for those interested in knowing more about Round Hill Church. It is for members and non-members to learn more about the history, beliefs and structure of this church.

We will also explore what it means to be a Christian and particularly a member of a church. The opportunity to discuss and ask questions about these topics will hopefully give us a better understanding of what Round Hill Church is all about during this time of learning and fellowship together. Long time member or a newcomer to the church all are welcome to join us. It should give non-members an opportunity to decide if becoming a member is something they might consider.

A light lunch will be served each Sunday and each session should last about an hour or so. There will be a sign-up sheet in the entrance of the church or call the church office (412) 384-5889 or talk to Lisa Wagner, Gayle Larcinese, or Bob Leggett.



A LOOK BACK IN TIME

Round Hill Cemetery Notes

Submitted by Bev Harchelroad

In keeping with the custom of those early days, the membership of Round Hill Church sought the comfort received by having departed loved ones being buried

close to their Church, so it was not too long until the tiny churchyard was dotted with the graves of departed members. We do not know how soon the first burial was made, but the earliest recorded burial was in 1786. It was not until 1883 that some of the members, being concerned with the necessity of providing for the internment of their own, and desiring that these places of rest receive perpetual care, met and organized the Round Hill Cemetery Company. The following is an exact quote of the minutes of that first meeting:

"Round Hill, March 17, 1883 – Pursuant to notice a number of the citizens concerned in the Round Hill Grave Yard met. On a motion, Frank Patterson, Esq., was called to chair and A. McKinley appointed Secretary. The following Resolutions were adopted on a motion of A. McKinley – resolved that a committee of six be appointed to obtain said charter. Resolved that Frank Patterson, Esq., Matthew Henderson, A. McKinley, David Nichols, John Guffy and Joseph Peairs constitute said committee. Resolved that the entire business of obtaining said charter be left with the committee. Adjourned Sine D, A. McKinley, Secretary"

The next meeting was held at Round Hill on June 23, 1883, and a portion of the minutes of that meeting follows: "Pursuant to the Board of Directors of the Round Hill Cemetery Company appointed by the court met and organized by electing Frank Patterson, Esq., President, William Caldwell, Vice President, and A. McKinley, Secretary.

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Report of former meeting read and approved, when the following resolution was adopted on motion – “Resolved that the annual meeting of the Board of Directors be held on the last Saturday of October at which time the minutes of the said company shall elect three members for three years, three for two years, and three for one. ”

The first mention of any additional land being acquired is noted at the meeting held on August 11, 1883. The minutes record that the Board viewed land to be added to the old church yard, and agreed to pay Mr. Peairs \$200 and also to give him a lot adjacent to the old family lot at the lower end of the ground. This is almost certain to be the first acres that were added to the old ground.

TO BE CONTINUED








Children’s Sunday School Class



Karen Simon and her helper, daughter Joy, are always prepared to teach the children who come to Sunday School.

JAN 2026

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Behold, another year begins! Set out afresh for Heaven; Seek pardon for thy former sins, In Christ so freely given. – Simon Browne</p> 				01 <i>New Year's Day</i>	02 <i>Church office closed</i>	03
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
<p>9:00 am Deacons Mtg 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship</p> 		<p>10:00 am Intercessory Prayer 12:00 Bible Study</p>			<p>6:00 p.m. Game Night</p> 	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<p>9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship service</p>	<p>6:30 Trustees Mtg. 7:00 Session Mtg.</p> 	<p>10:00 am Intercessory Prayer 12:00 Bible Study</p>			<p>Newsletter Submission Deadline</p>	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<p>9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship service</p> 		<p>10:00 am Intercessory Prayer 12:00 Bible Study</p>				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<p>9:00 am Family Breakfast in FH 10:30 am Worship service</p> 		<p>10:00 am Intercessory Prayer 12:00 Bible Study</p>	<p>Food Pantry truck</p> 	<p>8:30 a.m. Clothes Closet/ Food Pantry</p>		

WHO IS IN THE PULPIT

Jan 4 - Rev. Dan Mutart
Jan 11 - Rev. Dan Mutart
Jan 18 - Rev. Paul Thwaite
Jan 28 - Rev. Paul Thwaite

Feb 1 - Rev. Denny Finnegan
Feb 8 - Rev. Gary Filson
Feb 15 - Rev. Dan Mutart
Feb 22 - Rev. Dan Mutart

Around the Hill Dedication

The \$55 cost of this newsletter was paid for by Round Hill Church. If you would like to pay for future newsletters in part or in full, put your donation in the offering plate or send it to the Church with ATH in the memo line. If you want to write a dedication email or text Bonnie Craig before the deadline at email dreamstogo2@gmail.com or text (412) 400-9284

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