

AROUND THE HILL

The Round Hill Presbyterian Church Newsletter |

"A caring community in Christ. Making Disciples for Christ. Equipped for ministry by Christ."

July 2025

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Worship. 10:30 AM

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Our Pastoral Search Committee



Laurie Conley, Tanya Jackson, Robin Lane, Kevin Fritz, Eileen Russell (*Vice Chairwoman*), Bob Leggett, Janice Sherman (*Chairwoman*), Ben Thornton. Absent from the photo: Janice Turek . Secretary TBD.

Thank you for volunteering and for your service.



July Birthdays

Joanne Boback	July 13
Kim Neff	July 14
Amanda Harchelroad	July 18
Joanne Jones	July 20
Janice Turek	July 21
Evelyn Miller	July 30



July Anniversaries

Don & Pat Girt	July 5
Ron & Sue Minkus	July 10
Tony & Tanya Jackson	July 14
David & Pamela Werner	July 16

Remembering Donn Kight



Donn Kight, 93, of Elizabeth, passed away on Tuesday, May 27, 2025. He was born August 1, 1931 and was the son of the late Clarence Lehr and Mildred (Mutterer) Kight. He was the loving husband of the late Janet "Dawn" Kight, who passed away on May 4, 2004. Donn was a US Army Veteran who served during the Korean War. He was involved with Round Hill Church as an Elder, member of the choir, food pantry volunteer, "Around the Hill" newsletter staff, youth fellowship, and the strawberry festival. He loved watching movies, especially "Gone with the Wind," which he had an entire room dedicated in his house for memorabilia. He loved animals, especially his best friend, Lucy, a golden retriever, and he would always feed stray cats. He also loved painting, drawing, shopping, and decorating for the holidays. He is survived by his daughters, Leslee (Jay) Schwirian of Forward Township and Lori (Ray) Wissinger of Valencia; grandchildren, Laura, Amy, Andrew, Jackie, Kevin and Sara; great-grandchildren, Artie, Payton, Judy, Hayden, Jack, Cameron, Parker and Parker; sister-in-law, Barbara Kight; nephew, Doug Kight; and his golden retriever, Lucy. A memorial service with Military Honors will be held at Round Hill Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth on Monday, June 2, 2025 at 12 Noon, with the Rev. William Little, officiating. Burial will follow at Round Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are by the Gilbert Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 6028 Smithfield Street, Boston, Elizabeth Township (412) 751-5000. Gilbert, Director. Condolences may be made at GilbertFuneralHomeandCrematory.com



Memorial Day Flower Giveaway



On Memorial Day weekend, May 24-26, we had our annual **Flower Giveaway** for families visiting the graves at Round Hill Cemetery. This is an opportunity for us to talk with and pray for people who are grieving for their loved ones. This year we had 49 people stop by to get a flower (grown by Julius Simon) or a flag (provided by the cemetery). We also shared information about Round Hill Church and invited them to worship with us. We prayed with some that wanted prayer and listened to their story.

Thank you to the 15 people from our church who volunteered to greet the public. Also thank you to Julius Simon for raising most of the flowers. The cemetery also donated some flats of flowers along with the flags. This is a free gift for the community, however many still insist on giving a donation. Eighty nine dollars was donated

ROUND HILL CHURCH MEMORIES

Submitted by Bev Harchelroad



A LOOK BACK IN TIME

- Submitted by Bev Harchelroad

March 1979 – Pittsburgh History and Landmark Foundation “awarded a plaque to Round Hill Sanctuary on the basis of its architectural importance to the county”.

May 11, 1979 – Plaque made of native stone to match Round Hill Church’s foundation was installed. Herb Howell designed, created and installed the plaque.

Fall of 1979 – Round Hill Food Pantry started and helped 6 families. Rev. Graeme Sieber, Baba Werner, Chiquita Hutchinson, Renee Keefer, Marjorie Scott and Marilyn Christenson were first members and volunteers of Food Pantry.

December 1982 – 25th anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 78 sponsored by Round Hill Church. Evan Leggett was honored as the first Scoutmaster and so far only Scoutmaster of the Troop.

March 1983 – First Men’s Communion Breakfast held.

April 1983 – Telephone answering device installed in C.E. Bldg. Renovation of front wall of Sanctuary with an arch in memory of George Douglas started. Communion Table refinished.

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January 1984 – Front wall in Sanctuary completed. Nancy Gorsuch hired as interim minister (January to August).

April 1985 – Manse renovated at a cost of \$3,160.

May 1985 – Gable roof installed on C.E. Bldg. Cost: \$29,880. Joll Construction Company was contractor.

April 1986 – Boy Scout Troop 78 has been at Round Hill for 29 years, with Evan Leggett as Scoutmaster. There have been 69 Eagle Scouts

Fall 1987 – John Karkoski cleaned and/or replaced protective covers on stained glass windows in Sanctuary.

October 1988 – Mark Neff hired as organist at Round Hill Church

August 1998 – Sanctuary roof replaced at a cost of \$14,225 by Ed Shook Contractor, Inc. Forty-year guarantee; copper gutters installed

July 2003 – 225th anniversary of Round Hill Church. Amazing Grace Dinner Theater production was set for August 22 – 23 and 29 – 30.

June 2004 – No Strawberry Festival held – first time since 1894!



Welcome New Member Kaylee Fritz

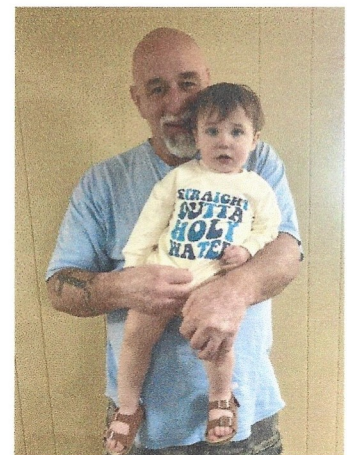
On June 1, 2025 Kaylee Fritz was welcomed into the congregation of Round Hill Presbyterian Church by Profession of Faith, after examination by Session. Kaylee is the daughter of Deacon Kevin Fritz and the late Deacon Lori Fritz. Kaylee grew up in Round Hill Church and we are happy to welcome her as a member.

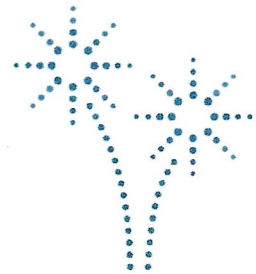
God Bless Westyn



On June 15, 2025 Westyn Hayes Gindlesperger was baptized by Sacrament. Proud Grandfather, and Deacon, Kevin Fritz stood as a witness and charged the congregation with the Nurturing of his Christian education and faith of this little one.

The Baptismal towel was created by Jackie Karnes and given to Westyn as a memorial of his baptism.





The Survivor's Lunch was June 10, at **The Juniper Grill**

in Pleasant Hills. We highly recommend the cornbread! There were 16 of us this month, and we chatted up a storm.

Mark your calendar. Our next outing is **July 8, at 1 PM**. The lunch will be held at **The Carriage Inn** in Elizabeth Township. Let Jan Sherman know if you would like a seat reserved and if you need a ride. In case you think you are not a "Survivor", they say if you survived 2020 you are a survivor!

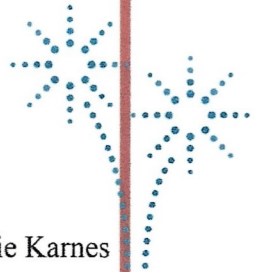


Trustee Tidbits

- *Fran wants to schedule a clean up day.
- * Making fridge/freezer purchase for church kitchen, soon
- *Going to try to polish kitchen floor before replacing.
- *Scheduling repair service for kitchen oven.

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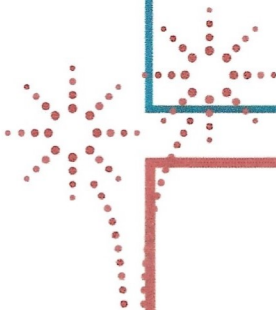
Submitted by Jackie Karnes



Deacon Activity

The Deacons continued to communicate with our shut-ins. Anyone needing a visit or prayer, please do not hesitate to contact any deacon. If you need a phone number you can call the church office at (412) 384-5889.

Submitted by Bill Leggett



Session Notes

Notes from the Session and Congregational Meetings

On Monday, June 9th Session met and received the usual reports. The congregation met on Sunday, June 8th. The follow were elected to serve on the Pastoral Search Committee: Laurie Conley, Kevin Fritz, Tanya Jackson, Robin Lane, Bob Leggett, Eileen Russell, Janice Sherman, Ben Thornton, and Janice Turek.

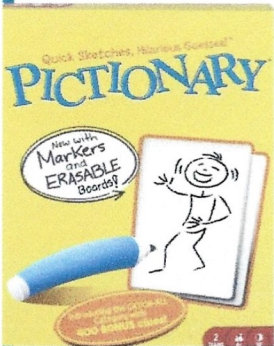
Josh Brown, chair of the Ministerial Committee of presbytery was informed we now have a Pastoral Search Committee and will soon be assigning us a liaison from his committee to work with us in our search.

If you have any concerns or questions, you are encouraged to speak with any member of Session. The next meeting will be Monday, July 14th

Submitted by Bob Leggett

FUN NIGHT

Game night for June was another fun night. We met at 6 PM in the CE Building and played Awkward Family Photos, Uno and Sequence. The Corn Hole tournament was postponed due to rain. We'll try in July.



Some changes starting in July: we will meet the second Friday evening at 6 PM from now on. Snacks and soft drinks will still be served but we will add pizza to the menu!

Bring a friend and come to play. Pictionary and Chronology are on the play list in July. If you bring children under 10, bring an appropriate game. For any questions contact Bonnie Craig or Lois Lawson. Otherwise, see you there.



Who is in the Pulpit?

July 6. Pastor Gary Chorpenning
July 13. Pastor Gary Chorpenning
July 20. Pastor Gary Filson
July 27 Pastor Gary Filson

August 3. Rev. Mitch Wall
August 10. Rev. Bill Little
August 17 Rev. Bill Little
August 24 Rev. Bill Little
August 31. Rev. Mitch Wall

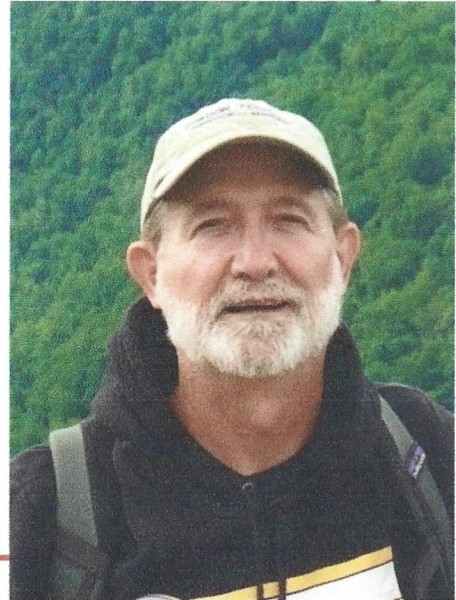


The Reverend Dr. Gary W. Filson is a retired member of the Presbytery of Redstone, where he serves as Moderator of the Permanent Judicial Commission and as a member of the Presbytery's Council. He is associated with the First Presbyterian Church of Irwin, PA. The Reverend Filson served most of his career in the Presbytery of Monmouth, in central New Jersey, where he was a Church Pastor in Jamesburg and a Stated Clerk. His doctoral thesis is titled: *Gone Fishing: Marketing Faith to Millennials in a Postmodern Era*. The Reverend Filson was a 2023 inductee into the Order of Merlin in the International Brotherhood of Magicians. The Reverend Filson lives in Irwin, PA with his wife, Ella and near his son and his daughter and their families.

Reverend Gary Chorpenning

Hi, I'm Gary Chorpenning, an ordained teaching elder in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. I've been married for 40 years to Meg Chorpenning. We have three grown children and one grandchild with another expected any day now. Over the course of my 39 years in pastoral ministry, I served four different congregations—two in the Pittsburgh area, one in downtown Columbus, Ohio, and one in Elmira, NY.

These days, I do some writing for my blog, occasionally record Bible-teaching videos for my YouTube channel, and stay physically fit by working part-time in the garden center of a local, big-box home improvement store. You can find my writing at gachorpenning.com and my videos on YouTube at "Pastor Gary's Video Notebook." You can also follow me on Facebook at "Gary Chorpenning's Notebooks."

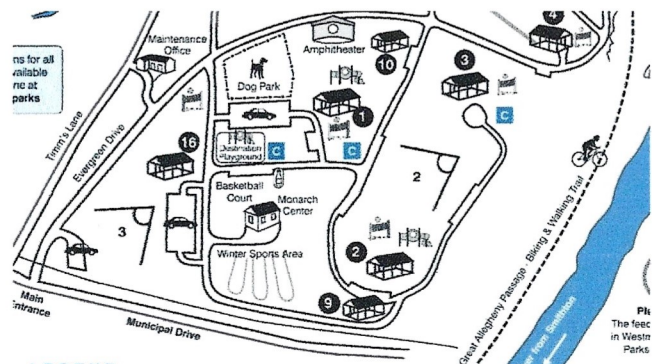


We're Having a Picnic!!!

Mark your calendar for **Sunday July 13, 2025**. After Worship we will proceed to Pavilion 3 at Cedar Creek Park for Food, Fellowship and Fun.

There is a signup sheet in the Narthex so we know how to prepare and what you will bring to share,

For further information contact Gayle Larcinece or Lisa Wagner.





Instructor

Julie Larcinese

Thursday, July 10th

7:00 pm

Location:

Round Hill Church CE
building. Outside (weather
permitting)

CHAIR YOGA

Join Julie for a gentle,
accessible Chair Yoga class
designed for all levels—
especially beginners and
seniors. This practice is
perfect for anyone seeking
mindful movement, improved
flexibility, and a deeper sense
of calm.