

# AROUND THE HILL

The Round Hill Presbyterian Church **Newsletter**

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

**MAY 2026**

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## With Heartfelt Gratitude

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We at Round Hill are fortunate to have Dan Muttart as our temporary pastor. I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge those who have filled the pulpit the 90 weeks since Matt left. The pastors include Bill Little, Dennis Finnegan, Paul Thwaite, Gary Filson, Mitch Wall, Gary Charpenning and Al Wettach. From our congregation Jules Simon, Kevin Fritz, Bob Leggett, Jesse Sandor, Ron Minkus, Lisa Wagner, Laurie Conley, Bonnie Craig and Robin Lane. We also welcomed Barb Mima and Josh Barna.

We have sent letters to the pastors thanking them for sharing God's word with us. Everyone I approached gladly accepted the invitation which made the task easy. Thank you for supporting the decisions made by the Worship Committee keeping the pulpit filled every Sunday.

*Submitted by  
Gayle Larcinese, Worship Elder,*

## From the Pastors Pen



Dear Round Hill Church Family:

Joanna and I feel so very blessed to be joining you as I assume the role of Stated Supply Pastor.

What we have loved in the times I have guest preached at your church is the sense of community that we have both witnessed and experienced. We first noticed it with the way you end your services — circling up to sing a final song together. But we also have noticed it in the Sunday school class we attended on the occasions we have been here, and the lunch that we experienced after the last service in which I preached as a guest.

Though this is a part-time role, Joanna and I will be putting our whole hearts into it. I intend to become a regular part of the Tuesday prayer gathering. Joanna and I both want to be involved with your monthly food and clothing distributions. And my intent over the first little while there is to work with the deacons to find out shut-ins who could use a pastoral visit.

Of course, my main role will be bringing God's word to you on Sundays. I wanted to share with you an advance note about how I preach. What I learned a long time ago is the importance of preaching in sermon series. I did a couple of mini-series with you back in January and February, but typically I preach four to six week series on a particular book of the Bible. My goal always is to make people see the Scriptures can speak into their lives in the 21st century, though God inspired it millennia ago.

I also do Message Notes, which you will begin to see included with your weekly bulletin. Over the years, I have found that when people have notes in front of them, with Scriptures and blanks that they can fill in, they tend to retain the information more. And, some members of the church I have served over the years have kept those Message Notes in a binder, so they can refer back to them as the need arises.

Until God leads you to your permanent pastor, it is a privilege to serve you in this capacity, to get to know all of you more, and to do ministry together to the glory of God.

God bless you — this is going to be both fun and exciting!

Pastor Dan and Joanna

# OUR NEW FAMILY MEMBERS



## Meet Logan Freyer

In this month's Around The Hill, we would like to continue to make known to the entire congregation, the faces and names of the newest members of our church family.

Logan Edward Freyer, born June 28, 2006 is a lifelong resident of the Elizabeth area. Looking forward to his 20th birthday, Logan currently enjoys working with special needs kid, for the local school bus company.

His life's desire is to become a police officer and eventually rise to the position of Chief. In his free time, he enjoys playing Dungeons and Dragons, reading and works of carpentry. Logan came to our church with the desire to return to the closeness of God. In the church, Logan has a heart for service to others, and watches for those opportunities to appear where he can serve. When you see Logan, please extend the right arm of fellowship to him and warmly welcome him into our Round Hill family.

*Submitted by Kevin Fritz*

## Meet Zach Gapsky



Zach Gapsky, a native of this area, became a member of Round Hill Church on February 22nd of this year. He was also baptized on this date by Rev. Dan Muttart . We are so happy to have him as part of our Christian family. Logan Freyer, a friend of Zach's, introduced him to Round Hill.

Zach attended several services at Round Hill and found the people friendly and the sermons relatable to him.

As a child, he attended Greenock Methodist Church's day care and was exposed to Sunday School there.

Zach is employed at PNC Bank as a branch and service representative. He reaches out to help other PNC branches in his district .His area encompasses South Allegheny to the Waterfront. There are 10 branches in this area.

In his free time, Zach enjoys playing video and card games with friends. He also enjoys golfing with his dad and grandfather.

His dream vacation is a trip to the beaches of Normandy in France and on into Germany. Family members fought in World War II and thus, his impetus to do this.

Zach has volunteered to help Bob Leggett and Mark Christenson with the operation of the church's PA system in the sanctuary.

**WELCOME ABOARD ZACH!**

*Submitted by Eileen Russell*



## Meet Katrina Mellinger

Katrina joined Round Hill Presbyterian Church on March 22, 2026, the same day she was baptized.

Katrina lives on Smithfield Street in Boston, PA. She grew up in the beautiful state of Montana. Katrina is married to her husband William whom she married on August 12, 2025. She and Bill eloped and flew to Hawaii for their honeymoon which she considers her favorite vacation venue ever. She has five siblings (3 brothers/2 sisters).

Katrina owns a blue heeler golden retriever mix whose name is Bella. She enjoys hiking with Bella as her favorite pastime.

When Katrina moved to this area, she was looking for a bible based church. She loved the atmosphere at Round Hill, the friendliness of its people and its surroundings (Round Hill Park). She visited our church and immediately knew it was the place for her.

When asked for something interesting about herself, Katrina thought at length and finally replied, "I am really a very uninteresting person. So, I don't really have a response for you, I'm sorry." We laughed and accepted that answer.

Welcome, Katrina! We are delighted you chose Round Hill as your place of worship. We hope you find Round Hill Presbyterian Church to be fulfilling & nurturing as you continue your walk with Christ.

*Submitted by Tom Russell*



## **Meet Jesse Jameson**

Jesse Jameson joined Round Hill Presbyterian Church on February 22, 2026. He resides on Scott Road in Finleyville, PA where he has resided for four years. Jesse has one brother.

Jesse is currently unemployed but is actively seeking employment. He graduated from Elizabeth Forward High School. Jesse enjoys drawing. His favorite vacation destination is Punta Gorda, Florida which he really enjoys visiting. Jesse enjoys playing the guitar in his spare time.

Jesse's good friend Logan brought him to Round Hill Church. He felt he needed to spend more time in his faith & when he mentioned this to Logan, things happened. We are delighted to have you as one of our new members, Jesse. We sincerely hope that your new church home provides you with a fulfilling experience.

*Submitted by Tom Russell*

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Joan Harris	May 1
Sage Jackson	May 10
Grayson Harchelroad	May 13
Jay Schwirian	May 16
Kris Thornton	May 19
Savannah Harchelroad	May 27
Leslee Schwirian	May 31

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Pat & Laurie Conley 5 May

## Mission Team Report

The Mission Team met on Thursday, April 16th and distributed \$5,000 of mission funds to the following:

ChildHope to sponsor two children	\$1,000
Angel Tree Camp	\$500
Sram Ashram (Dr. Clement)	\$500
Light of Life Rescue Mission	\$500
Samaritan's Purse for disaster relief	\$500
Sierra Leone (EduNations) for churches	\$500
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EPC Missionaries Bailey and Mitchel	\$500 each

*for a total of \$1,000.*

Elizabeth Salvation Army \$402

*from the Red Kettle Campaign in December, 2025.*

If you wish to contribute to the Mission fund of the church mark your offering envelope with the amount on the Missions line or mark your check memo Mission

*Submitted by Bob Leggett*

## Session Notes:

On Monday, April 13th Session met and received the usual reports. No one volunteered to attend the May 16th presbytery meeting or General Assembly on June 16 to 18 in Colorado. If any elder not presently serving on Session wishes to volunteer let Bob Leggett know.

A letter was received from the Round Hill Cemetery board proposing that they purchase the manse, C.E. Building and the property on which they sit. Session declined their proposal.

Other items should appear elsewhere as reported by the individual groups. If you wish to serve on any of the committees contact the elders in-charge. (Their names and committees are listed in the bulletin each Sunday.)

If you have any concerns or questions, you are encouraged to speak with any member of Session. The next meeting will be on Monday, May 11, 2026.

*Submitted by Bob Leggett, Clerk of Session*

## Deacon Report

On Sunday, April 12th the Deacons met. Tom Russell gave the devotion and we approved the March minutes.

We discussed:

- \*Our visits and distribution of Easter bags to our home church.
- \*Plans for Mother's Day and Father's Day.
- \*May greeters

Barb Gaylord closed our meeting in prayer. Next meeting is May 3rd.

*Submitted by Deacon Leslee Schwirian*



## Passover Seder Dinner

Julius Simon led the team who provided a Seder Dinner on Maundy Thursday. Jules provided the Haggadah (Hebrew for script) as he guided us step by step through the meal.



## Easter Sunday at Round Hill Church

Rev Bill Little was in the pulpit on Easter Sunday. Gayle Larcinese gave the Children's sermon. Bill's daughter provided American Sign Language.



## April Survivor's Lunch



A cartoon of the group at Elrama Tavern. (We are a fun bunch!)

*Next Lunch is May 12, 2026. Contact Janice Sherman for details.*



**Family Breakfast** in the Fellowship Hall prior to Worship,  
April 26, 2026

**Choir** will continue to practice and sing during worship through out the Summer this year. See Mayim or any choir member to participate or for further information.

# MAY 2026



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

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10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
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<p>9:15 Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Service</p> <p>Flower Giveaway</p>	<p>Memorial Day (Church office closed)</p> <p>Flower Giveaway</p>	<p>10:00 am</p> <p>Intercessory prayer</p>	<p>Food Pantry truck</p>	<p>8:30 am Clothes Closet/ Food Pantry</p>			
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<p>9:00 a.m. Family B.fast in FH 10:30 Worship</p>							

## **Around the Hill Dedication**

***The Russells dedicate this month's Around the Hill to their five children of whom they are very proud & their precious 10 grandchildren."***

The \$55 cost of this newsletter was paid for by Eileen and Tom Russell.

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](mailto:dreamstogo2@gmail.com) or text(412) 400-9284

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