

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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Introducing Vera Lee Thorton. She is 7 years old and the daughter of Ben and Krissy Thorton. She has found a new job as Acolyte at the close of each service. Keep up the great job Vera!

Submitted by Gayle Larcinese, Worship Elder.

Session Notes:

On Monday, January 12th Session met and received the usual reports. The Session reorganized with the following areas: Fellowship-Lisa Wagner, Instruction-Laurie Conley, Outreach-Ben Thornton and Julius Simon, Personnel-Diana Hicks, Worship-Gayle Larcinese, Communications-Bonnie Craig. They also made some adjustments to the membership rolls. Plan to have a joint gathering with the Deacons on Saturday, March 7th. If you have any concerns or questions, you are encouraged to speak with any member of Session. The next meeting will be on Monday, February 9 at 7PM



Hospitality

As the new year 2026 begins we elders look forward to new opportunities to work with and serve God and this congregation.

I am being led to head up Hospitality. No! I don't mean tea parties and ice cream socials. We want to make our church a welcoming and well cared for place to worship. It has been several years since a major clean up and painting have happened.

The anniversary of our 250 years of being a church is coming in 2028 and we need to begin planning our celebration.

Also while the pastoral search committee looks for our next pastor we have some time to ensure a good impression of our buildings, reflecting our hope for the future. If this is something that interests you, let's talk.

Another part of hospitality is making visitors feel welcome when they come to church. I'm hoping to introduce some ideas of how we all can do this. Thank you for reading this article now think and pray about your part in it.

Linda Leggett 412-901-0149

Communication Team

I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BUT GOD DOES!!

We need help on the communication team. We are having a meeting on February 9th, at 6 p.m. before the session meeting. Anyone who has IT experience, tech experience, Internet experience and a willingness to give us a hand is encouraged to join. Please let me know if you can attend this meeting. Pizza will be served.

We need help with the website and access to streaming services, Facebook and other social media platforms, and the newsletter, and any other communication help you can give us.

I don't know who this might be, but if you can help us, you are personally invited to this meeting.

Thank you and God bless. **Bonnie Craig. Text at (412) 400-9284.**



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.

Session Elders Class of 2028



Laurie Conley

Instruction

I have been a member of Round Hill my entire life. Going to church and participating its activities was instilled in us by our parents. My church life included attending Sunday school, singing in the junior choir which was lead by Kathy Graham and attending Bible school in the summer. I also participated in youth fellowship where Mr. and Mrs. Kight were the leaders and in charge of organizing the activities which I remember to this day. I drifted away from "church" during my 20's but by His grace and the prompting of the Holy Spirit I came back after my daughter was born and grew in my faith by finally grasping the true message of the Gospel. I have been involved in our church one way or another ever since.

I have been a member of Session a number of times with most of my assignments being focused on Fellowship. This year, my Session assignment is to lead the area of Instruction with my hope being to increase the number of learning opportunities for our church and surrounding community.

I have been married to my husband Pat for 41 years and we have one daughter, Tawni, who was also brought up in Round Hill. I am also a happily retired program manager from a transportation company. In my spare time I enjoy going to our camp in Pymatuning with my husband, Pat, and our dog Dorado, where we boat, fish, ride bikes and just basically relax. In addition, I love spending time with Tawni, her husband Dan, and our two granddaughters, Autumn and Brielle who are the loves of our lives.

Please pray that God will give your Session wisdom to know and to follow His will for our church.



Ben Thornton

Outreach

I am originally from Clairton, and my wife, Krissy, and I have served as police officers for 25 years. We have four children and have called Elizabeth Township home for the past 20 years.

Although we have always considered ourselves Christians, several years ago we felt called to deepen our understanding of our faith and to commit to regular worship. We visited several churches in the area, but when we attended a service at Round Hill Presbyterian Church, it did not feel like a visit. It felt like home.

As I prepare to retire, I am excited to become even more involved in the life of Round Hill. I have recently joined the choir, served on the Pastoral Search Committee, and was ordained as an Elder. Looking ahead, I hope to help Round Hill Presbyterian Church place a strong emphasis on the evangelical aspects of our faith.



Lisa Wagner

Fellowship

I retired from Quest Diagnostics in 2014. I committed to God that if He allowed me to be financially able to retire at 55, I would become a volunteer. He came through big time. I settled into co-lead of the Round Hill Food Pantry and serve as a project manager for church events. I am currently serving my second term as an elder.

Personally, through the years, my interests have included: sewing, quilting, crocheting, reading, and movies. Though not currently a choir member, I love to sing and may just pop up for a solo on any given Sunday. I am a proud Disney and Cedar Point annual pass holder and open for any opportunity to pack a bag and hit the road.

My faith is just simply part of me. I was raised in the Baptist Church and migrated to Round Hill over thirty years ago. I have known no other life than that of relying on God and the assurance that He is walking beside me. One of my favorite verses is Psalms 46:10a: Be Still and know that I am God.



UPCOMING LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Will begin on Tuesday, February 3, at 12:00 p.m. in the C.E. Building. All are welcome. No previous Bible study experience necessary. We will be studying some of the ministry of Jesus from the book of Matthew in an interesting way. Give it a try.

Call or text **Laurie Conley (412)841-3193** or **Bonnie Craig (412) 400-9284** for further information.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Phil Sorrentino	Feb 10	Bill Nevin	Feb 19
Fran Hicks	Feb 11	Elfriede Christ	Feb 20
Alexandra Karnes	Feb 11	Pamela Werner	Feb 22
Roberta Thompson	Feb 12	Westyn Gindlesperger	Feb 27
John Turek	Feb 16	Tina Branik	Feb 28
Alyssa Flocker	Feb 17		

ANNIVERSARIES:

Rich & Joanne Jones Feb. 14

GAME NIGHT is **Friday, February 13 at 6PM**. Pizza and snacks and soft drinks provided. The game will be chosen by the group, (we have many to choose from) the purpose of this fellowship is to laugh. (God loves to laugh) Come laugh with us!!!!



CHAIR YOGA

***Thursday February 12 at 6:00 in the CE Building
Led by Julie Larcinese***

You are warmly invited to a gentle chair yoga session designed to support mobility and overall well-being. This class is practiced primarily from a chair, with thoughtful options for all abilities, making it a safe and welcoming experience for everyone. It includes slow, intentional movements, gentle stretches and calming breathwork to support relaxation, circulation and balance. The class will conclude with a guided meditation, offering time to rest, reflect and relax.

After class you are invited to stay and enjoy herbal tea and light refreshments. No prior yoga experience is necessary. Come as you are and leave feeling grounded, supported and refreshed.



A LOOK BACK IN TIME

Round Hill Cemetery Notes

Submitted by Bev Harchelroad

Over the years, the cemetery grew gradually. It is of interest to note that when the Round Hill Cemetery

Company first drew up its rules and regulations, it set the prices of the plots as follows: those on "the east side of the driving road" were to be sold for \$28 and the back lots were to be sold for \$25 – a rather modest price indeed!

A list of burials from 1778 up to late 1964 was alphabetically compiled for the Round Hill Cemetery. The list was compiled from the records kept in the office of the Round Hill Cemetery and those involved expressed that they were grateful for the assistance of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gamble in the compilation of the burials.

A copy of the records made at that time is in the hands of the registrar of the David McKee Chapter, Daughters of the American Colonists as of the date of January 20, 2000. The Round Hill Cemetery Office, at the cemetery site, is open daily for those in need of assistance and the burials are still being made today.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIERS AT ROUND HILL:

In 1964 it was written that "Within the confines of this country churchyard and cemetery at Round Hill lie the honored from every war in which Americans have been engaged, but of especial historical interest to all of us are the graves of at least thirty-four soldiers who fought for our independence in the Revolutionary War. The following is a list of the thirty-four men whose records have been established"

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Capt. John Beckett
Capt. Joseph Beckett
John Drennan
John Douglas
William Finney
William Rankin
John Hill
Samuel Hindman
Lieut. Phillip Howell
George McClure
William McKinley
John Mitchel
Thomas Morton
Samuel Nicols
John Orr
William Orr
James Patterson

Robert Patterson
William Patterson

Joseph Peairs
Joseph Ray
Rev. Matthew Henderson
David Robison
William Schrader
Lieut. James Scott
Andrew Stewart
James Stewart
Samuel VanKirk
John Watt
Henry Westbay
Thomas Willson
Hugh Wilson, Sr.
Robert Wilson



WHO IS IN THE PULPIT

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

Mar 1 - Rev. Mitch Walls
Mar 8 - Rev. Mitch Walls
Mar 15 - Rev Paul Thwaite
Mar 22 - Rev. Paul Thwaite
Mar 29 - Rev. Bill Little
(Palm Sunday)

FEB 2026

*I have loved you
with an
everlasting love.*

Jeremiah 31:3



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9:00 am Deacons Mtg
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 Trustees Mtg.
7:00 Session Mtg.



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



6:00 p.m.
Game Night



Valentine's
Day

Newsletter
Submission
Deadline



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9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship



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



Lent Begins

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9:00 a.m. Family
Breakfast
10:30 Worship Service



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



Food Pantry truck



8:30 a.m.
Clothes Closet/
Food Pantry

News of the Congregation

Congratulations!

Pastor Dan Muttart and his wife Joanna welcomed their first grandson January 14. Axel Fate Albaugh weighed in a 7lb 12 oz!



Helen Allen of Redstone Highlands of Greensburg, passed away on Monday, January 12, 2026. Born in Versailles Township on February 9, 1921, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Bayne Allen and Emma C. Wunderly Allen. She was born 2/9/21. Helen Would have been 105 in February.

Born in a hospital in Versailles Twp., she lived in Versailles. For 35 years Helen took a train into Pittsburgh everyday for work at US Steel and Chevron. Her father chose for the family to come to Round Hill because we had an 8:30 AM service on Sunday. Helen was active in our women's circle. She had 2 brothers and 3 sisters. She was the last surviving family member

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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