



*Round Hill
Community Church*

The News Letter

June 2007

PASTORAL MESSAGE

Our Yearning to Be Found

Fred Craddock, one of the finest preachers of our generation, tells the story of how, when he was a young boy on the farm, he and his sister and brothers would play hide-and-seek. He writes that they would play that game in the country because it didn't cost anything, and though they grew tired of it, they still would play it for the sake of adventure.

He writes that one time . . . "My sister was 'It.' When my sister was 'It,' she would often cheat. She would start off counting honestly enough, saying 'One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, ninety-three, ninety-four.' She 'short-counted' that day, but I had a place under the porch and under the steps of the porch. Because of my size, I could get under there, and I knew she'd never find me. 'Ninety-nine, one hundred. Here I come, ready or not!' And here she came, in the house, out of the house, in the weeds, in the trees, down to the corn crib, in the barn. She couldn't find me. I almost gave myself away, down under there just snickering to myself – 'She'll never find me here, she'll never find me here.' Then it occurred to me . . . 'she'll NEVER find me here.' So, after a while, I stuck out a toe, and then my whole foot. When she came by and saw my toe and foot, she cried out, 'Ah-ha! I see you!' And she ran back to the home base, touched it three times, and said, 'Ha, ha. Now, you're it.' And I came out brushing off all the cobwebs and soot and said, 'Shoot, you found me.'"

Craddock observes, "What did I want? What did I really want? The very same thing as all of us do in the grand scheme of things – I wanted to be found. Isn't that true?"

I have little doubt that most of us share young

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ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Please join us for our annual church picnic on the green after the worship service on Sunday, June 3. The dress is casual as is the food, cooked by the always reliable Men's Group. We ask everyone to bring a salad or dessert to supplement those delicious hamburgers and hot dogs.

The picnic also marks the last day of regular Church School and the children will be asking the congregation for contributions to their chosen charity (see page 2). Eileen Brehm and the team of teachers have, this year, spent a considerable amount of time and energy raising the children's awareness of others in need. It is an accomplishment they should be proud of and one we should all enthusiastically support. The children and, more important, the organization, will greatly appreciate any size donation you can make.

We look forward to seeing you on the green for fellowship, barbecue, and good will.



*The RHCC annual picnic on the green
will be Sunday, June 3, following worship*



CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

“A child is not a vessel to be filled but a lamp to be lit.”

RHCC Children for Change and Save the Children

The last day of the Church School spring fundraiser will be at the church picnic on Sunday, June 3. Look for our table where you can donate money to help “fill a school.” Money collected during this fundraiser will go to the ReWrite the Future program offered through Save the Children. ReWrite the Future assists children in war-torn countries and helps children return to schools, build schools where needed, purchase school supplies, and pay trained teachers. Our children decided that to give a gift of education is one that will have a lasting effect on a child’s life. Find us on June 3 and lend your support for all children.



Church School children during their fundraiser benefitting a Save the Children program

Summer Sundays

Summer Sundays at Round Hill Community Church School begin on Sunday, June 10. All congregation members are welcome to sign up to teach. If you would like to read a story, do an art project, or share a story from your own life with our children, please call Eileen at the Church Office to schedule a Sunday this summer. The lesson is up to you – your gift of time with the children is invaluable and is what makes their Church School experience rich and varied. Please consider sharing yourself and one Sunday this summer with our children – we would love to have you in class! Call Eileen for more details.

– Eileen Brehm

Search for New Director of Children’s Ministries

It is with regret that the Board of Trustees has received the resignation of Eileen Brehm as our Director of Children’s Ministries effective September 1, and which has been prompted by her need to spend more time with her family.



Eileen Brehm with her son, Noah

Eileen has exercised a very positive impact upon our church family over the last year and a half, and she is dearly loved by children, parents and all who have been privileged to draw near her side. She has brought creative energy and a loving responsiveness to our needs in the Christian nurture programs in our church. We will miss the leadership that has been hers, though we are delighted that she still intends to remain involved as time allows. We will be saying “Thank You” to Eileen on Sunday, June 3, during our worship service and annual picnic.

On Sunday, May 6, this news was shared with those in attendance at the Parents Meeting after worship, and then the Board of Trustees discussed this matter on Monday evening, May 7, at the regular Board Meeting. The Board of Trustees views the



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ministries involving our children and young people, along with their parents, to be a vitally important part of our shared ministry as a church. Our prayerful hope is that we will be able to fill this vacant position as soon as possible.

Toward that end, a new Position Description for the Director of Children's Ministries has been generated and has been expanded to a half-time position that will involve 20 hours per week. We are confident that adequate funding will be found within our budget and trust the generous support of our congregation. In addition, a Search Committee is being formed that will be led by Rev. Lynne Kramer, who has graciously agreed to help us in the effort to find a new Director of Children's Ministries. If you would like to serve on the Search Committee, are interested yourself in this position, or may know of any who would be interested in this new position, please let us know as soon as possible.

Eileen is continuing her plans for our Summer Sunday School to occur in the months ahead, and also will be seeking to get teachers and schedules in place for the fall. Our hope is to have someone in place sometime during the summer months in order to work with Eileen and others to plan an exciting program in the year ahead. Please keep all these dimensions in our Christian education program and search process in your thoughts and prayers, as we trust God to provide for our needs and programs in ways we cannot even imagine.

– Bob Culp

MUSIC AT ROUND HILL

Spirituals Sunday

On Sunday, June 3, the choir will present a medley of Spirituals during the service. The ten-minute prelude will include *Ain't Got Time to Die*, *My Lord What a Morning*, and *The Lily of the Valley*.

During the service, the choir will perform *I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray* and *Ride on King Jesus*. The Pitmann arrangement of *Any How* will be the Benediction Response, followed by the popular *Ride the Chariot*.

– Christopher Kabala

NICARAGUA TRIP

At the end of August, 16 adult and youth members of our church will be going to Nicaragua with Bridges to Community, a nonprofit organization that sends volunteers to work on community development projects in third world countries. They will be living in a rural village about 20 km outside of the capital, Managua. They will be working with local masons and a family to build a cinderblock home, which will replace the family's current house of scrap wood, metal sheets, and plastic. The new home will give them better protection against flooding, earthquakes, and disease.

The cost of the home is \$3,500. The cost of the trip for each participant is \$1,800. Any contributions to help defray the individual costs would be appreciated. Checks can be made out to RHCC and sent to the Church Office.

**Check the calendar on our website for the most
up-to-date information on events at RHCC.**

**Go to *roundhillcommunitychurch.org* and click on *Calendar* under “Topics.”
Click on individual events for times and details.**



MUSIC AT ROUND HILL

Music Sunday: Notes of a Chorister

I was surprised by how nervous I was when I got to church Sunday morning, May 6. It was Music Sunday. I hadn't been able to sleep so I got there early and hoped to be able to sit quietly reviewing the score. I have been in the choir eight years or so, but I am not a musician. There is too much about music I do not know, but I like to sing. Over time I have learned about music and how to listen to music. I have learned better how to make music myself.

The choir began to work on Haydn's Mass in Time of War (Paukenmasse) during the winter. Chris introduced us to it as we were learning and performing other music. It's not an easy process, this learning of music. There are the notes, the pronunciation of the words, the rhythms . . . what I'll call the basics. But then there is the "inner essence," the phrasing, the core of the sound. It's an arduous process and doesn't come easy to me. I like to stand close to Jenna Hintz, the mezzo-soprano soloist, listening to the sense she makes of the music as well as the sheer beauty of the sound of her voice. I watch Chris as he leads us, going over and over the music, hitting the notes and repeating how he wants the phrasing. Sometimes the patience wears thin,

I am pretty sure that most, if not everyone, in the choir spent a good deal of time on their own working on the music. But when we were at rehearsal it still wasn't coming together. Chris took us through sections repeatedly, trying to get us to find the musical intention. We went over pitches and tricky rhythms. He talked about phrasing, where to put an accent, or where to expand the sound. We worked; we tried.

Sometimes I lost focus. Sometimes I got lost.

Two weeks before the performance our leader was exasperated and discouraged. Maybe the music was too difficult for us. Maybe the group wasn't committed enough to do the work. I could hear we weren't making music yet. We were urged on – not so gently at times. Extra rehearsal time was found.

Then a week before Music Sunday something happened; it started to come together. I'm sure each of us felt it in our own way. Not only could I hear my own voice find the notes, the rhythms, the phrasing with confidence, but it was all around me. Also, I could see in Chris's eyes that he thought we could do it. At each additional rehearsal the sound got better. On Saturday morning, the day before the concert, we worked with the instrumentalists for the first time. It's hard to put into words what that is like. The thrill of it, but also the wonder of watching musicians come together for the first time, some of whom might never have played the piece before that morning, and make this beautiful music. And the choir was a part of this. I was a part of it.

I don't believe in magic but there was something magical in how disparate sounds came together to be music. To take this a little further, there is something more than a little magical in how disparate, less than perfect choristers come together for a time and make truly beautiful music. It is exhilarating and exhausting all at the same time – transformative.

In addition, it was very rewarding to look out at the congregation on Music Sunday and both see and feel the celebration of the music.

– Sandy Motland, Choir Member





CENTER FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT

A Trip to Israel – February 22 to March 2, 2008

A group of congregants and friends from RHCC is planning to visit the current and ancient sites that are holiest within the Christian, Jewish, and Muslim traditions.

We have been working with Illume, a travel group from Boston that facilitates groups wanting to experience the Holy Land from diverse faith backgrounds.

“Illume experts offer travel experiences that foster global community, cultural respect, stewardship of world heritage, and compassionate living through world citizenship, learning/academic study, religious/spiritual reflection, and faith heritage discovery.”

This is just some of what we will do in one week (plus travel):

- Go to Capernaum, where Jesus preached the “Sermon on the Mount” and take a boat ride on the sea of Galilee.
- Visit ancient Jewish archaeological sites and the town of Safed, where the Kabala is said to have originated.
- Visit Jericho, the Mount of Olives, and the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem.
- See Yad Vashem, the Children’s Holocaust Museum.
- Go to Jewish and Muslim quarters of Jerusalem and talk with groups involved with interfaith dialogue.
- Visit a Kibbutz.
- Visit Masada and Qumran, and discuss the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Essenes from early Christianity.
- Follow the ancient steps of Jesus’ last week in Jerusalem.

For the full itinerary, we have our own website for this trip: www.travelillumine.com/trc/hur (this is case sensitive).

If you want to know more, please call Shannon White at the church or email shannonjlp@aol.com.

LES BEAUX ARTS GALLERY



Vicky Netter Fitzgerald, an artist from Greenwich, will be displaying her work in black and white photography and monoprints at Les Beaux Arts from June 7 through July 5. Vicky graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University with a BFA, concentrating on photography and printmaking. She also studied at the School of Visual Arts in Manhattan. She was very much interested in advertising and worked as an Art Director at Leber Katz Partners in Manhattan and McCann Erickson for eight years.

She started her photography with a 35mm Robot camera with a square frame, which was totally unique to her. Later she switched to a 35mm Nikon. She called her practice “Viewpoints” and concentrated on landscape and nature. She is mostly interested in black and white photography. “It’s more dramatic,” she says. About her work she commented that “not always knowing what the camera will produce is interesting; I love to look at light, shape, beauty, and sentiment.” Her prints are color studies.

Vicky lives with her husband in Greenwich and is involved with volunteer activities at the Bruce Museum and the Junior League.

– Mirella Hajjar



CHRISTMAS ON ROUND HILL



Happy Springtime!

I hope all of you will respond with a resounding “Yes, count me in to help with Christmas on Round Hill!”

This year I am hoping to break down Fabulous Food into smaller bits. I welcome all suggestions – what worked, what didn’t, things we should try and people who might be interested in joining our committee.

I’d like to combine our efforts with the crafts projects and make those the earlier workshops. As with Fabulous Food, there is a job for all talents. It is great fun to work on things together. The food workshops could begin late October or early November.

Please everyone, let me hear from all of you. Try to give me an idea of how much time you might have and when, what you’d most enjoy doing, and ideas for workshops. Any and all comments will be greatly appreciated.

– Nancy Lane

We are looking forward to another creative and fun Christmas on Round Hill on November 30 and December 1. Last year’s festivities were the result of many people working together toward a common goal throughout the year, and we are asking for the same commitment this year.

Workshops will be scheduled on Mondays at 9:30 and Thursdays at 3:00. We will publicize what the workshops will be, and you can always call the Church Office for more information. Please call Nancy Lane, Lynda Treadwell, or Nancy Mazzoli

with any ideas you may have for items to make and sell at the fair.

If you are interested in selling your own creations as a “member or friend of the church,” please let us know so that we can reserve space for you.

Please feel free to contact the following committee chairs with ideas, offers to help, questions, or suggestions:

Treasure Trove: Jean Bergstresser

Fabulous Food: Nancy Lane

Living Greens: Suzy Simpson

Party: Men’s Group

Decorations: Mirella Hajjar, Ron Wilson, Jr.

Train: Ron Wilson, Jr.

Send Us Your Favorite Quotations

One of our projects requires 365 quotes that may help us through our busy days. Please send us as many of your favorite quotes as you’d like and include the name of the source. We will not use your name in the publication but may list you as a contributor. Send submissions to nancy.mazzoli@gmail.com or mail to the Church Office.

– Nancy Mazzoli



WOMEN'S GATHERING

Luau on Round Hill!

The Tiki Bar opened at 6:30 on May 11. Guests entered to find palm trees, grass skirting, and tropical parrots. They were greeted by Christine Gerli, our welcomer and doorkeeper for the past two years. Christine had the company of a cockatoo, designed some years ago by Suzy Simpson to hang in perfect balance (as long as we kept him away from the Tiki Bar).



Christine Gerli and the cockatoo

Everyone was in the mood with bright colors and other attire. Shannon White and Peyton arrived in grass skirts and leis, Sandy Motland with a flowered coronet. Dee Lewis and Suzy Simpson came in colorful Hawaiian dresses and Dee added an hibiscus to her stunning hair. Joan Warburg wore a beautiful lei and others put on ones provided by the committee. A number of people brought guests or their mothers or daughters in honor of Mother's Day.

Our speaker for the evening was Diana Deacon, who held us spellbound with excerpts from her busy and multifaceted life. Most poignant was her reference to a poem by Robert Frost, "The Road Not Taken." Despite a lifetime of achievements, Diana expressed the need to explore yet another path where music will certainly be prominent. The reference was meaningful for those who have been unable to travel both roads in

life and then look back with longing for what might have been. Could it have made "all the difference"?



*Dee Lewis and Shannon White
with Peyton*

New Committee Chairs

Marilyn Hammond and Rhona Johnson have agreed to chair the Women's Gathering for the next two years. If you have any interest in joining the committee, please call Marilyn, Rhona, or Lynda Treadwell.

Dee Lewis and I have concluded our two years as co-chairs. What fun we had working together. Many thanks to all of the speakers and hostesses who made our meetings a success. And we greatly appreciate the efforts of our committee and others who pitched in to ease the workload. During our tenure, the committee made two contributions to the Fairfield County Community Foundation Fund for Women and Girls.

– Carrie Finlayson



*Bette Willis, Rhona Johnson, Sandy Motland,
Suzy Simpson, and Carol James*



CONFIRMATION STATEMENTS OF DISCOVERY



*Front row: Courtney Ziluca, Amy Munro, Sophie Grueterich
Back row: Alex Hofer, Arman Rye, Grant Kugler, Robert Harmon*

On Confirmation Sunday seven young people presented their Statements of Discovery to the congregation during a service in which they were welcomed into our church as new members. They were led by Bob Culp and Shannon White during Confirmation classes from January through May, and had contact with church members who served as their mentors throughout the process. Here are excerpts from their statements.

Sophie Christina Grueterich

My first impression of the Bible was a large book that was never read through like the books I read and I would never be able to understand. I see it differently now. The way the Bible is written is not that difficult to comprehend and makes sense if you sink into what my teacher calls a “Zen-like state” – just reading and making mental pictures, unaware of the world around you. The technique that I have come to use for reading and understanding the Bible is reading each paragraph or so, and stopping every now and then to think about it a little without coming out of my reading state.

As I strive to pull myself farther into the world of God and Jesus and Understanding, I discover what it means to be me. I see what I need to do to become what I want to be in terms of the kind of person

people see me as. I find that I want people to see me as the girl who helps people, or is kind to everyone. I work hard for this and through that I see how difficult it is sometimes to push aside things that people have done to you and forgive them. It seems to most people that if you forgive someone it doesn’t do much for you, but they don’t see that there are so many things that are made easier to avoid by forgiving.

Robert Benjamin Harmon, III

I’m writing about my experience with my mentors. My mentors were Bon and Becky Jaspersen. Bon and Becky are two very kind and interesting people. They both have had their ups and downs during their lifetime but they keep plugging along. During our time together I enjoyed how they listened to everything I had to say and considered it as an option or a reality. During our meetings we talked about many things: books they and I have read, movies we have seen, or just things going on in our life. We also talked about past experiences with religions and things similar to them. During our time I have learned many things about them and about what they do and about the Christian religion.

In our last meeting Bon said, “God made us in his image and in return we made him in our image.” This



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has great meaning in that God is who and what we think he is. It could also mean that once God was not more powerful than any one human being on earth. This was important to me because I realized that God doesn't have to be some holy power or some ultimate being. If I wanted, God could be the man asking for change on the side of the street or the president of this very nation.

Richard Alex Hofer

I admire the things Jesus did during his time on our planet. He preached beautiful concepts such as the Golden Rule – “Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.” All of Jesus' teachings had a similar message involving peace and respect for others. I know that if everybody followed in Jesus' teachings our planet would quickly become a better place, and Heaven would finally be on Earth. Even when the people wanted a Messiah who would come in with military force and destroy the Romans, Jesus knew better. Instead, he talked and preached about uniting people and making peace rather than conducting military conquest. In my opinion, Jesus was the greatest preacher to grace the planet.

In John 14:16 Jesus foretold the coming of the Holy Spirit: “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.” The Holy Spirit is a part of God who is, as our Church Creed so wonderfully puts it, “Present with us to guide, comfort and inspire in the Holy Spirit.” I often think of the Holy Spirit as a dove, one of the gentlest and most peaceful animals. Whenever I am feeling down, just knowing that the Holy Spirit is there helps brighten my day.

Grant William Benz Kugler

One of my bigger discoveries this year is my caring for God's world. I always enjoy our pets at home but wouldn't call myself an animal lover, and I am not a vegetarian. I am simply conscious of how we have broken our vow to God in the form of nature and our environment. This beautiful world in which we live is a gift from God. This world is our world, our only world. God has given it to us to live in, to be part of, and to take care of. It is a gift. God said to the people after he created earth and blessed them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over

the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

I feel that we have been slacking in our job as the keepers of this earth that God gave us. God expects more of us. We have been polluting without a thought about the future for many decades. There is always a consequence for actions, and there is definitely a negative consequence from our relationship with our environment. The good news is that we actually have control of how environmentally conscious we are, and how much we can do to help the problem.

Amy Sage Munro

I have experienced something remarkable. When I pray at night, I pray for others and ask for others to be blessed. Sometimes I just talk to God. When I do, it's usually about a problem, or something disrupting my life. I tell God about this conflict, and whether it's a fight with a friend or an apology, I somehow receive a message. It's amazing how God gives me advice on what to do in this situation. I use this idea, and it works. It's usually not something I would think of, so I know that God is communicating with me somehow. It gives me happiness that I can communicate both ways with the Lord. He has helped me solve many problems.

During and following the Confirmation class, I have been better able to understand God, and to follow Him. I can now trust and talk to Him freely, and I know that He will protect, love, and always be there for me. Confirmation class was a very positive experience for me, and I hope to continue to learn about our faith.

Arman Rye

What is it like from a religious standpoint growing up with a Hindu father and a Christian mom? Well, I would say that my family has been “big” on being more aware of other religions. But during Confirmation my awareness of other religions completely changed. During the course we have gone to a few places that have opened my eyes to what other people believe.

One experience I think I will carry with me for a very long time is my visit to the Sufi Mosque. This

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was a great experience because we got to witness a Sufi worship service. My favorite part of the experience was enjoying hot tea while listening to the Sheik speak about what Islam was to him. My second adventure was having a Passover Seder at Temple Shalom. We ate a traditional Passover meal. I learned a lot about what Judaism is about.

After all of these outings one thing became astonishingly clear to me. Christianity, Islam, and Judaism are not all that different. My favorite line of Mr. Culp is that “all the religions of the world are rivers leading into one ocean.” Truly understanding this quote would really make the world a better place. If people were more understanding when it comes to other religions I believe we would not have a war-torn world, but a world of understanding.

Courtney Leigh Ziluca

On April 21, 2007, Bob Culp gave a sermon about the difficult times in life. He said that everyone experiences these times, and that we just have to pass through them. Then, quoting Gracie Allen, he said that we should “never put a period where God has placed a comma.” When I heard this, everything suddenly came together for me, I felt so much better about my life, and all the drama that existed in it just kind of disappeared. This quote helped me know that if something is meant to happen, it will, and if someone is meant to get through a difficult time in life, they will.

The quote from Gracie Allen also connected greatly to many of my discussions with Claire McKean, my mentor throughout the Confirmation process. Both of us have had times in our lives where life wasn’t going so great. Claire called them thin spots. And she described to me, that during these times, she could feel a stronger connection to God. Now I know that God will be with me throughout the difficult times that I experience to help me through them and move on, so that I don’t just give up.

JUNE SERMONS AND SERVICES

- June 3 *The Words I Want on My Gravestone*
(A sermon-story inspired by Anne Lamott)
Bob Culp
The Sacrament of Baptism
Annual Picnic
- June 10 *When Grace Knocks on Our Door*
(A sermon-story inspired by Philip Gulley)
Bob Culp
- June 17 *Making Sacred Our Daily Journeys*
(A sermon inspired by James Autry)
Bob Culp
- June 24 *Focusing on the Things That Really Count*
(A sermon inspired by my father, the Rev. George C. Culp)
Bob Culp

The sermons and story-sermons in June are inspired by the writings of Anne Lamott (*Grace Eventually*), Philip Gulley (*Home to Harmony*), James Autry (*Looking Around for God*), and reflections about the ministry and priorities of my own father. Two of these sermons are “story-sermons,” while the other two are based upon life experiences from two astute observers of the human race.

PLEASE FEEL WELCOME

The Church Sanctuary is open for prayer, meditation, and reading the Bible every weekday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We encourage those who wish to use the Sanctuary for this purpose to do so, and to be encouraged in the disciplines of prayer, meditation, and scriptural reflection.

SANCTUARY

When the “Unexpected” Happens in Worship

What are we to do in the event of an emergency or a disruptive occurrence at the time of worship? What are the norms or guidelines we have in place to assist us? The Trustees adopted a policy entitled “Emergency Protocol and Procedures” a couple of years ago that addresses concerns involving an emergency, and we purchased an AED Unit for use in heart defibrillation, as well as procuring an oxygen unit to have on our premises.

We have Emergency Responders who have been trained and certified in AED usage and CPR techniques. These individuals went through four and a half hours of training two years ago under the auspices of the American Red Cross, and ours is the need now to have our Emergency Responders become recertified, which will take place over the next four months. But we also need additional people who would be willing to serve as an “Emergency Responder.” If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please let us know as soon as possible.

Our policy reads that “only appropriately certified Emergency Responders, Medical Doctors, and Registered Nurses should be involved in the care of individuals in need of emergency assistance.” In the coming weeks, we will ensure that our Head Ushers are aware of such a protocol and procedure policy, as well as ensuring they are aware of who our Emergency Responders are.

Also, in the coming months, the Worship Committee (led by Claire McKean and Marion Piro) and Ushers Committee (led by Lloyd Hull and Dee Lewis) will be discussing how we can best address those situations when something “disruptive” happens during our worship services. We want to be sure our ushers and worshipers are made aware of possible contingencies, as well as effective and sensitive ways whereby such situations can be addressed. In such discussions, we welcome the input and suggestions of our members and friends in our worshipping congregation.

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Craddock’s yearning . . . to be searched for by those who care for us and love us, to be the object of concern and interest, to have those in our lives invest their energies in the effort to discover where we are and thereby . . . to be found.

In a very real way, that is the essence of the good news of our faith – to realize that in the lostness that may be ours, in the wilderness of our wandering ways, even in the various ways we attempt to hide, the Lord of our faith seeks us out where we are and brings us home to where we need to be. I hope that some measure of this truth will be experienced by you in the coming weeks of the summer season, knowing that our God is a searching God who cares for us and loves us in such a fashion that we need never fear that we will never be found. For God never gives up on us wherever we may hide. Of course, if we are moved to stick out a toe from time to time, I suspect our loving Lord will appreciate it . . . and perhaps even smile with delight!

I hope to see you in worship in the weeks ahead, and come as you are – in casual and relaxed dress, and perhaps even with a cobweb or two.

– Bob Culp



The Breckinridge family celebrated the baptism of their daughter Caroline Jane Breckenridge on May 13

The News Letter

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Visit our website, roundhillcommunitychurch.org to view more pictures, read past sermons, learn about the activities and history of RHCC, and check the monthly calendar.

JUNE 2007 AT ROUND HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship and Church School Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Childcare Available					1	2
3 Spirituals Sunday Prelude begins at 9:50 a.m. H.S. Discussion Group ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC AFTER SERVICE	4 Trustees' Meeting 8:00 p.m.	5 Women's Retreat, Mercy Center	6 Women's Retreat, Mercy Center Staff Meeting Benevolence and Outreach Meeting	7 RTM District 10 Meeting	8	9
10 RHC5 Meeting 11:15 a.m.	11 All Committee Chairs Meeting 7:30 p.m.	12	13 Women's Bible Study, noon	14	15	16
17 FATHER'S DAY	18 Cooking for St. Luke's	19 Round Hill Association Meeting	20	21	22	23
24 Women's Gathering Meeting, 11:15 a.m.	25 Rainbow Club Daycamp for children with diabetes and their families	26 Rainbow Club Daycamp	27 Rainbow Club Daycamp	28 Rainbow Club Daycamp	29 Rainbow Club Daycamp Newsletter Deadline	30