

News aRound the Hill

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Church on East Loudoun Street Changes Congregations

After 17 years as part of the Round Hill community, Western Loudoun Community Church has moved to Hillsboro, and a new congregation, Family Bible Fellowship, is now calling the building at 16 East Loudoun Street home.

According to WLCC Senior Pastor Ray Cowell, "Western Loudoun Community Church has thoroughly enjoyed ministering and serving in Round Hill for the last 17 years.

"While our meeting place is no longer in the heart of the community geographically, Round Hill is still very much in our hearts," he said.

WLCC started in a Round Hill home, moved into Round Hill Elementary School and, six years ago, into the 16 East Loudoun Street building. The congregation held its first meeting in Hillsboro's Old Stone School on Feb. 25, the same day Family Bible Fellowship began worship in Round Hill.

Pastor Bob Glascock describes Family Bible Fellowship as a new community of faith associated with the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia.

"FBF will be basic, simple, and straightforward," Glascock said. "The time spent together will consist of music, prayer, and the study and application of the transformational truths taught throughout the Book of Romans. We will also be actively engaged in serving



PHOTO BY NEWS AROUND THE HILL

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Christ throughout our community."

FBF services will be held Sundays at 10:30 a.m.; WLCC will gather at 10:00 Sunday mornings and at 6:45 Wednesday evenings.

The building at 16 W. Loudoun Street is owned by the trustees of the Loudoun International Pentecostal Church of Christ.

Mark the Calendar:

Round Hill Hometown

Festival to be Held May 26

Planning is underway for the 15th Annual Round Hill Hometown Festival, to be held Saturday, May 26.

The day-long event will feature entertainment, 5k, parade, memorial ceremony, pie-eating contest, and other family-friendly activities. To learn more, visit www.hometown-festival.org or www.facebook.com/rhhometownfestival/.

The Festival's success relies on community support. To sponsor the event or to volunteer to help out either in advance or on the day of the Festival, email info@hometownfestival.org.



PHOTOS COURTESY ROUND HILL HOMETOWN FESTIVAL



Committee Urges Community to Unplug

The Round Hill Appalachian Trail Committee, also known as Round Hill HANDS, is working to inspire the community to "unplug" and get outside.

The group's mission is to encourage friends and family to explore the community's amazing "backyard" — from national treasures like the Appalachian Trail to local and regional parks.

Round Hill residents are invited to join HANDS to promote:

- H - Healthy Living
- A - Active Recreation
- N - Nature Education
- D - Development & Discovery of New Parks
- S - Support for the Appalachian Trail

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To further its mission, the Round Hill Appalachian Trail Committee is hosting a Community Hike on April 22. The event is designed for first-time hikers who want to try a family-friendly hike (small children are welcome) as well as for experienced hikers who want to meet people in their community. For more details, email mhynes@roundhillva.org.

Additionally, the group is supporting "Screen Free Week," from April 30-May 6. In this international celebration organized by Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood, children, families, entire schools, and communities will rediscover the joys of life beyond the screen. Screen free time can be spent indoors or outdoors.

Round Hill HANDS recommends these outdoor activities:

- 1) Learn about native trees and flowers in Round Hill.
- 2) Host a picnic in your backyard.
- 3) Go bird watching.
- 4) Plant a garden.
- 5) Observe the moon and stars.
- 6) Watch a sunset at Bears Den.
- 7) Hike on the Appalachian Trail.
- 8) Ride your bike on the W&OD Trail.
- 9) Visit Franklin Park.
- 10) Organize a baseball or frisbee game with your neighbors.

To learn more about Screen Free Week, visit www.screenfree.org.

AREA BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS SEEK VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed for two Town beautification projects in April.

Keep Loudoun Beautiful will hold its Fourth Annual Round Hill Area Clean-up on Saturday, April 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (with a rain date the following week). Volunteers will meet at the Round Hill Park on Loudoun Street. Trash pick-up supplies will be provided. To sign up to participate, contact David Ferguson at (540)338-3914 on or before April 1.

The Town of Round Hill is also planning a day in April where volunteers can come out and help plant some of the landscaping at the new Sleeter Lake Park (exact date TBA). Volunteers from local wildlife organizations will plan out the locations for wildlife habitats, butterfly gardens and pollinator gardens. Community groups are encouraged to adopt gardens at any of the Town's parks. The local Boy Scouts are the first to formally request an "Adopt a Spot" at Sleeter Lake Park.

RHUMC MEAL-PACKING EVENT SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 28

Join Round Hill United Methodist Church and the Woodgrove High School Ladies Softball Team at the Eighth Annual "Rise Against Hunger" (formerly known as "Stop Hunger NOW") meal-packing event. This fun, hands-on event has grown

from producing 25,000 pre-packaged, nutritious meals in 2011, to over 50,000 last year.

This year's goal is to raise \$11,600 to pack 40,000 meals. A single meal costs only 29 cents, so even small donations can make a big difference.

Woodgrove High School will host 200+ volunteers from across Western Loudoun County from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 28. To sign-up with family, friends, faith community, scouts, and school, visit events.stophungernow.org/roundhill2018.

Monetary donations may be made via checks payable to "RHUMC." Please note "Rise Against Hunger" in the memo and mail to Round Hill UMC, 11 West Loudoun Street, Round Hill, VA 20141.

RHES PLANS SPRING CARNIVAL

Round Hill Elementary will be holding its Fourth Annual Bear Bonanza Spring Carnival on Saturday, March 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. During this event, the school is turned into a carnival with games, food, silent auction, raffle baskets and fun activities. Thank you to the community for donating silent auction items as well as sponsoring this event.

Round Hill Elementary also wants to thank the Round Hill Exxon Service Center for applying for the Exxon Mobile Grant again this year! The \$500 grant will go to supporting STEM and computer science efforts.

Upcoming Events

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| ► Planning Commission | Mar. 6 |
| 7:00 p.m., Town Office | |
| ► Town Council Meeting | Mar. 22/Apr. 19 |
| 7:30 p.m., Town Office | |
| ► Town Clean-up | Apr. 7 |
| 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet at the Town Park | |
| ► RHES Spring Carnival | Mar. 17 |
| 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free | |
| ► Town Council Work Session | Apr. 5 |
| 7:30 p.m., Town Office | |
| ► Rise Against Hunger | Apr. 28 |
| 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Woodgrove HS | |

ON THE AGENDA

Issues the Town Council and Planning Commission will address in the coming months include:

- Town Boundary Line Adjustment
- Construction bid for Main Street sidewalks and Franklin Park Trail
- Finish construction of Sleeter Lake Park Phase I
- Update housing regulations in Zoning Ordinance to implement Comprehensive Plan policies
- Future well site acquisition
- County zoning approval for southern water tank