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## Testify to and Follow Jesus!



*Round Grove United Church's Christmas Celebration was wonderful!* We had great attendance when our **Children, Youth, and Chancel Voices** led our *Medieval Christmas Worship Celebration* on Sunday, Dec. 15th. Our **Altar Communion Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Celebration** and our Dec. 22nd **Christmas Sunday Worship Celebration** were also well attended. *Many Thanks* go to

everyone who helped with the presentation, preparations, clean up, dismantling, Worship leadership, & providing and serving the refreshments during our Christmas Celebrations!

As we begin a New Year, our focus will be on *"Testifying to and Following Jesus"*. Don't miss:

**Sunday, January 12th**, the sermon is titled *"The Spirit Testifies!"* and is based on **Matthew 3:13-17**. After Worship, the **Men's Fellowship** will prepare and serve the **Monthly Brunch**.

**Sunday, January 19th**, the sermon is titled *"There Is the Lamb of God"* and it is based on **John 1:29-42**. Holy

**Communion** will be shared during Worship.

**Sunday, January 26th**, the sermon is *"Come and Follow!"* and it is based on **Matthew 4:14-21**. We will share in our **Monthly Fellowship Meal** after Worship and before the **Annual Congregational Meeting**. *I urge you to plan to share in the Fellowship Meal and the Congregational Meeting*. During the meeting, we will receive reports, elect leaders, and approve the **2014 Budget** based on the income from the **2014 Faith - Promise Commitments**.

*Let's Testify to and Follow Jesus!*

— Pastor Wells

### FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

**Frisco RoughRiders Baseball Event:** Friday, April 4th. \$20/person ages 3+. Enjoy All-You-Can-Eat hot dogs, brats, nachos, and Dr. Pepper products until 90 minutes after the scheduled start time while you watch the game! You may purchase a \$5 parking pass for the parking garage or park for free at Stonebriar Mall. Paid reservations due to Jennifer Clay by Sunday, February 2nd.



**Meals and Refreshments:** Sunday, January 12th - Monthly Brunch after Worship. Sunday, January 19th - Refreshments after Worship. Sunday, January 26th - Fellowship Meal (if you would like the church to purchase your food instead of bringing two or more dishes, please fill out a pew card and place it and your donation in the offering plate).



# Sunday School Happenings

SEE YOU  
IN  
SUNDAY  
SCHOOL!

## Happy New Year!

Sunday School classes have resumed for students nursery age through adult. If you did not get a chance to attend Sunday School in 2013, now you can! If you are interested in attending, having a child attend, or teaching, please talk to Mary Quick for more information! Our current breakdown of classes is as follows: Nursery: birth to age 3 years; Lower Elementary: age 4 years through 2nd grade; Upper Elementary: 3rd through 6th grade; Youth: 7th through 12th grade; Adult Bible Study: Adults 18 years (out of high school) and up. We meet each Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for

refreshments and a gathering activity. At 9:15 a.m., we move into the Sanctuary for Opening Assembly (sing, celebrate birthdays and share brief announcements). Classes for Lower and Upper Elementary are in the CE Building (Childtime) and in the Youth Room for the Youth class. They begin about 9:30 a.m. The Adult Bible Study class, led by Pastor Wells, meets in the Narthex and begins at 9:35 a.m. Classes conclude about 10:15 a.m. We would love to have you join and/or find out more about our program! It isn't "just" Sunday School - it's so much more!

**Donations:** Please contact Mary Quick concerning donations to the Sunday School program for current needs.

**Thank You:** To George Keil for his donations to Sunday School and to Bob & Gloria Kiontke for magazine donations. To all Sunday School teachers, helpers & subs!

### December Perfect Attendance

Jordan & Julian Clay  
Orion Cleveland  
Christopher Sumner  
Alex Warburton  
Chad Warren  
Kyle Whittaker  
Kayla, Kimberly & Sean Wilkins

**Congratulations!**

## Women's Fellowship

- ... Refreshments: Feb. 2 - *Need Volunteers.*
- ... Next meeting: To Be Determined.
- ... Thanks: Sonya Wyatt & Patty Tarver for December refreshments and Jane & Emily Leenerts for January refreshments!
- ... Women's Sunday: Feb. 9 - please contact Yvonne Warren to sign up to participate! Women's Choir will be singing the Anthem.
- ... Love Sunday Dinner Fundraiser: Crock Pot meals, Desserts, Casseroles - contact Yvonne Warren to sign up today!

## Men's Fellowship

... will fix a delicious Brunch for the congregation on Jan. 12th after Worship. Make plans now to attend! There is no charge, however a Free Will Offering basket will be available. If you can help set up, prepare, cook, serve or clean up, please contact Charles Littrell.



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



- Cait Essien - 14th
- Jennifer Clay - 22nd
- Art Martinez - 24th
- Connie Griffin - 25th
- Clark Covey - 28th
- Grady Quick - 29th
- Sean Wilkins - 29th
- Gus Phillips - 29th
- Shannon Roberts - 31st

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

*Please contact Wendy Littrell, Administrative Assistant, to be included on the birthday list.*

# Round Grove Music Ministry

## A Medieval Christmas



### Thank you . . . . .

- those who sang and played instruments
- those who baked
- those who bought and donated food
- those who made costumes
- those who purchased or rented costumes
- those who memorized parts
- those who proofed and made copies
- those who dressed in costumes
- those who presented the Christmas story in medieval style
- those who worked with the PowerPoint presentation
- those who served as Worship leaders
- those who ushered
- those who worked in the kitchen before and after
- those who arranged refreshments on trays
- those who made wassail
- those who served
- those who built the stable in the Sanctuary and took it down
- those who set up and decorated the Fellowship Hall
- those who cleaned up the Fellowship Hall
- those who worked with the children and youth
- those who invited friends
- those who worshiped with us on December 15th

### Participants and Helpers

Nichole Barker	Benjamin Quick
Michael Chandler	Mary Quick
Jennifer Clay	Sarah Quick
Jordan Clay	Rod Russell
Orion Cleveland	David Sprinkle
Marsha Coker	Christopher Sumner
Mike Dawes	Patty Tarver
Christa Hall	Ben Torres
Erika Hope-Barker	Alex Warburton
Jon Hope	Shelly Warburton
Carol Howell	Chad Warren
Beverly Ihnfeldt	Yvonne Warren
Donna Johnson	Byron Wells
Gloria Kiontke	Allison Whittaker
George Keil	Karol Whittaker
Jane Keil	Kyle Whittaker
Brooke Leenerts	Kayla Wilkins
Emily Leenerts	Kimberly Wilkins
Jane Leenerts	Susan Wilkins
Randy Leenerts	Sean Wilkins
Jack Liese	John Woodson
Wendy Littrell	Scott Wyatt
Phyllis Murphy	Sonya Wyatt
Bing Naumann	Betty Zimmerman
Matt Naumann	



## 2014 Women's Choir Women's Sunday February 9, 2014

### 30 Minute Rehearsals

- ◆ Jan. 12th - following the Men's Fellowship brunch
  - ◆ Jan. 26th - following the Annual Meeting
  - ◆ Feb. 2nd - immediately after Worship



- to Shelly Warburton for the beautiful flute parts on anthems during Advent!
- Mi Won Brown for playing organ and piano for worship on December 29th.

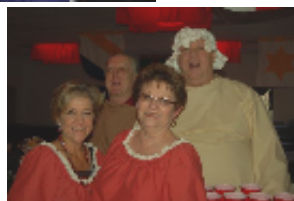
## Christian Education Chatter



Well, I guess we are all up and back into our routines after the Holidays. Thank you to all the Youth that could participate in the Bowling at Main Event. Next time there will not be any bumpers allowed, Ha ha! Thank you to all the Youth that participated in the Christmas play! It was Awesome. The Youth Events for January will be Sundays, January 19 and 26 after Worship. Please plan on attending! Thanks and stay warm!

- Karol Whittaker

**Slumber Falls Church Camp:**  
Online Registration is now open.  
Please go to [www.slumberfalls.org](http://www.slumberfalls.org)  
to register.



### Scenes from Medieval Christmas

- Chancel Voices
- Reception Servers
- Shepherds

## Thank You Reception

Everyone is invited to a "Thank You" Reception after Worship on Feb. 23rd hosted by Scott and Sonya Wyatt in appreciation for the Love and Support shown to them by the congregation for their recent wedding. Please RSVP to Scott and Sonya by Sunday, Feb. 16th in order for them to make sure enough food is provided.



## Annual Meeting

Everyone is encouraged to remain after the Fellowship Meal on Sunday, Jan. 26th, for the Annual Meeting to approve the 2014 General Fund Budget and those nominated to Boards as well as review the annual reports of the church, the President of the Congregation, and the Pastor.

## Our Guests

Our guests in December included: Cait Essien; Rev. Charles Brown; Joyce Price; Shalone & Rachel Willms; Hayden; Matt Hussey; Chad Snell; Kurt & Jack Liese; Rives & Deborah Agou; Lindsey Ethington; Sarah Matlock; Jim, Matt & Pete Jelinski; Sarah Surasky; Gary & Wanda Chandler; Derek Sapp; John & Phyllis Savides; Rita Colman; CR & Dea Caldwell; Rod & Lynn Miller and family; Stacy & Amarissa Garner;

Alice, Joey & Ashley Lail; Rebecca Rodriguez; and Mi Won Brown!  
Welcome!

Please let Pastor Wells know if you would like to join Round Grove United Church UCC.



*Welcome  
To our Church*

## December Thank You's!

- ⇒ *Leading Call to Worship:* Benjamin Quick, Scott Wyatt, Michael Chandler, and Christa Hall!
- ⇒ *Lay Liturgical Leadership:* Charles Littrell and Mike Dawes!
- ⇒ *Worship Volunteers:* Candlelighters, Hosts, Ushers, Hospitality Servers, Communion Preparers, and PowerPoint Presenters!
- ⇒ *Parking Signs:* Grady Quick, Ben Quick, George Keil, Chuck Baker, and anonymous helpers!
- ⇒ *Managing the Prayer Wall in the Narthex:* Patty Tarver!
- ⇒ *Leading the Advent Candlelighting Ritual:* Grady, Mary, Sarah & Ben Quick; Shelly & Alex Warburton; Nichole Barker & Jon Hope; and Shannon Roberts, Phil Haney & Christopher Sumner!
- ⇒ *Managing/Donating Refreshments:* Carol and Wayne Karsteadt!
- ⇒ *Guest Minister:* Rev. Charles Brown!
- ⇒ *Painting the Fellowship Hall:* George Keil and Randy Leenerts!
- ⇒ *Donating New Stock Pot to Kitchen:* Jasmine Littrell!



## January Volunteers



**5th:** Scott Wyatt, Sonya Wyatt, Rod Russell, Mike Dawes  
**12th:** Jane Leenerts, Randy Leenerts, Emily Leenerts, Brooke Leenerts  
**19th:** Jon Hope, Erika Hope-Barker, Wayne Karsteadt, Carol Karsteadt  
**26th:** Christa Hall, Grady Quick, Betty Zimmerman, Wendy Littrell

### Kitchen Committee

Jan. 26  
 Chuck Baker, Karol Whittaker  
 Scott Wyatt, Sonya Wyatt

### Refreshments

Jan 19  
 Susan & Kimberly Wilkins



**5th:** Donna Johnson, Janice Agritelley, Wendy Littrell  
**12th:** Christa Hall, Mike Dawes, Rod Russell  
**19th:** Bob Kiontke, Gloria Kiontke, Chuck Baker  
**26th:** Carol Karsteadt, Wayne Karsteadt, Charles Littrell



### Communion Preparation:

**Jan 5:** Mike & Carol Howell  
**Jan 19:** Erika Hope Barker,  
 Nichole Barker

### GREETERS

*If you are unable to serve any of the dates you are assigned above, please contact the church at 972-315-2777.*

## Special Happenings



During Worship on December 22, Round Grove United Church UCC welcomed Connie Griffin and her grandson, Chad Snell, into membership. Chad was also baptized during Worship. For their

directory information, please contact the church office. Welcome!

Please note that Bob and Becky Lewis have moved. For updated directory and phone information please contact the church office.

The General Fund Giving for December was \$10,907.50! The Donations for the Christmas Fund was \$340! The Undesignated Offering collected on Christmas Eve for EdenHill Communities was \$185! The final total collected for the Typhoon Relief was \$1290!

Please "like" Round Grove United Church on Facebook and "follow" us on Pinterest!

The **2014 Offering Envelopes** are available in the Narthex. Please check your name off the list when you pick yours up.

The **2014 Calendars** to provide Flowers (\$25/arrangement), Worship Bulletins (\$6.50), the Monthly Newsletter (\$60) and the CCA Pantry Shelf (\$20/slot) are on the table in the Narthex.

*The Lewisville Cotton Patch Cafe will give a 10% discount for each ticket when a Bulletin from Round Grove United Church is presented on a Sunday.*

*The Lewisville It's Greek to Me restaurant is offering a 20% discount to members and friends of Round Grove United Church.*

In January, the **Round Grove Shelf at the Christian Community Action Food Pantry** is given by the Women's Fellowship. There are still four slots available. Please prayerfully consider donating one or more slots during 2014!

Remember to participate in the

**Tom Thumb Reward Card** (our Tom Thumb number is **5943**), the **Albertsons Community Card** (on Narthex table). Please note that the term for the **Kroger Plus Card** begins on Sep 1st and continues for nine months. Our **Kroger Plus Card** number is **90754** and must be linked at check out or online via [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) even if you have recently done so via the letter or previous barcode. These programs support our **Music Ministry** and the **Women's Fellowship Scholarship Fund**.

### Round Grove Web Site is Live!

Thanks to Scott Wyatt for getting our web site back on line with a new design! Please visit often!

[www.roundgroveunitedchurch.org](http://www.roundgroveunitedchurch.org)

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# The Round Grove Rambler

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## January Calendar of Activities

Sat.,	Jan. 11	Nominating Committee Meets	3:00 p.m.
Sun.,	Jan. 12	Sunday School Refreshment Gathering (every Sunday)	9:00 a.m.
		Sunday School Opening Assembly in Sanctuary (every Sunday)	9:15 a.m.
		Adult Bible Study meets in Narthex (every Sunday)	9:35 a.m.
		Chancel Voices Rehearsal in Choir Room (every Sunday)	10:00 a.m.
		Sunday Worship Celebration	10:30 a.m.
		Monthly Brunch by Men's Fellowship	11:50 a.m.
		CE Board meets during Brunch	12:00 p.m.
		Women's Choir Rehearsal after Brunch	12:20 p.m.
		Confirmation Class meets	1:30 p.m.
		<b>Annual Reports Due in Church Office</b>	
Wed.,	Jan. 15	Chancel Voices Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Sun.,	Jan. 19	Sunday Worship Celebration with Holy Communion	10:30 a.m.
		Refreshments (every Sunday without a meal)	11:50 a.m.
		Youth (7th-12th gr.) meet after Worship	
		<b>NO Confirmation Class</b>	
Mon.,	Jan. 20	Board of Deacons meets	7:00 p.m.
Wed.,	Jan. 22	Chancel Voices Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Fri.,	Jan. 24	Newsletter Articles Due to Church Office	
Sun.,	Jan. 26	Sunday Worship Celebration	10:30 a.m.
		Monthly Fellowship Meal in Fellowship Hall	11:50 a.m.
		Annual Congregational Meeting after Meal	12:30 p.m.
		Youth (7th-12th gr.) meet after Meeting	
		Women's Choir Rehearsal after Meeting	
		Confirmation Class meets after Youth	
Wed.,	Jan. 29	Chancel Voices Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Sun.,	Feb. 2	Sunday Worship Celebration	10:30 a.m.
		Deadline to turn in Paid Reservations for RoughRiders Event	
		Refreshments by Women's Fellowship	12:00 p.m.
		Women's Choir Rehearsal	12:00 p.m.
		Confirmation Class meets	1:30 p.m.
Wed.,	Feb. 5	Chancel Voices Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Sun.,	Feb. 9	Women's Sunday Worship Celebration with Women's Choir	10:30 a.m.
		Monthly Brunch by Men's Fellowship	11:45 a.m.
		Youth (7th-12th gr.) meet	12:15 p.m.
		Confirmation Class meets	1:30 p.m.
Mon.,	Feb. 10	Board of Trustees meets	7:30 p.m.
Wed.,	Feb. 12	Chancel Voices Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Sun.,	Feb. 16	Love Sunday Worship Celebration with Holy Communion	10:30 a.m.
		Women's Fellowship "Love Dinner" Fundraiser	12:00 p.m.
		Confirmation Class meets	1:30 p.m.
Wed.,	Feb. 19	Chancel Voices Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Sun.,	Feb. 23	Sunday Worship Celebration	10:30 a.m.
		Thank You Reception hosted by Scott and Sonya Wyatt	11:45 a.m.
		Confirmation Class meets	1:30 p.m.