



# Level Green Presbyterian Church Friday News

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## This Weeks Video:



Sunday March 8, Geoff Rach's sermon title will be "Loving Silence and Solitude" and is based on the scripture passages Psalm 46:1-11 and 2 Corinthians 10:1-6.

*"The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds."*

*2 Corinthians 10:4*

## Check This Out



Our Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Palm Sunday, March 29 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. Volunteers are needed to help with crafts, providing cookies, and serving on the clean-up crew. Donations of small, individually wrapped candy are needed to fill our eggs for the hunt. Please see Cara Rach if you are able to help make this a great event for the children and families of our community.

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## Media Information

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

Please see our website and newsletter for more detailed information

Please click on the icons to follow the links to our other pages.



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## This Week at LGPC:

### **SUNDAY, March 8, 2026**

8:00 a.m. – Worship Service

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

8:30 p.m. – AA Meeting (FH)

### **MONDAY, March 9, 2026**

1:00 p.m. – Lois Ruth Circle

7:00 p.m. – Friendship Circle

### **TUESDAY, March 10, 2026**

7:00 p.m. – Session Meeting

### **WEDNESDAY, March 11, 2026**

10:00 a.m. – Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice

### **THURSDAY, March 12, 2026**

11:00 a.m. – Yarn and String Crafts

6:00 p.m. – Kingdom Kids

7:00 p.m. – Adult Bible Study

## In Other News:



*March 8, 2026*

*Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour.*

## Announcements and Information



Liturgist 10:30 a.m. Josh Thornton

Greeter/Usher 8:00am Steve & Leslie Chovan

Greeter/Usher 10:30 a.m. Cheryl Rhea & Kim Stevenson

## String and Yarn Crafts!

Next meeting March 12th

Bring your current project and enjoy fellowship while working on it. If you have questions about the group, contact Elizabeth (Lyz) Kuhns at 412-605-9718 (please leave a message) or [media.lgpc@gmail.com](mailto:media.lgpc@gmail.com). For those who want to join but Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. doesn't work, please message Lyz with what day and time works best for you.

Do you know someone who might appreciate a lovely shawl? We have beautiful handmade crochet shawls available at the church when they are in stock. This initiative is brought to you by LGPC's The Web Craft Group and Shadow Angel Arts. For further information, please contact Elizabeth Kuhns. Donations are always welcome to help us continue offering these shawls free of charge.

### Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee needs your help: We need one just more member at large from the congregation to serve on the 2026 Nominating Committee. Anyone who is a member and not currently serving on Session or the Board of Deacons is able to serve in this capacity. Please contact Nominating Chair Bob Smith or Rev. Rach if you are interested in serving or have any questions about the work of the Nominating Committee.

### *2026 Flower Calendar*

*We have contracted with Export Floral to handle our flower orders. The chancel flowers remain \$50. If the vases are already ordered, you can order an organ arrangement for \$20. The 2026 calendar is now posted.*

### Adult Bible Study

Our Thursday evening Adult Bible Study has started a new book *The Lamb of God: Seeing Jesus in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy* by Nancy Guthrie. We meet at 7:00 PM in the Adult Lounge. Please see Cara Rach if you would like to join us.

### LOIS RUTH & FRIENDSHIP CIRCLES

Both circles will be meeting on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. The Lois Ruth Circle meets at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and the Friendship Circle meets at 7:00 p.m. in the adult lounge. Please let Lynn Gilligan know if you can serve as a hostess.

## Simple Supper

**Next: March 15, 2026**

Please join us on the third Sunday of each month for a simple supper at 5pm with a family style meal. Take the night off of cooking and let Mrs. Rach feed you! Donations will be accepted to cover the cost of food. **RSVP by the Thursday before** on the website under the Family Ministry tab or by emailing [familymin@levelgreenchurch.org](mailto:familymin@levelgreenchurch.org). You can register month by month as many times as you need. We hope this can be a time of intergenerational fellowship as we break bread together!

### Sermon Series

Our Lenten sermon series comes to us from Lectio 365. It is inspired by the wisdom of the Desert Fathers and Mothers of the Third and Fourth Centuries AD. Their ancient pursuit of holiness still speaks to our lives today as we live in relationship with Jesus Christ.

## 2026 Communion Schedule

DATE	OCCASION
Thursday, April 2	Maundy Thursday
Sunday, May 3	May Communion
Sunday, May 24	Pentecost Sunday
Sunday, June 7	June Communion
Sunday, July 5	July Communion
Sunday, August 2	August Communion
Sunday, September 13	September Communion
Sunday, October 4	World Communion Sunday
Sunday, November 1	All Saints' Day
Sunday, December 6	Second Sunday of Advent

### Lost & Found

There is a ladies black jacket in the office that was left behind in Fellowship Hall several weeks ago.

### **Dinner Basket Team**

If you enjoy cooking and you'd like to be on the Dinner Basket team led by the Deacons, we'd love your help. You don't have to be a fancy cook to be a helper. We mostly deliver soups and "comfort foods". Main dish recipes that also freeze well are extra helpful for the families. Making food for someone is a great way to show them that you care. It also helps to make their lives a little bit easier while they're going through something. So if you'd like to be a part of our team, please drop Janet an email at [battenhouse@comcast.net](mailto:battenhouse@comcast.net).



### Submissions for Friday News

Don't forget to send your updates and articles to the Church office for your Ministry or group.

### Prayer List

Please take a moment to look over the names on the list and update the office with any information that you have. Please tell us when names can come off the list.

### Greeters/Liturgist Schedule

Included is the schedule for January through March, 2026. Please look over the schedule for your dates. If your date doesn't work for you, trade with someone or let the office know. We can always use more Liturgists and Greeters!

**Please consider giving it a try!**

### Church Contributions Can Lower Your Taxable Income

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) allows individuals aged 70 ½ or older to make tax-free donations to the church or other qualified charities directly from their IRA which also counts towards their required minimum distributions (RMDs). Contact your financial planner or IRA provider to make church contributions using a QCD and reduce your taxable income. The Level Green Presbyterian Church EIN is 25-1284434.

More detailed information can be found in the Narthex or by contacting the church office.

### Church Library

*We celebrated the birth of our Savior .....and now the journey begins! Follow along with the many stories in our Church Library.*

**CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2026**

**CLASS OF 2028**

**ELDERS**

Barb Augustin  
Robin Burges  
Cheryl Rhea  
Kim Stevenson

**DEACONS**

Andrew DeLuca  
Janie Halle  
Caol Mikoloski  
Matt Swick

**CLASS OF 2027**

**ELDERS**

Bonny Grills  
Elva Hulihan  
David Hykes  
Bob Smith

**DEACONS**

Donna Fairfull  
Maureen Laffoon  
Marylin Roberts  
Linda Schickel

**CLASS OF 2026**

**ELDERS**

Mark Null  
Steve Chovan  
Elton Laffoon  
Rich Taylor

**DEACONS**

Janet Battenhouse  
Sharon Battenhouse  
Jen Brown  
Cindy Sheffler

**GET LUCKY**  
**CHANCE TO WIN**  
**\$10,000**



## Be Someone's Lucky Charm and You Could Win BIG!

Donate March 1-April 5 and you'll be automatically entered for a chance to win a \$10,000 gift card.\* Your donation is a lucky charm for patients in need. Schedule today.

**[Make an appointment at vitalant.org](https://vitalant.org) or call 877-25-VITAL**

**Use blood drive code: UC758**

## LEVEL GREEN COMMUNITY WOMEN'S CLUB BLOOD DRIVE

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 1, 2026**

**1:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

**LEVEL GREEN COMMUNITY BUILDING**

**123 MURRYSVILLE RD**

**TRAFFORD, PA 15085**

To schedule an appointment to donate:

- Go to [vitalant.org](https://vitalant.org) and search with Blood Drive Code UC758
- Call 1-877-25VITAL Or Scan the code to see available times.



\*Terms and condition apply; see [vitalant.org/LuckyGiveaway](https://vitalant.org/LuckyGiveaway).

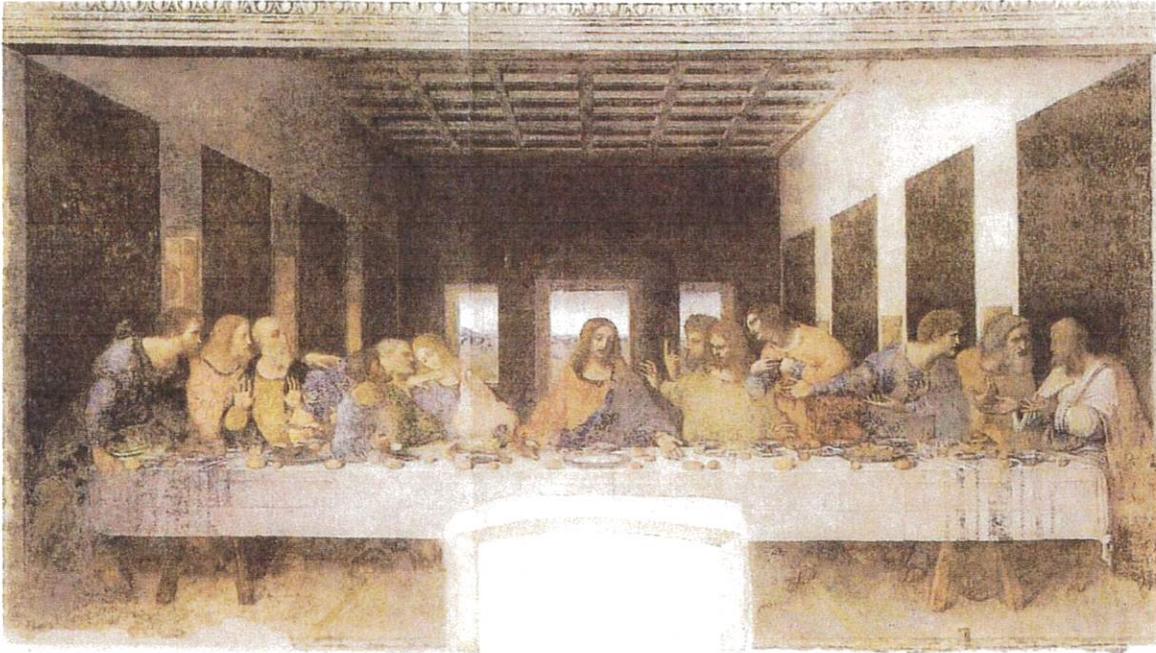
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# *The Living Last Supper*

By Ruth Elaine Schram

A Dramatic Musical Experience for Holy Week



First United Methodist Church  
310 Oak Street  
Irwin, PA 15642

Tuesday, March 31, 2026  
Thursday, April 2, 2026  
7:00 PM

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

# 2025-2026 Level Green Presbyterian Family Ministry Calendar

Register for Kingdom Kids and Debate Club on our website under the Family Ministry tab:  
[www.levelgreenchurch.org](http://www.levelgreenchurch.org)

Join our Remind Group to stay up to date  
Text @k6h679a to 81010

## Weekly

### **Sunday School (all ages)/Children's Church (PreK-3<sup>rd</sup>\*)**

Sunday, September 7, 2025 through May 17, 2026 9:15-11:30am (except Christmas break)

### **Kingdom Kids (K-5<sup>th</sup>, Thursdays 6-7pm)**

Fall Semester: September 11, 2025 through December 11, 2025 (except Thanksgiving)

Spring Semester: February 5, 2026 through May 7, 2026 (except Maundy Thursday)

## Monthly

### **Teen Debate Club (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, 7-8pm, Youth Lounge)**

September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7, February 1, March 1, and May 3

### **Young Adults (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, 7-8pm, Adult Lounge)**

Sept. 14, October 12, November 9, December 14, February 8, March 8, April 12, and May 10

### **Intergenerational Simple Supper (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month 5-7pm, Fellowship Hall)**

September 21, October 19, November 16, February 15, March 15, April 19, and May 17

RSVP by prior Friday

### **Parenting Support Group (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month)**

September 23, October 28, January 27, February 24, March 24, April 28, and May 26

## Special Events

Trunk or Treat: Sunday, October 26, 2025, 2-4pm

Family Advent Gathering, Sunday, November 30, 2025, 5-8pm

Live Nativity: Friday, December 19, 2025, 6-9pm

Family Game Night: Friday, January 23, 2026, 6-8pm

Parent's Night Out: Friday, February 13, 2026, 6-8pm

Easter Egg Hunt: Sunday, March 29, 2026, 2-4pm

### **Questions? Contact:**

Cara Rach, Interim Family Ministry Coordinator

[familymin@levelgreenchurch.org](mailto:familymin@levelgreenchurch.org) / 412-372-5370

\* Children's Church is geared for preK-3<sup>rd</sup> grade children who are learning to worship and can sit and listen to a story but can't yet sit through worship. Other ages may be considered at the discretion of the leader and parent.

# Ministry Updates:

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### DEACONS

#### Flower Calendar

During the year the Deacons deliver flowers from the worship service to many of our members. These flower deliveries are looked forward to and help to brighten someone's day. The flower calendar located on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary door is a great place to sign up to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, or other special occasions with your friends and family. When you're letting the office know if you'll be taking your flowers home, please consider directing one of your arrangements to be delivered by the Deacons. You'll be helping to bring someone a little extra joy.

Thanks,

The Deacons

Want to stay connected to the church? Never want to miss another event? Sign up for the Remind App. Send a text to 81010 with the message@lgpres or signup at

<https://www.remind.com/join/lgpres>



### DINNER BASKETS

The Deacons have been providing Dinner Baskets to new parents, people who have experienced a recent loss of a loved one, or others who are ill or in need of help in some way. If you would be willing to help provide a main dish, salad, or dessert for the basket during the month of **March**, contact **Janet Battenhouse** at **412-373-8845**



### Let's Love Our Neighbors

We want to let those people who always seem to go the extra mile know they are appreciated and loved. There are many people in our everyday lives who go above and beyond and we want to thank them for all that they do.

We will have treat bags available for you on Sundays. We hope our little treat bags will be a wonderful way that we can all share God's love and "hug" our community neighbors.

## STEWARDSHIP

The Budget for 2025 is \$306,434.00

<u>February 2026</u>	<u>Current YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
<u>Total Revenue:</u>		
\$31,588.79	\$61,219.51	\$49,439.20
<u>Total Expenditures:</u>		
\$28,330.31	\$53,898.19	\$55,185.92
<u>Net Revenue over Expenses:</u>		
\$3,258.48	\$7,321.32	(\$5,746.72)



## ***MISSION MINISTRY***

Did you know the Mission Committee supports the TRAFFORD LEVEL GREEN FOOD BANK? Each month we send them a monetary donation so they can purchase items not donated. Each week, Kim Drapala gathers the items that have been donated from our members here and takes them to the food bank. Level Green Church has been awesome in their support! So, when you see a deal in your local grocery store that if you buy ten items, you get what you really want at a discount or you see the cereal you want but have to get four boxes to get the really low price, how about donating things you really don't need to the food bank? When there is a buy one get one free, donate the free one! There are bins in front of the office for any non-perishable donations. We thank you for your continued support and making our community such a fantastic place to live!

### **BULLETIN BOARD**

#### **ST. PAUL'S MEALS ON WHEELS**

St. Paul's Meals on Wheels is seeking clients and volunteers in your area. We service Level Green, Trafford, Pitcairn, Wall, Wilmerding and Monroeville communities. If you or someone you know needs a homemade meal, please call Dan 412-372-9116, Monday through Friday.

Pam DeCarlo, a Level Green friend is available for tutoring in all subjects. you can reach her at 724-744-4680.

#### **SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM**

If you need a ride to a doctor's appointment, we have volunteers who can help you. Please contact the church office for more information.

#### **AA MEETING**

Every Sunday there is an Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting held in Fellowship hall from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

# Praying for You!

"Pray without ceasing". ~ I Thessalonians 5:17

Your faithfulness in prayer is greatly appreciated.

## Friends with Cancer

Alan Reeves  
Connie Ebbett King  
Carrie J.  
Helen  
Diane Ramsey  
Bev Tomich  
Bill Petrovich  
Melissa Wise  
Cheryl  
Theresa Stones

## Friends with Long Term Health Concerns

Eva Powell  
John Frick  
Justin Gilligan  
Don & Lori Hockenberry  
Earl Kilbury  
Cory McNutt  
Jen Scharba

Denise Haralson, who has an upcoming medical test.

Nelson Addleman, nephew of Pat Addleman, has stage 4 brain cancer.

Bethanne Liotta – cousin of Bruce Kociela, who is having kidney problems.

Dan Hrivnak – brother in-law of Joy, struggling with several health issues.

Jean Back, sister of Terry Youngwirth, who suffered a stroke and is facing rehab for a while.

Sharon Betzler, Kim Drapala's sister in-law, recovering from a double mastectomy from breast cancer.

Brianna, friend of Warren Robb, has a brain tumor.

Luke Williams, friend of Leslie Chovan, had major surgery to repair his ankle.

Mike Elias, son of Judy Elias, is doing well. He has finished the stem cells treatment and a recent PET scan shows no new activity. His treatment going forward will be to maintain where he is now.

Please help the Church Office keep this prayer list up to date by letting us know how God has brought healing to those we lift up in prayer.

Chris Roland, great nephew of Lori and Don Hockenberry who is on dialysis.

Luca Volosin, Terry Yungwirth's 6 yr. old bonus grandson, who is having some medical tests.

Dennis Neftsy

Timothy Feerst

Bill Drapala, pray for health improvement to be able to have hip replacement surgery.

Mary Alberts, manse tenant, has been diagnosed with Leukemia

Nancy Rogers, recuperating at home.

Joy Pedrow Skarka, diagnosed with breast cancer.

Cole Azua, grandson of Marti and Forrest Moore is serving as a military policeman with the U.S. Marine Corps, stationed at Quantico, VA .

Kristen Herold, friend of Leslie Chovan, diagnosed with breast cancer.

Leann Farrell, sister of Lynn Gilligan, Her husband died unexpectedly and she is still healing from a car accident. She needs prayer.

Lillian Diamond, the other grandmother of Terry Yungwirth's grandson, who is very ill and having difficulty healing.

Rick and Chris Srdock, the Gilligan's neighbor's brother and his wife. They both have multiple health issues.

Kenny Thompson, Level Green resident with multiple myeloma.

Allison Carpenter, Rachel Sementuh's friends sister who had a severe stroke. She is now home, but still has a long road to recovery.

Travis, Chelsea Monty's husband, has been seizure free for 3 months, and is starting new medication due to side effects from the old.

Keith Heinritz, please lift him in prayer.

Angela Iorio, niece of Terry Yungwirth has had a setback in her breast cancer treatment with the discovery of a new growth.

**Andrew Niezelski**, friend of Terry Yungwirth's husband, needs to have a lung transplant.

**Jen "Molt"**, at home recovering from a stroke.

**Bette Gilkey**, had a stroke and is at the Willows, Presbyterian Senior Care in Oakmont.

**Erin Seighman**, sister of Bonny Grills being treated for MS.

**Brooke Teaman**, cousin of Bonny Grills, who has severe Crohn's disease. Pray for remission and recovery.

**Kathy Gisi**, neighbor of McGough's, received a stem cell transplant but is still weak.

**Ansley Stigers**, 12 year old granddaughter of a friend of Joni Barnes, recovering from a heart transplant.

**Jaidyn Beam**, the Barnes' great nephew who had serious spinal surgery on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Jim Powell**, Eva Powell's son has cystic fibrosis and is responding well to a new medication.

**Walter Funk**, friend of Carol Mikoloski who has Parkinson's.

**Sandy Kalo**, who has liver issues.



**Liturgist & Greeter/Usher Schedule**  
**January, February, and March 2026**

\*If the date doesn't work for you, please trade with someone and let the office know.

January 4, 2026

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Donna Fairfull & Evalee Tovey  
10:30 Liturgist – Janet Battenhouse  
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Rich & Glenda Taylor

January 11, 2026

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Roian Koerber & Susan Murdy  
10:30 Liturgist – Cindy Sheffler  
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Dave & Denise Haralson

January 18, 2026

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Hal & Carol Lester  
10:30 Liturgist – Glenda Taylor  
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Kay Stoner & Robin Burges

January 25, 2026

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Steve & Leslie Chovan  
10:30 Liturgist – Josh Thornton  
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Ed & Joni Barnes

February 1, 2026

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Roian Koerber & Kim Drapala  
10:30 Liturgist – Cheryl Rhea  
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Elton & Maureen Laffoon

February 8, 2026

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Hal & Carol Lester  
10:30 Liturgist – Bob Smith  
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Kim Stevenson & Cheryl Rhea

February 15, 2026

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Donna Fairfull & Evalee Tovey  
10:30 Liturgist – Carol Lester  
10:30 Greeter/Usher – The Grills Family

February 22, 2026

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Susan Murdy & Roian Koerber  
10:30 Liturgist – Janet Battenhouse  
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Ed & Joni Barnes

March 1, 2026

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Hal & Carol Lester  
10:30 Liturgist – Cindy Sheffler  
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Robin Burges & Kim Drapala

March 8, 2026

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Steve & Leslie Chovan  
10:30 Liturgist – Josh Thornton  
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Cheryl Rhea & Kim Stevenson

March 15, 2026

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Roian Koerber & Frienda Edwards  
10:30 Liturgist – Carol Lester  
10:30 Greeter/Usher – John & Karen Oskin

March 22, 2026

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Donna Fairfull & Susan Murdy  
10:30 Liturgist – Bob Smith  
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Elton & Maureen Laffoon

March 29, 2025

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Evalee Tovey & Roian Koerber  
10:30 Liturgist – Cheryl Rhea  
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Rich & Glenda Taylor

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1 – Geoff Rach

March 12 – Denise Haralson



March 19 – Linda Schickel

March 24 – Matthias Rach

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

March 9 – William & Frienda Edwards

March 27 – Dan & Kelly Weightman



# March 2026

March 2026

Su	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mo	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Tu	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
We	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Th	29	30	31				
Fr							
Sa							

April 2026

Su	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Mo	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Tu	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
We	26	27	28	29	30		
Th							
Fr							
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Mar 1</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 8:30pm AA meeting ((FH))	2 6:00pm Girl Scouts (FH) 7:00pm Discipleship Ministry	3 1:00pm Stewardship Ministry	4 10:00am Adult Bible Study 6:00pm Daisy Scouts 7:00pm Choir Practice	5 6:00pm Kingdom Kids 7:00pm Adult Bible Study	6 6:00pm Kingdom Kids 7:00pm Adult Bible Study	7 
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