

Level Green Presbyterian Church Friday News

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This Weeks Video:



Sunday August 10, Rev. Geoff Rach's sermon title will be "Samson: An Image of God's People" and is based on the scripture passages Judges 16:23-31; and Philippians 2:1-11.

"Then Samson prayed to the Lord, "Sovereign Lord, remember me. Please, God, strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes."
Judges 16:28

Check This Out



Our summer worship is underway. We will have one worship time at 9:00 AM through Sunday, August 31.

We have one remaining outdoor worship time (weather permitting) on:

Sunday, August 24 starting at 10:00 AM followed by our church picnic.

There will be a sign up sheet in the sanctuary if you can help set up or clean up on Picnic Day.

Church Picnic



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NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE.

This Week at LGPC:

SUNDAY, August 10, 2025

9:00 a.m. – Worship Service
10:00 a.m. – Fellowship Hour
8:30 p.m. – AA Meeting (FH)

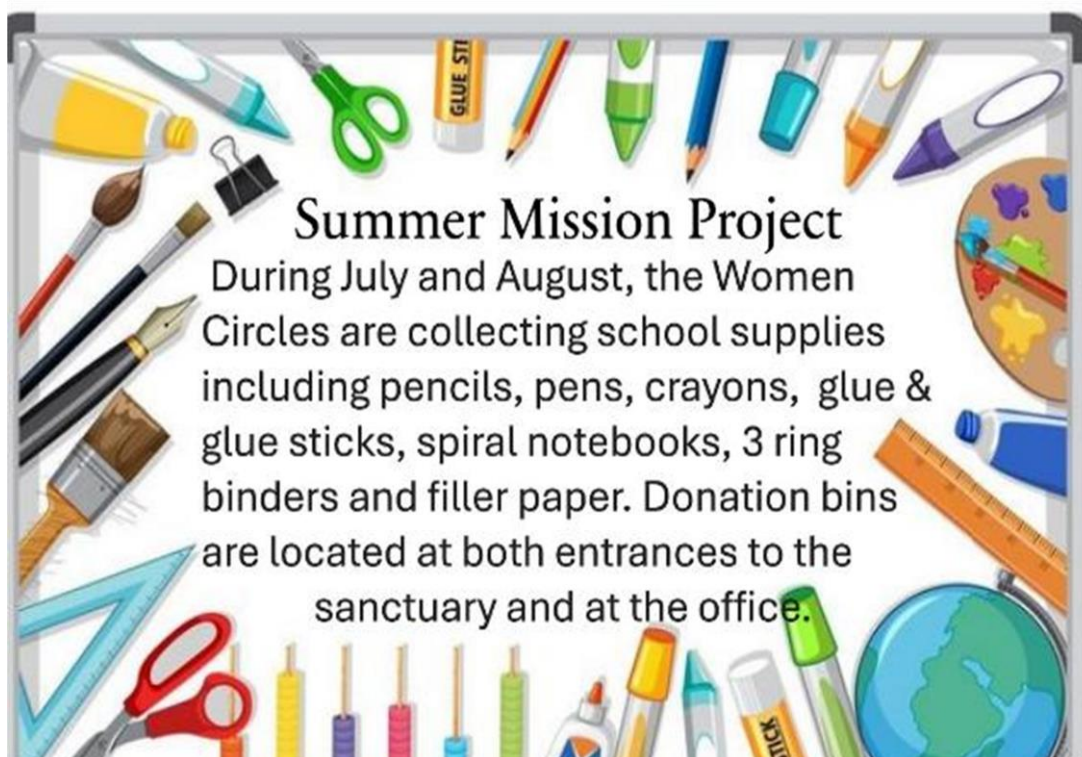
TUESDAY, August 12, 2025

7:00 p.m. – Session Meeting

THURSDAY, August 14, 2025

11:00 a.m. – Yarn/String Crafts

In Other News:



Announcements and Information

**THIS
Week**

Liturgist - Janet Battenhouse

Greeter/Usher 9:00 a.m. Evalee Tovey & Betsey Bopp



Walter Harvey Lee was born on August 3, 2025.
He is the son of Jason & Katie Lee and grandson
of Harvey & Paula Lee!

God Does Not take Vacations

While we are all absent from church for a few Sundays, especially through the summer, the work of God's Church continues throughout the year...And Level Green Church needs your monetary contributions to keep the church functioning throughout the year, including in the summer.

Contributions so far this summer are significantly (about 50%) lower than normal. Earlier this week we had to move \$12,000 from our saving account to our checking account to cover recent bills and the forecasted expenses for the next few weeks.

If you have fallen behind in your giving this year, please catchup. Please don't hesitate to give extra – maybe a little more than planned to help us get through the summer doldrums.

Thank you,

Your Stewardship Committee

Greeter/Liturgist Schedulet

Please check the August & September schedules for your name. 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!

2025 Communion Schedule

DATE	OCCASION
Sunday, September 7	September Communion
Sunday, October 5	World Communion Sunday
Sunday, November 2	November Communion
Sunday, December 7	Second Sunday of Advent



Pine Springs Camp: Summer camp wraps up at Pine Springs this Wednesday, August 13. We have adopted Grace Meyers from Ardara Church for the third consecutive summer. She is a student at Geneva College and serving as an adventure staff member this summer. We will be praying for her and the ministry of Pine Springs Camp throughout the summer.

YARN/STRING CRAFT GROUP

Next meeting August 14th

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. 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.

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.

Address for Margaret Mauser

12921 Redstone Dr.
Apt. 266
North Huntingdon PA 15642

She is currently staying with Ulrich & Robin at:
204 Kensington Ct.
Pittsburgh PA 15642

Address for Donna Milliken

Donna will be returning home to recover following a stroke. You can send cards to:

Donna Milliken
1007 Deerfield Circle
Wexford PA 15090



Submissions for Friday News

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

Supporting Joy (Pedrow) and Zack Skarka and both their battles with cancer

Zack and Joy Skarka along with their two small children, Trinity (about to be 3) and Luke (about to be 2) have been in an intense season of suffering. In August, Zack was diagnosed with brain cancer for the third time which was followed by complications from the radiation. After a month in hospitals, when they should have been celebrating his discharge from rehab- Joy was diagnosed with HERS2 positive invasive ductal breast cancer. Zack will start chemo soon and Joy is having treatments. Go to Giveinkind.com to help.

2025 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

Women's Circle Meetings

The Lois Ruth Circle will meet on Monday, September 8 at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

The Friendship Circle will meet that same day at 7:00 p.m. in the adult lounge.



**Church Contributions Can
Lower Your Taxable Income**

NEW KEY FOR EXTERIOR DOORS

After many years of handing out keys (to who knows who) and people having copies of copies made (probably 100's of keys), the locks for all exterior doors are being rekeyed (locks changed to use a new key). This will improve the security of our building and the safety of those who use the building.

A new key will be needed to unlock/lock all exterior door locks; Front/Office outside door, elevator exterior doors, rear door, courtyard and sanctuary door. The locks will be changed on Thursday July 31st.

If your existing key opens doors inside the church it will continue to work – keep it or turn it in to the office if not needed. If you currently have a master key that opens both exterior and interior doors, you will need one of the new keys for exterior locks and your existing key for interior doors. I.e., you will need two keys going forward (old key for interior doors and a new key for exterior doors}.

The new keys are stamped “Do Not Duplicate” and sequentially numbered (1,2,3,4....etc.) for tracking purposes. There is a log sheet in the office to sign for a key. I.e., you'll need to sign the log sheet in order to receive a new key.

If you NEED a key, stop in the office and sign for one. Those who regularly need to enter one of the exterior doors are eligible to receive a key. If you only occasionally need a key for a special event, sign out a “loaner” key, or ask someone with a key to unlock/lock a door for you.

The cost to rekey the locks and for the special new keys is approximately \$710. The church will be reimbursed for the cost by FEMA under the Nonprofit Security Grant Program grant that we received.

Please let the office know if you have any questions.

Your Property Committee

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

What is more important in a library than anything else – than everything else – is the fact that it exists. Don't let our Church Library become extinct, visit soon.



Come and Join Us



for



Picnic Sunday

Sunday, August 24

10:00a.m. – Outdoor Worship Service

11:00a.m. – Pot Luck Picnic

**Bring your favorite picnic food and
we'll provide the grilled hot dogs.**

**The McFeely's Ice Cream Truck will
be stopping by with ice cream treats
for everyone.**



Let the office know that you'd like to be a Greeter/Usher.

You'll need to do the following things:

- ☐ light the chancel candles if they aren't lit,
- ☐ smile and hand people a bulletin as they enter the Sanctuary,
- ☐ assist visitors by showing them where the nursery, bathrooms, etc. are located,
- ☐ count the people (including choir, pastor, kids, everyone) and record it on the attendance sheet at the back of the Sanctuary,
- ☐ collect offering and put all of it in one offering plate,
- ☐ take that offering plate forward during the Doxology to the liturgist,
- ☐ at the end of worship, collect Fellowship sheets and take to office,
- ☐ if communion, collect and discard cups from pews,
- ☐ call someone to fill in for you if you can't make your assigned date.

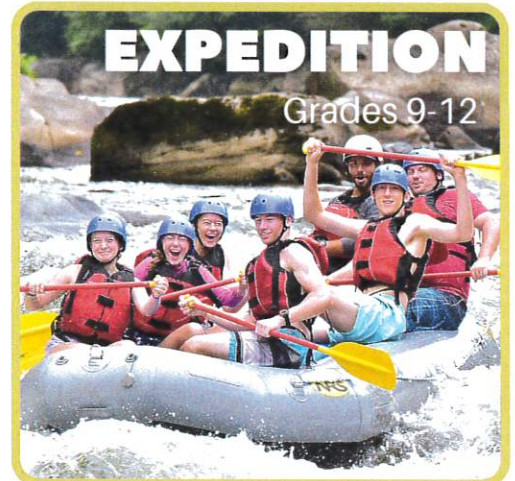
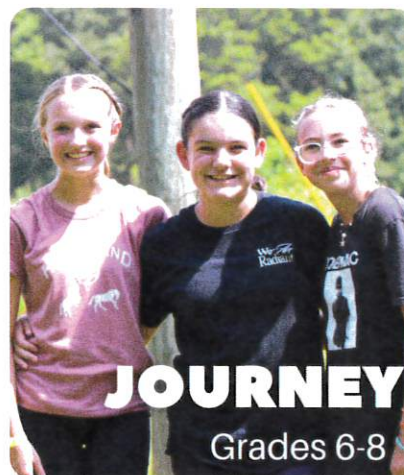
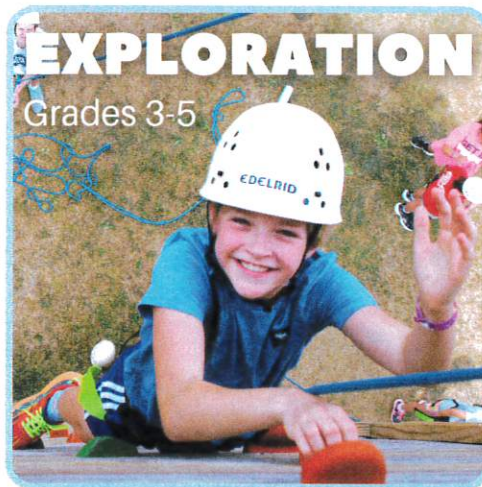
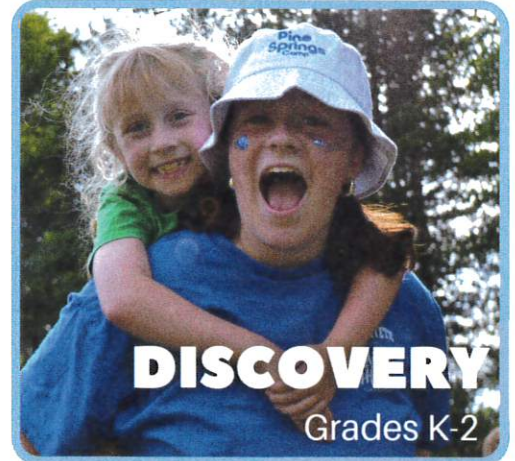
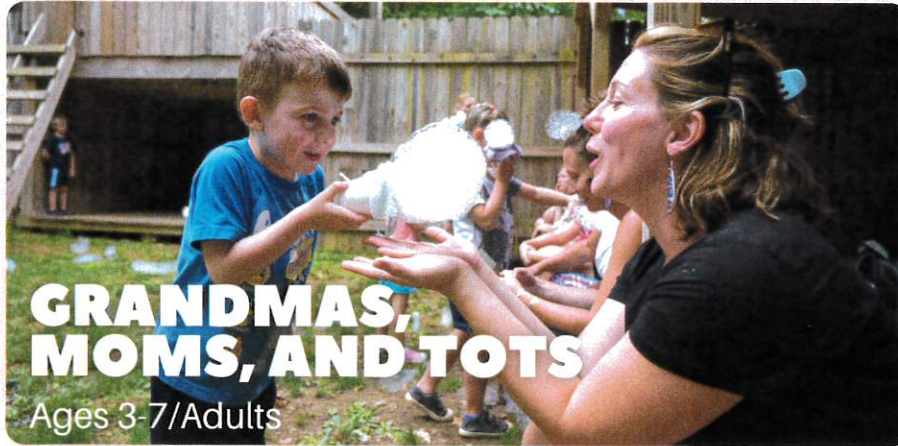
If you'd like to try, complete the information sheet below and put it in the collection plate or drop off in the office.

Questions?

Talk to one of the greeters when you come to worship.

PINE SPRINGS CAMP

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AGES!**



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PENN TOWNSHIP AMBULANCE

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

August 24, 2025 at The Madison Club



**The
Madison
Club**

Yukon Road, Madison PA

August 24, 2025

Registration - 8:00 am

Tee Off - 9:00 am

Cost Per Person

\$110.00

**Shotgun Start
Scramble Format**

Hot Dog & Drink
at the Turn

Lunch Buffet
After Golf

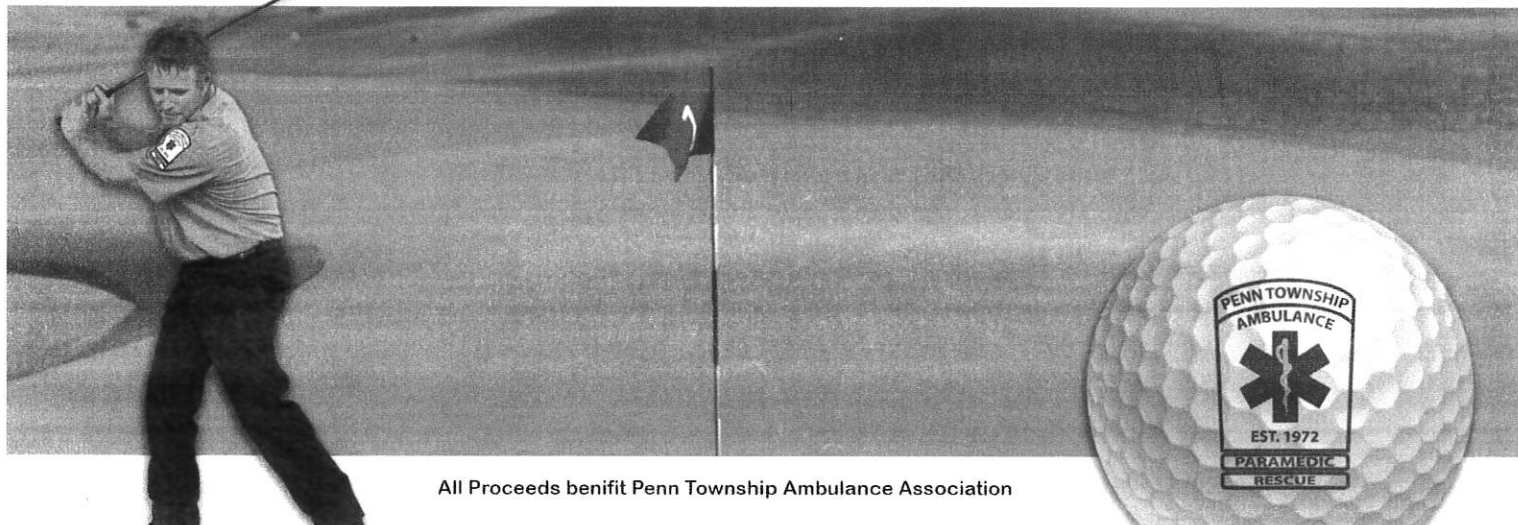
Individual and Team Prizes

Gifts/Prize Drawings

Registration info:

www.Facebook.com/PennTownshipAmbulance

info@PennTownshipAmbulance.org



All Proceeds benefit Penn Township Ambulance Association



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ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

August 24, 2025 at The Madison Club Golf Course

The Madison Club

519 Yukon Road
Madison PA 15663
Registration - 8:00 am
Tee Off - 9:00 am

Cost Per Person
\$110.00

We will pair-up players if they do not have a foursome

NAME:

PHONE/EMAIL

1. _____

2. _____

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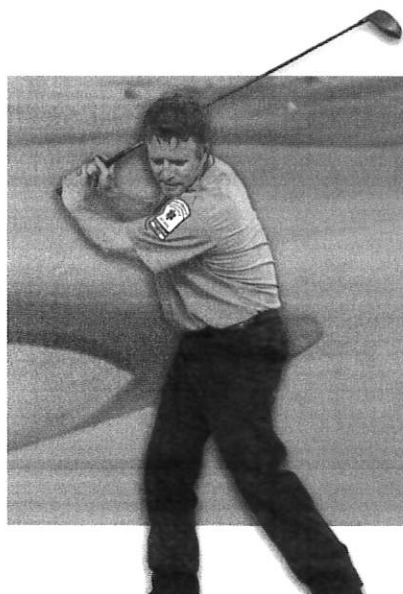
4. _____

☐ Tee Box Sponsor \$75.00 - _____

email of person supplying information for sign

Registration And Additional info:

www.Facebook.com/PennTownshipAmbulance



All Proceeds benefit Penn Township Ambulance Association
Drivers of Carts are responsible for any damage to carts.

Ministry Updates:

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

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 **August**, contact **Sharon 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.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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>



STEWARDSHIP

The Budget for 2025 is \$322,000.00

<u>July 2025</u>	<u>Current YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
<u>Total Revenue:</u>		
\$15,086.29	\$167,219.97	\$173,281.02
<u>Total Expenditures:</u>		
\$24,482.17	\$180,652.00	\$189,425.37
<u>Net Revenue over Expenses:</u>		
(\$9,395.88)	(\$13,432.03)	(\$16,144.35)



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
Cory McNutt
Justin Gilligan
Earl Kilbury
Louise Lee
Jen Scharba

Ron Filer, at home under hospice care.

Joy Hrivnak, recovering at home from a heart attack.

Lily Sementuh, recovering at home from tonsil/adenoid surgery.

Renee Kociela, recovering at home from foot surgery.

Dale Bonner, Kim Drapala's brother in-law, diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.

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.

Rich Hrivnak, recovering at home from knee replacement surgery.

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

Donna Milliken, a former member, has suffered a stroke and will be going home to recover.

Leon Shank, cousin of John Learn, died on August 4th.

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

Richard Adams, dealing with several health issues.

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.

Lynn Sprankle, Joy Hrivnak's cousin, who has tremendous sciatica pain and back issues.

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

Mike Elias, son of Judy Elias, undergoing cancer treatment.

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 from a fall.

Conor Lydic, Evalee Tovey's nephew, who has been deployed to Africa with the National Guard.

Joy Pedrow Skarka, diagnosed with breast cancer.

Zack Skarka, husband of Joy Pedrow Skarka, has brain cancer and has recently been dealing with mini strokes. Pray for him and family.

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.

Aligha Yungwirth, nephew of Terry Yungwirth had to have surgery on a broken neck from a car accident.

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.

Emily Fawcett, friend of Rachel Sementuh, family needs prayer in time of adjustment.

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

Don & Lori Hockenberry, recovering at home.

Keith Heinritz, please lift him in prayer.

Stephen Yungwirth, brother-in-law of Terry Yungwirth has intestinal issues after cancer treatment.

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.

Al Churley, friend of Linda Shumaker, who had a stroke and is at home now but still needs your prayers.

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

Dan Hrivnak, Joy's brother-in-law, who has many health issues.

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 18th.

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

August & September 2025

August 3, 2025

9:00 Liturgist – Bob Smith

9:00 Greeter/Usher – Elva Hullihen & Maria McBride

August 10, 2025

9:00 Liturgist – Janet Battenhouse

9:00 Greeter/Usher – Kim Drapala & Evalee Tovey

August 17, 2025

9:00 Liturgist – Glenda Taylor

9:00 Greeter/Usher – The Grills Family

August 24, 2025 - Church Picnic

10:00 Greeter/Usher – Kay Stoner & Frienda Edwards

August 31, 2025

9:00 Liturgist – Carol Lester

9:00 Greeter/Usher – Elton & Maureen Laffoon

September 7, 2025

8:00 Liturgist – Geoff Rach

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Donna Fairfull & Roian Koerber

10:30 Liturgist – Cindy Sheffler

10:30 Greeter/Usher – Kim Stevenson & Rachel Sementuh

September 14, 2025

8:00 Liturgist – Geoff Rach

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Steve & Leslie Chovan

10:30 Liturgist – Glenda Taylor

10:30 Greeter/Usher – Rich Taylor & Marilyn Roberts

September 21, 2025

8:00 Liturgist – Geoff Rach

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Hal & Carol Lester

10:30 Liturgist – Janet Battenhouse

10:30 Greeter/Usher – Ed & Joni Barnes

September 28, 2025

8:00 Liturgist – Geoff Rach

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Roian Koerber & Kim Drapala

10:30 Liturgist – Bob Smith

10:30 Greeter/Usher – John & Karen Oskin

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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 5 - Sue Carew
August 7 - Layla Carter
 Brianna Grills
August 8 - David Haralson
August 9 - Kim Drapala
 Louise Lee

August 10 - Debra Griffiths
August 12 - Bonnie Monty
August 13 - Jeremy Dixon
 Kim Graham
August 14 - Kara Tranter

August 15 - Jim Duff
 Donald Mikoloski, Sr.
August 16 - Andrew DeLuca
 Allison Frye
 Renee Kociela
 Marylin Roberts
 Linda Shumaker
August 18 - Barbara Augustin
August 21 - Warren Robb
August 26 - John Learn
August 27 - Frank Armao
August 28 - Libby Hykes
August 29 - Nancy Rogers
August 31 - Donald Graham



Louise Lee on Aug. 9th

Cards to:

Louise Lee

2020 Ader Road

Room 305

Jeannette, PA 15644

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

August 1 - Rich & Joy Hrivnak
August 5 - Larry & Peggy McNutt
August 10 - Don & Lori Hockenberry



August 17 - Jack & Melanie Bates
August 30 - Ed & Joni Barnes
August 31 - Rich & Glenda Taylor

August 2025

August 2025							September 2025						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
31							28	29	30				

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jul 27	28	29	30	31	Aug 1	2
3 9:00am Worship 10:00am Discipleship Ministry 8:30pm AA meeting	4	5 1:00pm Stewardship Ministry	6	7	8	9
10 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship Hour 8:30pm AA meeting	11	12 7:00pm Session	13	14 11:00am Yarn/String Crafts	15	16
17 9:00am Worship 8:30pm AA meeting ((FH))	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 10:00am Worship 11:00am Church Picnic 8:30pm AA meeting ((FH))	25	26	27	28 11:00am Yarn/String Crafts	29	30
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