



# Level Green Presbyterian Church Friday News

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## This Weeks Video:



Sunday April 12, Geoff Rach's sermon title will be "The Truth of the Resurrection" and is based on the scripture passages 1 Kings 17:17-24 and Matthew 28:11-20.

*"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.'"*

*Matthew 28:18*

## Check This Out



Our annual Spring Potluck Luncheon is coming up on Sunday, April 26 following the 10:30a.m. worship service. Everyone is asked to please bring any kind of salad, hot or cold side dish, casserole, main dish, potato or vegetable side, or dessert to share. It's a potluck so every favorite food is very welcome. The Deacons will be providing baked ham, homemade macaroni and cheese, chicken strips, and fruit salad for the buffet table. All those attending are encouraged to bring a friend or neighbor with them or invite someone new to our church to share in the fellowship and enjoy lunch together.

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## Media Information

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

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# This Week at LGPC:

## SUNDAY, April 12, 2026

- 8:00 a.m. – Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service
- 11:35 a.m. – Fellowship Hour
- 11:35 a.m. – Congregational Meeting
- 8:30 p.m. – AA Meeting (FH)

## MONDAY, April 13, 2026

- 1:00 p.m. – Lois Ruth Circle (FH)
- 7:00 p.m. – Friendship Circle (AL)

## TUESDAY, April 14, 2026

- 7:00 p.m. – Session Meeting

## WEDNESDAY, April 15, 2026

- 6:00 p.m. – Daisy Scouts
- 7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice

## THURSDAY, April 16, 2026

- 6:00 p.m. – Kingdom Kids
- 7:00 p.m. – Adult Bible Study



**We will be welcoming the community for an Afternoon of Music on Sunday, April 26, at 1:30p.m.**

**Our church will be hosting a Spring Concert featuring performances by both the Mon Yough Chorale and the Indi-Anna Chorus in the sanctuary. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the fellowship hall.**

**The Mon Yough Chorale is a community choir that welcomes everyone who loves to sing. Their repertoire will include a variety of musical styles as well as some patriotic music to celebrate America's 250th birthday.**

**The Indi-Anna Chorus is a chapter of the Sweet Adelines International. They are a four part, a cappella women's chorus that sings in the American barbershop musical art form.**

**Their repertoire will also include patriotic musical selections along with gospel melodies. Our church choir has several members who will be singing at the concert.**

**Doors will open for the concert at 1:00p.m. The concert will be free of charge. Donations will be accepted.**

**Please invite your friends, family, and neighbors to attend and share in this uplifting, musical afternoon.**

## **In Other News:**

### **Greeters/Liturgist Schedule**

**Included is the schedule for April and May 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**



## Announcements and Information



Liturgist 10:30 a.m. Glenda Taylor

Greeter/Usher 8:00am Hal & Carol Lester

Greeter/Usher 10:30 a.m. Kay Stoner & Renee Kociela

### 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.

### 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.

### Special Upcoming Meeting

There will be a meeting of the congregation and corporation of Level Green Presbyterian Church following 10:30 AM worship on Sunday, April 12. The purpose of the congregational meeting is to elect two members at large to the 2026 Nominating Committee. The purpose of the corporation meeting is to vote on the sale of the manse at 105 ½ Olive Drive. This vote will be taken by secret ballot. All members over 18 years of age are eligible to vote. There will be no voting by proxy.

### **String and Yarn Crafts!**

Next meeting April 23<sup>rd</sup>

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.

### *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.*

### Women's Circles

**Lois Ruth Circle** will meet next on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

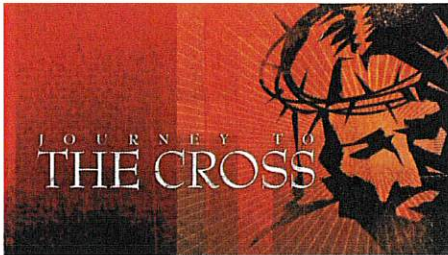
**Friendship Circle** will also meet on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the adult lounge.

## 2026 Communion Schedule

DATE	OCCASION
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

### Church Library

Follow the journey to the Cross in our Church Library. There, you will find many books to help guide your journey.



### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

# 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:

## 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 **April**, contact **Carol Mikoloski** at **724-875-3780**.

### 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>



## 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

Denny Greenaway, grandfather of Josh Thornton.

Eleanor Griffiths, mother of Bob Griffiths, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Rich Taylor, recovering at home from knee replacement surgery.

Renee Francis, mother-in-law of Marti and Forrest Moore's grandson, diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer.

Kevin MacIver, nephew of Jack Bates who has metastatic brain cancer.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

**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**  
**April & May 2026**

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

April 2, 2026 Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Greeter/Usher – Donna Fairfull & Cheryl Rhea

April 5, 2026

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Roian Koerber & Susan Murdy

10:30 Liturgist – Cindy Sheffler

10:30 Greeter/Usher – Ed & Joni Barnes

April 12, 2026

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Hal & Carol Lester

10:30 Liturgist – Glenda Taylor

10:30 Greeter/Usher – Kay Stoner & Renee Kociela

April 19, 2026

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Steve & Leslie Chovan

10:30 Liturgist – Josh Thornton

10:30 Greeter/Usher – John & Karen Oskin

April 26, 2026

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

10:30 Liturgist – Cheryl Rhea

10:30 Greeter/Usher – Elton & Maureen Laffoon

May 3, 2026

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Susan Murdy & Roian Koerber

10:30 Liturgist – Janet Battenhouse

10:30 Greeter/Usher – Glenda Taylor & Cheryl Rhea

May 10, 2026

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Hal & Carol Lester

10:30 Liturgist – Cindy Sheffler

10:30 Greeter/Usher – Robin Burges & Kim Drapala

May 17, 2026

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Evalee Tovey & Roian Koerber

10:30 Liturgist – Josh Thornton

10:30 Greeter/Usher – Cheryl Rhea & Kim Stevenson

May 24, 2026

9:00 Greeter/Usher – Bill & Frienda Edwards

9:00 Liturgist – Carol Lester

May 31, 2026

9:00 Greeter/Usher – Donna Fairfull & Susan Murdy

9:00 Liturgist – Bob Smith

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 1 - Evalee Tovey  
April 6 - Brionna Tranter  
April 9 - Sally Paddock  
April 10 - Marti Moore  
Mark Null  
Cheryl Rhea



April Birthdays!

April 13 - Bethany Lenz  
April 16 - Elizabeth Kuhns  
April 17 - Matt Swick  
April 21 - Kathi Adams  
Cory Sementuh  
April 29 - Elva Hulihan

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

April 6 - Harvey & Paula Lee  
April 7 - Ryan & Ashley Badders  
April 11 - Tom & Donna Fairfull



April 18 - Geoff & Cara Rach  
April 21 - David & Denise Haralson  
25 Years!

# April 2026

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8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 8:30pm AA meeting ((FH))	6:00pm Girl Scouts (FH)	1:00pm Stewardship Ministry 7:00pm Preschool Committee 7:45pm Discipleship	6:00pm Daisy Scouts 7:00pm Choir Practice	7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship	1:00pm Musical Reflection in Sanctuary	
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