



Level Green Presbyterian Church Friday News

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This Weeks Video:



Sunday February 22, Geoff Rach's sermon title will be "Reignite Your Passion for Jesus" and is based on the scripture passages Numbers 14:26-35 and Matthew 4:1-11.

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."
Colossians 4:2

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Check This Out



Let It Shine Blacklight Puppet Show

Tomorrow Night, February 21 at 7:00 p.m.

**This will be a fun night of music, puppets,
and special effects for all ages to enjoy.**

This Week at LGPC:

SUNDAY, February 22, 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)

WEDNESDAY, February 25, 2026

10:00 a.m. – Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice

THURSDAY, February 26, 2026

11:00 a.m. – Yarn/String Crafts

6:00 p.m. – Kingdom Kids

7:00 p.m. – Adult Bible Study

In Other News:



The 2026 Redstone Presbytery First Fruits suggested contribution is \$55.00 per member. Most of this money goes toward the local ministry and mission of Redstone Presbytery. There is an envelope for this annual contribution to the work of the greater church in with your offering envelopes or you can earmark your offering for 'First Fruits'.

Announcements and Information

THIS
Week

Liturgist 10:30 a.m. Janet Battenhouse

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

Greeter/Usher 10:30 a.m. Ed & Joni Barnes

Thank You

Thank you all so much everyone for the prayers, cards, meals, and other support as I've recovered from my surgery! It is much appreciated.

Cara Rach

Contribution Statements 2025

Please email office@levelgreenchurch.org or call the office at 412-372-5370 if you would like a year end giving statement.

Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee needs your help: We need one 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.

Communion

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord Supper next Sunday, March 1 as part of our worship together.

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.



Spring Forward
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

March 8, 2026

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.

String and Yarn Crafts!

Next meeting February 26th

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.

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.

LOIS RUTH & FRIENDSHIP CIRCLES

Both circles will be meeting on Monday, March 9th. 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.

2026 Communion Schedule

DATE	OCCASION
Wednesday, February 18	Ash Wednesday
Sunday, March 1	Second Sunday in Lent
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



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!

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. 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!

**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 Saviorand now the journey begins! Follow along with the many stories in our Church Library.

Offering Envelopes

If you haven't picked up your offering envelopes for 2026, they are now in the Church office.

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

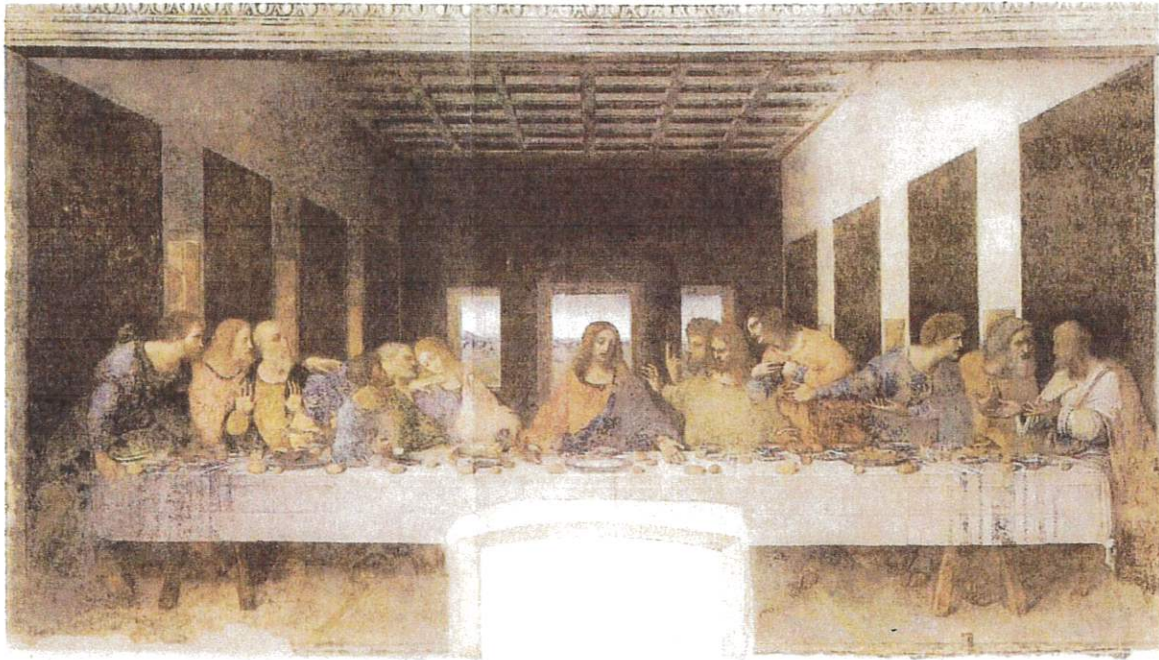
DEACONS

Janet Battenhouse
Sharon Battenhouse
Jen Brown
Cindy Sheffler

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

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

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

Weekly

Sunday School (all ages)/Children's Church (PreK-3rd*)

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

Kingdom Kids (K-5th, 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 (6th-12th, 1st 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 (2nd 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 (3rd 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 (4th 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 / 412-372-5370

* Children's Church is geared for preK-3rd 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.



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.

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 **February**, contact **Rachel Sementuh** at **412-200-0086**.

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 \$306,434.00

<u>January 2026</u>	<u>Current YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
<u>Total Revenue:</u>		
\$29,630.72	\$29,630.72	\$23,895.34
<u>Total Expenditures:</u>		
\$25,439.81	\$25,439.81	\$25,411.16
<u>Net Revenue over Expenses:</u>		
\$4,190.91	\$4,190.91	(\$1,515.82)



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 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
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 & Kay Stoner

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

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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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 6 - Julie Deluca
Judy Fitzsimmons

February 9 - Richard Altman
Eliza Rach
Bob Stevens

February 10 - Sue Duff
Cory McNutt

February 19 - Greg Martz



February 22 - Tyler Martz

February 25 - Cara Rach

February 27 - Gianna Armao
Steve Chovan
Mindy Frye

February 28 - Quincy Grills

February 29 - Dave Haralson

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

February 21 - Hal & Carol Lester



February 2026

February 2026						
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