



Level Green Presbyterian Church Friday News

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This Weeks Video:



Sunday January 21, Rev. Rach's sermon title will be "Living In Peace" and is based on the scripture passages Isaiah 57:14-21 and Ephesians 2:11-22.

*"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ."
Ephesians 2:13*

Check This Out!

ELEMENTARY WINTER BLAST

February 2nd 6:30-8:30 p.m.

All kids in K-5th grade are invited to attend a fun night of games and crafts.

We will meet in Fellowship Hall.

Dinner will be served!



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E-MAILS FROM THE CHURCH PLEASE
NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE.

This Week at LGPC:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

8:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:15 a.m. – Sunday School
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service
11:30 a.m. – Coffee Hour
8:30 p.m. – AA Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

6:00 p.m. – Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

3:45 p.m. – Bible Club (LGES)
7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. – Deacons Meeting

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

7:00 p.m. – G2R (Room 203/205)

In Other News:



As many of you know, member Greg Martz has recently been deployed to Africa for a period of nine months as a Captain in the Army National Guard. We will be shipping a monthly box of cards to support Greg and our troops. We have supplied a box of note cards and color pages for you to use or you may use some of your own. Please drop off your cards in the U. S. Flag bin located in the sanctuary. Please address your envelope to: “Captain Greg Martz” or “A Special Soldier”. Greg will be sure to distribute the “Special Soldier” envelopes to those who need a special note from home. Thank you! The Martz & Taylor families.

Announcements and Information

Congregational Meeting

Our annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2024 following our 10:30 worship. All reports for this meeting are due in the Church office by Monday, January 15.

First Fruits

The 2024 Redstone Presbytery First Fruits suggested contribution is \$44.00 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'.



FAMILY 101

Starting next Sunday, January 28 at 9:15 AM in the Sanctuary and running through Palm Sunday, March 24. Family 101-Back to the Basics focuses on the great need to strengthen and support the family unit. We will look at eight key principles from the 44 'one another' verses of the New Testament and how to live them out in daily life. Don't have a family? You're still a part of the family of God. This course is designed to help us learn what it really means to love, serve, encourage, and honor those closest to us. Any questions please ask Rev. Rach.



To Our LGPC Family:

A huge thank you for the prayers and concerns for my nephew Steven during his three year plus battle with cancer. As you are probably aware Steve passed away Dec. 27, 2023 at the age of 48. He was a very well respected and popular DVM in Canandaigua NY. I have been told that people came from miles around to have Steve care for their pets. He was a kind-hearted, loving, and hard-working vet. He will be greatly missed.

Thanks again for your prayers,

Bob Smith

A big THANK YOU to the women of LGPC who contributed to the Holiday Helping Hands Christmas gift program in 2023. With your help, we were able to make Christmas brighter for 82 families/193 children in the Penn-Trafford area. We couldn't do it without you!

We pray that 2024 is a happy and healthy New Year for you and your families!

Blessings,

Amy Frey

*Holiday Helping Hands Co-chair
Community UM Church*

I would like to thank my wonderful church family for all the cards, texts, phone calls and especially the prayers since my recent heart surgery. It's been so uplifting! Thanks to your prayers, I am recovering very well!

Maria McBride

Lois Ruth Circle

The Lois Ruth Circle will **NOT** meet in January. The next meeting will be on Monday, February 12 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We will need two hostesses for that meeting. Please call Lynn (412-372-0274) if you are willing to serve as a hostess.

WOMEN'S PROJECT - Did You Know?

Those little translucent orange plastic (#5) pill bottles are not accepted by our local recyclers and are adding to the immense amount of plastics in landfills? But, we have a solution for that problem. Presbyterian Women has receptacles at both entrances to the sanctuary where you can leave the bottles and we'll pass them along to a recycling center or a charity that can use them. #5 plastic OTC medicine bottles can be recycled, too. At present, we have the name of an organization in Ohio that upcycles them, but we're looking for an organization closer to home. Questions? Call Nancy Rogers at 412-372-3397. Don't leave a message as the machine is not working.

P.S. PLEASE INCLUDE THE BOTTLE LIDS!

Mission Project

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to tie bag strips. Volunteers are always welcome! If you are interested in crocheting or weaving the strips on a loom, to make the mats, please call Lynn Gilligan, (412-372-0274).

Greeter/Liturgist Schedule Please check the January/February schedule for your name. If your date doesn't work for you, trade with someone or let the office now.

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.

2024 Communion Schedule

DATE	OCCASION
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7	BAPTISM OF THE LORD
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4	FEBRUARY COMMUNION
WED., FEBRUARY 14	ASH WEDNESDAY
SUNDAY, MARCH 3	3 rd SUNDAY OF LENT
THURSDAY, MARCH 28	MAUNDY THURSDAY
SUNDAY, APRIL 7	APRIL COMMUNION
SUNDAY, MAY 5	MAY COMMUNION
SUNDAY, MAY 19	PENTECOST SUNDAY
SUNDAY, JUNE 2	JUNE COMMUNION
SUNDAY, JULY 7	JULY COMMUNION
SUNDAY, AUGUST 4	AUGUST COMMUNION
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8	SEPTEMBER COMMUNION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6	WORLD COMMUNION SUN.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3	NOVEMBER COMMUNION
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1	FIRST 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.

You can sign up now for flowers in 2024. The new calendar is on the bulletin board.





Redstone Presbytery Administrative Assistant Bobbie Shaffor will be retiring on March 31 after 22 years of service. The Presbytery will be recognizing her ministry at our March meeting at New Hope Church. A love gift is being collected to present to her during this recognition. If you would like to contribute to this gift, please mark on your envelope (or one from the pews) "gift for Bobbie Shaffor" along with the amount of your gift. Checks should be made out to Level Green Presbyterian Church. We will then pool our individual gifts and provide one check from LGPC.



Celebrating Barbara George on her special day, January 21st. Best Wishes!



Can you be a Greeter and Usher at Worship? A Liturgist? Please think about it, we need people to do this to improve the Worship Service for everyone. If you have any questions about what would be expected of you, please call the office. Sign the fellowship pad or call the office if you are willing to help.

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2024

CLASS OF 2026

ELDERS

Betsey Bopp
Steve Chovan
Elton Laffoon
Rich Taylor

DEACONS

Janet Battenhouse
Sharon Battenhouse
Jen Brown
Cindy Sheffler

CLASS OF 2025

ELDERS

Barb Augustin
Frienda Edwards
John Learn
John Oskin

DEACONS

Robin Burges
Maria McBride
Rachel Sementuh
Glenda Taylor

CLASS OF 2024

ELDERS

Jack Battenhouse
Sue Carew
Kim Christ
Kim Drapala

DEACONS

Donna Fairfull
Renee Kociela
Paula Lee
Marylin Roberts



American
Red Cross

**Shake Up Your
Holiday Tradition**

Give Blood

First United Church of Christ of Harrison City

Little Church with a BIG Heart

January 24, 2024
11:30-5pm

1008 Harrison City-Export Road
Harrison City, PA 15636

For an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org

Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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Ministry Updates:

Discipleship



We have Sunday School for God's children of all ages from 9:15 – 10:15 AM. We have two adult Sunday school offerings.



Upcoming Children and Family events

Sunday School 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Classes

4 year old – First grade Room 206 Miss Betsey

2nd – 5th grade Room 202 Miss Sherri

5th – 8th grade Cara Rach Room 203/205

After School Bible Club 3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

Level Green Elementary School

Please pray for this exciting new program in the school.

Our Thursday night Bible study will resume on January 18. In January, we'll look at Paul's arrest and trial before the Sanhedrin, his voyage to Rome, and his arrest – again! We are still meeting in Room 203/205. As always, let Cheryl Rhea know if you have any questions.

G2R

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 in **January, contact Glenda Taylor at 412-496-6763.**

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 2023 is \$292,980.00

<u>December 2023</u>	<u>Current YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
<u>Total Revenue:</u>		
\$27,475.58	\$290,725.84	\$276,686.00
<u>Total Expenditures:</u>		
\$26,811.38	\$285,761.29	\$292,980.00
<u>Net Revenue over Expenses:</u>		
\$664.20	\$4,964.55	(\$16,294.00)



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
Joyce Hall
Chick Empfield
Dolores Cook
Cory McNutt
Justin Gilligan
Mary Harbison
Earl Kilbury
Louise Lee

Evonne Elder, sister-in-law of Kay Stoner, in UPMC East for testing.

Gloria Arnott, recovering at William Penn Care Center.

Greg Martz, deployed with the National Guard.

Maria McBride, recovering at home from open heart surgery.

Joan Donatelli, friend of Leslie Chovan, is in hospice care.

JoAnn Zalevsky, friend of Leslie Chovan, is in hospice care.

Travis, Chelsea Monty's husband. He has come home and is undergoing tests.

Barbara Sandusky, sister of Ed Barnes. She's in congestive heart failure and just being kept comfortable.

Mary Diaddigo Rex, neighbor of Ed & Joni Barnes who is facing major surgery in November.

Tom Lewis, father-in-law of Dawn Heckel Lewis, who is very ill in Forbes Hospital.

Cami Morris, recovering at home from back surgery.

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.

Jack Thurn, long time member, took a fall and had to have a shoulder replacement. He needs prayers to get back to full strength.

Matthew Tranter, grandson of Kim Drapala, at home recovering from surgery.

Don Hockenberry, at home.

Ray Fundyga, brother-in-law of John Learn, whose health is deteriorating due to Vietnam era exposure to "Agent Purple."

Joy Hrivnak, recovering from a back injury.

Keith Heinritz, please lift him in prayer.

Stephen Yungwirth, brother-in-law of Terry Yungwirth has been diagnosed with cancer.

Angela Iorio, niece of Terry Yungwirth has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

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

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

Wilda Whitehead, Elva Hullihen's sister who suffered a stroke.

Linda Hamilton, friend of Joy Hrivnak, is cancer free after undergoing aggressive chemotherapy for lung cancer. She is now on immunotherapy.

Leann Farrell, recovering from a car accident. Leann is the sister of Lynn Gilligan.

Gayle Samuels, friend of Kim Drapala, who has uterine cancer.

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.

Jen Scharba, Renee Kociela's niece, who is having surgery and issues due to Crohn's disease.

Jaidyn Beam, the Barnes' great nephew who had serious spinal surgery on August 18th.

Pauline Keller, recovering at Ed & Joni's.

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

Becky Marko, friend of Leslie Chovan's who has a terminal heart condition.

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

Sandy Kalo, who has liver issues.



Liturgist & Greeter/Usher Schedule

January & February 2024

January 7, 2024

8:00 Liturgist – Sherri Murray
8:00 Greeter/Usher – Frienda Edwards & Kim Drapala
10:30 Liturgist – Bob Smith
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Rachel Sementuh & Melanie Bates

January 14, 2024

8:00 Liturgist – Sherri Murray
8:00 Greeter/Usher – Roian Koerber & Susan Murdy
10:30 Liturgist – Cheryl Rhea
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Glenda & Rich Taylor

January 21, 2024

8:00 Liturgist – Sherri Murray
8:00 Greeter/Usher – Steve & Leslie Chovan
10:30 Liturgist – Cindy Sheffler
10:30 Greeter/Usher – John & Karen Oskin

January 28, 2024

8:00 Liturgist – Sherri Murray
8:00 Greeter/Usher – Roian Koerber & Jill Cunningham
10:30 Liturgist – Glenda Taylor
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Kay Stoner & Deb Seighman

February 4, 2024

8:00 Liturgist – Sherri Murray
8:00 Greeter/Usher – Carol Lester & Susan Murdy
10:30 Liturgist – Cheryl Rhea
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Elton & Maureen Laffoon

February 11, 2024

8:00 Liturgist – Sherri Murray
8:00 Greeter/Usher – Evalee Tovey & Tom & Donna Fairfull
10:30 Liturgist – Nancy Rogers
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Renee Kociela & Christie Armao

February 14, 2024 – Ash Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Greeter/Usher – Rich & Glenda Taylor

February 18, 2024

8:00 Liturgist – Sherri Murray
8:00 Greeter/Usher – Roian Koerber & Kim Drapala
10:30 Liturgist – Cindy Sheffler
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Cheryl Rhea & Nancy Rogers

February 25, 2024

8:00 Liturgist – Sherri Murray
8:00 Greeter/Usher – Jill Cunningham & Susan Murdy
10:30 Liturgist – Glenda Taylor
10:30 Greeter/Usher – John & Karen Oskin

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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 1 - Rose Schickel
January 2 - Lori Hockenberry
January 4 - Lily Sementuh
January 5 - Mrs. Roian Koerber
January 8 - Gloria Arnott
January 11 - Shawna Burger
January 13 - Shirley Filer



January 15 - Bill Roberts
January 17 - Darcy Godich
January 21 - Barbara George
Carol Lester
January 24 - Jack Bates
January 29 - Janet Postupac
Charli Sementuh
January 31 - Bud Baker
Joni Barnes

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

January 21 - Mark & Lyn Null
January 29 - Dale & Diane Klingensmith



**Need a CD of the worship service
or a ride to church?**

Call the church office at 412-372-5370



January 2024

January 2024							February 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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28	29	30	31										

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 31	Jan 1, 24 Pastor Rach vacation	2 Pastor Rach vacation	3 7:00pm Choir Practice	4 10:00am Stewardship Ministry	5	6
7 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 8:30pm AA meeting ((FH))	8	9 6:00pm Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall) 7:00pm Session Meeting	10 3:45pm Bible Club (Level Green Elementary) 7:00pm Choir Practice	11 7:00pm Cub Scout board meeting Room 115	12	13
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