

Level Green Presbyterian Church Friday News

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This Weeks Video:



Sunday March 17, Rev. Rach's sermon title will be "Building Up One Another" and is based on the scripture passages Deuteronomy 17:1-17 and John 7:53-8:11.

"Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." John 8:7

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IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO RECEIVE
E-MAILS FROM THE CHURCH PLEASE
NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE.

Check This Out!

Come and help fill our Easter Eggs!



Thursday March 21st at 6:30 p.m.

This Week at LGPC:

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

- 8:00 a.m. - Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m.to 6:00 p.m. – Spaghetti Dinner
- 8:30 p.m. – AA Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

- 7:00 p.m. – Property Ministry

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

- 6:30 p.m. – Easter Egg stuffing (adult lounge)
- 7:00 p.m. – G2R (Room 203/205)

In Other News:

Palm Sunday, March 24th



Please drop off your candy donations in the church office.



**With Homemade Sauce and Meatballs
Salad, fresh Italian bread and assorted Desserts**

**Sunday, March 17, 2024
11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**LEVEL GREEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Church Fellowship Hall
105 Olive Drive, Level Green
(412) 372-5370**

**Adults and Seniors - \$10.00
Children (age 3-10) - \$4.00, (2 and under) - free**

Containers will be available for take out.

**Tickets can be purchased at the door or in
the church office.**

Sponsored by the Presbyterian Women

Announcements and Information

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated items these past few weeks for the Welcome Home Shelter in Greensburg. Your response was amazing. The items have been delivered and the shelter was very grateful for our donations. It was a privilege to support such a worthwhile local cause.

Outreach Committee

EASTER EGG HUNT REFRESHMENTS

If you'd like to volunteer to help the Deacons with the refreshments for this year's Easter Egg Hunt on March 24, there will be a sign-up sheet in the sanctuary for both kitchen helpers and for bringing cookies. The extra helping hands would be very appreciated. Thanks!



FAMILY 101

Today we are on Session #8 "Building Up One Another" of our nine-week study that meets at 9:15 AM in the adult lounge running through Palm Sunday, March 24. This study 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.



Jill Cunningham

*Vicki Doyle
Sandy Bohince*



Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, March 24: Our Choir will sing at both our 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM worship. Our children will sing during our 10:30 AM worship. Our Easter Egg Extravaganza will take place that afternoon from 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Maundy Thursday, March 28 will be our Tenebrae Service at 7:00 PM with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday, March 29: 1:00-3:00 PM Time of Musical Reflection in the Sanctuary.
7:00 PM Tenebrae Service at Community Church

Easter Sunday, March 31 we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Choir will sing at both our 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM worship.

Session Notes

March 2024

- Session approved a \$100 retirement gift for Redstone Presbytery Administrative Assistant Bobbie Shaffor. She will be recognized as part the March 19 Presbytery meeting at New Hope Church.
- From Property:

We will be working with Digital Trafford on evaluating the need to update the sanctuary computer.
- From Discipleship:

Our After School Bible Club at Level Green Elementary School on Wednesdays has been averaging 25 students. The last day will be Wednesday, April 24. We will host an After School Bible Club year end picnic Friday, April 26.

This year's Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday, June 23 – Thursday, June 27 during the evening. This year's theme is Scuba – Diving into friendship with God.
- From Outreach:

Order forms will be available soon for Level Green Presbyterian Church T-shirts and sweatshirts.

We continue to work with Universal Church Directories on the layout of our 2024 Church Directory. Your continued patience is appreciated.
- From Worship:

Our summer worship schedule with one worship time at 9:00 AM will begin on Sunday, May 26 through Sunday, September 1.

The Session has approved three of those worship times to take place on the front lawn on the final Sundays of June, July, and August: Sunday, June 30, Sunday, July 28, and Sunday August 25. Our Church picnic will take place on Sunday, August 25 so worship will start at 10:00 AM.
- From Stewardship/Property:

Received a \$4,041 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) security grant to reimburse us for the upgrade of the parking lot and courtyard lighting that was completed in December.

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. 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 weaving the strips on a loom, to make the mats, please call Lynn Gilligan, (412-372-0274).



Submissions for Friday News

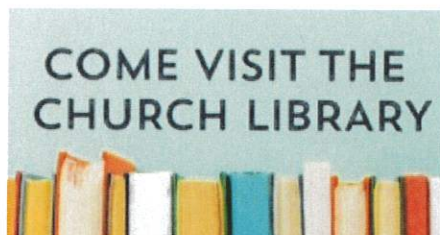
Don't forget to send your updates and articles to the Church office for your Ministry or group.

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

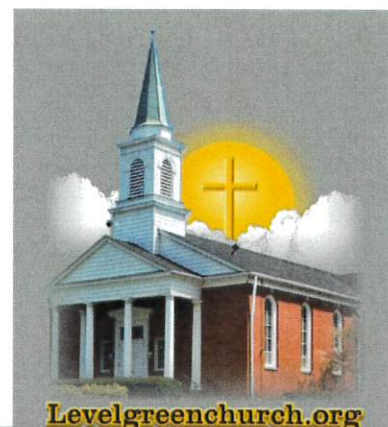
Prayer List – Please take a moment to look over the names on the list and update the office with any information that you have. Please tell us when names can come off the list.

2024 Communion Schedule

DATE	OCCASION
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



Winter is the perfect time to visit our Church library and take out a book. There are more than 2500 books in our library, something for everyone.



The Outreach Committee is working with Excel Sportswear in Trafford on ordering church tees and sweatshirts. These shirts would be great to have for events and are a way of inviting people to our church. We need a rough count of how many shirts people would be ordering for planning purposes. Please let Sue Carew, John Oskin, or the office know how many shirts you would be interested in purchasing. Tee shirts would be around \$14.99, sweatshirts around \$23.99, and hoodies around \$29.99. Sizes run from Youth small through 5 XL. Thanks so much!



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.

Address for Greg:
CPT Gregory Martz
Hawkeye 2-112 IN,TF
Paxton
PSC 831 box 0074
FPO AE 09902
United States

Thank you! The Martz & Taylor family



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	CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2024
ELDERS	ELDERS	ELDERS
Betsey Bopp	Barb Augustin	Jack Battenhouse
Steve Chovan	Frienda Edwards	Sue Carew
Elton Laffoon	John Learn	Kim Christ
Rich Taylor	John Oskin	Kim Drapala
DEACONS	DEACONS	DEACONS
Janet Battenhouse	Robin Burges	Donna Fairfull
Sharon Battenhouse	Maria McBride	Renee Kociela
Jen Brown	Rachel Sementuh	Paula Lee
Cindy Sheffler	Glenda Taylor	Marylin Roberts



YOU'RE INVITED



**COME JOIN US FOR A PRESENTATION OF MARY BACHS
"ARE YOU GETTING WHAT YOU PAY FOR?" PROGRAM
ON MONDAY MARCH 18TH AT 6:30PM (DOORS OPEN 6PM)
AT THE LEVEL GREEN COMMUNITY BUILDING
LOCATED AT 123 MURRYSVILLE RD TRAFFORD PA 15085
ATTENDANCE IS FREE OF CHARGE COMPLIMENTS OF
THE LEVEL GREEN LIONS CLUB**

MARY BACH



Featured on the "Today Show," "Good Morning America," and "Dateline," Mary Bach is a nationally recognized independent Consumer Advocate and volunteer Chair of the AARP Pennsylvania Consumer Issues Task Force. Bach has been on the forefront of telemarketing issues from the consumer's perspective. She is Vice-President of the Scanning Certification Advisory Board, where she helps set industry standards for retail pricing accuracy at checkout. Bach has a number of notable accolades, including: AARP's prestigious Andres Award (2004), which is the organization's highest honor for community service; the AARP "Ethel Award for Community Outreach" (2016), and the AARP National Trailblazer Award (2018). Most recently, she was honored with the Westinghouse SURE Lifetime Achievement Award (2019). Additionally, the Pennsylvania Association of Weights and Measures honored Bach by naming their annual consumer award "The Mary Bach Consumer of the Year Award" for her efforts in promoting marketplace fairness. She has been interviewed and quoted in many publications such as "Good Housekeeping" and "USA Today" regarding a wide variety of consumer issues, in addition to doing "FraudWatch Minute" weekend segments on GoodDayPA. Mary resides in Murrysville, Pennsylvania and is the mother of two and the grandmother of four.

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 Evalee

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.

We will be finished with the epistles on March 21. We will not meet in April. Our study will resume on May 2 as we move into the book of Revelation and draw our chronological study to an end. If you are interested in joining us for Revelation, please see Cheryl Rhea for materials. We meet on Thursdays at 7 pm in Room 203/205.

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 **March, 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>

Text Message Instructions

Tell people to take out their phones.

Send a text to
81010

Text this message:
@lgpres

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STEWARDSHIP

The Budget for 2024 is \$308,699.00

<u>February 2024</u>	<u>Current YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
<u>Total Revenue:</u>		
\$33,808.20	\$70,825.25	\$54,085.82
<u>Total Expenditures:</u>		
\$27,017.64	\$53,813.71	\$54,309.24
<u>Net Revenue over Expenses:</u>		
\$6,790.56	\$17,011.54	(\$223.42)



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
Jen Scharba

Kenny Thompson, Level Green resident with multiple myeloma.

Rev. Norma Murphy, in a skilled nursing facility with a badly broken arm.

Marti Moore, recovering at her daughter's home in Wexford.

Ruth Mohr, under hospice care.

Bill Roberts, in Golden Heights Personal Care Home.

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.

Gloria Arnott, recovering at her daughter Sue's home.

Greg Martz, deployed with the National Guard.

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.

Travis, Chelsea Monty's husband. He is still having some seizures and is currently taking epilepsy medication with more testing to come.

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

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

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.

Don Hockenberry, at home.

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

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, has had a recurrence of cancer and is undergoing chemo.

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.

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
March & April 2024

March 3, 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

March 10, 2024

8:00 Liturgist – Sherri Murray
8:00 Greeter/Usher – Roian Koerber & Susan Murdy
10:30 Liturgist – Cheryl Rhea
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Deb Seighman & Kay Stoner

March 17, 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

March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday

8:00 Liturgist – Sherri Murray
8:00 Greeter/Usher – Roian Koerber & Carol Lester
10:30 Liturgist – Glenda Taylor
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Cheryl Rhea & Kim Stevenson

March 28, 2024 Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Liturgist – Sherri Murray
7:00 p.m. Greeter/Usher – Kay Stoner & Nancy Rogers

March 31, 2024 Easter

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

April 7, 2024

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

April 14, 2024

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

April 21, 2024

8:00 Liturgist – Sherri Murray
8:00 Greeter/Usher – Hal & Carol Lester
10:30 Liturgist – Cindy Sheffler
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Kim Stevenson & Nancy Rogers

April 28, 2024

8:00 Liturgist – Sherri Murray
8:00 Greeter/Usher – Bill & Frienda Edwards
10:30 Liturgist – Glenda Taylor
10:30 Greeter/Usher – John & Karen Oskin

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1 - Geoff Rach

March 7 - Betsey Bopp
Tony Marciano

March 12 - Denise Haralson



March 18 - Dolores Cook

March 19 - Linda Schickel

March 24 - Matthias Rach

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

March 5 - Tom & Janet Postupac

March 9 - Bill & Frienda Edwards

March 27 - Dan & Kelly Weightman



**NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH
IN MARCH?**

**NEED A CD OF THE WORSHIP
SERVICE?**

Please call the church office at 412-372-5370.



March 2024

March 2024							April 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
3	4	5	6	7	1	2	1	8	9	10	11	12	13
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	7	14	15	16	17	18	19
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	14	21	22	23	24	25	26
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	21	28	29	30			27
31							28						

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 25	26	27	28	29	Mar 1	2
3 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30am Worship	4 6:30pm Lois Ruth Circle (FH)	5 1:00pm Stewardship Ministry	6 3:45pm Bible Club (Level Green Elementary) 7:00pm Choir Practice	7 7:00pm G2R (Room 203/205)	8	9
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