



Level Green Presbyterian Church Friday News

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This Weeks Video:



Sunday December 1, Rev. Rach's sermon title will be "Always On The Watch" and is based on the scripture passages Psalm 25:1-10 and Luke 21:25-36.

"Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."
Luke 21:36

Check This Out

Stable Building Day



Join us this Saturday, November 30 at 9:00a.m. as we get ready for the Live Nativity and build our stable. All extra hands are appreciated. Even if you're not a builder, we can use your help with checking battery packs, hanging strings of lights, stapling chicken wire (bring a pair of work gloves), and putting up the nativity figures on the front lawn. If you can bring some extra tools, that is a big help.

Pizza and cookies will be served.

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

This Week at LGPC:

SATURDAY, November 30, 2024

9:00 a.m. – Stable building

SUNDAY, December 1, 2024

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)

MONDAY, December 2, 2024

5:30 p.m. – Girl Scouts

TUESDAY, December 3, 2024

1:00 p.m. – Stewardship Ministry

3:30 p.m. – After School Bible Club Sunrise Elem.

WEDNESDAY, December 4, 2024

3:30 p.m. – After School Bible Club Level Green

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice

In Other News:



December 15th

There will be a congregational meeting in two weeks on Sunday, December 15 at 10:30 AM to approve the report of the Nominating Committee with the Class of 2027 Ruling Elders and Deacons.

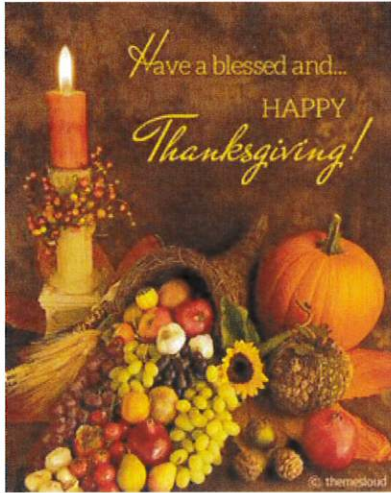
December 24th

Our Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols Candlelight Service will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, December 24.

December 29th

We will have one worship time at 9:00 AM and no Sunday School that morning. Sherri Murray will be preaching.

Announcements and Information



The church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday this week.

Thanks

Thank you to everyone who helped us with this year's Thanksgiving Baskets. We were able to make Thanksgiving a little more special for 24 local families because of your generous giving. The Deacons



We are still taking donations for hurricane victims. Checks can be made out to Level Green Presbyterian Church and earmarked for "Hurricane Relief".

To date, we have donated \$19,388 including a \$6,000 donation from the church approved by Session.

A flyer from Samaritan's Purse is included in this update so you can see the work being done.

Greeter/Liturgist Schedule

Please check the **November/December** schedule 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.



The First Sunday of Advent is this week on Sunday, December 1. We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper for the final time in 2024 as part of our worship together.

Lois Ruth Circle

The Lois Ruth Circle will have their Christmas meeting on Monday, December 9th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Please bring an appetizer, dessert to share and your gift.





AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our new club at Sunrise Estates Elementary School is on Tuesdays and at Level Green Elementary School on Wednesdays. Both clubs run from 3:30-4:45 PM. We meet each week school is in session through April. Our After School Clubs are free for students and start with a snack. Each week we have a Bible lesson, memory verses, learning games and more! Please see Sherri Murray for more information.

Your prayers are needed for our clubs, our volunteers, our students, and their families.

YARN/STRING CRAFT GROUP

Next meeting December 12th

The group won't be meeting on the fourth Thursday this month due to Thanksgiving. Next meeting will be December 12th. 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.



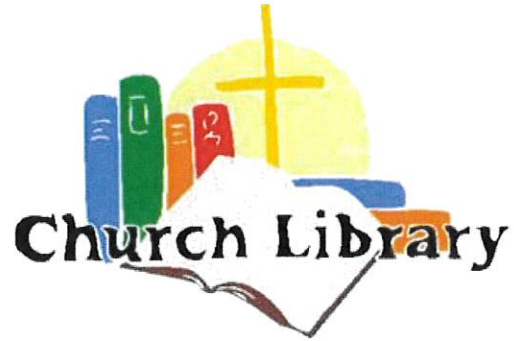
The Presbyterian Women will be collecting Cool Whip containers with lids again. Our supply is very low. Thank you.

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.



Submissions for Friday News

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



Church Library

Did you know that our church library is full of people and places we've never seen? Or that our church library can make us happy and sometimes sad? And our church library can show us the way, can answer our questions, can comfort us? Don't believe? All you have to do is visit the library and open a book.



We are looking for book donations for the little free library that we will be putting up outside of the church. Any books for adults, young readers and children! We would like to have a nice variety of faith based options. There will be a collection bin near the office for your book donations.

Thank you for your help with this project!

The Grills Family

2024 Communion Schedule

DATE	OCCASION
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2024

Greetings in Christ,

Christmas is fast approaching and the many wonderful sounds and sights of the Christmas season are upon us.

The Level Green Presbyterian Church family can once again pause and count our many blessings from God, which include seven dedicated and talented staff members. As in past years, we would like to be able to express our appreciation to them with monetary gifts to be presented on Christmas Eve.

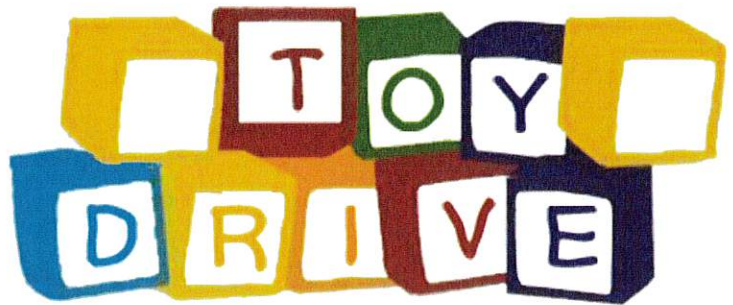
Your contributions to this special fund can be in cash or by check, payable to Elva Hullihen, and need to be received by Sunday, December 22nd. I will be at the church for the 10:30 a.m. worship service on December 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd, if you would like to give me the cash/check in person. Or, if you prefer, you can mail your check to me at 525 State Route 130, Trafford, PA 15085. *Please do not include these contributions in your regular church envelopes.*

Thank you for your consideration in spreading Christ's love this holiday season.

Joy to the world,
LGPC Worship Ministry

Elva Hullihen, Member





Drop Off Location

We have volunteered to be a drop off location for
Play it Forward Pittsburgh 2024!

Play it Forward Pittsburgh is
a gently used children's toy drive.

Donate your gently used or new toys, games, electronics,
sports equipment, bikes and dvd movies.

We will get them to the toy drive and
make sure they go to good homes this holiday season.

We will NOT be collecting books or
stuffed animals this year.

For more information visit us online:
www.playitforwardpittsburgh.com
www.facebook.com/playitforwardpittsburgh

Dear Level Green Church Family,



Recently you received a letter at your home as part of the Stewardship 2025 Pledge Campaign which includes **Consecration Sunday, on November 17**. We are asking you to return your **Estimate of Giving Card** to support your church on that day – Sunday Nov. 17th.

As you consider what portion of God’s gifts you are going to return to His Church in Level Green, please consider the large increases in costs we incurred in 2024, and that will be incurred again in 2025.

Yes, we understand that each of you have experienced individual costs increases in utilities, food, gas, and just about everything else in 2024. The same is true for our church but the costs to operate your church are magnified due to its size. Insurances will exceed \$11,000 in 2025, utilities almost \$16,000, staffing, even with some reductions, will be \$212,000, the costs for the missions we support continues to increase just to provide the same level of care and support, growing Bible Clubs at Level Green and Sunrise Elementary schools, etc. ... No matter where you look, the church’s expenses are increasing.

But we do not just accept these increases, we look for better contracts for utilities, compare insurance quotes, and we investigate other ways to get the best value for each dollar. With all of the moving parts it is difficult to estimate, but our estimate is that costs will increase by 5%-10% in 2025. Can we increase our giving in 2025 by 5%-10%? Considering the big (God’s) picture, can we afford not to? God said in (Lev. 26:12) **“I will be your God and you will be my people.”**

God’s promise to us is that he will be faithful to us --to love us, guide us, encourage us and save us. And in return we will be his faithful people --worshipping Him, serving Him, loving Him with all of our hearts and supporting Him through the mission of carrying Jesus’ message to the entire world.

Consecration Sunday November 17th will be a wonderful day in the life of our church. We will hear wonderful music; hear a sermon about God’s promises to us and our promises to God. But most importantly, we will be giving a big THANK YOU to our God for all of the ways that he has blessed us both as a church and as individuals!

Sincerely In Christ,
You’re Stewardship Committee



Deuteronomy 16:17

Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you.

**Level Green Presbyterian Church
– Annual Giving Campaign –**

Contentment Prayer

Lord, help me to be grateful for what I have, to remember that I don’t need most of what I want, and that joy is found in simplicity and generosity.

My 2025 Financial Commitment to God is:

\$ _____ Gift per
(Week, Month, or Annual) please circle one

Keep this card for your personal reference.

**Level Green Presbyterian Church
– Annual Giving Campaign –**

Deuteronomy 16:17: *Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you.*

My 2025 estimate of Giving to my Church is:

\$ _____ Gift per
(Week, Month, or Annual) please circle one

Name (not required – God knows who we are)

Please return this card.

Ministry Updates:

DISCIPLESHIP



Sunday School also resumes at 9:15 AM with classes for God's children of all ages.

2024-2025 Sunday School Schedule

First & Second Grade	Peggy McNutt	Room 201
Third thru Fifth Grade	Sherri Murray	Room 202
Adult Class	Kim Stevenson	Room 115
Adult Class	Geoff Rach	Adult Lounge

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 **November**, contact **Sharon Battenhouse** at 412-373-8845 and in **December**, contact **Paula Lee** at 412-720-2234.

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.

Text Message Instructions

Tell people to take out their phones.

Send a text to

81010

Send the message

@lgpres

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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 sign up at

<https://www.remind.com/join/lgpres>



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.

STEWARDSHIP

The Budget for 2024 is \$308,699.00

<u>October 2024</u>	<u>Current YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
<u>Total Revenue:</u>		
\$34,199.64	\$254,318.60	\$246,029.10
<u>Total Expenditures:</u>		
\$34,328.27	\$254,448.98	\$257,500.56
<u>Net Revenue over Expenses:</u>		
(\$128.63)	(\$130.38)	(\$11,471.46)



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!

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
Chick Empfield
Cory McNutt
Justin Gilligan
Earl Kilbury
Louise Lee
Ruth Mohr
Jen Scharba

Bob Stevens, recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Cheryl Rhea, recovering at home from a broken shoulder.

Sue Carew, recovering at home from a fall.

Brandon Laffoon, who is currently deployed with the United States Navy.

Linda Shumaker, at home recovering from surgery.

Jen "Molt", at home recovering from a stroke.

Zack Skarka, husband of Joy Pedrow Skarka, got poor pathology results from a recent surgery. Pray for him and family.

Cole Azua, grandson of Marti and Forrest Moore is serving with the U.S. Marine Corps, stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood in Missouri for military police training.

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.

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.

Erica Clear, sister of Terry Yungwirth, had surgery and faces a long recovery from a knee injury.

Lillian Diamond, the other grandmother of Terry Yungwirth's grandson, who is very ill and having difficulty healing.

Dera Hanafin, niece-in-law of Terry Yungwirth, has another infection in her knee and had her 6th surgery in less than a year, on Aug 26.

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.

Marti Moore, recovering at 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.

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

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

Cami Morris, recovering at home from back surgery.

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.

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

Linda Hamilton, friend of Joy Hrivnak, has had a recurrence of cancer and is undergoing chemo.

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.

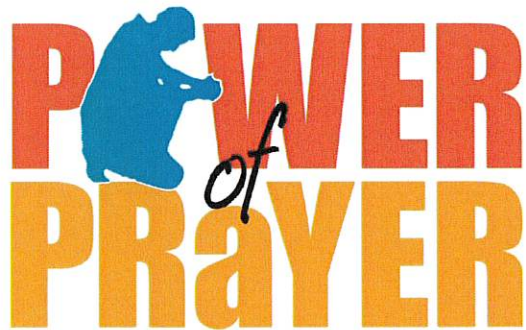
Ansley Stigers, 12 year old granddaughter of a friend of Joni Barnes, recovering from a heart transplant.

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

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
November & December 2024

November 3, 2024

8:00 Liturgist – Sherri Murray
8:00 Greeter/Usher – Donna Fairfull & Evalee Tovey
10:30 Liturgist – Bob Smith
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Bonny Grills & family

November 10, 2024

8:00 Liturgist – Sherri Murray
8:00 Greeter/Usher – Roian Koerber & Susan Murdy
10:30 Liturgist – Glenda Taylor
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Melanie Bates & Renee Kociela

November 17, 2024

8:00 Liturgist – Sherri Murray
8:00 Greeter/Usher – Hal & Carol Lester
10:30 Liturgist – Cheryl Rhea
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Rich & Glenda Taylor

November 24, 2024

8:00 Liturgist – Sherri Murray
8:00 Greeter/Usher – Tom & Donna Fairfull & Roian Koerber
10:30 Liturgist – Cindy Sheffler
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Elton & Maureen Laffoon

December 1, 2024

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

December 8, 2024

8:00 Liturgist – Sherri Murray
8:00 Greeter/Usher – Roian Koerber & Kim Drapala
10:30 Liturgist – Carol Lester
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Cheryl Rhea & Melanie Bates

December 15, 2024

8:00 Liturgist – Sherri Murray
8:00 Greeter/Usher – Evalee Tovey & Susan Murdy
10:30 Liturgist – Cindy Sheffler
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Kay Stoner & Nancy Rogers

December 22, 2024

8:00 Liturgist – Sherri Murray
8:00 Greeter/Usher – Roian Koerber & Kim Drapala
10:30 Liturgist – Cheryl Rhea
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Kim Stevenson & Renee Kociela

December 24, 2024

7:00 p.m.- Greeter/Usher – The Grills Family

December 29, 2024

9:00 Liturgist – Glenda Taylor
9:00 Greeter/Usher – Elton & Maureen Laffoon

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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December 2 - Leslie Chovan
Kay Stoner
December 4 - Harvey Lee
December 7 - Miranda Murray
December 13 - Kim Stevenson
December 15 - Donna Humes



December 18 - Karen Oskin
December 25 - Carol Jacobelli
December 26 - Maria McBride
December 31 - Darlene Brown

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

December 17 - Forrest & Marti Moore
December 18 - Jack & Sharon Battenhouse
December 28 - Bob & Debra Griffiths



December 2024

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