

Good News

From New Life

July 13, 2023

7 Pentecost

Genesis 25:19-34

Psalms 119:105-112

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Rev Barbara Bond preaching

Calendar of Coming Events

Wednesday mornings: 10:30 am

Short services in the St Luke Chapel

July 19: The Women

Wednesdays at 11:00 am: Book Club
meets in the Parlor. "The Nightingale"

July 15 Terri and Larry Mackey's 50th

Wedding Anniversary, 1 pm, Canton

Women's Club, 822 Market Ave N

August 6 Scott Bridges preaches

7 pm Taize service

August 10: Rev Barbara's knee surgery

August 13: Morning Prayer. Pete Iole preaches. Coffee Hour

August 20: Morning Prayer. Lynn Gorman preaches

August 26: Country Hoedown: Event for Adults with Special Needs, 12 noon – 3 pm.

September 10 Parish Picnic

Preachers in August

Aug 6 Scott Bridges (Holy Eucharist)

Aug 13 Pete Iole (Morning Prayer)

Aug 20 Lynn Gorman (Morning Pr)

Aug 27 Rev Barbara (Holy Eucharist)

Rev Barbara has scheduled knee replacement surgery for August 10, and hopes to be back in church by August 27. Parishioners with knee surgery experience think she is being overly optimistic. We'll see.



Terri and Larry Mackey's 50th

Terri and Larry Mackey invite the entire parish to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at a gathering at the Canton Woman's Club on Saturday, July 15, beginning at 1 pm. at 822 Market Ave N, Canton.

Wednesday services continue

Rev Barbara will continue to offer brief worship services on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the St. Luke Chapel. Each service focuses on a particular saint. Participants also enjoy Angel Cards (ask them what this is).

July 19 The Women

July 26 Mary and Martha of Bethany

August 2 Joseph of Arimathea

August 9 Clare of Assisi

Coffee Hour, Second Sundays

We will hold Coffee Hour once a month, on Second Sundays. Those in charge will follow our regular team rotation. Thus for August 13 Coffee Hour, Team Four will oversee refreshments.

The Church Picnic comes on the second Sunday in September. Sept. 10. All parishioners are invited to attend and bring dishes to share. Team One will oversee the organizing.

Coffee Hour teams

Team 1: Darlene, Bo and Connie

Team 2: Rita, Terri and Charlynn

Team 3: Mariann and Kathy

Team 4: Gladys, Laura and Judy

Episcopal Minute: St Benedict

Saint Benedict lived in the sixth century, an era of chaos and decadence in the Roman Empire. Benedict lived near Rome, but withdrew from the chaos, preferring to live as a hermit. But the idea was so attractive to others that soon a community grew up around Benedict. Benedict is most famous for making order out of chaos.

He is known as the founder of monasticism, and he wrote a Rule that has become justifiably famous, organizing religious life in a no-nonsense and humane way. He organized the day into time allotments for praying, studying, attending worship, working, eating and sleeping. He thus established a rhythm to daily life that brought serenity and purpose.

When I was in seminary at Seabury-Western, our community lived a quasi-monastic ordering of our day, with three chapel services each day, and the time in-between for work and study. I found the rhythm of the day to be very soothing.

Most religious orders follow some version of the Benedictine Rule, modified for their own circumstances. I am an associate of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist, an order of monk based in Cambridge MA. I have visited their mother house for retreats, and the order of their day and life is very similar to the Benedictine Rule.

Norm and I have established a half-hour for devotions every morning. That is about as close as we get to the Benedictine way, but we find it very meaningful.

Server Schedule

Altar Guild

07/15 – 07/21 – Marianne

07/22 – 07/28 – Terri

07/29 – 08/04 – Rita

Readers

July 16 – Amy

July 23 – Pete

July 30 – Charlyn

Counters

Week of July 16 – Jan & Susan

Week of July 23 – Jan & Andrea

Week of July 30 – Susan & Julie

Vestry In Charge

July 16 – Larry

July 23 – Julie

July 30 – Pete

Healers

July 16 – Charlyn

July 23 – Amy

July 30 – Lynn

Vestry Goals for 2023

Vestry has identified three short-term goals for the remainder of 2023:

Build Relationships: Develop New Life's visibility in our community through face-to-face relationships with groups and individuals.

Improve Communications: Improve external communications by redesigning and maintaining New Life's website.

Build Fellowship: Build and maintain monthly fellowship opportunities, including:

Monthly social events

Monthly coffee hours

Events off-site or at New Life

Tuesday Evening and

Wednesday Morning group

Country Hoedown Theme

The event for adults with special needs is planned for Saturday, August 26 from noon to 3pm at New Life. Invitations will read: "Your Friends at New Life Episcopal Church invite you to a Country Hoedown".

According to leader Bo Iole, volunteers will be serving lunch, providing activities and entertainment as well as gifting goodie bags to our guests. If you're able to bake or donate cookies for the cookie table and/or have suggestions for the goodie bags, please let Bo know. We are also looking for volunteers to help serve food, help with activities and for cleanup.

Should you know any young people that need service hours, this would be a great opportunity for them. Please provide names and phone numbers to Bo so she can reach out to them.

Sunday Night Prayer Telecon

Join your New Life family in prayer for about 15 minutes each Sunday night at 8 pm and start your week off prayerfully! A few minutes before 8 pm call 720-843-2008. Enter the access code when prompted: 420030#. If you use a smart phone and would like a text reminder and texted prayers, contact MJ at 330-606-9904. Or pick up a flier in the parlor with the prayers. Rotating telecon leaders are Lynn Gorman, Julie Martin, MJ Maling, Bo Iole and Jo Schiffbauer. We pray for our church, our country, our world, and each other's concerns and thanksgivings. For more information contact any of the telecon leaders.

FISH Items for 2023

Please bring items to church for the FISH pantry! Any of these items can be donated during any month.

July	Shampoo
August	Fruit juice
September	Cleaning products
October	Cereal
November	Pasta and pasta sauce
December	Instant potatoes

Parish Picnic September 10

Our annual Parish Picnic will take place Sunday, September 10, at Boettler Park, in the same pavilion we use every year. The outdoor worship service begins at 10 am, and potluck picnic lunch follows. Mark the date!

Send newsletter items to Rev Barbara by Tuesday

Please send items by Tuesday evening to Barbara. RevBLBond@msn.com

Deacon's Dismissal

Rev Josh Butler

Shelley Douglas, peace activist, writer, and mother, wrote this reflection in 1996 about the "unforced rhythms of grace" and the smallest favors given: "A cool washcloth over a dirty face, tears dried, a breath of air, relief. Forgiveness, pardon, healing. The easy yoke, the love that cherishes the broken vessel, and the picture where we [colored] outside the lines. Children can sense it: We are loved. We forget [we are loved] and we judge. When I want to do good, evil is near — but love will have the last word." ... and there it is: "Love will have the last word."

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