

Good News From New Life

August 24, 2023



13 Pentecost

Holy Eucharist

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Psalm 124

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16: 13-20

Rev Barbara preaching

Calendar of Coming Events

Wednesday mornings: 10:30 am Short services in the St Luke Chapel

August 30: Aidan of Lindisfarne

Wednesdays at 11:00 am: Book Club

God Does His Best Work With Empty

August 27: Holy Eucharist, Rev

Barbara preaching and celebrating

September 3: Holy Eucharist, Rev

Barbara preaching and celebrating

12 noon Vision Team

7 pm Taize service

September 5 Tuesday Evening Group

September 7: Spirituality Team

September 9: Seating of Bishop Anne

Jolly, 11 am Trinity Cathedral

September 10 Parish Picnic

September 12: FISH Banquet

Sept 24 St Michael and All Angels

Oct 1 St Francis, Animal Blessing

7 pm Taize service

This Saturday! Hoedown Event!

Months in the planning, we will present the Country Hoedown Event for persons with special needs, this Saturday, Aug. 26, from 12 to 3 p.m.

Bo Iole has spearheaded the many teams who have pitched in, getting ready for this popular event.

Final preparations are taking place Friday, Aug. 25 beginning at noon for anyone that is able to help with set-up: preparing things in the kitchen, decorating tables and walls and preparing things for registration.

If you're donating cookies, you can drop them off on Friday after 12 noon, or bring them Saturday morning. Please have a list of ingredients with them so we can have them available for anyone who asks. If you'd like to call or text Bo before you head over to church, the number is 814-440-4114. That will ensure that someone is still in church to receive them. Thank you!

The Knee

Rev. Barbara underwent surgery for total knee replacement on August 10 and is returning to church this Sunday.

To facilitate Rev. Barbara's movement, the vestry has done some furniture rearranging in front of the communion rail gate, allowing her to stay at one level for the whole service.

Episcopal Minute: Batholomew

August 24 is the Feast Day of Saint Bartholomew, counted among the Apostles. He is mentioned in three Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke) and is also identified with Nathaniel in John's gospel. There is a tradition that he traveled to India, and in the martyr tradition, that he was flayed alive.

More interesting for me is the extended fame of his feast day, the day of a bloody massacre in France in 1572, usually called "The St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre." Last year was the 450th anniversary of this bloody event, when at least 3,000 French Protestants (Huguenots) were slaughtered by Roman Catholics. Blame for this event is usually laid at the feet of the French Queen Mother, Catherine de' Medici, who was meddling in affairs of state as usual. It wasn't pretty.

Convention Delegates

The Diocese of Ohio will hold its 207th Annual Convention on Saturday, Nov. 11, at Greystone Event Center, Wooster. Each parish is required to send three delegates and name three alternates.

The following parishioners have volunteered for the six positions:
Delegates: Scott Bridges, Julie Martin and Bo Iole. Alternates: Pete Iole, Terri Mackey and Amy Allen.

Send newsletter items to Rev Barbara by Tuesday

Please send items by Tuesday evening to Barbara. RevBLBond@msn.com
Barbara plans to continue writing the newsletter during her convalescence.

Lay Preachers

We at New Life are greatly blessed by our power-house group of lay preachers: Pete Iole, Charlyn Bridges, Joe Bridges, Scott Brides, and Lynn Gorman. Additionally, two lay preachers from outside our parish have preached for us on occasion: Debbie Likins-Fowler and Troy Dunn.

Lay preachers are required to undergo continuing education to keep their preaching credentials in up-to-date. Pete, the Bridges family, and Debbie are all registered to attend the next training, Saturday, Sept. 16, at Bellwether Farm.

If you feel called to become a lay preacher, please inform Rev Barbara and our Senior warden, Julie Martin, about registering for the training. Another training will be held in October.

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

Vestry Notes by Julie Martin

Vestry met this past Monday, August 21. Our website fees for website construction and maintenance fees have been generously donated by two parishioners for the remainder of this year. Website maintenance will need to be part of our budget for 2023.

New Life's vision Team will meet Sunday, September 3 to discuss how we will articulate our parish's **MISSION and VISION**. We will be seeking input from parishioners in the future.

Darlene Giffin, Jeff Maurer, and Jan Szwast are part of a team planning a "packet" to be given to Sunday visitors. This packet will include a brochure about our history, ministries, and ongoing activities, a business card with contact information, and a welcome card to fill in with contact information from visitors. Stay tuned for more info about how you might help this endeavor.

There is now a liturgical calendar outside the office door in the parlor. The calendar includes important happenings for Sept. 1, 2023-January 31, 2024. If you wish to add info to the calendar, please see Julie Martin.

Vestry approved New Life's Diocesan Convention delegates, Scott Bridges, Bo Iole, and Julie Martin. Approved alternates are Amy Allen, Pete Iole, and Terri Mackey. Our parish has met all requirements for seating and voting at the convention. The parish will pay for delegate registrations.

Our next vestry meeting is scheduled for the third Monday of September at 6:00 pm in the church parlor. All are welcome to attend and are encouraged to do so. If you have questions or concerns, please speak with

one of our vestry members, Pete Iole, Larry Mackey (junior warden), Jeff Maurer, Darlene Giffin, or Julie Martin (senior warden). It takes all of us working together to benefit New Life.

Server Schedule

Altar Guild

08/26 – 09/01 – Marianne

Readers

August 27 – Charlyn

Sept 3: Pete

Sept 10: Bo

Sept 17: Amy

Sept 24: Charlyn

Counters

Week of August 27 - Jan and Susan

Week of Sept. 3 - Julie & Jan

Week of Sept. 10 - Jan & Susan

Week of Sept. 17 - Julie & Andrea

Week of Sept. 24 - Jan & Darlene

Vestry In Charge

August 27 – Pete

Sept 3 – Jeff

Sept 10 – Julie

Sept 17 – Larry

Sept 24 – Pete

Healers

August 27 – Amy

Sept 3 – Julie

Sept 10 – Bo

Sept 17 – Charlyn

Sept 24 – Amy

Check out New Life's Updated Website!

Take a look at our updated website [here](http://cometonewlife.org). (cometonewlife.org) If you see any needed corrections or would like to have a photo removed, contact MJ as soon as possible Thank you! (MJ Maling)

FISH ANNUAL BANQUET

Your attendance at this banquet is an awesome way to support Lake Township's FISH on September 12, 2023. Tickets are \$25 each and all proceeds go directly to help FISH. See Jim or Julie Martin for tickets.

The deadline for tickets is this Sunday, August 27.

The banquet will be held Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at the Hartville Kitchen. Dinner tickets are \$25. The doors open at 5 pm, the meal is served at 6 pm and the program begins at 7 pm. The entertainment for the evening is The Cleveland Keys, Dueling Pianos. There will also be a silent auction. This is sure to be an enjoyable evening

The physical tickets are numbered. If you want to attend, please record your ticket information on the FISH ANNUAL BANQUET TICKET RESERVATIONS sheet found in the parlor. Jim Martin has 16 tickets available. FISH needs to keep an accurate account of the number of tickets sold to be able to place seating by groups of people. This enables FISH to make sure groups of people can sit together. Ticket payment can be made with cash or checks payable to Lake Township FISH. Jim and Julie Martin will collect your payments and issue your tickets.

Your kindness and generosity are much appreciated. Here is a brief recap of FISH's year thus far:

128,208 = number of meals provided through the food pantry
263 = number of senior citizens Receiving supplemental food assistance boxes

4,025 = the number of diapers distributed through the FISH diaper bank partnership
\$29,140.04 = provided in emergency Assistance to help avoid evictions and utility shut-offs

FISH Items for 2023

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

August Fruit juice, canned fruit
September Cleaning products
October Cereal
November Pasta and pasta sauce
December Instant potatoes

Coffee Hour, Second Sundays

We will hold Coffee Hour once a month, on Second Sundays. Those in charge will follow our regular team rotation.

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 Charlyn
Team 3: Mariann and Kathy
Team 4: Gladys, Laura and Judy

ACME Community Cash Back Program

Start saving our Acme cash register receipts. Acme Cashback is back! Please bring your receipts dated August 1, 2023-February 15, 2024. This is a great way to give back to New Life while doing your regular grocery shopping! There will be a container in the parlor for your receipts. Thank you

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. Parishioners are invited to bring a dish to share. Sign-up sheets will be available soon.

Wednesday services continue

Rev Barbara will continue to offer brief worship services on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor, or St. Luke Chapel. Each service focuses on a particular saint. Participants also enjoy Angel Cards..

August 30 Aidan of Lindisfarne

September 6 Paul Jones

September 13 Holy Cross

September 20 Thecla of Iconium

September 27 Lancelot Andrews

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.

Deacon's Dismissal

Rev Josh Butler

A man in a wheelchair rolled slowly downhill in the middle of a busy road. Traffic in both directions moved past him. Some honked, some slowed and rolled down their windows: "You OK?" "You're gonna get hit!" The man did not respond. At the bottom of the hill, his chair came to a stop and I stopped. Cars swerved, horns blared. A big pickup truck pulled crosswise and blocked both lanes. More horns. The man in the wheelchair looked at the ground. I helped get him and his wheelchair into the pickup. I asked the driver, "Where are you going to take him?" The driver said: "Anywhere. Anywhere this man wants to go, that's where I'll take him."

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