Good News From New Life

January 11, 2024

2 Epiphany Holy Eucharist Rite II 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 11-20 Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 1 Cor 6:12-20 John 1:43-51

Calendar of Coming Events Wednesday mornings: 10:30 am Parlor Jan. 17: Confession of Peter Wednesdays at 11:00 am: Book Club "It's a Wonderful Life" Bible study Jan. 11 Spirituality Team ZOOM 1 pm Jan 14 Holy Eucharist Epiphany 2 Jan 21 Holy Eucharist Epiphany 3 Jan 28 Holy Eucharist5 Epiphany 4 Annual Meeting, Chili Cookoff. Team Four oversees food. Feb 4 Holy Eucharist Epiphany 5 Feb 11Holy Eucharist .Last Epiphany. Pancake Breakfast by the loles Feb 14 Ash Wednesday. Imposition of ashes, Holy Eucharist. 12 noon. Feb 18 Holy Eucharist. Lent 1 Feb 25 Holy Eucharist. Lent 2 Mar 3 Holy Eucharist. Lent 3. **Coffee Hour** Mar 10 Holy Eucharist. Lent 4. Rose Sunday Mar 10 Taize 7 pm Mar 17 Holy Eucharist, Lent 5 March 24 Palm Sunday March 28 Maundy Thursday March 29 Good Friday March 31 Easter Sunday



Winter Convocation Feb. 2-3

The Diocesan Winter Convocation will be held Feb. 2-3 at the Kalahari Center in Sandusky. This is an opportunity to learn about the College of Congregational Development (CCD). The CCD is built to equip clergy and lay leaders with the knowledge, skills and practices needed to develop their congregations to be more faithful, healthy, effective, and sustainable communities who share the love of Jesus. A one-day preview of CCD will be offered at Convocation so that parishes can immediately apply what was learned that day. Parishes are strongly urged to participate. If a parish brings six or more adults from their congregation, the Diocese will reimburse half of the adult registration fees. You can find more information on registration as well s lodging options on the diocesan website. Register at dohio.org.(Julie Martin)

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be on January 28 in the sanctuary, following worship. It will feature annual reports by the wardens and Rev Barbara's St Michael award for 2023. After the meeting, all are invited to go downstairs to the parish hall, for fellowship and the annual Chili Cookoff. A sign-up sheet is available in the parlor. We will need parishioners to make chili, dessert, or sides/accompaniments.

Larry Mackey has decided to continue on vestry for a second term of three years.

Episcopal Minute: MLK

Ther secular world celebrates birthdays. The Church celebrates death days.

The secular world is celebrating the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr on Monday, January 15, which is his actual birthday (in 1929) and celebrating his accomplishments for Civil Rights. MLK is truly worthy of praise, and we will surely join this observance.

But the Church has always celebrated the death of martyrs, on the date that they died if known. Martin died on April 4, 1968, so April 4 is our official observance. It often falls in Holy Week (this year in the first week of Easter) both of which are appropriate, for Holy Week reminds us of Jesus' sacrifice; and Easter reminds us that death is not the end but that life continues (as Martin's influence continues).

Martin brought the attention of the world to America's legacy of racism. He shined a bright light on the inequities that Black people suffered. His most famous speech (sermon, really) is known as "I Have a Dream," preached from the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington in August 1963, where he envisioned, in the words of Isaiah, the Hills made low and the rough places plain, and little Black boys and girls playing with little white boys and girls, a view of the Peaceable Kingdom. For his work, Martin was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, acknowledging his commitment to non-violent social change.

Send newsletter items to Rev Barbara by Tuesday

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

Year-End Reports due now!

All chairs of committees are asked to turn in their year-end reports to the Office ASAP if they have not done so already.

FISH Items for 2024

Please bring items to church for the FISH pantry! Any of these items can be donated during any month, but the following schedule is suggested.

January Canned soup February Peanut butter March Toothpaste

April Cleaning products, dish soap

May Cereal

June Canned fruit
July Shampoo
August Fruit juice

September Cleaning products

October Cereal

November Pasta and pasta sauce

December Instant potatoes

CASHBACK

Continue saving your ACME grocery receipts. ACME CASHBACK is BACK! Please bring your receipts dated Aug. 1, 2023-Feb. 15, 2024 to church. There is a glass bowl in the parlor where you can place your receipts. This is a great way to give back to our community while doing your regular shopping!

Wednesday services continue

Rev Barbara will continue to offer brief worship services on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor. Each service focuses on a particular saint.

Jan 17 Confession of St Peter Jan 24 Florence Li Tim-Oi Jan 30 Marcella of Rome

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Many families who have loved ones who are patients at Childrens'
Hospital have the need for housing. We can help support these families by bringing our recycled tabs from soda cans, fruit and vegetable cans, even pet food cans. In addition they accept old keys. Please consider saving these items and bring them to church. There is a container in the parlor on the big desk to deposit your metal item listed. This is an ongoing project so keep saving and bringing your items. Thank you.

Vestry Goals for 2023

Vestry has identified three shortterm 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

Server Schedule Altar Guild

01/06 - 01/12 - Terri 01/13 - 01/19 - Rita

01/20 - 01/26 – Marianne

01/27 - 02/02 - Terri

Readers

Jan 14 – Pete

Jan 21 - Bo

Jan 28 - Amy

Counters

Week of Jan. 14: Jan and Susan Week of Jan. 21: Julie and Andrea Week of Jan. 28: Julie and Susan

Vestry In Charge

Jan 14 – Julie

Jan 21 - Pete

Jan 28 - Jeff

Healers

Jan 14 - Bo

Jan 21 - Charlyn

Jan 28 - Amy

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 lole 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

We lived in the West Indies. I was a boy of seven. Late one day, when we had no butter for our dinner, my father dispatched me to the village store. I asked the proprietor for butter. She looked at me doubtfully. They had no sticks of butter in a refrigerator, only a great drum of butter from Denmark. In dialect she said, "How will you carry away this butter?" I had brought nothing, no cup to carry butter. She dabbed a bit of butter onto a piece of paper. "Now go! You will come here tomorrow morning with cup!"

1-10-24

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Rev. Barbara reads a prayer at the inurnment of her cousin Allan Davis at Arlington National Cemetery on January 5.