

Good News From New Life

January 18, 2024



3 Epiphany Holy Eucharist Rite II

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:6-14

1 Cor 7:29-7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

Calendar of Coming Events

Wednesday mornings: 10:30 am

Parlor Jan. 25: Florence Li Tim-Oi

Wednesdays at 11:00 am: Book Club

“It’s a Wonderful Life” Bible study

Jan 21 Holy Eucharist Epiphany 3

Jan 28 Holy Eucharist 5 Epiphany 4

Annual Meeting, Chili Cookoff.

Team Four oversees food.

Feb 4 Holy Eucharist Epiphany 5

Feb 11 Holy 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

Balalaika Concert Sunday

The St. Nickolas Balalaika Orchestra will present a free concert Sunday, Jan. 21, at 3 pm at the Cable Recital Hall, Cultural Center for the Arts, in Canton. The concert is presented by the MacDowell Music Club (of which Rev Barbara is the President).

The 20-member balalaika orchestra plays delightful Russian folk music. A reception featuring Russian specialties will follow. Parking is free: if you are asked for a parking fee, tell the attendant that you are attending a MacDowell Club event.

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.

Send newsletter items to Rev Barbara by Tuesday

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

Episcopal Minute: Phillips Brooks

Next Tuesday, January 23, our book of saints honors one of the great preachers of the Episcopal Church, Phillips Brooks. He was born in 1835 and struggled to find his vocation, but ultimately chose ordained ministry. He began his ministry in Philadelphia, where his eloquence was much admired. Ten years later he moved to Boston and again was a powerful presence at Trinity Church. The building burned three years after he arrived, and he was able to keep the congregation together and thriving while they were in temporary quarters, through the force of his personality and his great preaching. The rebuilding allowed him to have input into the architecture, daring at the time, of placing the altar in the center of the chancel. The Romanesque-style building has open sight-lines to allow everyone to see the preacher!

According to *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*, a witness described his style as follows: "There was no sign of art about his preaching, no touch of self-consciousness. He spoke to his audience as a man might speak to his friend, pouring forth with swift, yet quiet and seldom impassioned earnestness, the thoughts of his singularly pure and lofty spirit."

Brooks is also known as the author of the Christmas carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem." He died in Boston on January 23, 1893.

Everlasting God, who implants your living Word in the minds and on the lips of all who proclaim your truth: Grant that we, like your pastor and preacher Phillips Brooks, might proclaim your Gospel in our own generation with grace and power. Amen.

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 as lodging options on the diocesan website. Register at dohio.org. (Julie Martin)

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

Tuesday Evening Group in 2024

The Tuesday Evening Group meets generally on first Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at Carlo's Trattoria. Attendees often partake of the restaurant's meals before the program begins. Each meeting is led by a member of the congregation. The next meeting is February 6 and will be led by Scott Bridges. Newcomers are always welcome.

The only meeting that will be on a different evening is November's, when the group will delay a week for Election Day, meeting instead on Nov. 12.

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!

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Many families who have loved ones who are patients at Children's 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 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

Server Schedule

Altar Guild

01/13 – 01/19 – Rita

01/20 – 01/26 – Marianne

01/27 – 02/02 – Terri

Readers

Jan 21 - Bo

Jan 28 - Amy

Counters

Week of Jan. 21: Julie and Andrea

Week of Jan. 28: Julie and Susan

Vestry In Charge

Jan 21 – Pete

Jan 28 - Jeff

Healers

Jan 21 – Charlyn

Jan 28 - Amy

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 24 Florence Li Tim-Oi

Jan 30 Marcella of Rome

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

At the diner, a wood table, plastic tablecloth, a few longtime friends. We ordered. Then, as we sometimes do, we spoke with honesty about prayer in our lives ... the how and when of words spoken to God ... or kept silently within. Some of us pray words we know, others pray words as they are given. One man said this: "My work is my prayer. Where there's need, I roll up my sleeves ... a few minutes, maybe a few hours. When the work is done, I ask God if I did right. I don't always hear back ... but sometimes I do."

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