

Good News From New Life

February 1, 2024

**5 Epiphany: The Presentation
Holy Eucharist Rite II
Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 84
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40**

Calendar of Coming Events
Wednesday mornings: 10:30 am
Parlor Feb. 7 Absalom Jones
Wednesdays at 11:00 am: Book Club
“It’s a Wonderful Life” Bible study
Feb 4 Holy Eucharist: Presentation
Feb 11 Holy Eucharist .Last Epiphany.
Pancake Breakfast by the Ioles
Feb 14 Ash Wednesday. Imposition
of ashes, Holy Eucharist. 12 noon.
Book Club “The Last Week” 10:30
Feb 18 Holy Eucharist. Lent 1
Feb 19: Vestry meeting, 6 pm
Feb 25 Holy Eucharist. Lent 2
Mar 3 Holy Eucharist. Lent 3.
Coffee Hour
Mar 10 Holy Eucharist. Lent 4.
Rose Sunday. Pete Iole preaches
Mar 10 Taize 7 pm
Mar 17 Holy Eucharist, Lent 5.,
St Patrick
March 24 Palm Sunday
March 28 Maundy Thursday:
Agape meal and service 7 pm
March 29 Good Friday. Liturgy 12:00
Stations of the Cross 11:30 am
March 31 Easter Sunday



Annual Meeting was great!

Our Annual Meeting January 28 revealed two surprises: new stain glass windows in the sanctuary, and Michael Award winners Larry and Terri Macky. Larry was also voted to a second term on vestry. Afterward, the annual Chili Cookoff was spirited and delicious. Winning chili maker was Terri Mackey, who made Chicken and Sausage Gumbo.

Vestry officers for 2024:
Pete Iole, Senior Warden
Larry Mackey, Junior Warden
Amy Allen, Treasurer
Scott Bridges, Clerk
Other vestry members: Julie Martin,
Darlene Giffin, and Jeff Maurer.

New Windows announced

Rev. Barbara announced new stain glass windows for the rear of the sanctuary. The design will feature white Easter lilies. Anyone wishing to finance a window in honor or memory of a loved one should speak with Rev Barbara or Julie Martin. The windows will be dedicated on Easter Sunday.

The Presentation this Sunday

Rev Barbara has transferred the Feast of the Presentation (Feb. 2) to Sunday, Feb. 4.

The Episcopal Minute: The Michael Award (Rev Barbara)

Larry Mackey has been an outstanding vestry member and Junior Warden for the last three years. He should be retiring, for a well-earned rest. As the retiring vestry member, he is the nominating committee (a committee of one) to find his replacement. He did try. He spoke to several people, and guess what? Pretty much everyone couldn't figure out how to replace him! According to our bylaws, a vestry member may serve two consecutive terms. And so, Larry is coming back! He is the only candidate for the vestry position that he is vacating.

Larry has a demanding job that often takes him out of the country, as is the case today. I can still heap praise upon him, for his diligence in all matters pertaining to our physical plant, contacting vendors, investigating all possibilities for our needs, keeping up with inspections, and overseeing all our technical needs. What a guy! So, I'm going to segue now, to the Michael Award. Larry is doing double duty as one of our recipients of the Michael Award.

This year, we have two winners: Larry Mackey, for all the above stated reasons, and also his wife, Terri Mackey. You know Terri. She is always telling us about local needs and expanding our Outreach. She tells us about the FISH food pantry, socks for men in homeless shelters, school supplies for children, families we adopt for Christmas, receipts from ACME to raise more funds for projects, collections for women and children at the Domestic Violence Center, diapers for needy

mothers, you name the need and Terri responds, raising our awareness. Not just that: if you don't want to shop for some project, just write her a check and she'll do the shopping for you! And not just that: she delivers all the goods where they are distributed. Wow.

Terri does other things, not just for us. She is taking almost full-time care of her granddaughter, she is in charge of the Canton Women's Club, and I'll bet there are more activities I'm not even aware of.

Both the Mackeys have big hearts, overflowing with love and service. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year, and invited all of us to celebrate with them. Their love for each other, for God, and for this parish is overflowing.

Terri, please come forward and accept the Michael Award for both of you. Well done, good and faithful servants!



Terri Mackey wins the Michael Award for Larry and herself.

Tuesday Evening Group Feb. 6

The Tuesday Evening Group will meet Tuesday, Feb. 6, at Carlo's Trattoria. Attendees often partake of the restaurant's meals before the program begins. Scott Bridges will lead discussion on John 8:1-11, Jesus and the adulterous woman. Newcomers are always welcome.

Send newsletter items to Rev Barbara by Tuesday

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

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.

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!

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.

Server Schedule

Altar Guild

02/03 - 02/09 Rita
02/10 - 02/16 Marianne
02/17 - 02/23 Terri
02/24 - 03/01 Rita

Readers

Feb 4 - Pete
Feb 11 - Amy
Feb 21 - Charlyn
Feb 28 - TBA

Counters

Week of Feb 4 - Jan & Susan
Week of Feb 11 - Julie & Susan
Week of Feb 18 - Jan & Andrea
Week of Feb 25 - Andrea & Julie

Vestry In Charge

Feb 4 - Julie
Feb 11 - Pete
Feb 21 - Jeff
Feb 28 - Larry

Healers

Feb 4 - Julie
Feb 11 - Bo
Feb 21 - Charlyn
Feb 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 saint.

Feb 7: Absalom Jones

Feb 14: Ash Wednesday, 12 noon

Feb 21: Saint Matthias

Feb 28: Photini

Sunday Night Prayer Telecon

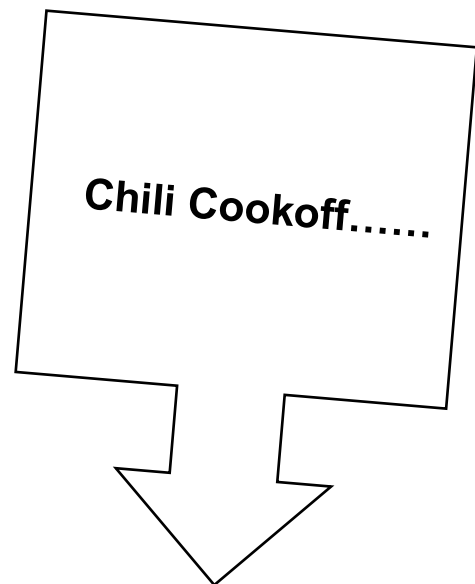
Join your New Life family in prayer for about 15 minutes each Sunday night at 8 pm and start your week off prayerfully! A few minutes before 8 pm call 720-843-2008. Enter the access code when prompted: 420030#. If you use a smart phone and would like a text reminder and texted prayers, contact MJ at 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

I was old enough for a two-wheeler, and to fetch mail from the mailbox, so surely I understood when my dad said, "Don't swing on the low branch of that old peach tree." First chance, I took hold of that branch and swung like Tarzan ... a sharp crack ... a broken branch. I sat by the broken branch and tried not to cry. My father came with a ball of twine and a black, tarry substance, lifted up the broken branch and went to work. I heard every word he did not say. The branch survived ... and so did I.

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CHILI COOKOFF!!



Terri Mackey was
the winner of the
chili cook off!!