

Good News From New Life

March 21, 2024



Palm/Passion Sunday

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Isaiah 50:4-9

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 15: 1-47

**Passion Readers: Amy Allen,
Bo Iole, Charlyn Bridges**

Calendar of Coming Events

Mar 27 11 am "The Last Week" study

March 28 Maundy Thursday:

Agape meal and service 7 pm

Gather at 6:30 pm

March 29 Good Friday. Liturgy 12:00

Stations of the Cross 11:30 am

March 31 Easter Sunday

April 3 Wednesday Group 10:30 am

April 7 Easter 2, Charlyn Bridges

Coffee hour

April 14 Easter 3, Taize

April 21 Easter 4

April 28 Easter 5

May 5 Easter 6, Coffee hour

May 12 Ascension, Mother's Day

May 18 Parish clean-up day

May 19 Pentecost

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One more window

Three of the stained-glass Resurrection Windows, to be dedicated Easter Sunday, are now spoken for. One window remains if anyone wishes to purchase it (\$600; may be divided between two donors). Speak with Rev. Barbara or Larry Mackey by Sunday, March 24, if interested

Holy Week Services

March 24 Palm/Passion Sunday

Congregation gathers in the parlor at 10 am. Blessing of the palms. All enter the nave. Brief homily by Rev. Barbara, readings, Passion narrative reading, Holy Eucharist.

March 28 Maundy Thursday:

Agape meal and service 7 pm. Those bringing food, please arrive by 6:30 pm. Second Century Liturgy honoring Blandina. Stripping of the altar.

March 29 Good Friday.

Stations of the Cross 11:30 am

Bo Iole, officiant

Liturgy 12:00

St John Passion

Adoration of the Cross

Communion

March 31 Easter Sunday 10 am

Resurrection Windows dedication

Festive Holy Eucharist

Vestry Notes

Vestry met Monday, March 18 and discussed issues of our physical plant, including repair/replacement of our furnaces, parish workdays to clean up the outside (May 18 and October 5), and dates for two programs for Adults with Disabilities (June 8, a movie; and October 5, a dance).

Easter Memorials due March 24

Please submit memorial form and donation by Palm Sunday, for listing in Easter bulletin.

Episcopal Minute: Holy Week

Monday, March 18, was the feast day of Cyril of Jerusalem, a fourth century saint to whom we owe many of our Holy Week practices. He wrote extensively about baptismal instruction during Lent. He most likely instituted the practices of Palm Sunday and Holy Week in Jerusalem, and organized devotions for pilgrims; hence, he was most likely responsible for our practice of the Stations (or Way) of the Cross. Pilgrims would walk the way of the cross, stopping at the actual sites for prayer; they would return home and share these practices in their homelands. (About seven centuries later, when the Crusaders came to Jerusalem, the Way of the Cross was still actively practiced, and the Crusaders took it home, too).

In Holy Week, we follow in the footsteps of Jesus in our own churches, acting out many of the things that happened to him. On Palm Sunday, we enter our Nave bearing palm branches, as did the crowds who greeted Jesus on his entrance to Jerusalem. On Maundy Thursday, some churches celebrate the foot washing that Jesus instituted according to John's Gospel; or the institution of the Eucharist, as related in the other Gospels. (At New Life, we have an Agape meal and liturgy from the year 200 AD). Good Friday we will have Stations of the Cross at 11:30 am, followed by the Good Friday liturgy. Many parishes celebrate the first service of Easter on Saturday night, observing the transition from death to new life with the Great Vigil of Easter. (We don't).

Stained Glass Windows

The Resurrection Windows, showing Easter lilies in stained glass, will be installed in the half-round window spaces at the rear of the nave. The windows will be dedicated on Easter Sunday.

The window project has been anonymously underwritten. Anyone wishing to dedicate a window to a loved one, in memory or in honor, may donate \$600 per window to New Life. (Or: two people may share the cost). Three windows are already so designated, and one more is available. Deadline for the Easter Sunday dedication is Sunday, March 24.

Stained glass artist Wendy Warren from Studio Arts and Glass designed the windows.

Tuesday Evening Group

Tuesday, **April 2**, Charlyn Bridges will lead a discussion on 'your favorite part of our liturgy.' 6 pm at Carlo's Trattoria in Hartville.

DONATE BOOKS*

*Also CD's, DVD'S, Games, Puzzles, Audio Books, Vinyl Records

For Friends of the Library Book Sale
Donation Drop Off Days at New Life's
Parlor on or before:

April 5, 2024

May 3, 2024

Items not accepted: cassette tapes, textbooks, dictionaries, research materials or manuals, encyclopedias, VHS tapes, magazines, or damaged items.

Lenten Book Study Concludes

The Wednesday Morning Book Group will conclude its study of the book The Last Week by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan on Wednesday, March 27, at 11 a.m.

Send newsletter items to Rev Barbara by Tuesday

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

Lenten Outreach Project

Stark County Domestic Violence Project. domesticviolenceproj.org helps women and children. There are many things that they need. Terri Mackey will have labeled containers in the parlor to collect these items and she will deliver the collected items to their location.

March 24 Gently used spring and summer clothing for women/children, new twin-size bedding, new towels. Financial donations are always welcome. Address is on the website.

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.

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| 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 |

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.

Wednesday services

Rev Barbara offers brief worship services on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor.

Mar 27: Annunciation to Mary

April 3; Martin Luther King Jr

April 10: Dietrich Bonhoeffer

April 17: Alphege

April 24: Zita of Tuscany

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.

Picnic scheduled

Save the date! New Life's annual picnic will be Sunday, Sept. 22.

Server Schedule

Altar Guild

03/23 - 03/29 Rita

03/30 - 04/05 Rita and Terri

Readers

March 24 Pete; Passion

Readers Amy, Bo, Charlyn

March 29: Stations of the Cross

Officiant: Bo Iole

March 31 Bo

April 7 Charlyn

April 14 Amy

April 21 Bo

April 28 Pete

Counters

Week of March 24 - Jan & Julie

Week of March 31 - Julie & Jan

Vestry In Charge

March 24 Larry

March 31 Pete

April 7 Larry

April 14 Jeff

April 21 Julie

April 28 Pete

Healers

March 24 – Amy

March 31 – Lynn

Deacon's Dismissal

Rev Josh Butler

A block from my home, by a stop sign, a teddy bear lay face down in the street. I drove on by but returned after a few blocks. The little fella was still there, apparently unhurt. I cracked the door and hauled him into my car. He seemed a little sad but none the worse for wear. I set him on the dashboard so someone might see him and wave me down. Months passed. He no longer sits on the dash but in the copilot's seat. Whenever I drive, I wonder about him and how he came to be in the street.

3-20-24

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