Good News From New Life

April 11, 2024

Easter 3

Holy Eucharist Rite II
Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

Calendar of Coming Events

April 14 Easter 3,
7 pm Taize
April 15 Vestry meeting 6 pm
April 17 Wednesday Group 10:30 am
Worship: Alphege
<u>The Women</u> by Kristin Hannah
April 21 Easter 4
April 28 Easter 5
May 3-4, Anti-racism training at St. Paul's Canton.
May 5 Easter 6, Coffee hour
Team Four: Gladys, Laura, Judy Rosetti
May 12 Ascension, Mother's Day, Taize
May 18 Parish clean-up day
May 19 Pentecost
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Coffee Hour Teams

Team 1: Darlene, Bo, Connie 6/2
Team 2: Rita, Terri, Charlyn 7/7
Team 3: Marianne, Kathy, Julie 8/4
Team 4: Gladys, Laura, Judy R 5/5

Vestry Goals

Vestry met April 6 to set goals and consider the College of Congregational Development (CCD).

The CCD is a new emphasis of the diocese, announced at Convocation in February. A concept that New Life is familiar with, it was also the subject of Rev. Barbara's doctorate. She urged vestry to include Congregational Development in its goals for the year, and also to send a representative to the first session, which will take place at Bellwether Farm in August.

Goals for 2024, set by vestry:

1. Consciously enter into congregational development process.
2. Continue to develop relational experiences in the local community.
3. Improve the physical plant of our building.

Next vestry meeting is April 15. If you are interested in participating in any of these areas, please talk to a vestry member, or attend the next meeting.

Anti-racism Training May 3-4

The diocesan anti-racism training, "Seeing the Face of God in Each Other," will be held at St. Paul's Canton May 3-4. Please see the weekly diocesan news mailing (each Wednesday) which contains a link for registration. No cost for participants.

Episcopal Minute: Easter Season

Easter is over. Let's move on.

Not so fast! Our secular society, always in a hurry, is looking for the next Great Thing to make a fuss about. This year they got a Solar Eclipse (very cool!) on April 8, but won't have anything else to celebrate until Mothers Day (May 12).

Meanwhile, the Church celebrates Easter as a seven-week season. The altar hangings will be white, "Alleluias" will ring out at each service, and we will move happily through the great Resurrection stories, Ascension (May 9, a Thursday, celebration transferred to May 12) and ending with the spectacular celebration of Pentecost on May 19. Easter is the pinnacle of the liturgical year, and we want to bask in it for a long time!

After the sparseness of Lent, both in our daily lives and in our liturgy, we now enjoy more music (and joyful music!) in our worship services for Easter season. We will not say the Confession, as our tradition says we don't need it in light of the Resurrection. Scriptural texts offer many stories from the Acts of the Apostles.

Wednesday services

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

April 17: Alphege
April 24: Zita of Tuscany
May 1: Sts. Philip and James
May 8: Julian of Norwich
May 15: Frances Perkins and Thurgood Marshall
May 22: No service

Send newsletter items to Rev Barbara by Tuesday

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

Picnic scheduled

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

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.

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.

Server Schedule

Altar Guild

4/13 – 19 Terri
4/20 – 26 Rita
4/27 - 5/3 Terri

Readers

April 14 - Amy
April 21 - Bo
April 28 - Pete

Counters

Week of April 14 - Andrea, Julie
Week of April 21 - Andrea , Jan
Week of April 28 - Susan, Julie
Week of May 5 - Jan, Julie
Week of May 12 - Jan, Andrea
Week of May 19 - Andrea, Julie
Week of May 26 - Susan, Jan

Vestry In Charge

April 14 Jeff
April 21 Julie
April 28 Pete

Healers

April 14 Bo
April 21 Charlyn
April 28 Amy

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 May 3, 2024

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

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.

Deacon's Dismissal

Rev Josh Butler

He asked, "What difference do you think your time and effort really make in this broken world?" I told him, "We do what we can with the time and tools available." He wanted a metric, effort expended versus results achieved, cost-benefit and all that. We went back and forth, resolved nothing, and parted as friends. I didn't say so, but I have my own notion about the workings of a ministry that lifts up the least among us and mends this broken world: We go where there's need … we do the best we can … we thank God and carry on.

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