

Good News From New Life

April 25, 2024

Easter 5

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:24-30

1 John 4:7-21

John 15: 1-8

Calendar of Coming Events

April 28 Easter 5

April 24 Wednesday Group 10:30 am

Worship: Sts Philip and James

The Women by Kristin Hannah

May 3-4, Anti-racism training at

St. Paul's Canton.

May 5 Easter 6, Coffee hour

Team Four: Gladys, Laura,

Judy Rosetti

May 6 Vestry meeting 6 pm

May 12 Ascension, Mother's Day,

Taize: Julian of Norwich

May 18 Parish clean-up day

May 19 Pentecost

June 8 Bingo for Adults with

Special Needs

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.



Taize services, here and there

The beautiful candle-lit worship services in the manner of Taize are held on second Sundays at 7 pm, led by Bo Iole with musical accompaniment by Adam Keeler, classical guitar. The next service will be May 12, Mother's Day, when the theme will be Julian of Norwich.

Meanwhile, Bo and Adam have been invited to St. Matthew's in Brecksville, to present a guest Taize service, at the invitation of the Rev. Stephanie Pace. It will take place Sunday, June 2, at 7 pm. All New Life parishioners are welcome to attend!

New Dates for Adults Ministry

Our continuing ministry to Adults with Special Needs will have a slightly different flavor this year. Grateful for the 2024 grant we received, chair Bo Iole plans to have two events, both focusing on providing our guests some fun and an opportunity to socialize.

Saturday, June 8, is the first event, when our guests will gather for a Bingo party, from 1 to 3 pm. Light snacks and refreshments will be served. We are confident that our guests will enjoy this time.

The fall event will be a dance with the date yet to be determined.

If you're able to help, a sign-up sheet is on the desk in the parlor and there will be a short meeting after service on Sunday, May 28th for all volunteers who are able to attend.

Episcopal Minute: St Mark

We've got it now: the latest pop quiz on naming the Gospel writers and their symbols has indelibly set St. Mark with the lion. A stroll through St. Mark's Episcopal Church in North Canton will confirm the assignation (pictures of lions are everywhere, even in a stained-glass setting, and their newsletter is called *The Lion's Paw*.) All cat lovers can probably remember this one.

Today, April 25, is the feast day of St. Mark, and thus he deserves mention in this column. Much as we would like to know more about all the Gospel writers, alas, we don't really know any of them – all the Gospels are anonymous. However, it is convenient to name them, and there might even be some real biographical fact in their stories (eg, was St. Luke a physician?). St. Mark's is the first gospel written, around 65 or 70 AD, and apparently written in a hurry. There is not a lot of detail, no long speeches like Matthew's Sermon on the Mount, no gorgeous parables like St. Luke's Good Samaritan or Prodigal Son. No, Mark is in a hurry to get all the important elements of the Jesus story set out, often writing breathlessly, "and suddenly," "and then immediately," keeping the story moving. Mark skips the nativity story entirely and begins with John the Baptist in the desert, prophesying; and Mark doesn't really have resurrection scenes either (the original ending is 16:1-8; somewhat unsatisfying, as the women all ran away frightened; other passages were added later). But hey, tradition gives him the Lion as symbol, which to me, always says this writer can pounce on the important parts and run away quickly.

The Bookshelf: Gothic Genre

We have a wonderful selection of donated books on the shelves of our parlor bookcase, not to be confused with the donations for the Lake Friends of the Library book sale (see below). Some of our Bookshelf books may end up going to the book sale, in an effort to cull books that have been on our shelves a long time. So: have a look in both places (the bookcase and the collection on the table nearby).

I did just that with a lovely novel by Kate Morton, *The Forgotten Garden*, which probably qualifies as a Gothic romantic tale, complete with family secrets in several generations, revelations eked out slowly, and back-and-forth time sequences between 1912, 1975 and 2005, moving between Australia, New York and Cornwall, England. There's even a secret walled garden and a bramble maze on a lovely estate in Cornwall, reminding us perhaps of Stan Hywet or Downton Abbey in its richness of detail. The mystery is about secrets carefully hidden, dug up (literally) from the past and from the garden. This is a bonified Page Turner.

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.

Concert at St. Tim's

April 28, Sunday: Chamber Concert, Andrew Bolden and friends. St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Massillon, 3 pm

Tenor, conductor, and composer Andrew Bolden presents a recital of art song, chamber works, and musical theatre favorites with local musical friends Sandra Simpson, Michael Jeffrey Lucas, Shaun Rufener, Kathleen Bachtel, and 2023 MacDowell scholarship winner Hannah Pierson. The Ad Hoc Singers will close the concert with two new choral anthems.

The concert is sponsored by the MacDowell Music Club of Canton, of which Rev. Barbara is president.

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

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

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 May 6. If you are interested in participating in any of these areas, please talk to a vestry member, or attend the next meeting.

Wednesday services

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

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

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.

Picnic scheduled

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

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.

Server Schedule

Altar Guild

04/27 - 05/3 Terri
05/04 - 05/10 Rita
05/11 - 05/17 Terri
05/18 - 05/24 Rita
05/25 - 05/31 Terri

Acolytes

April 28 - Jan
May 5 - Andrea
May 12 - Jan
May 19 - Kathy
May 26 - Andrea

Readers

April 28 - Pete

Counters

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 28 - Pete

Healers

April 28 - Amy

Deacon's Dismissal

Rev Josh Butler

I have a friend who has had some troubles. I told him we could talk, if and when he wanted. For a long time he said nothing so I offered again. He said, "Just to talk would be good but I know that you are a Christian and I know how Christians like to convert people. I don't want to be preached at." I told him I would keep the preachy-churchy talk to a minimum. We spend a little time drinking coffee and talking about our lives. Recently, he asked me what we did in our church on Sundays. ##
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