

# Good News From New Life

May 9, 2024



## Ascension (transferred)

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Acts 1: 1-11

Psalm 47

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

Bill Kendrick, organ

## Calendar of Coming Events

May 12 Ascension, Mother's Day,

7 pm Taize: Julian of Norwich

May 15: Wednesday Group and

Worship 10:30 am

Frances Perkins & Thurgood Marshall

May 18 Parish clean-up day

May 19 Pentecost Sunday

May 22: No Wednesday service

May 26 Trinity Sunday

June 2 Pentecost 2, coffee hour

Team 1 Darlene, Bo, Connie

7 pm Taize at St. Matthew's

Brecksville

June 5 No Wednesday service

June 8 Bingo for Adults with

Special Needs 1-3 pm

June 9 Pentecost 3

7 pm Taize at New Life

June 16 Pentecost 4, Father's Day

June 17 Book Sale organizing

Vestry meeting 6 pm

June 23 Pentecost 5

June 30 Pentecost 6

July 7 Pentecost 7, coffee hour

Bill Kendrick, organ

## Friends of the Library Book Sale

Volunteers are needed to help sort and organize books for the book sale to be held at the Lake High School Cafeteria. This sorting of books is part of a well-organized effort to prepare for the book sale.

There is a sign-up sheet on the desk in the parlor for volunteers who are needed **on Monday, June 17**. Last year, we had a group from New Life who worked and had fun on this organizing day. Hope you can join us!

## Vestry Notes

Vestry met May 6 and voted positively to quotes for upgrading our HVAC (heating, ventilation, air conditioning) systems. We will hire Bonsky, and the replacement work should be completed by this fall. This will be our last summer with AC window units. If anyone has any questions, please contact Larry Mackey or Pete Iole.

Vestry also approved sponsoring a parish member to attend the College of Congregational Development training August 11– 16 at Bellwether. Anyone interested in attending should contact either Rev. Barbara or Senior Warden Larry Mackey as soon as possible.

The next vestry meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 17.

## Episcopal Minute: Ascension

According to Luke in his second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, the Resurrected Christ walked on earth for forty days before finally ascending to heaven. Our liturgical calendar has taken this literally, and sure enough, forty days after Easter, we celebrate Ascension.

The opening verses of Acts state, "After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God." Forty days after Easter is as variable as Easter itself. This year we had an early Easter, and thus an early Ascension Day, which falls today. May 9 (always on a Thursday).

Some of us are fond of this celebration – it can be very uplifting! – and so I transfer the observance to the following Sunday – May 12 this year, Mother's Day. All the scripture readings and music will relate to the Ascension. And we will have Bill Kendrick as our guest organist, always an uplifting experience in itself!

## 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.

<b>May</b>	<b>Cereal</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>Canned fruit</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>Shampoo</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>Fruit juice</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Cleaning products</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>Cereal</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Pasta and pasta sauce</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Instant potatoes</b>

## Event Day June 8

Our next event for Adults with Special Needs will **be held Saturday, June 8, from 1 to 3 pm.** for a Bingo Party. Many volunteer positions are still available.

Help is needed in these categories: **Food** (light refreshments), **photos** (help with cell phone pictures), **Bingo Caller, Bingo Checkers, Handing out Bingo prizes, and fill-in where needed.**

Sign-up sheets are on the desk in the parlor. Sign up, or contact Bo Iole if you can volunteer. We are confident that our guests will enjoy this time.

## Wednesday services

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

**May 15: Frances Perkins and Thurgood Marshall**

**May 22 No service**

**May 29 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**June 5 No service**

## Rev Barbara's other life

Rev Barbara has commitments that occasionally conflict with Wednesday morning services.

**May 22**, all the clergy of the Diocese will be away for three days at a Clergy Retreat at Geneva-on-the-Lake.

**June 1**, Barbara will present the American Girl character Caroline (1812) at Jackson Public Library.

**June 5**, Barbara will hold the annual meeting of the MacDowell Music Club board of directors (she is President).

## **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.

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

## **Send newsletter items to Rev Barbara by Tuesday**

Please send items by Tuesday evening to Barbara. [RevBLBond@msn.com](mailto:RevBLBond@msn.com)

## **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 9/1

## **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**

05/11 - 05/17 Terri

05/18 - 05/24 Rita

05/25 - 05/31 Terri

### **Acolytes**

May 12 Jan

May 19 Kathy

May 26 Andrea

### **Readers**

May 12 Bo

May 19 Amy

May 26 Charlyn

### **Counters**

Week of May 12 - Jan, Andrea

Week of May 19 - Andrea, Julie

Week of May 26 - Susan, Jan

### **Vestry In Charge**

May 12 Pete

May 19 Larry

May 26 Darlene

### **Healers**

May 12 Bo

May 19 Charlyn

May 26 Amy

## **Deacon's Dismissal**

### **Rev Josh Butler**

He asked me, "What's your ministry?" I told him about going to this place and that place, doing this and doing that. I wouldn't say his eyes glazed over but I get weary of reciting the same old list: "Over here on Tuesdays, over there alternate Mondays ..." I'm learning that the best ministries may simply happen on their own. In the last few weeks I helped someone change a flat tire ... helped a kid who looked lost in the CVS parking lot ... bought a family a few comestibles. Sometimes ministry just shows up ... and we help as we are able.

5-8-24

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