

Good News From New Life

July 4, 2024



Pent 7

Holy Eucharist Rite II – EOW

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Psalm 48

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

Pete Iole preaching

Calendar of Coming Events

July 7 Pentecost 7, coffee hour

Team 2: Terri, Rita, Charlyn, Barbara

Bill Kendrick, organ

Pete Iole preaching

July 10 Wednesday service 10:30

Priscilla and Aquilla

Book Group 11:00 am

“The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store”

July 14 Pentecost 8

7 pm Taize

July 21 Pentecost 9

July 28 Pentecost 10

Aug 4 Pentecost 11, coffee hour

Aug 11 Pentecost 12

Bill Kendrick, organ

7 pm Taize

Sept 22 Parish Picnic

Wednesday services

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

July 10 Priscilla & Auila

July 17 Early feminists

July 24 Mary Magdalene

July 31 William Wilberforce

This Sunday, July 7:

Bill Kendrick, organist

Bill Kendrick will return to our worship this Sunday, with a beautiful program of organ music to enhance our service. Although we have dropped the recessional hymn from our services this summer, we will resume them when Bill is here!

Pete Iole, preacher

Pete Iole, lay preacher, will bring us one of his thoughtful sermons this Sunday. Be sure to attend!

Coffee Hour

Our Coffee Hour this Sunday will feature themes for Independence Day. Team 2 is in charge, with Terri Mackey, Rita Norma, Charlyn Bridges, joined by Rev. Barbara. Join us for good food, fellowship and celebration!

Summer Fellowship and Taize

As we begin the summer season, we will retain our schedule for coffee hour and Taize services: Coffee Hour on First Sundays, and Taize services on Second Sunday evenings at 7pm.

Coffee Hour Teams

Team 1: Darlene, Bo, Connie 10/6

Team 2: Rita, Terri, Charlyn 7/7

Team 3: Marianne, Kathy, Julie 8/4

Team 4: Gladys, Laura, Judy R 9/1

Episcopal Minute: July 4

Today is Independence Day, the day in 1776 when the assembled congress voted and signed the Declaration of Independence from England. End of story, right? No, actually, even though we declared our independence, a war followed (the American Revolutionary War) which did not end until 1781. Never mind – we celebrate with much hoopla on July 4.

Not so the Church. The first Proposed Prayer Book of 1786 appointed this day as a national observance, complete with prayers and a special collect. By 1789, Bishop William White had his doubts about the appropriateness of the observance in the American Episcopal Church, so at the first General Convention meeting in 1789, he recommended that the observance be deleted. Although he himself had been loyal to the revolutionary cause, most Episcopal clergy had been loyalists to England. Bishop White did not want to require clergy to celebrate something they did not believe in.

The Church moves slowly. The observance was not restored until the Prayer Book of 1928.

Collect for Independence Day: Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Bookshelf: Epistolary Novel

By chance, I came upon a charming epistolary novel, and have added two copies to our bookshelf.

What is an epistolary novel? It is a work of fiction that is written in letter style. That is, there is no narrator to the story; rather, it is related through letters (epistles!) written back and forth by the characters. The first such novel was *Pamela*, written by Samuel Richardson in 1740, mostly Pamela's letters to friends about a lecherous lord, published first in segments in a newspaper, which kept the readers breathless in anticipation for the next installment.

This novel, too, will keep you turning the pages, and mostly laughing about the situation of Miss Juliet Ashton, who writes many letters, mostly to her publisher Sidney, who is hoping she will write something new. Miss Ashton is a successful British author, looking for new subject matter in 1946. She happens upon the story of Guernsey Islanders during the Second World War.

The book, *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows, tells the development of Miss Ashton's interest in the war story, through correspondence with members of a literary society (a group that gathers to discuss books). Guernsey is an English Channel island (along with Jersey, Alderney and Sark) located close to St Malo, France. They were occupied by the Germans in World War II. The war history is well told by the islanders, who suffered the brunt of Germany cruelty. Even though England was brutally bombed during the Blitz in 1940, it was never occupied. The Guernsey islanders suffered many privations, including near starvation, which demanded ingenuity in recipes (such as the Potato Peel Pie). This book is a winner.

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.

July	Shampoo
August	Fruit juice
September	Cleaning products
October	Cereal
November	Pasta and pasta sauce
December	Instant potatoes

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

7/06 – 7/12	Terri
7/13 – 7/19	Marianne
7/20 – 7/26	Rita
7/27 – 8/02	Terri

Readers

July 7	Bo
July 14	Pete
July 21	Amy
July 28	Charlyn

Counters

Week of July 7	– Andrea, Jan
Week of July 14	– Julie, Jan
Week of July 21	– Susan, Julie
Week of July 28	– Andrea, Julie
Week of Aug 4	– Julie, Susan
Week of Aug 11	– Julie, Andrea
Week of Aug 18	– Julie, Susan
Week of Aug 25	– Julie, Andrea
Week of Sept 1	– Susan, Julie
Week of Sept 8	– Jan, Andrea
Week of Sept 15	– Jan, Susan
Week of Sept 22	– Jan, Andrea
Week of Sept 29	– Jan, Susan

Vestry In Charge

July 7	Julie
July 14	Pete
July 21	Larry
July 28	Darlene

Healers

July 7	Julie
July 14	Bo
July 21	Charlyn
July 28	Amy

Acolytes

July 7	Andrea
July 14	Kathy
July 21	Jan
July 28	Andrea
Aug 4	Kathy
Aug 11	Andrea
Aug 18	Kathy
Aug 25	Andrea
Sept 1	Kathy
Sept 8	Andrea
Sept 15	Jan
Sept 22	Jan
Sept 29	Jan

Vestry Goals

Vestry will meet again in July.

Goals for 2024:

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.

The next Event in October

Bo Iole is asking for theme ideas for the fall event for adults with special needs, which will be an informal dance. Our guests love to dance! Feel free to call or text Bo. She will put the suggestions up to the congregation for a vote in a few weeks. The dance will take place late September or early October!

Deacon's Dismissal

Rev Josh Butler

I worked alongside him in ministry for a few years and I was not alone in admiring his care for the people we served. Many thought well of him. Then came the news that he had been arrested on several serious charges. We did not see him again. No one at the ministry spoke of him. In time, and with prayer, I was moved to write to him. I sent him a letter expressing hope, and a prayer for mercy in the days and years ahead. I received no reply and expected none. I wait while God sorts it out.

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