

Good News From New Life

July 11, 2024

Pent 8

Holy Eucharist Rite II – EOW

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Amos 7:7-15

Psalm 24

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

Calendar of Coming Events

July 14 Pentecost 8

7 pm Taize

July 17 Wednesday service 10:30

Early feminists

Book Group 11:00 am

“The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store”

July 21 Pentecost 9

July 22 Vestry 6 pm

July 28 Pentecost 10

Aug 4 Pentecost 11, coffee hour

Team 3: Marianne, Kathy, Julie

Aug 6 Tuesday Evening Group

Aug 11 Pentecost 12

Bill Kendrick, organ

7 pm Taize

Sept 22 Parish Picnic

Save the date Tuesday Aug 6

The Tuesday Evening Group will meet Aug 6 for dinner and discussion.

Julie Martin will lead. More info TBA.

Wednesday services

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

July 17 Early feminists

July 24 Mary Magdalene

July 31 William Wilberforce



Taize service this Sunday

This Sunday at 7p.m. will be the next Taize service, a meditative and quiet service led by Bo Iole, with chanting music led by Adam Keeler, classical guitar. This week's service observes Saint Benedict of Nursia (see the Episcopal Minute for bio sketch).

Summer Fellowship and Taize

This 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 11/3

Team 3: Marianne, Kathy, Julie 8/4

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

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

Episcopal Minute: St Benedict

Benedict of Nursia (feast day today, July 11) was a sixth century monastic and is credited with establishing the basic rule of monastic order. He lived in a chaotic time – the time of the dissolution of the Roman Empire, when domestic order went out the window. His dates of life are 480 to 543. He was born at a time that needed his special talents. The Roman Empire was rampant with immorality and bad behavior. Benedict's disapproval drove him to just the opposite – asceticism. He sought peace as a hermit in a hillside cave outside of Rome. A community grew up around him. Around 540, he moved the community to Monte Cassino, and he composed his famous Rule for them.

The Rule provides for four hours in liturgical prayer, five hours in spiritual reading, six hours of work, one hour for eating, and eight hours of sleep. The average monastic day was divided into regular periods for all these activities – prayer, work, study. I lived a version of this life when I attended Seabury-Western Seminary, which followed a quasi-monastic pattern of living. Our day was divided by three worship services (7 am Morning Prayer, 11:15 am Holy Eucharist, 5 pm Evening Prayer), all of which were followed by meals; and in between, we did work and study. There was a rhythm to the day that was very peaceful. This orderly life had a calming effect. This is surely what Benedict had in mind, bringing peace and order to monastic life, in a challenging and chaotic period of history.

Virtually all monastic rules are based on Benedict's rule, with some variations, but the intent is the same – encouraging a peaceful and devout life. The life in a monastery had about six "hours" or times for worship, and these periods of devotion still carry the Latin names: Lauds (praise) at dawn, Prime, at start of day, Terce at mid-morning, Sext at mid-day, None in the afternoon, Vespers at the end of day, and Compline at bedtime. During medieval times, many people in the nobility (especially women) strived to follow this regimen, and they had private prayer books with services delineated for each of the seven times of devotion.

In the Anglican tradition, the times have mostly been reduced to three (as we observed in my seminary, where it was voluntary). Today many people follow a private devotion of daily prayer at a particular time. Norm and I have a daily service every morning after breakfast. Our cat Clio joins us.

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

7/13 – 7/19 Marianne
7/20 – 7/26 Rita
7/27 – 8/2 Terri

Readers

July 14 Pete
July 21 Amy
July 28 Charlyn

Counters

July 14 - Julie, Jan
July 21 - Susan, Julie
July 28 - Andrea, Julie
Aug. 4 Julie, Susan
Aug. 11 Julie, Andrea
Aug. 18 Julie, Susan
Aug. 25 Julie, Andrea
Sept. 1 Susan, Julie
Sept. 8 Jan, Andrea
Sept. 15 Jan, Susan
Sept. 22 Jan, Andrea
Sept. 29 Jan, Susan

Vestry In Charge

July 14 Pete
July 21 Larry
July 28 Darlene

Healers

July 14 Bo
July 21 Charlyn
July 28 Amy

Acolytes

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!

Send newsletter items to Rev Barbara by Tuesday

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

Deacon's Dismissal

Rev Josh Butler

A warm Fourth of July night, the bedroom windows open, I am awakened by a voice from without. I rise and pull back the curtain. A woman, singing, walks the centerline of the street. I cannot discern her words, only listen as her voice comes closer. Then I see her plainly in the streetlight, her gait matching the melody, she sings melliflously in a soft voice that carries off into the night, a haunting melody in a language I have never heard. She goes on by, she sways to her tune, down the street, still singing, then she is gone.

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