

Good News From New Life

October 3, 2024



Pentecost 20: Oct 6
St Francis Blessing of Animals
Holy Eucharist Rite II
Galatians 6:14-18
Psalms 148:7-14
Matthew 11:25-30

Calendar of Coming Events
Oct 6 St Francis, Animal Blessing
Oct 9 Wednesday Group 10:30 Parlor
Oct 13 Pentecost 21, 7 pm Taize
Oct 20 Pentecost 22 St. Luke
 Pete Iole, preacher
 Pot Luck Lunch
 Parish event: Remembrances
Oct 27 Pentecost 23
Nov 3 All Saints Sunday,
 Coffee Hour Team 4
Nov 9 Diocesan Convention
Nov 10 Pentecost 25
 Veterans Observance
 Scott Bridges, preacher
 Taize 7 pm
Nov 17 Pentecost 26
Nov 24 Christ the King
Dec 1 Advent 1, Coffee Hour
Dec 8 St Nicholas, Joe Bridges
 preacher, Taize 7 pm
Dec 15 Advent 3, Rev Audra Abt
Dec 23 Advent 4
Dec 24 Christmas Eve

Special liturgies:
Oct 6 St Francis, Animal Blessing
Oct 20 St Luke
Nov 3 All Saints Sunday
Nov 10 Veterans Observance
Nov 24 Christ the King

Animal Blessing Oct 6

Invite your pets to church Sunday, October 6, when we celebrate St Francis of Assisi and Rev Barbara will bless all creatures. If your pet is difficult to handle (for instance, if your pet is a horse) you may wish to bring a photograph instead. Barbara requests no reptiles, please.

Stewardship Materials

Our annual Stewardship Effort is underway. The packet, containing a cover letter and pledge card, has been sent to all parishioners. Extra pledge cards will be available in the parlor.

Parishioners are asked to prayerfully consider how they can financially support New Life in 2025 and fill out their pledge cards accordingly. It is hoped that all signed pledge cards will be returned to the church by Oct. 20, the day of the parish event.

Preaching Schedule

Oct 20 Pete Iole
Nov 10 Scott Bridges
Dec 8 Joe Bridges
Dec 15 Rev Audra Abt

Send newsletter items to Rev Barbara by Tuesday

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

Episcopal Minute: Francis

St Francis of Assisi is one of the most popular saints of all time. His life was an example of holy living, dedicating all his resources to help others. His sincerity of love for all is a constant reminder to us, to be generous and forgiving, to praise God unceasingly, and to love God and our neighbor. The only Pope to be named for Francis is the current one: Francis I, who tries to embrace the saint's ideals. He does seem especially aware of poverty and want.

Francis lived in the 13th century and embraced poverty himself, living on as little as possible, but moving constantly among his friends in the Italian peasantry and ministering to them with love and care. Many people were attracted to his way of life, and an order of Franciscans arose. A young woman, Clare, was likewise moved by his austerity and spirituality, and she founded an order of women, the Poor Clares. Francis wanted his order to be accepted by the pope, and so he and his brothers journeyed to Rome and appeared before Pope Innocent III, one of the most magnificent and powerful of popes. According to my favorite movie about St Francis, "Brother Son, Sister Moon," the pope was so moved by Francis in his devotion and simplicity that he (the pope) came down to Francis' level, kissed his dirty feet, and blessed the order. I would love to think that really happened.

My favorite quote by Francis is about preaching: "Preach always. If necessary, use words."

Bookshelf: Bob Goff

How have I lived this long and not known about Bob Goff? I was rearranging my books recently and came upon a book by Bob Goff entitled "Love Does," which was given to me by the Bridges family a while ago. (Embarrassing – maybe two years ago?) It surfaced while I was rearranging, and so I read it. Oh my!

Bob Goff is a remarkable person. He has lived an exuberant life with many unlikely episodes, all performed out of love for God and neighbor. The book is full of stories about these events, and most of them are laugh-out-loud charming and remarkable. Highly readable and inspiring.

Actually, the Bridges told me to read just one chapter, entitled "Ryan in love," chapter three, about seven pages long, about the bizarre courtship of Bob's friend Ryan. I read it and then I couldn't stop, and read the whole book. The book is now on our Bookshelf.

Bob has given his life to working for peace and justice around the world. He never questions the possibility of doing something -- he just does it. "Love does" – wonderful!

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.

October Cereal

November Pasta and pasta sauce

December Instant potatoes

Parish Event October 20

On Sunday, October 20, following the service, we will gather for a potluck lunch and a sharing of memories about our history, including the backgrounds of both previous parishes.

“Memories” will be exchanged, written down, and summarized, helping us to understand who we are as a parish right now. This is the first step in congregational development.

Sign-up sheets for food will be available in early October. Team One has been asked to oversee the potluck lunch arrangements.

Help pick Advent Hymns!

Anyone interested in selecting music for Advent is invited to write favorite hymn titles on the board in the parlor.

A copy of the Episcopal Musician’s Handbook for Lectionary Year C will be provided, containing lists of appropriate hymns for all four Sundays in Advent (December 1, 8, 15, and 22. Add your favorites to the list on the board and sign your name.

Directory Update by Dec 1

Please send changes for our directory to the Office soon. A new directory will be issued on Dec 1.

Vestry Goals

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.

Server Schedule

Altar Guild

09/28 – 10/04 Terri
10/05 – 10/11 Marianne
10/12 – 10/18 Rita
10/19 – 10/25 Terri
10/26 – 11/01 Marianne

Readers

Oct 6 Pete
Oct 13 Amy
Oct 20 Bo
Oct 27 Charlyn

Counters

Oct 6 Andrea and Julie
Oct 13 Susan and Jan
Oct 20 Jan and Susan
Oct 27 Julie and Andrea
Nov 3 Susan and Julie
Nov 10 Jan and Julie
Nov 17 Susan and Jan
Nov 24 Jan and Andrea

Vestry In Charge

Oct 6 Pete
Oct 13 Jullie
Oct 20 Larry
Oct 27 Darlene (Julie)

Healers

Oct 6 Julie
Oct 13 Bo
Oct 20 Charlyn
Oct 27 Amy

Acolyte

Oct 6 Andrea
Oct 13 Kathy
Oct 20 Jan
Oct 27 Kathy
Nov 3 Andrea
Nov 10 Jan
Nov 17 Kathy
Nov 24 Andrea

Coffee Hour Teams

Team 1: Darlene, Bo, Connie 10/20

Team 2: Rita, Terri, Charlyn 12/1

Team 3: Marianne, Kathy, Julie 1/5

Team 4: Gladys, Laura, Judy R 11/3

Coffee Hour as such will not happen in October. Instead, we will concentrate our hospitality on Sunday, October 20, for a potluck lunch and community activity. Team One is asked to oversee the lunch.

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.

208th Diocesan Convention

The 208th Diocesan Convention will be held Nov 8-9 in Perrysburg, Ohio.

New Life's delegates will be Julie Martin, Larry Mackey and Jeff Maurer. Alternates are Scott Bridges, Pete Iole and Terri Mackey.

Deacon's Dismissal

Rev Josh Butler

Shopping this week for greeting cards at the discount store ... birthday, anniversary, graduation, retirement ... I waited nearby while Mom browsed. At the checkout, Mom poured out a prince's ransom in pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters ... and one fifty-cent piece. Our young cashier was perplexed, having evidently never seen such a coin. She rang management, received their blessing, then set about counting the coins. She told us that she would tell her family about the half dollar. Counting complete, I put down two quarters, picked up the half dollar and gave it to the cashier ... best fifty cents I ever spent.

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Karaoke Dance
Party Event
for Adults with
Disabilities





