

Good News From New Life

October 10, 2024



Pentecost 21: Oct 13

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Psalm 22:1-15

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

Calendar of Coming Events

Oct 13 Pentecost 21, 7 pm Taize

Oct 16 Book Group 10:30 Parlor

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 20 St Luke

Nov 3 All Saints Sunday

Nov 10 Veterans Observance

Nov 24 Christ the King

Meet Our New Administrator

I am so happy to be joining all of you here at New Life Episcopal Church. Let me tell you a little bit about myself:

I was born in Canton, Ohio and graduated from St John the Baptist Grade School and St Thomas Aquinas High School. Having lived in Hartville for 48 years, I love this area and wouldn't want to live anywhere else. My 3 children graduated from Lake Schools and are all married with children of their own. My 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren keep me young!

My work background includes 18 years in finance and over 20 years in advertising and marketing. I am also a writer.

I am an avid reader and love attending my grandkids sporting events as well as taking them to museums and other historical sites. My favorite holiday is Christmas Eve when my family gathers to enjoy the Feast of the Seven Fishes. As you can imagine, that includes quite a lot of food. So, we have cut the menu. It is now the Feast of only Four Fishes. My mother would not approve!

I welcome learning more about your congregation and look forward to many years together.

Blessings,
Maryanne Shaw

Episcopal Minute: Indigenous People's Day

When I was in grade school, we sang a little ditty, "In fourteen hundred ninety-two, Columbus sailed the ocean blue." Remember that? We thought that was history.

I'm not sure when the reevaluation began, but by the 500th anniversary, 1992, while I was in seminary, I received a packet of revisionist materials, which pointed out that Christopher Columbus did not discover America, rather he meandered into the West Indies and thought he was in India, and then, realizing this was new territory, he began the exploitation of the natives that continued unabated for several hundred years, up to and including the near extinction of Native Americans. This new interpretation brought us up short – hey, what happened to Columbus Day? Realizing that we had been observing only half the story, the correction is now to call it Indigenous Peoples Day. I rather like new name and emphasis. As a historian, I know I have been guilty of Eurocentrism, thinking that we Anglo Saxon Protestants are the center of the world. Broadening our perspective is good for us, and certainly more inclusive of the people who lived here before Columbus ever arrived.

Bookshelf: Mythmakers

A new book has fallen into my life: **The Mythmakers: The Remarkable Fellowship of C. S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien**, by John Hendrix. I read a review of it and ordered it on the spot.

I read it in one sitting, and it is now on our Bookshelf for your perusal.

I have long been fascinated by myth (I read my first book of Greek myths at age nine) and the two amazing 20th century writers who made their own myths: C.S. Lewis with his *Chronicles of Narnia*, and JRR Tolkien, with the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy. Both book series were popular in the 1960s and thereafter and have molded our understandings of epic myth through these novels, and also through the movies made from them.

Henricks presents the story of these authors' relationship and how they affected each other. Their professional relationship was at Oxford University, where both were faculty members, who met weekly with a group of like-minded teachers to talk and to read their writings to each other. The group was called "The Inklings," and was quite formative for everyone who participated, especially Lewis and Tolkien. The meetings went on for over 20 years and immensely helped both writers to develop their mythologies.

But here's the kicker: this book is a graphic novel! What does that mean?

Hendrick is a talented graphic artist, and he tells the story of Lewis, Tolkien, and the history of mythology with engaging cartoon-like drawings. There is also quite a bit of regular prose, but what really engages us is the cartoon-like journey through rather amazing scenery.

You may be familiar with Lewis and Tolkien's books, but this wonderful double-biography fills in many events of their lives and their struggles at writing these modern classics.

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

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

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.

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.

Server Schedule

Altar Guild

10/12 – 18 Rita

10/19 – 25 Terri

10/26 – 11/01 Marianne

Readers

Oct 13 Amy

Oct 20 Bo

Oct 27 Charlyn

Counters

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 13 Jullie

Oct 20 Larry

Oct 27 Darlene (Julie)

Healers

10/13 Bo

10/20 All healers

10/27 Amy

Acolyte

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

Sunday, October 20, 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

It is odd, the things we do as we delve deeper into the mysteries of our call to minister in the world.

Our call as Christians is to care for one another, particularly those who are the least among us. Books have been written, prayers have been said, God's people have been sent forth ... I among them ... to perform these sacred tasks ... this holy work. It is not always as we expect. Not long ago, an old man with a white cane told me he was in need of the men's room and asked if I would I help him.

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*The Blessing of
Animals*





