

# Good News From New Life

October 31, 2024



**All Saints Sunday Nov 3**  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Isaiah 25:6-9  
Psalm 24  
Revelation 21:1-6a  
John 11:31-44

## Calendar of Coming Events

Nov 3 All Saints Sunday,  
Coffee Hour Team 4  
**Nov 5 Election Day. VOTE!**  
Nov 6 Book Group 10:30 Parlor  
"Lessons in Chemistry"  
Nov 9 Diocesan Convention  
Nov 10 Pentecost 25  
Veterans Observance  
Scott Bridges, preacher  
Taize 5 pm (new time)  
Nov 12 Tuesday Evening Group  
Carlo's Trattoria, 6 pm, 7 pm  
Nov 17 Pentecost 26  
Nov 24 Christ the King  
Nov 27 No Wednesday meeting  
Nov 28 Thanksgiving Day  
Dec 1 Advent 1, Coffee Hour.  
Bill Kendrick, organ  
Dec 8 St Nicholas, Morning Prayer  
Joe Bridges, preacher,  
Taize 5 pm  
Dec 15 Advent 3, Rev Audra Abt  
Bill Kendrick, organ  
Vestry meeting follows  
Dec 23 Advent 4, Troy Dunn  
Dec 24 Christmas Eve, 7 pm  
Christmas with Taize  
Dec 25 Christmas Day, 10 am  
Casual service with children's story

## "Fall Back" this Sunday

Standard time resumes this  
Sunday, November 3. Remember to  
set your clocks back one hour.

## All Saints Sunday Nov. 3

Our All Saints service on  
November 3 honors our Beloved  
Departed, especially those who have  
died since last November.

## Coffee Hour This Sunday

This Sunday we will have our  
regularly scheduled First Sunday coffee  
hour, overseen by Team 4: Gladys,  
Laura, and Judy R. If you can volunteer  
something heavenly (it is after all, All  
Saints Sunday!) let them know.

## All Saints Organ Concert Nov 3

The MacDowell Music Club of  
Canton is sponsoring a concert by four  
organists on Sunday at 3 pm at St.  
Mary's Catholic Church, Massillon. The  
four organists are Bill Kendrick (well-  
known to our parish), Sandy Simpson,  
Ralph Morrison and Mark Thewes, all  
well known in the community.

Bill Kendrick will be playing for  
New Life's Advent services on Dec. 1  
and Dec. 15. What a treat!

## Preaching Schedule

Nov 10 Scott Bridges  
Dec 8 Joe Bridges  
Dec 15 Rev Audra Abt  
Dec 22 Troy Dunn  
Jan 5 Charlyn Bridges

## **Episcopal Minute: Day of the Dead**

The Mexican observance of the triangulate celebration of Hallowe'en, All Saints, and All Souls is the subject of much fascination for those of us not raised in this culture.

Mexicans traditionally honor their ancestors over these three days, Oct. 31, Nov. 1 and 2. At home, Mexican families build altars displaying photographs of their deceased family members, as well as food, marigold flowers, and items of remembrance. In the cemeteries, Mexicans go in candlelight to the graves of their deceased family members, bringing food and love, to enjoy a meal as a reunited family. The secular celebrations emphasize making friends with death, making fun of death. Play skeletons are shown riding motorcycles or otherwise playing around as if they were still alive. Special food includes sugar skulls – candies, really – in the shape of skulls and decorated colorfully. The celebration is both raucous and spiritually meaningful. It is shown beautifully in the Pixar movie, "Coco."

Our Hallowe'en derives from ancient Celtic tradition, where the idea of spirits of the dead crossing over to the living on October 31 represents a "thin place." This is demonstrated in another movie, "Fantasia" (1940), with the final scenes showing "A Night on Bald Mountain" as a malign satanic figure who summons the dead from their graves; this scene merges with a candlelit procession to Schubert's music for Ave Maria.

## **Bookshelf: Lake of Sorrows**

Erin Hart has written an intriguing novel, Lake of Sorrows, which centers on an Irish bog, centuries old, where archeological digs are taking place in present time, digging up past sacrificial victims and more recent murders. This fascinating story uncovers secrets in the surrounding community, as well as ancient "bog men" who were submerged long ago in the Iron Age. Irish bogs are fields of peat with long history. The story includes lots of history, archeological detail, and modern neuroses. A good read!

## **Taize Time Change**

**Taize services are offered on Second Sunday evenings. Due to earlier dark skies this time of year, the service will be held at 5 pm, rather than the usual 7 pm.**

## **Wanted: Altar Servers!**

Can you help serve at the altar? Duties include assisting Rev Barbara prepare the table for Eucharist and presenting the chalice to communicants during distribution. Two people have already volunteered.

**NEW: It is not necessary to wear vestments. Servers may remain seated in the congregation for the first half of the service and come forward during the offertory music.**

## **Wanted: Altar Guild help!**

Could you help the Altar Guild? These dedicated souls look after our sacred vessels and linens, and they dress the altar each week. See Rita Norman if you are interested.

## **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.

**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.

## **208<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention**

The 208<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## **Coffee Hour Teams**

Team 1: Darlene, Bo, Connie 2/2

Team 2: Rita, Terri, Charlyn 12/1

Team 3: Marianne, Kathy, Julie 1/5

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

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

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

## **Server Schedule**

### **Altar Guild**

11/2 – 11/8 Rita

11/9 – 11/15 Terri

11/16 – 11/22 Marianne

11/23 – 11/29 Rita

11/30 – 12/06 Terri

### **Readers**

Nov 3 Pete

Nov 10 Amy

Nov 17 Bo

Nov 24 Charlyn

### **Counters**

Nov 3 Susan and Julie

Nov 10 Jan and Julie

Nov 17 Susan and Jan

Nov 24 Jan and Andrea

### **Vestry In Charge**

Nov 3 Pete

Nov 10 Larry

Nov 17 Julie

Nov 24 Darlene

### **Healers**

Nov 3 Julie

Nov 10 Bo

Nov 17 Charlyn

Nov 24 Amy

### **Acolytes**

Nov 3 Andrea

Nov 10 Charlyn Bridges

Nov 17 Kathy

Nov 24 Andrea

## 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.

## Deacon's Dismissal

Rev Josh Butler

Becky was at the food pantry whenever it was open. She started the pantry and she kept it going. I asked her how she came to be so involved. She said, "I was called by God." I had to ask, "So, God called *you* to start this food pantry?" "No, no, no!" said Becky, "God never *did* say my name. I saw there was a *need* for a food pantry. Then I heard God calling, 'Anyone? Anyone?' and I answered."

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