

Good News From New Life

January 4, 2024



Baptism of Jesus Holy Eucharist Rite II

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

Calendar of Coming Events

Wednesday mornings: 10:30 am

Parlor Jan. 10: Harriet Bedell

Wednesdays at 11:00 am: Book Club

"It's a Wonderful Life" Bible study

Jan 6 Epiphany Lessons & Carols

at St Tim's 4 pm

Jan. 7 Epiphany 1: Baptism of Jesus

Jan. 11 Spirituality Team ZOOM 1 pm

Jan 14 Holy Eucharist Epiphany 2

Jan 21 Holy Eucharist Epiphany 3

Jan 28 Holy Eucharist 5 Epiphany 4

Annual Meeting, Chili Cookoff.

Team Four oversees food.

Feb 4 Holy Eucharist Epiphany 5

Feb 11 Holy Eucharist .Last Epiphany.

Pancake Breakfast by the loles

Feb 14 Ash Wednesday. Imposition

of ashes, Holy Eucharist. 12 noon.

Feb 18 Holy Eucharist. Lent 1

Feb 25 Holy Eucharist. Lent 2

Mar 3 Holy Eucharist. Lent 3.

Coffee Hour

Mar 10 Holy Eucharist. Lent 4.

Rose Sunday

Mar 10 Taize 7 pm

Mar 17 Holy Eucharist, Lent 5

March 24 Palm Sunday

March 28 Maundy Thursday

March 29 Good Friday

March 31 Easter Sunday

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be on January 28 in the sanctuary, following worship. It will feature annual reports by the wardens and Rev Barbara's St Michael award for 2023. After the meeting, all are invited to go downstairs to the parish hall, for fellowship and the chili cookoff.

Larry Mackey has decided to continue on vestry for a second term of three years.

Year-End Reports due soon!

All chairs of committees are asked to turn in their year-end reports to the Office by January 8. Our administrator Nancy Smith needs your reports for the Annual Report as soon as you can get it to her. **NOW is not too early!**

Epiphany Lessons and Carols

Sr. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Massillon will present a service of Epiphany Lessons and Carols Satur5day, January 6, at 4 pm. Many clergy and choirs will participate. Charlyn and Joe Bridges are joining in. Consider attending!

Episcopal Minute: Epiphany

Epiphany (the word) means suddenly realizing something, like, "Oh! New Life is a great parish!" Epiphany (the feast day), is January 6, commemorating the journey of the Wise Men, who recognized Baby Jesus as the Messiah. Epiphany (the season) is the time between Christmas Season and Lent. It begins January 6 and is generally celebrated on the first Sunday thereafter as the Baptism of Jesus. This year, the Baptism is January 7.

All our seasons are short this year, thanks to the calendar (which gave us the Trifecta over Christmas!) The short seasons continue in 2024, with only six weeks for Epiphany Season. Lent begins early, on February 14, and Easter Sunday is very early, March 31.

The six Sundays all emphasize recognition of Jesus through "manifestations" – events that observers can see who he really is. The Baptism of Jesus and the Transfiguration (the final Sunday) both have a voice from heaven announcing Jesus' identity. The other Sundays show recognition in other ways: Jesus performing healings, casting out unclean spirits, calling the disciples. These are all manifestations that give us information about Jesus. They are all epiphanies!

Be ready for epiphanies for the next six weeks. You may suddenly know something wonderful!

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.

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| January | Canned soup |
| February | Peanut butter |
| March | Toothpaste |
| April | Cleaning products, dish soap |
| May | Cereal |
| June | Canned fruit |
| July | Shampoo |
| August | Fruit juice |
| September | Cleaning products |
| October | Cereal |
| November | Pasta and pasta sauce |
| December | Instant potatoes |

CASHBACK

Continue saving your ACME grocery receipts. ACME CASHBACK is BACK! Please bring your receipts dated Aug. 1, 2023-Feb. 15, 2024 to church. There is a glass bowl in the parlor where you can place your receipts. This is a great way to give back to our community while doing your regular shopping!

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Many families who have loved ones who are patients at Childrens' Hospital have the need for housing. We can help support these families by bringing our recycled tabs from soda cans, fruit and vegetable cans, even pet food cans. In addition they accept old keys. Please consider saving these items and bring them to church. There is a container in the parlor on the big desk to deposit your metal item listed. This is an ongoing project so keep saving and bringing your items. Thank you.

Wednesday services continue

Rev Barbara will continue to offer brief worship services on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor, or St. Luke Chapel. Each service focuses on a particular saint. Participants also enjoy Angel cards.

Jan 10 Harriet Bedell

Jan 17 Confession of St Peter

Jan 24 Florence Li Tim-Oi

Jan 30 Marcella of Rome

Vestry Goals for 2023

Vestry has identified three short-term goals for the remainder of 2023:

Build Relationships: Develop New Life's visibility in our community through face-to-face relationships with groups and individuals.

Improve Communications: Improve external communications by redesigning and maintaining New Life's website.

Build Fellowship: Build and maintain monthly fellowship opportunities, including:

Monthly social events

Monthly coffee hours

Events off-site or at New Life

Tuesday Evening and

Wednesday Morning group

Server Schedule

Altar Guild

12/30 - 01/05 – Marianne

01/06 – 01/12 – Terri

01/13 – 01/19 – Rita

01/20 – 01/26 – Marianne

01/27 – 02/02 – Terri

Readers

Jan 7 – Charlyn

Jan 14 – Bo

Jan 21 - Amy

Jan 28 - Bo

Counters

Week of Jan. 7: Jan and Andrea

Week of Jan. 14: Jan and Susan

Week of Jan. 21: Julie and Andrea

Week of Jan. 28: Julie and Susan

Vestry In Charge

Jan 7 – Larry

Jan 14 – Julie

Jan 21 – Pete

Jan 28 - Jeff

Healers

Jan 7 – Julie

Jan 14 – Bo

Jan 21 – Charlyn

Jan 28 - Amy

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. For more information contact any of the telecon leaders.

Deacon's Dismissal

Rev Josh Butler

Nick told me about his adult daughter. She has disabilities and lives at home. "We've done all we can for her. We kept her safe and cared for her in every way. Now she's an adult and needs to go out into the world." Nick told me of workplaces they had considered for her, but she has no work skills. I thought about this. A light went on. "Your daughter has skills. You taught her to live, cope and get along. Find a place for her where she is the helper. She may well find her way by helping others."

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