

# Good News From New Life

November 28, 2024



## **Advent I: Year C**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

**Psalm 25:1-9**

**1 Thessalonians 5:9-13**

**Luke 21:25-36**

## **Calendar of Coming Events**

**Nov 28 Thanksgiving Day**

**Dec 1 Advent 1, Coffee Hour.**

**Bill Kendrick, organ**

**Dec 8 St Nicholas, Morning Prayer**

**Joe Bridges, preacher**

**Pete Iole, officiant**

**Taize 5 pm**

**Dec 15 Advent 3, Rev Audra Abt**

**Bill Kendrick, organ**

**Vestry meets with Canon Audra**

**Dec 16 Vestry meeting, 6:30 pm**

**Dec 22 Advent 4, Troy Dunn**

**Bill Kendrick, organ**

**Dec 24 Christmas Eve, 7 pm**

**Christmas with Taize**

**Dec 25 Christmas Day, 10 am**

**Casual service with children's story**

**Dec 29 Christmas 1**

**January 5 Christmas 2,**

**Charlyn Bridges preaching**

**Jan 5 4 pm Lessons and Carols for**

**Epiphany, St. Timothy's Massillon**

**Jan 26 Annual Meeting**

## **Christmas Outreach concludes**

Our Christmas outreach project, adopting two families, has been concluded for sign-ups. All gifts should be brought to the parlor by December 8, and Terri Mackey will take them for distribution. Many thanks to everyone who has participated.

## **Advent begins Dec 1**

The four Sundays of Advent begin this Sunday, Dec. 1. Preachers and musicians for the four Sundays are listed in the schedule on the left.

Devotional materials are available on the parlor table. Feel free to take whatever interests you.

Our Nativity Set will form gradually in front of the altar: Dec. 1, the animals. Dec. 8, the shepherds are added. Dec. 15, Mary and the angel. Dec. 22, everyone else except the baby. Christmas Eve: Baby Jesus.

You are invited to display your own nativity sets in the chapel during Advent and Christmas.

## **Episcopal Minute: Thanksgiving**

Thanksgiving Day is a secular holiday, even though we church people hope that everyone is giving thanks on this day. American tradition traces the origins of Thanksgiving Day back to colonists in Massachusetts and Virginia (with kudos to the comedian Stan Freburg for his satirical song, "Take an Indian to lunch this week!") The celebration continued with no particular regularity in the 19<sup>th</sup> century until Abraham Lincoln established Thanksgiving Day on the last Thursday in November. Following an act of Congress, Franklin Roosevelt officially designated Thanksgiving Day as the fourth Thursday in November in 1941.

Much older tradition comes from harvest festivals in antiquity and also in Jewish tradition (there is agricultural significance to Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles). The American emphasis on a grand family feast is a charming tradition that has somehow been taken over by parades, shopping frenzies and football games. Let us see if we can retain some of the original meaning. Try this collect at your feast today:

**Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name.**

## **Wednesday Group Study**

The Wednesday Book Group will meet on three Wednesdays of Advent (Dec. 4, 11, and 18) at 10:30 am in the parlor for a short Advent service, followed by Rev. Barbara leading discussion of the book The First Christmas by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. The 2008 book was studied in the parish before, but Rev Barbara promises some fresh insights. Newcomers are always welcome. The group adjourns for lunch after the meeting.

## **Annual Meeting January 26**

New Life Episcopal Church will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26, 2025. The meeting is held in the sanctuary after the morning worship service, with Chili Cookoff celebration downstairs following.

**Candidates for Vestry 2025 are Scott Bridges and Andrea Page. Other interested persons are invited to run for vestry positions. Please inform Larry Mackey, Senior Warden, if you wish to run.**

## **No Tuesday Group in December**

Because of the busyness of the month of December, the Tuesday Evening Group will not meet that month. The next meeting will be in January.

## **Directory Update by Dec 1**

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

## **Preaching Schedule**

**Dec 8 Joe Bridges**  
**Dec 15 Rev Audra Abt**  
**Dec 22 Troy Dunn**  
**Dec 24 Rev Barbara**  
**Dec 29 Rev Barbara**  
**Jan 5 Charlyn Bridges**

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

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

## **Servers Schedule**

### **Altar Guild**

11/23 – 11/29 Rita  
11/30 – 12/06 Terri

### **Readers**

Dec 1 Pete  
Dec 8 Amy  
Dec 15 Bo  
Dec 22 Charlyn  
Dec 24 Bo  
Dec 29 Pete

### **Counters**

Week of Dec 1 – Jan & Julie  
Week of Dec 8 – Julie & Susan  
Week of Dec 15 – Jan & Andrea  
Week of Dec 22 – Julie & Jan  
Week of Dec 29 – Jan & Susan

### **Vestry In Charge**

Dec 1 Pete  
Dec 8 Larry  
Dec 15 Julie  
Dec 22 Darlene  
Dec 24 Pete  
Dec 29 Pete

### **Healers**

Dec 1 – Julie  
Dec 8 –  
Dec 15 – Bo  
Dec 22 – Charlyn  
Dec 24 – Amy  
Dec 29 – Julie

### **Acolytes**

Dec 1 – Charlyn  
Dec 8 – no acolyte needed  
Dec 15 – Kathy  
Dec 22 – Andrea  
Dec 24 – Andrea  
Dec 29 – Charlyn

## **Coffee Hour Teams**

Team 1: Darlene, Bo, Connie 2/2/25  
Team 2: Rita, Terri, Charlyn 12/1/24  
Team 3: Marianne, Kathy, Julie 1/5/25  
Team 4: Gladys, Laura, Judy R 3/2/25

## **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.

## **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.

## **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 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**

When Fred was a boy, his father caught him loafing on a Saturday. Fred was handed a paintbrush and a soup can half full of paint and sent street-side to paint the mailbox. That rusty mailbox began to look pretty good so Fred painted the neighbor's mailbox. Fred became a professional painter but he's retired now. No more high ladders for Fred. Now he leads parishioners into inner-city neighborhoods to help poor homeowners keep up their homes. Fred and the church crew paint porches, doors, windows, steps, railings and fences. If there's a mailbox, Fred does that himself.

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Reprise from 11-30-2016

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