

Good News From New Life

December 5, 2024



Advent II: Year C

Morning Prayer

St. Nicholas of Myra

Baruch 5:1-9

Canticle 16

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

Joe Bridges preaching

Pete Iole officiating

Calendar of Coming Events

Dec 8 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

Coffee Hour Team 3

Jan 5 4 pm Lessons and Carols for

Epiphany, St. Timothy's Massillon.

Singers welcome! (rehearse at 3 pm)

Bishop Anne will officiate!

Jan 12 Epiphany 1 Baptism of Jesus

Taize 5 pm

Jan 19 Epiphany 2

Jan 26 Epiphany 3

Annual Meeting

Christmas Outreach concludes

All gifts are at Green Good Neighbors. We got our connections crossed and the date was earlier than I thought, but everything is delivered. Distribution was Tuesday, December 3 and the two families we sponsored will be pleasantly surprised with our generosity. I even turned over \$200 in Aldi gift cards to help other families in need with extra money given to me. Thank you always for all your support. (Terri Mackey)

Advent Continues

The second Sunday of Advent, this Sunday, will feature Joe Bridges as preacher. The service honors Saint Nicholas of Myra and will be officiated by Pete Iole. Preachers and musicians for the other Sundays are listed in the schedule on the left. Note change of organist: Bill Kendrick will play on December 22.

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

This week the Shepherds will join the animals in our Nativity display. Mary and the angel will appear on Dec. 15, and on 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: St Barbara

Saint Barbara, a popular saint for centuries, was unceremoniously dropped from the Roman Catholic calendar of saints as a result of their housecleaning, removing saints who, perhaps, never lived. The recent Episcopal saints' book, Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2022, has welcomed her back as Barbara of Nicomedia, as well as two other women, Catherine of Alexandria and Margaret of Antioch. All three are listed as martyrs dying circa 305, and their saints' day is November 24. Barbara's day used to be December 4. On that day this year, our Wednesday Advent service was in her honor. Pete Iole and I are stubborn about Barbara – I because she is my namesake, and Pete because she is patron saint of artillery, firefighters, miners & engineers.

What's her story? Tradition says that because of her beauty, Barbara's father locked her up in a tower to keep away any suiters. (Yes, it sounds a little like Rapunzel.) She began to consider the nature of the physical and meta-physical world, and decided that there was only one true God, maybe the God of the Christians. She had a third window added to her prison, and thus contemplated the Trinity. When her father asked about this action, she professed her Christian faith to him and was executed.

Embolden your church, O God, with the stories of your saints Catherine, Barbara and Margaret, that we might face all trials and adversities with a fearless mind and an unbroken spirit, knowing we are more than conquerors through Jesus Christ who strengthens us.

Letters from Santa

Susan Brennan, a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, tells us about a charming opportunity, arranging for a personalized letter from Santa Claus to a loved one. Each letter will be personalized with the recipient's name and other information mentioned on the order form (ask Susan for a form). The cost for each name/letter is \$5.00, payable to Falls Chapter 2455, mailed to Santa's Desk PO Box 84, Uniontown OH 44685. Deadline for delivery before Christmas is December 12.

Wednesday Group Study

The Wednesday Book Group continues its Advent program Dec. 11 and 18 at 10:30 am in the parlor, beginning with a short Advent service, followed by Rev. Barbara leading discussion of the book The First Christmas by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. 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 this month. The next meeting will be in January.

Rev Barbara is traveling this week to Oak Ridge TN to attend a family wedding.

Preaching Schedule

Dec 8 Joe Bridges
Dec 15 Rev Audra Abt
Dec 22 Troy Dunn
Dec 24/25 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

Servers Schedule

Altar Guild

Dec 7- Dec 13 – Marianne
Dec 14-Dec 20 – Rita
Dec 21-Dec 27 – Terri
Dec 28-Jan 3 – Marianne

Readers

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

Counters

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

Vestry In Charge

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

Healers

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

Acolytes

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.



Christmas gifts for our two sponsored families.

Deacon's Dismissal

Rev Josh Butler

My father collected stamps ... every stamped envelope was a treasure, though his passion was for unused stamps, particularly "plate blocks" ... four stamps with a serial number from the corner of a sheet of stamps. Now I have a lifetime supply of stamps in every denomination ... 2 cent, 3 cent, ten, fifteen cents ... I stick a dozen or so of these stamps on an envelope until there's enough postage to get my letter where it's going ... these beautiful, old commemorative stamps ... with their history ... the memories ... and my fond recollections of my father for which I am more grateful each year.

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