

# Good News From New Life

December 12, 2024



## Advent III: Year C

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Canticle 9: Ecce, Deus

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

Rev Audra Abt preaching

Rev Barbara celebrating

Bill Kendrick on organ

## Calendar of Coming Events

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

## Advent Continues

The third Sunday of Advent, this Sunday, will feature the Rev. Canon Audra Abt from the Diocese as preacher. She will meet with the vestry after the service,

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 Mary and the angel will join our Nativity display. This is also Rose Sunday, when our vestments will be rose-colored, signifying that we are half-way through Advent. On Dec. 22, our Nativity display will be almost complete. On Christmas Eve, Baby Jesus comes to us.

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

## Wednesday Group Study

The Wednesday Book Group concludes its Advent program Dec 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.

## **Episcopal Minute: Guadalupe**

Today all Latin America and especially Mexico celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. According to the very popular story, the Virgin Mary appeared to a peasant named Juan Diego on December 12, 1531 at Guadalupe, Mexico and told him to tell the bishop that he should build a basilica in her honor on the site. Juan told the bishop what Our Lady asked, and he dismissed Juan as uttering a fairy tale. Juan returned to Our Lady, who opened her arms and gave Juan a huge array of roses. The image of the Virgin was imprinted upon his peasant cloak. Juan returned to the bishop, who believed him this time, and a Basilica of the Virgin of Guadalupe was duly constructed on the site. It still contains the cloak of Juan Diego with its precious imprint. Millions of pilgrims go to the site, often bringing armloads of roses. The event precipitated the conversion of Mexico to Christianity within five years.

## **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.**

## **Preaching Schedule**

**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](mailto:revblbond@msn.com)

## **Servers Schedule**

### **Altar Guild**

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

### **Readers**

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

### **Counters**

Week of Dec 15 - Jan & Andrea  
Week of Dec 22 - Julie & Jan  
Week of Dec 29 - Jan & Susan

### **Vestry In Charge**

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.

## Deacon's Dismissal

Rev Josh Butler

I'd made something of a mess of it and felt bad about it. This was not the first time I'd gone down the wrong road, said the wrong thing, or forgotten to do something. Stuff happens and mistakes are made. Mine was a doozy. I "fessed up." All she said were three, strange words: "*Nunc pro tunc.*" She wouldn't tell me what they meant ... told me to look it up ... it's Latin ... a legal term ... "Now for then" ... what we do *now* can make right what we did *then*. I say it often ... quietly ... under my breath ... "*Nunc pro tunc.*"

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## Our Lady of Guadalupe

