

# Good News From New Life

December 19, 2024



## **Advent IV: Year C**

**Micah 5:2-5a**

**Canticle 15**

**Hebrews 10:5-10**

**Luke 1:39-45**

**Troy Dunn preaching**

**Rev Barbara celebrating**

**Bill Kendrick on organ**

## **Calendar of Coming Events**

**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 Three**

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

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

**Singers welcome! (rehearse at 2:30)**

**Bishop Anne will officiate!**

**Jan 12 Epiphany 1 Baptism of Jesus**

**Taize 5 pm**

**Jan 19 Epiphany 2**

**Jan 26 Epiphany 3**

**Annual Meeting**

**Chili Cookoff Team One**

## **Wednesday Group Study**

The Wednesday Book Group will go into hiatus until January 8 for a holiday break.

## **Advent Continues**

The fourth Sunday of Advent, this Sunday, will feature Troy Dunn as preacher. Bill Kendrick returns as organist. 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.

## **Christmas With Taize**

Our Christmas Eve service begins at 7 pm Tuesday, December 24, with a musical prelude by Adam Keeler, classical guitar, at 6:40 pm.

As we did last year, this year's Christmas Eve service will feature Taize chants as well as familiar Christmas carols, all accompanied by Adam Keeler. Rev Barbara will preach and celebrate Holy Eucharist. The Taize meditation candles will be in place for attendees to light after they receive communion. Invite your friends to join us for this special celebration.

## **Christmas Day Service**

On Christmas Day, we will gather at 10 am December 25 for a casual Eucharist service. All singing will be a cappella. Rev Barbara will read a children's Christmas story in place of the sermon. Join us for a different kind of service!

## **Episcopal Minute: St Thomas**

St. Thomas, sometimes named “The Twin” and sometimes “Doubting Thomas,” has his feast day on December 21, the Winter Solstice. Thomas famously doubted that Jesus had risen from the dead when the other apostles told him about their resurrection visit. Thomas said he would not believe it unless he experienced it himself, and sure enough, he got his own visit a week later. Thomas has gotten a lot of bad press about this over the centuries, but I think we should cut him some slack. I mean really, the other ten apostles doubted what Mary Magdalene said about her own experience of the Risen Christ!

Tradition says that Thomas became a very busy apostle, spreading the Good News all the way to Persia and India. The site of his burial in present-day Chennai has been a shrine and place of Christian pilgrimage since antiquity, according to *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*.

## **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 22 Troy Dunn**  
**Dec 24/25 Rev Barbara**  
**Dec 29 Rev Barbara**  
**Jan 5 Charlyn Bridges**

## **Servers Schedule**

### **Altar Guild**

Dec 21 – 27 Terri  
Dec 28 – Jan 3 Marianne

### **Readers**

Dec 22 Charlyn  
Dec 24 Bo  
Dec 29 Pete

### **Counters**

Week of Dec 22 – Julie & Jan  
Week of Dec 29 – Jan & Susan

### **Vestry In Charge**

Dec 22 Darlene  
Dec 24 Pete  
Dec 29 Pete

### **Healers**

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

### **Acolytes**

Dec 22 – Andrea  
Dec 24 – Andrea  
Dec 29 – Charlyn

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

Please send items by Tuesday evening to Rev Barbara

## **Coffee Hour Teams**

Team 1: Darlene, Bo, Connie 1/26/25  
Team 2: Rita, Terri, Charlyn 4/6/25  
Team 3: Marianne, Kathy, Julie 1/5/25  
Team 4: Gladys, Laura, Judy R 3/2/25

## **Coffee Hour Changes**

Because our Annual Meeting on January 26 will feature the traditional Chili Cookoff, that will be Coffee Hour for February, one week early.

January's regular Coffee Hour will be on January 5, with Team Three in charge (Marianne, Kathy and Julie). The January 26 Chili Cookoff and Coffee Hour will be arranged by Team One (Darlene, Bo and Connie). There will be no other coffee hour in the month of February. March's Coffee Hour *might* be a Pancake Breakfast, since that is the final Sunday before Lent begins. Stay tuned!

## **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**

The service ends ... "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!" We go into the streets and byways, into the homes of friends and neighbors, and to the dwellings of "the other." Where there is need, there we will be ... with a bit of nourishment, a small gift, a kind word, a listening ear, a prayer upon our lips. Together, we work to make this world as God would have it ... a Peaceable Kingdom ... we are called to be God's Kingdom-builders, peace-bringers, healers, preachers, prophets, theologians, caregivers, activists, servants, God's helpers ... working to bring about the Kingdom.

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