

# Good News From New Life

January 2, 2025



## **Christmas 2, Jan 5**

**Jeremiah 31:7-14**

**Psalm 84**

**Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a**

**Matthew 2**

**Charlyn Bridges preaching**

**Coffee Hour Team Three**

## **Calendar of Coming Events**

**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 7 Tuesday Evening Group at**

**Carlo's Trattoria 6:30 pm**

**Jan 8 Wednesday Book Club 11 am**

**Morning service 10:30 am**

**Jan 12 Epiphany 1 Baptism of Jesus**

**Taize 5 pm**

**Jan 19 Epiphany 2**

**Jan 26 Epiphany 3**

**Annual Meeting**

**Chili Cookoff Team One**

**No Coffee Hours in February**

**March 2 Iole Pancake Breakfast**

## **Tuesday Group resumes**

**Tuesday Evening Group resumes meeting this Tuesday, January 7, at Carlo's Trattoria. Dinner is at 6 pm, discussion follows at 7 pm. Subject: Light.**

## **In Memoriam: Jimmy Carter**

**Washington National Cathedral and the Episcopal Diocese of Washington join the nation in giving thanks for the life of President Jimmy Carter, whose deep and abiding faith in Jesus Christ was the foundation of a public life shaped by compassion, humility and care for the least among us.**

**President Carter's faith was quiet and humble, fueled by a much-needed sense of generosity. His devotion to God was evidenced by his pursuit of peace and his promotion of human rights, especially for the world's poor. Indeed, on the global road to Jericho, he was often the Samaritan who stopped to help as others passed by. (Washington National Cathedral)**

## **Epiphany Lessons and Carols**

**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church of Massillon is once again hosting a lovely service of Lessons and Carols for Epiphany, on Sunday, Jan. 5 at 4 pm. The Rt Rev Anne Jolly will officiate. Anyone wishing to sing with the mass choir may come for rehearsal at 2:30 pm**

## **Episcopal Minute: Epiphany**

We enter into the liturgical time of Epiphany on January 6, the date when the visit of the Magi is officially observed. We will no doubt have a forecast of this story on Sunday, January 5, when Charlyn Bridges is our preacher (she has a special fondness for the Wise Men). January 5 is actually the last day of Christmas Season and the date is designated as the Second Sunday of Christmas. But never mind. Bring on those Wise Men!

Epiphany means “manifestation,” the dawning realization of who Jesus really is. All Sundays from Jan 6 until March 2 will feature Gospel stories on this topic. The first Sunday (Jan. 12) is the Baptism of Our Lord, when God announces Jesus’ identity in a voice from heaven (perhaps when Jesus himself first hears who he himself is!) On the second Sunday (Jan. 19) we will hear the story of the Wedding at Cana, where Jesus changes water into wine to enhance the wedding celebration. This year we observe the beautiful story of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (Jesus being 40 days old) on Feb. 2, when Simeon knows exactly who the baby is. The final Sunday of Epiphany tells the story of Jesus’ Transfiguration on the Holy Mountain (March 2), when his companions Peter, James and John witness his transformative identity.

We have a long Epiphany season this year, because Lent and Easter are later than usual (Ash Wednesday is on March 5; Easter on April 20). This longer time is a real gift, allowing us to hear these wonderful stories.

## **Reports Due by Jan. 15**

Our annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2025. In order to have the annual meeting booklet prepared, our office administrator will need the following:

- Agenda
- Senior Warden Report
- Junior Warden Report
- Treasurer report
- 2024 Liturgical Report
- 2024 Statistics
- Music Report
- Prayer at New Life Report
- Outreach Report
- Taize Report
- FISH Report
- Altar Guild Report-
- Liturgical Assistants Report

DEADLINE for e-mailed reports to office administrator, Maryanne, is Wednesday, January 15.

## **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.**

### ***FISH:***

January – Canned Soup

## 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 coffee hour in the month of February. March's Coffee Hour will be the Iole Pancake Breakfast on March 2.

## Send newsletter items to Rev Barbara by Tuesday

Please send items by Tuesday evening to Rev Barbara by e-mail:

[RevBLBond@msn.com](mailto:RevBLBond@msn.com)

## Servers Schedule

### Altar Guild

Jan 4-10 Rita  
Jan 11-17 Terri  
Jan 18-24 Marianne  
Jan 25-31 Rita

### Readers

Jan 5 Bo  
Jan 12 Charlyn  
Jan 19 Amy  
Jan 26 Pete

### Counters

Jan 5 Jan and Susan  
Jan 12 Julie and Darlene  
Jan 19 Jan and Andrea  
Jan 26 Jan and Julie

### Vestry In Charge

Jan 5 Pete  
Jan 12 Larry  
Jan 19 TBD  
Jan 26 Julie

## Healers

Jan 5 Bo  
Jan 12 Charlyn  
Jan 19 Amy  
Jan 26 Julie

## Acolytes

Jan. 5 Kathy  
Jan. 12 Charlyn  
Jan. 19 Andrea  
Jan. 26 Charlyn

## 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

## 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**

“Life is short. We do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk this way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And, the blessings of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us be with you now and forever.”

Henri-Frédéric Amiel, Swiss philosopher and poet, 1821 - 1881  
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