

Good News From New Life

January 9, 2025



Epiphany 1, Jan 12
Baptism of the Lord
Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Calendar of Coming Events
Jan 12 Epiphany 1 Baptism of Jesus
Taize 5 pm
Jan 15 Wednesday Book Club 11 am
Morning service 10:30 am
Jan 19 Epiphany 2
Jan 26 Epiphany 3
Annual Meeting
Chili Cookoff Team One
No Coffee Hours in February
February 1 Vestry retreat in parlor
February 2 Vestry Commissioning
February 2, 9, 16, 23
Sundays after Epiphany
Feb 9 5 pm Taize
March 2 Iole Pancake Breakfast
Last Sunday after Epiphany
March 5 Ash Wednesday
12 noon Holy Eucharist,
Imposition of Ashes
March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6: Lent
Mar 9 Daylight Savings Time resumes
Mar 9 Taize
April 13 Palm/Passion Sunday
April 17 Maundy Thurs Agape
April 18 Good Friday
April 20 Easter Sunday

Reports Due by January 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.

Episcopal Minute: Chalk

The Epiphany is traditionally a time to bless chalk. Yes, chalk, that white stuff that is used on chalk boards, to write things. According to *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*, "It is a practice in some communities to bless chalk on Epiphany so that people may use it to bless their homes. Traditionally, the chalking is done above the lintel" where a date and initials are inscribed, to bless the house. I was not familiar with the chalk habit, but I certainly know about house blessings, which are frequently done in Epiphany season.

What is a house blessing? It involves a liturgy which takes place in a home (often a new home where the family has just moved in). The liturgy includes scripture (especially the Genesis reading about Abraham and Sarah welcoming the three angels, showing hospitality). The officiant goes from room to room, blessing each space to its purpose, and perhaps sprinkling it with water. The service often includes a eucharist and/or reception for all attending.

Have you recently moved? Consider a house blessing! Ask the Bridges family what it is like.

Coffee Hour Teams

Team 1: Darlene, Bo, Connie 1/26/25

Team 2: Rita, Terri, Charlyn 4/6/25

Team 3: Marianne, Kathy, Julie

Team 4: Gladys, Laura, Judy R

Servers Schedule

Altar Guild

Jan 11-17 Teri

Jan 15 - 24 Marianne

Jan 25 – 31 Rita

Readers

1/12 Charlyn

1/19 Amy

1/26 Pete

Counters

Jan 12 Julie and Darlene

Jan 19 Jan and Andrea

Jan 26 Jan and Julie

Vestry In Charge

1/12 Larry

1/19 TBD

1/26 Julie

Healers

1/12 Charlyn

1/19 Amy

1/26 Julie

Acolytes

Jan. 12 Charlyn

Jan. 19 Andrea

Jan. 26 Charlyn

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.

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.

New Vestry commissioning and retreat

The new vestry, to be elected at the Annual Meeting on January 26, will meet the following Saturday morning, February 1, in the parlor for a half-day retreat, to elect officers and set goals for the year. The vestry members and officers will be commissioned at the February 2 Sunday service.

Vestry Goals for 2024

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.

Send newsletter items to Rev Barbara by Tuesday

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

RevBLBond@msn.com

Deacon's Dismissal

Rev Josh Butler

Richard Milhous Nixon was running for President of the United States in 1968. He campaigned in New Hampshire where I was a student and a stringer for an FM radio station. I was determined to interview Nixon as he glad-handed in a crowded diner. Microphone at the ready, I made my way through the throng until Nixon and I were face-to-face. Assertively as I could, I asked Nixon about the Vietnam War. He didn't miss a beat. Nixon took my hand, shook it with an impressive grip, and said at full volume, "Thank you for your vote!"

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