

Good News From New Life

January 16, 2025



Epiphany 2, Jan 19

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 36: 5-10

1 Cor 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

Calendar of Coming Events

Jan 19 Epiphany 2

Jan 22 Wednesday Book Club 11 am

Amanda Peters *The Berry Pickers*

Morning service 10:30 am

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

Rev David Houdeschall preaching

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 Yesterday!

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 Liturgy and Music Report
- 2024 Statistics
- 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, was 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: Week of Christian Unity

The Week of Christian Unity receives little attention these days, but it is worth noting. It begins with the feast day of one of our patron saints, Saint Peter, observing his confession that Christ is the Messiah (January 18). The week ends with an equally important observance, the Conversion of Saint Paul (January 25). We are urged to pray for Christian unity during the week inclusive of both saints' days.

Christian unity has been frayed for most of its history, sometimes with dire results. Sometimes we wonder how a belief system that preaches peace and charity could become so torn asunder. Historically, wars have been promulgated for religious reasons and we may wonder how that could happen. But we have only to look at our own times to see that religious beliefs can become emotionally charged. Praying for Christian unity may be the most we can do. On the other hand, should we be confronted with a belief system that is in contrast to our own, perhaps it would behoove us to practice some Christian charity and respect the differences. Saints Peter and Paul were not always on the same page, yet they together assured the future of the church.

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
March 2:: Iole Mardi Gras breakfast

Wednesday Group

The Wednesday Morning Book Group will read and discuss the book *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters. The novel tells the story of a young Indigenous child kidnapped at age four and brought up ignorant of her origins.

The group meets for discussion at 11 am each Wednesday in the parlor. Rev Barbara presents a brief worship service at 10:30 am. Newcomers are always welcome.

Book Collection for Lake

The Lake Friends of the Library are collecting books for their next book sale. We are going to cull our own Book Shelf of some books that have been around for a while, and place them on the nearby table. Have a look and see if you would like to keep any of these books. You may also bring books from home to add to the ones that are leaving. They will disappear to the Lake Library by January 25..

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.

Send newsletter items to Rev Barbara by Tuesday

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

RevBLBond@msn.com

Servers Schedule

Altar Guild

Jan 15 - 24 Marianne

Jan 25 – 31 Rita

Readers

1/19 Amy

1/26 Pete

Counters

Jan 19 Jan and Andrea

Jan 26 Jan and Julie

Feb 2 Jan and Andrea

Feb. 9 Darlene and Julie

Feb. 16 Jan and Julie

Feb. 23 Julie and Jan

Vestry In Charge

1/19 TBD

1/26 Julie

Healers

1/19 Amy

1/26 Julie

Feb 2. Bo

Feb. 9 Charlyn

Feb. 16 Amy

Feb. 23 Julie

Acolytes

Jan. 19 Andrea

Jan. 26 Charlyn

Feb 2. Andrea

Feb. 9 Kathy

Feb. 16 Charlyn

Feb. 23 Kathy

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.

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.

Deacon's Dismissal

Rev Josh Butler

He asked me, "What do you do?" That can be a complicated question. We all have many claims upon our time ... family, work, leisure, survival ... varied calls and responsibilities. I puzzled over the question. Not wishing to overthink the matter, I said what then seemed true: "I am a student of the human condition." My interrogator was looking for something less esoteric, something that would fit neatly into a common box. My words did not. He frowned and went on his way. It is often true, when we engage with others, that we arrive at some better understanding of ourselves.

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