

Good News From New Life

January 23, 2025



Epiphany 3, January 26

Annual Meeting

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm 19

1 Cor 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

Calendar of Coming Events

Jan 26 Epiphany 3

Annual Meeting

Chili Cookoff Team One

Jan 29 Wednesday Book Club 11 am

Amanda Peters *The Berry Pickers*

Morning service 10:30 am

No Coffee Hours in February

February 1 Vestry retreat in parlor

February 2 Vestry Commissioning

Rev David Houdeschell 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

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 and may be nominated from the floor. Please inform Larry Mackey, Senior Warden, if you wish to run.

Rev Barbara's sermon will include her annual report on the state of the parish.

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.

Episcopal Minute:

Phillips Brooks

Phillips Brooks, Bishop of Massachusetts, died on this day in 1893, after a long and admirable career as a powerful preacher. As rector of Trinity Church, Boston, his sermons attracted a large following. When the church building burned down, the congregation continued to meet in bare surroundings to hear him preach. The rebuilt church was “a daring architectural enterprise for its day” (LFF, p 54). The altar was placed in the center, symbolizing unity. I have visited this church, and I couldn’t help but notice that the Romanesque design offered open sightlines to the pulpit for all attendees. He preached with warmth and vitality that greatly impressed his hearers.

His spirituality and temperament have come down to us in the words of his hymn “O Little Town of Bethlehem.” The third verse states, “How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.” (Hymn 79).

Collect for Phillips Brooks:
Everlasting God, who implants your living Word in the minds and on the lips of all who proclaim your truth: Grant that we, like your pastor and preacher Phillips Brooks, might proclaim your Gospel in our own generation with grace and power. Amen.

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.

Rev Robin Woodberry departs

The Rev Robin Woodberry, Priest-in-Charge of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Canton, has answered a call to become rector of Christ Episcopal Church of Warren. She will have her final Sunday at St. Paul’s on January 26, after which a luncheon will be held in her honor. Members of New Life are invited to attend, although this will coincide with our Annual Meeting and Chili Cookoff

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

Feb 1-Feb 7	Terri
Feb 8-Feb 14	Marianne
Feb 15-Feb 21	Rita
Feb 22-Feb 28	Terri

Readers

1/26 Pete

Counters

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

1/26 Julie

Healers

Jan 26	Julie
Feb 2	Bo
Feb. 9	Charlyn
Feb. 16	Amy
Feb. 23	Julie

Acolytes

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

At Sunday coffee hour, I was asked about my ministry at 2100, the Cleveland men's shelter. Our church had discussed sending volunteers to 2100 once a month to help prepare a meal for the men. The idea never caught on. I never knew why. One parishioner at the table remained quiet, lips pursed. When she could hold it no longer, she said that the men's shelter is a vicious den of violence and depravity ... or something to that effect. I've never seen any such thing at 2100 ... though

now I better understand why some ideas
take flight ... and others don't.

**Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry's Men's
Shelter at 2100 Lakeside Avenue in
Cleveland. Known as "2100" it is the
largest men's shelter in Ohio*

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FISH ITEM:

January – Canned Soup

February – Peanut Butter