

Good News From New Life

January 30, 2025



**Feast of the Presentation
Epiphany 3, January 26**
Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 84
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40
Rev David Houdeschell preaching

Calendar of Coming Events
February 1 Vestry retreat in parlor
February 2 Vestry Commissioning
Feb 4 Tuesday Evening Group, 6 pm
Carlo's Trattoria
Feb 5 Wednesday Book Club 11 am
Amanda Peters *The Berry Pickers*
Feb 9 Epiphany 5, 5 pm Taize
Feb 16 Epiphany 6
Feb 23 Epiphany 7
March 2 Last Epiphany
Iole Pancake Breakfast
March 5 Ash Wednesday
12 noon Holy Eucharist,
Imposition of Ashes
March 9: Lent 1, Pete Iole preaches
Daylight Savings Time resumes
Taize: time TBA
March 16: Lent 2
March 23: Lent 3
March 30: Lent 4 Rose Sunday
April 6: Lent 5
April 13 Palm/Passion Sunday
April 17 Maundy Thurs Agape
April 18 Good Friday
April 20 Easter Sunday

Annual Meeting honors Ioles

Pete and Bo Iole were honored with the Michael Award at the Annual Meeting on January 26. Rev. Barbara presented the award for service "above and beyond," citing Pete and Bo's generosity of service to the parish.

Departing vestry members Darlene Giffin and Pete IKole also received tributes for their concluding terms. New vestry members voted in on Sunday are Scott Bridges and Andrea Page.

New Vestry commissioning and retreat

The new vestry elected at the Annual Meeting on January 26, will meet this 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.

David Houdeschell preaches

The Rev. David Houdeschell will be our guest preacher this Sunday. He is an elder in the United Methodist Church and has served as pastor and interim pastor of many congregations, including Lutheran and UCC. He also has a long history as a military chaplain and recently as a hospice chaplain. He is a good friend of Rev Barbara's.

Episcopal Minute: Presentation

The liturgical observance of The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple falls on February 2 (also Groundhog Day in the secular world). The Gospel of St. Luke tells of how Baby Jesus at the age of 40 days was taken by his parents to the Temple in Jerusalem to be presented and dedicated. First-born males were symbolically given to the Temple, and then bought back by the parents with a donation, in this case two turtle doves.

The feast day takes place 40 days after Christmas, and it includes an extraordinary scene. The baby is received by a holy man, Simeon, who guided by the Holy Spirit came to the Temple and received the child in his arms. Tradition says that Simeon was an old man, blind, who was waiting for the redemption of Israel. But he saw very clearly the child in his arms and uttered a beautiful poem that has come down to us as the Canticle Nunc Dimittis (Latin for "Now you dismiss me"). The canticle is often included in the services of evening prayer and compline.

It is rare for this feast day to appear on a Sunday, and so we are blessed to celebrate it. It is sometimes called Candlemas, a time when all the church candles are blessed for the year.

Coffee Hour Teams

Team 1: Darlene, Bo, Connie

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.

Send newsletter items to Rev Barbara by Tuesday

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

RevBLBond@msn.com

Help pick hymns for Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. It is a time for inner reflection, study, prayer, and giving alms. Our services for the six Sundays of Lent will offer music that reflect these themes.

If you have favorite Lenten hymns that you would like to have included in our services, please make suggestions on the notice board in the parlor. List the Hymn Number (and/or title) and sign your name. Rev Barbara will choose the hymns after Feb. 16 and will aim to include your favorites.

Hymns are also chosen to reflect the Gospel readings for the day.

Coffee Hour Changes

There will be no coffee hour in the month of February. March's Coffee Hour will be the Iole Pancake Breakfast on March 2.

Acme Community Give Back Program: Update

There is a correction on the Acme Program. In the past the cut off was the last day of December. This year it has changed and we can still accept register receipts until February 15th. Sorry about that but a parishioner brought that to my attention. We can still earn more if you have old receipts and any up to February 15th. I will have the bowl out in the parlor to place them in. As always, thanks for your support. (Terri Mackey)

Servers Schedule

Altar Guild

Readers

Feb 2 Pete
Feb. 9 Charlyn
Feb. 16 Amy
Feb. 23 Bo

Counters

Feb 2 Jan and Andrea
Feb 9 Darlene and Julie
Feb 16 Jan and Julie
Feb 23 Julie and Jan

Vestry In Charge

Feb 2 Pete
Feb. 9 Larry
Feb. 16 Andrea
Feb. 23 Julie

Healers

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

Acolytes

Feb 2. Andrea
Feb. 9 Kathy
Feb. 16 Charlyn
Feb. 23 Kathy

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

Twice a week I go to 2100, the Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry Men's Shelter in Cleveland. On Wednesdays, my mother-in-law goes with me. She brings a big batch of homemade cookies and sets them on an overturned milk crate. Men walk by ... take a cookie ... some remark on the cookies they had when they had a home. Something there is about the gift of food ... that a chocolate chip cookie can bring back recollections of better days ... better times ... of family, home and kids. It may be only a cookie ... but there is great possibility in a homemade cookie.

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Laura Melert won the Chili cookoff this year!