

# Good News From New Life

February 6, 2025



## Epiphany 5

Isaiah 6:1-8, 9-13

Psalm 138

Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

## Calendar of Coming Events

Feb 9 Epiphany 5, 5 pm Taize

Feb 12 Wednesday Book Club 11 am

Amanda Peters *The Berry Pickers*

Feb 16 Epiphany 6

Feb 17 Vestry meets 6:30 pm

Feb 23 Epiphany 7

March 2 Last Epiphany

Iole Pancake Breakfast

Rev David Houdeschell preaches

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

## Lay and guest preachers

March 2 The Rev David Houdeschell

March 9 Pete Iole

March 30 Debbie Likins-Fowler

## New Vestry Officers

The new vestry elected officers for the coming year and they were commissioned on Sunday, Feb. 2.

**Senior Warden: Larry Mackey**

**Junior Warden: Julie Martin**

**Treasurer: Amy Allen**

**Clerk: Pete Iole**

**Vestry members: Andrea Page, Scott Bridges, Jeff Maurer, Julie Martin, Larry Mackey.**

## Vestry Goals for 2025

Meeting in retreat on February 1, vestry adopted the following goals:

1. **Improve visibility of the church**
2. **Adopt Natural Church Development process, focusing on Need-oriented Evangelism**
3. **Continue developing relationships within the larger community (FISH, Lake Library, other parishes, lay preachers, Taize services, Adults with Disabilities Events)**

The next vestry meeting will be February 17 at 6:30 pm in the parlor.

## Rev Barbara plans sabbatical

Rev Barbara is in her seventh year at New Life, a customary time for a sabbatical. Vestry approved her taking the month of May this year, for travel and enrichment. Lay preachers and supply priests will hold the fort.

## **Episcopal Minute: NCD**

Many years ago, New Life parish engaged in a congregational development process entitled Natural Church Development (NCD). The Rev. Stephanie Pace introduced the parish to many different processes, and NCD was one of the most engaging. With this experience, Stephanie met with a group of clergy at the diocese to decide on what process the diocese would promote. Stephanie was persuasive (as were other clergy at the meeting) that NCD was a good idea. The diocese adopted it in 2007 and began a pilot program for six parishes, with New Life included. Rev. Barbara, rector of St. Paul's Canton at the time, also entered her parish into the pilot program. The result was that both New Life and Rev. Barbara know a lot about this program. And with that background, our vestry was persuaded to try it again this year, with some modifications.

At the vestry retreat on Feb. 1, Rev. Barbara recommended that New Life focus on one aspect of the program that we really need. This aspect, Need-Oriented Evangelism, will involve whatever we think we need to improve our visibility. These improvements might include new signage, new promotional materials, improved digital presence, and newcomer response.

We will need an action team which will meet regularly (about every two weeks) to develop a strategy and make recommendations to the parish. Three members of vestry will be part of the team: Scott Bridges, Jeff Maurer and Larry Mackey. Rev. Barbara will also participate. We will need two to four

additional New Life members to complete the team.

Is this something that would interest you? Can you give your energy and creativity to help the parish in this new endeavor? Please let Rev. Barbara or Senior Warden Larry Mackey know if you are interested.

## **Wednesday Group**

The Wednesday Morning Book Group is reading 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

## **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

## **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.

## **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)

## **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.

## **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**

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

### **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  
Feb16 – 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.



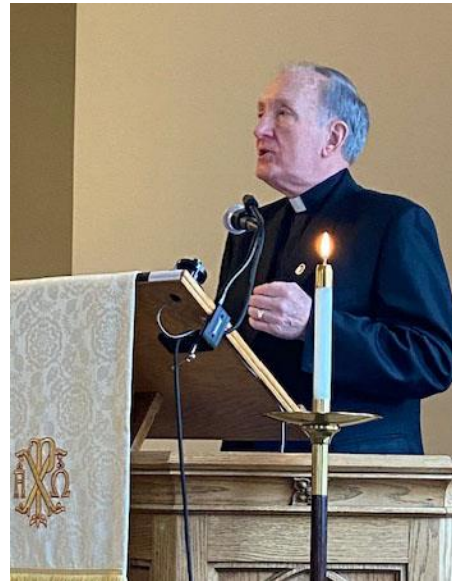
The new vestry was commissioned at the Feb. 2 service. Left to right: Pete Iole, clerk; Andrea Page, Scott Bridges, Jeff Maurer, Julie Martin, Junior Warden; and Larry Mackey, Senior Warden. Amy Allen, treasurer, was commissioned in absentia.

## Deacon's Dismissal

**Rev Josh Butler**

I've told about Pete ... born, raised and died in Texas ... Pete was my mentor in many ways. Pete had two master's degrees and was a high school principal. He had a sixty acre farm ... and Pete was a petroleum geologist. Back then, you could rent a rig and drill for oil pretty much on your own. Pete never made much money drilling for oil but he learned a few things. Pete passed on some wisdom garnered in the oilfield: "If, after a spell, you don't find oil, pack up and move on. Don't ever get to believing your own geology."

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The Rev. David Houdeschell was guest preacher on Feb. 2, speaking on St. Paul's hymn to love. (I Corinthians 13).