

# Good News From New Life

February 13, 2025



## Epiphany 6

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalm 1

Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26

## Calendar of Coming Events

Feb 16 Epiphany 6

Feb 19 Wednesday Book Club 11 am

Amanda Peters *The Berry Pickers*

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 St. Patrick

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

## St Patrick observance March 16

Liturgy and music on Sunday, March 16, will observe Saint Patrick. Terri Mackey is working on an Irish Coffee Hour for that day.

## Absalom Jones/Barbara Harris Service Feb. 15 at Cathedral

The annual commemoration of Absalom Jones and Bishop Barbara Harris will take place Saturday, Feb. 15 at 11 a.m. in Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland. All are invited.

## Quiet Day at St Paul's March 1

The Daughters of the King (DOK) at St. Paul's Canton will hold a Quiet Day and invite all interested women of the Church to join them.

The day begins with registration at 10 am, welcome by the St Elizabeth Chapter president Serena Thurin at 10:30 am, and worship observing Saint David of Wales at 11:15 am officiated by Rev Barbara. After the noon luncheon, Carol Sutek will offer a program on Gratitude, featuring a living altar. All participants are invited to place something on the altar that represents something you are grateful for.

Anyone wishing to attend should please RSVP by Feb. 24, to Carol Sutek by email [CarolSRN@aol.com](mailto:CarolSRN@aol.com) or by phone 330-704-1375 or 330-494-9100. This would be a good opportunity for interparish fellowship!

## Taize cancelled for this month

The Taize service for Feb. 9 was cancelled due to bad weather, and it will not be rescheduled this month. Next service is March 9.

## **Episcopal Minute: Absalom Jones and Barbara Harris**

The feast days of Absalom Jones (Feb 13) and Barbara Harris (Feb 11) will be observed together on Saturday, Feb. 15, at 11 a.m. at Trinity Cathedral. These two Black saints are certainly worthy of commemoration.

Absalom Jones was born into slavery in 1746 and married another slave, Mary Thomas. They both worked to buy her freedom, and Absalom was himself freed in 1784. He helped found the African Church of Philadelphia, which became associated with the Episcopal Church. Bishop William White ordained Jones deacon in 1795 and priest in 1802. Jones was a forceful preacher, denouncing slavery and working for his parish, the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas. He died in 1818.

Barbara Harris was born in 1930 and was active in civil rights struggles in the 1960s. She was ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church in 1980 and was elected Bishop Suffragan in the Diocese of Massachusetts in 1988. She was consecrated on Feb. 11, 1989, the first woman ordained bishop in the Episcopal Church and the worldwide Anglican Communion. She died in 2020.

## **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.

## **Join the NCD Action Team!**

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.**

## **Help pick hymns for Lent**

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. 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.

## **Wednesday Group in Lent**

The Wednesday Morning Group will embark on a special study during Lent, led by Rev. Barbara.

A very informative PBS Frontline series from 1998 will be offered on four successive Wednesday mornings beginning March 12. Each video presentation will last about an hour, and there will also be time for discussion.

The series is entitled **From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians.**

It is described on the DVD jacket: Frontline explores the life of Jesus and the movement he started, challenging familiar assumptions and conventional notions about the origins of Christianity. Drawing upon new and sometimes controversial historical evidence and interviews with the nation's leading New Testament scholars, the series transports the viewer back 2000 years to the time and place where Jesus once lived and preached. [The series] traces Jesus' life focusing on the events that occurred after he died and on his first followers, the men and women whose belief, conviction, and martyrdom created a major movement that transformed the Roman Empire in the space of only 300 years."™

No reading is required. All are invited to attend. Class begins in the parlor at 10:30 am. The DVD will be shown on our large screen there.

## **Coffee Hour Teams**

Team 1: Darlene, Bo, Connie

Team 2: Rita, Terri, Charlyn

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. A St. Patrick's Coffee Hour is in the works for March 16.

## **Servers Schedule**

### **Altar Guild**

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Feb 15-Feb 21 Rita

Feb 22- 28 Terri

### **Readers**

Feb. 16 Amy

Feb. 23 Bo

### **Counters**

Feb 16 Jan and Julie

Feb 23 Julie and Jan

### **Vestry In Charge**

Feb. 16 Andrea

Feb. 23 Julie

### **Healers**

Feb 16 – Amy

Feb 23 – Julie

### **Acolytes**

Feb. 16 Charlyn

Feb. 23 Kathy

## **Vestry Officers 2025**

**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.**

**Priest-in-Charge: Rev Barbara Bond**

## **Vestry Goals for 2025**

- 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)

## **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](mailto:RevBLBond@msn.com)

## **Deacon's Dismissal**

**Rev Josh Butler**

Somewhere, in some desolate and dismal landfill, there is a nondescript cardboard box. It's taped up and it's heavy. The box is full of used envelopes, their backs covered with the scratchy, indecipherable scrawl of an overused ballpoint pen. Each envelope bears yet another plan for my life ... carefully bullet-pointed, sometimes elaborate, each life plan was hopeful and ambitious. Few of these jottings ever came to pass and I began to realize, in the nick of time, that I had overlooked important bits of my life plan entirely ... bits about having fun ... resting ... visiting friends ... chilling ... and encouraging others.

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