

# Good News From New Life

February 20, 2025



## Epiphany 7

**Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

**Psalm 37: 1-12, 41-42**

**1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50**

**Luke 6:27-38**

## Calendar of Coming Events

**Feb 23 Epiphany 7**

**Feb 26 Wednesday Book Club 10:30**

**Movie: "Luther" 2004 (2 hrs)**

**March 2 Last Epiphany**

**Iole Pancake Breakfast**

**Rev David Houdeschell preaches**

**March 4 Tuesday Evening Group**

**Carlo's Trattoria, 6 pm Meal**

**7 pm Discussion**

**March 5 Ash Wednesday**

**12 noon Holy Eucharist,**

**Imposition of Ashes**

**March 9: Lent 1, Pete Iole preaches**

**Daylight Savings Time resumes**

**Taize 7 pm**

**March 16: Lent 2 St. Patrick**

**Scott Bridges preaches**

**Irish coffee hour**

**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**

## Lenten Outreach (Terri Mackey)

Stark Children's Network (SCN) is our outreach focus for Lent this year. The program works with all the support organizations needed when children are reported to Child Protective Services. SCN helps a family in all aspects to get the help needed to support the child(ren) when difficult situations arise. Helping organizations include Akron Children's Hospital, Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health, Stark County Job and Family Services, Law Enforcement, National Child Alliance, Ohio Network of Child Advocacy, and Lighthouse Family Ltd.

We will be providing supplies needed to help children and their families. Supplies that are difficult for them to get include hygiene needs, underwear, snacks, and financial donations to help with various supplies. Website: [www.starkchildrensnetwork.org/home.php](http://www.starkchildrensnetwork.org/home.php). Terri Mackey, Outreach Chair, will bring a list of items for contributions. Financial donations will be passed on by Terri and she will deliver all collected items to the SCN office. Please contact Terri by phone or email with any questions.

## Organist Valerie Thorson

We greatly enjoyed Valerie Thorson's organ playing last November. We joyously welcome her back among us. She will play every Sunday in Lent as well as Easter Sunday, April 20.

## **Episcopal Minute: Lent is coming soon!**

We can tell the season of Lent is on the way – the loles are planning their Pancake Breakfast for March 2.... Our administrator Maryanne is churning out Ash Wednesday bulletin for March 5.... The Wednesday Book Group is planning a special DVD program beginning March 9.... Rev Barbara will have a special mailing next week ..... Lenten materials will be out, in the parlor on March 2. Yes, it is beginning to look a lot like Lent!

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5 and continues for six weeks, culminating in Holy Week (Palm Sunday April 13, through Saturday, April 19) and Easter Sunday, April 20

Lent is a deeply spiritual season, welcomed by many of the faithful as a time for concentration of our devotion. There will be many opportunities to increase our spiritual experience.

## **NCD Action Team is forming**

Our Natural Church Development Action is forming. So far we have vestry members Larry Macke, Jeff Maurer, and Scott Bridges. They are being joined by Charlyn and Joe Bridges. Others may still be deciding. Rev Barbara will lead the group, which will concentrate on Need-oriented Evangelism.

**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**

## **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 they 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!

## **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.

## **Movie "Luther" Wednesday**

The Wednesday Book Club will watch the 2004 film "Luther" at their meeting on Feb. 26. The two-hour movie will begin screening at 10:30 am in the parlor. Newcomers are welcome.

## **Hymns for Lent are chosen**

### March 9- Lent 1

The Great Litany

Seq- 635 If thou but trust in God

Com- 142 Lord, who throughout  
these forty days

Rec- 448 O Love, how deep, how  
broad, how high

### March 16- Lent 2 St Patrick

Pro 8 Morning has broken

Seq 482 Lord of all hopefulness

Com- 343 Shepherd of souls

Rec 370 I bind unto myself vs 1, 2, 6, 7

### March 23- Lent 3

Seq- 648 When Israel was in  
Egypt's land

Com- 309 O food to pilgrims given

Rec- 145 Now quit your care

### March 30- Lent 4 The Prodigal Son

Seq- 140 Wilt thou forgive that sin  
where I begun

Com- 337 vs 1-2 And now, O Father

Rec- 470 There's a wideness in  
God's mercy

### April 6- Lent 5

Seq- 152 Kind maker of the world

Com- 131 Let thy blood in mercy  
poured

Rec- 474 When I survey the  
wondrous cross

### April 13- Palm Sunday

Pro 154 All glory, laud, and honor

After the Passion:

168 O Sacred Head

Com- 158 Ah holy Jesus

Rec 171 Go to dark Gethsemane

## **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.**

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 Hours will be the Iole Pancake Breakfast on March 2 and an Irish coffee hour (St Patrick)'s Coffee Hour for March 16.

## **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)

## **Servers Schedule**

### **Altar Guild**

Altar Guild  
Feb 22-eb 28 Terri

### **Readers**

Feb. 23 Bo

### **Counters**

Feb 23 Julie and Jan

### **Vestry In Charge**

Feb. 23 Julie

### **Healers**

Feb 23 – Julie

### **Acolytes**

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.

## **Deacon's Dismissal**

### **Rev Josh Butler**

Randall is a Public Defender. When a man is sentenced to death, years of appeals necessarily follow. Randall's work is to keep these men alive. From time to time, Randall asks me to write to one of his clients, to engage and encourage them, to help them live and not give up. I've been doing this for 20 years. I take some grief from people who have other ideas about how I ought to spend my time ... yet I remain mindful of that difficult instruction ... page 305 ... Book of Common Prayer ... that I "Respect the dignity of every human being."

February 19, 2025

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