

# Good News From New Life

February 27, 2025



## Last Epiphany March 2

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)

The Rev David Houdeschell

## Calendar of Coming Events

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

Debbie Likins-Fowler preaches

April 1 Tuesday Group, Carlo's

April 6 Lent 5

April 13 Palm/Passion Sunday

April 17 Maundy Thurs Agape

April 18 Good Friday

April 20 Easter Sunday

## Tuesday Group March 4

The Tuesday Evening Group will meet next Tuesday (yes, on Mardi Gras!) at Carlo's Trattoria at 6 pm

## Pancake Breakfast

Pete and Bo Iole are graciously treating us all to a Mardi Gras pancake feast after the service this Sunday. They assure us that there is plenty of food and ask you to invite friends!

## Lenten Preaching Schedule

March 5 (Ash Wed) Rev Barbara

March 9 Pete Iole

March 16 Scott Bridges

March 23 Rev Barbara Bond

March 30 Debbie Likins-Fowler

## 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.

## 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.

## **Episcopal Minute: 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.

The word Lent is based on an old Anglo-Saxon word meaning Springtime (in German, the word for spring is Lenz). As we look at the secular world's celebration of Easter time, there is great emphasis on spring associations, including flowers, newly-hatched chicks and ducklings, eggs, lambs, chocolate eggs. The sacred observance enjoys many of these signs too, especially flowers, eggs and lambs, although we are likely not to indulge in chocolate until Easter Sunday. (Chocolate is often chosen as a focus for fasting).

Speaking of fasting, you are welcome to break your fast on Sundays and major feast days (March 19 Saint Joseph, and March 25 Annunciation)

## **NCD Action Team**

Our Natural Church Development Action is now complete: Larry Mackey, Jeff Maurer, Scott Bridges. Charlyn and Joe Bridges. and Darlene Giffin. Rev Barbara will lead the group, which will concentrate on Need-oriented Evangelism.

## **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)

## **FISH Items for 2025**

**Please bring items to church for the FISH pantry!** Any of these items can be donated during any month, but the following schedule is suggested.

<b>January</b>	<b>Canned soup</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>Peanut butter</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>Toothpaste</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>Cleaning products, dish soap</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>Cereal</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>Canned fruit</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>Shampoo</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>Fruit juice</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Cleaning products</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>Cereal</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Pasta and pasta sauce</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Instant potatoes</b>

## **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.

## **Coffee Hour Teams**

Team 1: Darlene, Bo, Connie

Team 2: Rita, Terri, Charlyn

Team 3: Marianne, Kathy, Julie

Team 4: Gladys, Laura, Judy R

## **Coffee Hour Changes**

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.

## **Lenten Outreach (Terri Mackey)**

Children's Network of Stark County is our outreach focus for Lent this year. The program works with all support organizations when children are reported to Child Protective Services. 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.

At New Life, we will be providing supplies needed to help children and their families, such as hygiene needs, underwear, snacks, and financial donations. Terri Mackey will give us a list of suggestions for donation and she will deliver all collected items to the SCN office. Please contact Terri by phone or email with any questions. See list below. [www.starkchildrensnetwork.org](http://www.starkchildrensnetwork.org).

## **Suggested Donation items for Children's Network**

Combs and brushes  
Children and adult toothbrushes  
Children's toothpaste and adult toothpaste  
Children's underwear for both boys and girls (sizes 4/5 up to 12/14)  
Soap (liquid or bar) for face and body (Dove makes hypoallergenic)  
Acme facial products for teens  
Deodorant  
Wipes  
Larger baby diapers  
Wipes (diaper, whole body wipes )  
Socks (small children up to adult size)  
Shampoo  
Nonperishable healthy snacks  
Terri will also pass on financial donations to the Center

## **Servers Schedule**

### **Altar Guild**

3/1 – 3/7	Marianne
3/8 – 3/14	Rita
3/15 – 3/21	Terri
3/22 – 3/28	Marianne
3/29 – 4/4	Rita

### **Readers**

March 2	Charlyn
March 9	Bo
March 16	Pete
March 23	Amy
March 30	Bo

### **Counters**

March 2	Jan and Andrea
March 9	Julie and Jan
March 16	Jan and Susan
March 23	Andrea and Susan
March 30	Darlene and Julie

### **Vestry In Charge**

March 2	Larry
March 9	Andrea
March 16	Pete
March 23	Julie
March 30	Scott

### **Healers**

March 2	Bo
March 9	Charlyn
March 16	Amy
March 23	Julie
March 30	Bo

### **Acolytes**

March 2	Andrea
March 9	Charlyn
March 16	Kathy
March 23	Andrea
March 30	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**

A few months ago, I preached from Matthew 10:46-52 ... On the road to Jerusalem, Jesus draws near a blind man. Bartimaeus calls out, "Jesus, have mercy on me!" and Jesus restores Bartimaeus' sight. The plaintive plea ... "Jesus, have mercy on me!" ... remains with me, echoing from the depths. Theodore Jennings\* writes: "Bartimaeus' faith is not right belief nor a pious resignation to inscrutable providence. It is ... the refusal to be silenced ... the refusal to wait for a better time, the refusal to wait for an appointment. It is the rude insistence that the calamity be attended to now."

\*Theodore W. Jennings ... author of *The Insurrection of the Crucified: The Gospel of Mark as Theological Manifesto* ... quoted from *Preaching God's Transforming Justice, Lectionary Commentary Year B*, Westminster John Knox Press

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