

# Good News From New Life

March 6, 2025



## First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16  
Romans 10:8b-13  
Luke 4:1-13  
Pete Iole preaches

## Calendar of Coming Events

March 9: Lent 1, Pete Iole preaches

Daylight Savings Time resumes

Taize 7 pm

March 12 Wednesday Group 10:30 am

Video: *From Jesus to Christ*

March 16: Lent 2 St. Patrick

Scott Bridges preaches

Irish coffee hour

March 19: Wednesday video 10:30 am

March 23: Lent 3 Rev Barbara

March 24: Vestry meeting 6:30 pm

March 26: Wednesday video 10:30 am

March 30: Lent 4 Rose Sunday

Debbie Likins-Fowler preaches

April 1 Tuesday Group, Carlo's

April 2: Wednesday video 10:30

April 6 Lent 5 Rev Barbara

April 13 Palm/Passion Sunday

April 17 Maundy Thurs Agape

April 18 Good Friday

April 20 Easter Sunday

## NCD Prayer for New Life

Holy and living God,

who nurtures our faith:

Help us to be so rooted in your love  
that we may encourage New Life in  
others.

## 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.

## NCD Action Team

Our Natural Church Development Action Team 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.

The Action Team met February 27 and outlined an action plan for the parish. Their first order of business was writing a prayer (see prayer at left). The Team asks that we all add this prayer to our private devotions, to Prayers of the People on Sundays, to the Telecon prayers on Sundays, and any other gatherings of the faithful. Prayer will sustain our efforts and guide our path.

## **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.

## **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.

Barbara plans to leave April 29 for Hamburg, Germany. The first leg of her time will three days spent with friends in Schleswig-Holstein (a region in northern Germany close to Denmark). Thereafter she will fly to Rome and spend the remainder of her time there, with emphasis on museums and archeological sites. She hopes to send "Dispatches from Rome" for the newsletter. She plans to return on May 27, and be in church on June 1, the feast of the Ascension (transferred).

## **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 16: St Patrick's Irish coffee hour

## **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**

## **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 on next page.

[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**

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

### **Readers**

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

### **Counters**

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

### **Vestry In Charge**

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

### **Healers**

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

### **Acolytes**

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

## **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**

Cindy was salt of the earth ... did chores for my mom and others ... waxed floors, washed windows and such ... anything to put beans on the table for her kids. Their dad was a trucker ... went south one day with load of scrap-metal and never came back. When my mom died, Cindy asked could she come to the funeral? I said I hoped she would but the funeral came and went without Cindy. When next I saw her, I asked about it. Cindy said she'd started out but couldn't find her way, what with not being able to read road signs.

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