

# Good News From New Life

March 20, 2025



## Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalm 63:1-8

1 Cor 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

Rev Barbara preaches

## Calendar of Coming Events

March 23: Lent 3 Rev Barbara

March 24: Vestry meeting 6:30 pm

March 26: Wednesday video 10:30 am  
2:30 pm NCD Team

March 30: Lent 4 Rose Sunday

Debbie Likins-Fowler preaches

April 1 Tuesday Group, Carlo's 6pm

April 2: Wednesday video 10:30

April 6 Lent 5 Rev Barbara

Coffee Hour: Team 3 Potluck

April 13 Palm/Passion Sunday

NO TAIZE SERVICE

April 17 Maundy Thurs Agape

7 pm meal and service

April 18 Good Friday

11:30 am Stations of the Cross

12 noon Liturgy

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 23 Rev Barbara Bond

March 30 Debbie Likins-Fowler

April 6 Rev Barbara Bond

April 13: Palm Sunday, no sermon

April 20 Rev Barbara Bond

## Friends of Library Donations

Donations are being accepted at  
New Life for the Lake Friends of the  
Library Book Sale. **Acceptable items  
include Books, Children's Books,  
CD's, DVD's, Video Games, Records,  
Cookbooks, Games, and Puzzles.**

Please bring your items for  
donation to the church parlor. Deadline  
for collection will be Friday, April 4. The  
2025 Book Sale will be held June 19-21,  
2025.

## Easter Memorials

Anyone wishing to memorialize  
or honor a loved one on Easter Sunday  
is invited to fill out the form with the  
desired information and donate any  
amount to New Life. Memorials will be  
listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin.  
Forms are enclosed with Sunday  
bulletins in Lent, on the desk in the  
parlor, and in this newsletter. Deadline  
for receiving the forms is Sunday,  
April 13.

## Episcopal Minute: Free Days

Many folks have given  
themselves disciplines for a holy Lenten  
observance. Are there any "days off"?

Yes. Every Sunday observes Easter and is a day to relax discipline if you wish. There are also two major saint days – we just missed the first one, Saint Joseph on March 19, but the next one is soon, The Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary on March 25 (exactly nine months before Christmas).

### **April 1 Tuesday Evening Group**

The Tuesday Evening Group will meet on April 1 at Carlo's Trattoria at 6 pm for dinner and 7 pm for discussion.

### **No Taize Service on Palm and Passion Sunday**

Sunday, April 13, is a big morning in our Lenten observance. The service begins in the parlor with the Palm blessing and procession to the nave, and the Passion part of the service focuses on the reading of the Passion according to Saint Luke. Our Passion readers this year are Pete Iole, narrator; Bo Iole, Jesus; and Charlyn Bridges, all other roles. The service is emotional and meaningful.

In light of the energy required in the morning, the Taize team has decided not to hold a Taize service that evening.

### **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 is leading the

group, which will concentrate on Need-oriented Evangelism.

The Action Team will meet again on March 26 at 2:30 pm. The NCD Prayer (see page 1) is available for private devotions, in Prayers of the People on Sundays, in the Telecon prayers on Sundays, and any other gatherings of the faithful. Prayer will sustain our efforts and guide our path.

### **Episcopal Minute:**

### **Wednesday Group in Lent**

The Wednesday Morning Group has begun a four-part video series entitled **From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians**. Part 3 (March 26) Masada, Rabbis, Gospels; and Part 4 (April 2) Paganism and Ancient Rome.

No reading is required. All are invited to attend. Class begins in the parlor at 10:30 am. With a one-hour video presentation, followed by discussion.

*We will be changing the code for the Lockbox at NewLife. Anyone who would like to have access to the Lockbox to get into the building, Please call the office (330 699 3554) or Larry Mackey (330 224 4090) and confirm that you would like to be updated with the new code.*

*As a Reminder, when using the Lockbox, please take time to ensure you have replaced the Key in the lockbox, close and latch the lockbox door and reset wheels on the lockbox.*

## **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>

## **Coffee Hour Teams**

Team 1: Darlene, Bo, Connie

Team 2: Rita, Terri, Charlyn

Team 3: Marianne, Kathy, Julie 4/6

Team 4: Gladys, Laura, Judy R 5/4

## **Potluck Coffee Hour April 6**

Team Three invites us to bring side dishes and desserts to Coffee Hour on April 6. The meat entrée will be provided.

## **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. 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

## **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)

## **Servers Schedule**

### **Altar Guild**

3/22 – 3/28 Marianne

3/29 – 4/4 Rita

### **Readers**

March 23 Amy

March 30 Bo

### **Counters**

March 23 Andrea and Susan

March 30 Darlene and Julie

### **Vestry In Charge**

March 23 Julie

March 30 Scott

### **Healers**

March 23 Julie

March 30 Bo

### **Acolytes**

March 23 Andrea

March 30 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.

## **Memorials for Easter PLEASE PRINT ALL NAMES**

### **Given by**

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**In loving memory of: (please print names)**

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**In honor of: (please print names)**

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### **Donation to the flower account.**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10

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\_\_\_\_\_ Other amount

## **Deacon's Dismissal**

### **Rev Josh Butler**

Burl was the foreman and I was the youngest among several grizzled men. I was told to disassemble a piece of machinery. I wasn't sure what the thing was, but I was to reduce it, piece by piece, to its smallest parts. I whaled away ... I cursed ... I yanked ... I hammered ... doing my darnedest to show I knew what I was doing. Burl walked by. He barely slowed. He said, "You can drive a 3 inch nail with a two dollar hammer, but you'll only ruin the hammer and annoy the nail." I thought about that some. I still do.

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