

# Good News From New Life

March 27, 2025



## **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Joshua 5:9-12**

**Psalm 32**

**2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

**Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (Prodigal Son)**

**Debbie Likins-Fowler preaches**

## **Calendar of Coming Events**

**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 preaches**

**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, Rev Barbara**

**April 27 Easter 2, Rev Barbara**

**May 4 Easter 3, Morning Prayer,**

**Pete Iole preaches**

**May 11 Easter 4, Holy Eucharist**

**Rev Kay Ashby**

**May 18 Easter 5, Morning Prayer**

**May 25 Easter 6, Morning Prayer**

**June 1 Ascension, Rev Barbara**

**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.**

## **ERD Donations this Sunday**

A loose offering (separate from pledges) will be accepted this Sunday, March 30, for Episcopal Relief and Development, to support relief efforts for those suffering from wildfire damage in California. Vestry promotes this effort, first suggested by vestry member Jeff Maurer.

Those participating are asked to place contributions in the alms basin: checks written directly to ERD or cash. The results will be gathered together and forwarded to ERD. Receipts for checks will come from ERD.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Episcopal Minute: Prayer**

(by Frank Weston, last bishop of Zanzibar) (Calligraphed copy found in the robing room)

**You are Christians, then your Lord is one and the same with Jesus on the throne of his glory, with Jesus in His Blessed Sacrament, with Jesus received into your hearts in Communion, with Jesus who is mystically with you as you pray and with Jesus enshrined in the hearts and bodies of His brothers and sisters up and down the world....**

**Now go out into the highways and hedges, and look for Jesus in the ragged and naked, in the oppressed and sweated, in those who have lost hope, and in those who are struggling to make good. Look for Jesus in them; and when you find Him, gird yourselves with His towel of fellowship, and wash His feet in the person of His brethren.**

## **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, and on the desk in the parlor. Deadline for receiving the forms is April 13.

## **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)

## **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.

## **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 met again on March 26. 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.

## **Wednesday Group in Lent**

The Wednesday Morning Group will conclude the four-part video series entitled **From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians** with Part 4 on April 2, Paganism and Ancient Rome.

## **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. Sign-up list is already posted in the parlor.

## **Potluck Agape Meal April 17**

The Maundy Thursday Agape Meal and Service begins at 7 pm on Thursday, April 17, downstairs in the undercroft. The gathering will mimic the experience of an early Christian community. The liturgy follows the Eucharist rite of Hippolytus, from ca 200 AD. Saints to be observed this year are Cecilia and Agnes.

During the service, the food items are blessed: pita bread and wine, cheese, olives, dried fruit, Mideastern specialties. Participants are invited to bring contributions. A sign-up list will be posted on April 6.

After the service, participants are invited to adjourn to the nave upstairs, to observe the Stripping of the Altar.

## **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.  
[www.starkchildrensnetwork.org](http://www.starkchildrensnetwork.org).

## **New List of Donation items for Children's Network**

**Teri recommends shopping at Dollar Tree. She will also shop for you.**

Combs and brushes  
Children and adult toothbrushes  
Children's toothpaste and adult toothpaste

**Underwear** for boys and girls (sizes toddler to adult) T (3-5) YC (SML), OC (SML), A (SML)

**Period products for young girls**

**Face soap**

**Body Soap (liquid or bar)**

Acme facial products for teens

**Deodorant (roll or stick)**

Larger baby diapers

**Cleansing Wipes** (diaper, whole body wipes )

Socks (small children up to adult size)  
Shampoo

Nonperishable healthy snacks

**Sidewalk chalk**

**Coloring books**

**Individual bubbles**

## **Lockbox Code Change**

We are changing the code for the lockbox at New Life. Anyone who would like to have access to the lockbox to get into the building should call the church office or Senior Warden Larry Mackey, 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 the wheels on the lockbox.

## **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)

## **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**

## **Servers Schedule**

### **Altar Guild**

3/29 – 4/4 Rita

### **Readers**

March 30 Bo

### **Counters**

March 30 Darlene and Julie

### **Vestry In Charge**

March 30 Scott

### **Healers**

March 30 Bo

### **Acolytes**

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.

## **Deacon's Dismissal**

is not available this week.