

Good News From New Life

April 3, 2025



Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12: 1-8

Calendar of Coming Events

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

June 8 Pentecost Sunday

NCD Prayer

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.**

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 April 13.

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.

Episcopal Minute: More Lent

We reached the half-way point in Lent last Sunday, the fourth Sunday, and marked it with rose-colored hangings. We heard the beautiful parable of the Return of the Prodigal Son and an excellent sermon by Debbie Likins-Fowler. And now, Lent continues.

This Sunday, the fifth Sunday in Lent, offers us a lovely opportunity for table fellowship with a potluck Coffee Hour following the service. It is something of a warm-up for our Maundy Thursday service, when we will gather at 7 pm on April 17, to simulate a gathering of early Christian community, to celebrate an agape meal and engage in an ancient liturgy. This too is a potluck event, inviting Middle Eastern foods such as dried fruit, cheese and wine. A new sign-up sheet will be in the parlor this Sunday.

The big event for Lent is Sunday, April 13, called Palm Sunday and Sunday of the Passion. The service will begin in the parlor, with blessing of the palms and entrance into the sanctuary, enacting the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. Immediately the mood changes, from triumphal to tragic, as we hear the reading of the Passion narrative according to St Luke. Our readers this year are Pete Iole, narrator; Bo Iole, Jesus; and Charlyn Bridges, all other characters. The Passion Reading is always a moving experience and is the focus of the service. I have never felt equal to the task of preaching about this profound event.

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 is concentrating on Need-oriented Evangelism.

The Action Team will meet again on April 23. 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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

Collection of items (on the table in the back of the parlor) continues until Easter.

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

Send newsletter items to Rev

Barbara by Tuesday

Please send items by Tuesday evening to Rev Barbara by e-mail:

RevBLBond@msn.com

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

Rev Barbara's Sabbatical

Rev Barbara will be in Europe during the month of May. She departs on Tuesday, April 29, traveling first to Hamburg to visit German friends for three days, and then on to her primary destination, Rome, Italy, where she will remain until May 27. She hopes to make Italian side trips to Assisi and to the Amalfi Coast. The newsletter will be under the direction of our Administrator, Maryanne Shaw.

Worship continues at New Life in Rev Barbara's absence. Morning Prayer will be offered on three Sundays with preaching by our lay preachers. On Sunday, May 11, Mother's Day, Holy Eucharist will be celebrated and preached by the Rev. Kay Ashby.

Servers Schedule

Altar Guild

4/5 - 4/11 Terri

4/12 - 4/18 Marianne

4/19 - 4/25 Rita

4/26 - 5/2 Terri

Readers

Apr 6 Charlyn

Apr 13 Bo

Apr 20 Pete

Apr 27 Amy

Counters

Apr 6 Andrea & Julie

Apr 13 Darlene & Julie

Apr 20 Susan & Jan

Apr 27 Andea & Jan

Vestry In Charge

Apr 6 Larry

Apr 13 Andea

Apr 20 Pete

Apr 27 Julie

Healers

Apr 6 Charlyn

Apr 13 Amy

Apr 20 Julie

Apr 27 Bo

Acolyte

Apr 6 Andrea

Apr 13 Charlyn

Apr 20 Kathy

Apr 27 Andrea

Preaching Schedule

April 6 Rev Barbara

April 13 No sermon

April 20 (Easter) Rev Barbara

April 27 Rev Barbara

May 4 Pete Iole

May 11 Rev Kay Ashby

May 18 One of the Bridges

May 25 Another of the Bridges

June 1 Rev Barbara

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

by Rev Josh Butler

I'd known Owen for years. He worked odd jobs and drove an old car ... a few dents but it always started. Owen wore clothes from a second-hand shop ... a few patches but always clean. He lived in a small walk-up ... took Sunday dinners at a modest diner ... in every respect, a modest life. He told me that his father's name was Owen ... and his father's father was Owen and way back there were men named Owen. I asked him why that name. Owen told me it was so no one would forget: "Own little and owe no one."

March 26, 2025

Memorials for Easter PLEASE PRINT ALL NAMES

Given by

In loving memory of: (please print names)

In honor of: (please print names)

Donation to the flower account.

_____ \$10

_____ \$20

_____ Other amount