

# Good News From New Life

April 10, 2025



## Sixth Sunday in Lent Palm/Passion Sunday

Luke 19:28-40

Isaiah 50:4-9

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Passion according to Luke

## Calendar of Coming Events

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 21 Vestry Meeting 6 pm

April 27 Easter 2, Rev Barbara

May 4 Easter 3, Morning Prayer,  
Charlyn Bridges 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 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. **The next Taize service will be Sunday, May 11, at 7 pm.**

## Episcopal Minute: Holy Week

The holiest week of the church year begins this Sunday with the **Blessing of the Palms and the reading of the Passion according to St Luke**. These two observances were on separate Sundays before the revisions of the 1979 prayer book. Putting them together on the same Sunday gives us a kind of liturgical whiplash: first the triumphal entrance into Jerusalem with palms waving, and then immediately the story of Jesus' betrayal, trial, death and burial. It is an intensely moving experience.

Thursday evening we will gather at 7 pm downstairs for our **Maundy Thursday service**, simulating a gathering of an early Christian community, to enjoy an agape meal and an ancient liturgy. Food items to be blessed include challah bread and wine, cheese, olives, dried fruit, and Mideastern specialties. Participants bringing food contributions are asked to arrive by 6:30. Pretending we are meeting in the third century, we will observe two recent martyrs, Cecilia (230) and Agnes (304). At the close, we will go upstairs to the sanctuary and observe the Stripping of the Altar.

On Good Friday, we are invited to return at 11:30 am for **Stations of the Cross**, followed at noon by the **Good Friday liturgy**. Stations moves through 14 steps of Jesus trial, death and burial. The liturgy offers a reading of the Passion according to John, placing of the rugged cross on the altar, and communion from the reserved sacrament.

## Thank You for the Surprise!

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in my surprise 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration! I thought our coffee hour April 6 was just going to be a potluck, but **No!** It was a full-blown luxurious birthday party, with lots of delicious food (Including all my favorite things), real China and flatware, birthday cakes and gifts. Oh my! You are all so dear. Norm was apparently in on the secret and kept deflecting my attempts to make food for the supposed potluck. At any rate, you were all successful at your subterfuge, and I loved everything. Thank you thank you thank you!  
(Rev Barbara)

## 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.

## 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)

## **Lenten Outreach Update**

By Terri Mackey

**We have had such an overwhelming response, I made a delivery of all the donations so far. New Life never disappoints! I am still collecting and will deliver any more after Easter.**

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.

### **Suggested Donation items**

#### **Hygiene items**

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**

### **Coffee Hour Teams**

Team 1: Darlene, Bo, Connie

Team 2: Rita, Terri, Charlyn

Team 3: Marianne, Kathy, Julie

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

## **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>

### **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**

## **During Barbara's Sabbatical**

Rev Barbara will be on sabbatical in Europe during the month of May. But New Life will continue to offer joyful worship and fellowship in her absence.

The newsletter will be under the direction of our Administrator, Maryanne Shaw. Please send news items to her via e-mail to the office.

Worship continues at New Life in Rev Barbara's absence. Morning Prayer will be offered on three Sundays with preaching and officiating by our lay preachers, and a guest celebrant on May 11, Mother's Day.

On **Sunday, May 4**, Charlyn Bridges will preach and Scott Bridges will officiate. Coffee Hour is planned for after the service.

On **Sunday, May 11**, Mother's Day, Holy Eucharist will be celebrated and preached by the Rev. Kay Ashby, a retired priest who is currently serving as long-term supply along with her husband Rev Joe Ashby, at St. Paul's Canton. **Taize service** will take place that evening at 7pm.

**May 18 and 25** will be services of Morning Prayer with officiating and preaching by our lay preachers.

**Rev Barbara returns on June 1**, Feast of the Ascension, and Pentecost Sunday, June 8. Our organist for Lent and Easter Sunday, Valerie Thorson, will play for those two Sundays.

## **Servers Schedule**

### **Altar Guild**

4/12 - 4/18 Marianne

4/19 - 4/25 Rita

4/26 - 5/2 Terri

## **Readers**

Apr 13 Bo

Apr 20 Pete

Apr 27 Amy

## **Counters**

Apr 13 Darlene & Julie

Apr 20 Susan & Jan

Apr 27 Andea & Jan

## **Vestry In Charge**

Apr 13 Andea

Apr 20 Pete

Apr 27 Julie

## **Healers**

Apr 13 Amy

Apr 20 Julie

Apr 27 Bo

## **Acolyte**

Apr 13 Charlyn

Apr 20 Kathy

Apr 27 Andrea

## **Preaching Schedule**

**April 18, Good Friday: Rev Barbara**

**April 20 Easter: Rev Barbara**

**April 27 Rev Barbara**

**May 4 Charlyn Bridges**

**May 11 Rev Kay Ashby**

**May 18 Lay preacher**

**May 25 Lay preacher**

**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 promised that I would serve all people ... particularly the poor, the weak, the sick, the lonely and the lost ... the good and the not-so-good ... the Christlike and the convict. That's a tall order and I do the best I can. Maybe I've made a difference but I'm not keeping score. I seldom see the effect or outcome of what I've done ... but no need! This Kingdom will be built one brick at a time. I do have a maxim ... spoken often by Martin Luther King, Jr. ... and in the lyrics of Curtis Mayfield: "Keep on keeping on ."



Rev Barbara and husband Norm Van Cleve at her surprise 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration

## 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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## Terri Mackey & Bea deliver items For the Children's Network



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