

Good News From New Life

July 17, 2025



5 Pentecost

Amos 8:1-12

Psalm 52

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

Bill Kendrick, organ

Calendar of Coming Events

July 18, Friday, 2:30 pm, NCD Team

July 20 Holy Eucharist, 10 am

Bill Kendrick, organ

July 16 10:30 Worship,

11 am Book discussion

July 27 Holy Eucharist, 10 am

Valerie Thorson, organ

August 3 Holy Eucharist, 10 am

Coffee Hour

August 5 Tuesday Evening Group

August 10 Holy Eucharist 10 am

Pete Iole preaching

Valerie Thorsen, organ

Taize service 7 pm

August 17 St Mary the Virgin

Holy Eucharist 10 am

August 24 Holy Eucharist 10 am

Bill Kendrick, organ

August 31 Holy Eucharist 10 am

Sept 7 Homecoming

Holy Eucharist 10 am

Coffee Hour

Sept 14 Holy Eucharist 10 am

Taize service 7 pm

Sept 21 Parish Picnic 10 am

Boettler Park

Oct 5 St Francis, Animal Blessing

A Journey to Taize

Bo Iole, our gentle guide to Taize spirituality, is contemplating a trip to the Taize community in Southern France. She is researching the possibilities now, for a group trip after Easter (April 5) next year.

Bo visited the community several years ago and the spiritual journey made a huge impression on her. She brought this spirituality back to us at New Life in the prayer services she leads every Second Sunday evening.

More details will come soon, since potential participants will want to make long-range plans. Bo anticipates flying to Geneva and taking a train into Southern France, rather than flying by way of Paris.

The following quote from Brother Roger appears at the close of our Taize service:

"From the depths of the human condition, a secret aspiration rises up. Caught in the anonymous rhythms of schedules and timetables, men and women of today are implicitly thirsting for an essential reality, for an inner life. Nothing is more conducive to a communion with the living God than a meditative common prayer with, as its high point, singing that never ends and that continues in the silence of one's heart when one is alone again."

Episcopal Minute: The Women

Several interesting feast days appear in late July. **Argula von Grumbach**, a 16th century reformer, July 14; **Macrina**, a fourth century monastic and teacher, July 19; and the first-wave feminists who meet in 1848 in Seneca Falls NY (**Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Amelia Bloomer and Sojourner Truth**), July 20. Two days later, **Saint Mary Magdalene** (first century) has a major feast day on July 22, and on July 29, **Mary and Martha of Bethany** (friends of Jesus). That last one is personally important to me, as it is the anniversary of my ordination in 1996, and also the anniversary of the ordinations of the Philadelphia Eleven in 1974

Not to ignore the men! **Saint Benedict July 11; William White July 17; Thomas a Kempis July 24; Saint James the Apostle (major feast) July 25; Johann Sebastian Bach July 28; William Wilberforce July 30, and Ignatius of Loyola July 31.** July is a saint-filled feast!

Coffee Hour Teams

Team 1: Darlene, Bo, Connie 11/2
Team 2: Rita, Terri, Charlyn 11/30
Team 3: Marianne, Kathy, Julie 8/3
Team 4: Gladys, Laura, Judy R 9/7

Flood Relief: Consider making a donation to Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) to aid those suffering the effects of flooding in central Texas.

Food for Summer

Coffee Hours will be offered for the next two months on First Sundays as usual. (**August 3, and September 7**). The September Coffee hour will coincide with a Homecoming Sunday, when we will make an effort to invite new and former members of New Life to join us.

The parish picnic will take place two weeks later, on **September 21** at Boettler Park, when potluck offerings will be encouraged from everyone.

The first Sunday of October, October 5, is our traditional St. Francis service with the animal blessing, there will be no coffee hour. **The next Coffee Hour will be All Saints Sunday, November 2.**

The first Sunday of Advent is Sunday, November 30, the feast day of St. Andrew, patron saint of Scotland. The service will have many Scottish flourishes. What a good morning for a Scottish coffee hour!

NCD Action Team

Our Natural Church Development Action Team (Larry Mackey, Jeff Maurer, Scott Bridges. Charlyn and Joe Bridges. and Darlene Giffin and Rev Barbara) will meet **again Friday, July 18 at 2:30 pm.** The Team is currently developing new promotional materials, both as printed brochures and as digital presence. A new church logo is being designed and will replace the current Celtic cross.

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

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

July 19-25 Terri

July 26-Aug 1 Marianne

Readers

Jul 20 Bo

Jul 27 Pete

Counters

Jul 20 Darlene, Susan

Jul 27 Jan, Julie

Vestry In Charge

Jul 20 Julie

Jul 27 Andrea

Healers

Jul 20 Bo

Jul 27 Amy

Acolytes

Jul 20 Andrea

Jul 27 Kathy

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.**

Send newsletter items to Rev Barbara by Tuesday

Please send items by Tuesday evening
to Rev Barbara by email:

RevBLBond@msn.com

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 been at the job a few weeks, a young man laboring in a warehouse. I pushed a big broom, gathered trash, and carted it to the dumpster. Edmond was my co-worker. Edmond had a few limitations but had worked there for years. Other workers sometimes made fun of Edmond but, between Edmond and me, that warehouse fairly sparkled. One day a horn sounded. The sprinklers went on. Edmond and I were drenched. There was much confusion and running in circles trying to find the water shut off. No one seemed to know where the shutoff was ... but Edmond did.