



Good News From New Life

July 24, 2025

7 Pentecost

Hosea 1:2-10

Psalm 85

Colossians 2:6-19

Luke 11:1-13

Valerie Thorson, organ

Calendar of Coming Events

July 27 Holy Eucharist, 10 am

Valerie Thorson, organ

July 30 10:30 Worship,

11 am Book discussion

August 3 Holy Eucharist, 10 am

Coffee Hour

August 5 Tuesday Evening Group

August 10 Holy Eucharist 10 am

Pete Iole preaching

Valerie Thorson, 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

Sept 28 Holy Eucharist 10 am

St Michael and All Angels

Oct 5 St Francis, Animal Blessing

We Are All Greeters

by Charlyn Bridges

Imagine visiting a church for the first time. Will you be welcomed?

Will you be noticed?

Visitors are welcome at New Life. We are all greeters, officially or unofficially.

When we sense that someone has come to visit, step forward and welcome them.

- Ask if they could sign our guest book
- Give them a name tag and church bulletin
- Ask if they've ever attended an Episcopal Church service before
 - If not ask a church member to sit with them and help follow the service
- Point out the rest rooms.
- Introduce the newcomer to Rev. Barbara and other church members.
- If coffee hour is scheduled make sure they're included.
- Welcome — but not overwhelm visitors. Visitors will want some space to take in their new surroundings.

Thanks for welcoming the visitors who are drawn to New Life.

Episcopal Minute: Who are we?

Your NCD (Natural Church Development) Action Team is at work! Having chosen the concentration area of Evangelism, we are working to make our parish more visible to the wider community, and to say what is wonderful about us. To this end, we are designing a new look for our materials: a new logo (a tree with leaves and roots, anchored and inviting), which will be used on our brochures, our newsletters, our bulletins, and all our e-mailing. The previous logo (a Celtic cross with a two-leaved sprout at the bottom) no longer expresses who we are (it looks a bit like a tombstone), and so we are embracing a new look and welcoming message.

We plan to have the new brochure ready in August, in time for our Homecoming service on September 7. We will send out an invitation to the Homecoming service, to our parish and to many people who no longer attend but might like to see us that day. Invite your friends and let's welcome newcomers!

Charlyn Bridges, a member of the team, has written a lovely article about welcoming people into our midst. We are all greeters! Be sure to see the article on Page One (right below the new logo)

Senior Warden Larry Mackey is bringing his technical knowledge to bear on our digital presence, updating the website and Facebook. Our office manager Maryanne Shaw is also participating, helping design the new brochure and arranging for printing. If you have any photos that show who we

are, send them to Maryanne at the office (office@cometonevangelism.org)

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

Help with the September 7 Coffee Hour! Join Team 4 to ensure a bountiful table!

Food for Summer

The September 7 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 Thursday, August 21 at 2:30 pm.**

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 26-Aug 1 Marianne

Readers

Jul 27 Pete

Counters

Jul 27 Jan, Julie

Vestry In Charge

Jul 27 Andrea

Healers

Jul 27 Amy

Acolytes

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

**Walking to my car in the parking
deck, there is something on the
concrete. It is a featherless bird,
fallen from the nest. He is still
breathing and I lay him on a bit of
cloth on the car seat next to me. The
little guy barely moves but swallows
water from my fingertip. I know there
will be no miracles ... yet hope
abounds. The little bird lies still,
breathing his tiny breaths. I fix a little
box for the trip home, a long way it
will be, highway miles, and I imagine
that we fly, this bird and I.**