

# Good News From New Life

September 18, 2025

**Pentecost 15: PICNIC!**

**Jeremiah 8:18-9:1**

**Psalm 79:1-9**

**1 Timothy 2:1-7**

**Luke 16:1-13**

## **Calendar of Coming Events**

**Sept 18 NCD meeting 2:30 pm**

**Sept 21 Parish Picnic 10 am**

**Boettler Park**

**Sept 22 Vestry meeting 6:30 pm**

**Sept 24 Worship 10:30 am**

**Book Discussion 11 am**

**Sept 28 Holy Eucharist 10 am**

**St Michael and All Angels**

**Oct 5 St Francis, Animal Blessing**

**Scott Bridges preaching**

**Oct 7 Tuesday Evening Group 6 pm**

**Oct 11 Karaoke for Adults with**

**Special Needs, 1 – 4 pm**

**Oct 12 Holy Eucharist 10 am**

**Oct 19 St Luke, healing service**

**Oct 26 Holy Eucharist 10 am**

**Nov 2 All Saints Sunday**

**Nov 9 Veterans Observance**

**Nov 23 Christ the King Sunday**

**Nov 30 Advent I St Andrew**

**with bagpipes**

**Dec 7 Advent II St Nicholas**

**Dec 14 Advent III St Lucia**

**Dec 21 Advent IV**

**Dec 24 Christmas Eve 7 pm**

**Taize Eucharist**

**Dec 25 Christmas Day 10 am**

**Casual service with story**



## **Picnic on September 21**

Join us in the open air for our parish picnic at Boettler Park this Sunday, 10 am. Rev. Barbara will lead a relaxed Eucharist service in the pavilion. The congregation will be invited to assist in the shared sermon.

**Driving Instructions: Boettler Park (Southgate Pavillion), 5300 Massillon Road, Green.**

Take Route 619 to Massillon Road, take roundabout and exit going south. Continue south past Greensburg Road. The park is south approximately one mile on the west side of Massillon Road.

## **St Francis Animal Blessing**

Have a talk with your pets and invite them to the St. Francis service on October 5. Tell them they are our special guests during the service and that their prayers are welcome throughout. At the close of the service, they are invited to the front of the nave for a special individual blessing. If they would rather not appear in person (so to speak), you may bring a photograph.

Invite your friends and their pets!

## **Organists' Schedule**

**Sept 28 and Oct 5: Bill Kendrick**

**Oct 12 until Advent: Valerie Thorson**

## **Episcopal Minute: Hildegard**

Hildegard of Bingen is one of our most famous women saints, a shining light from the 12<sup>th</sup> century. According to *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*, she was mystic, poet, composer, dramatist, doctor, and scientist. She was her parents' tenth child and was tithed to the church and raised by the anchoress Jutta near a Benedictine monastery. Hildegard became abbess of the convent of Disibodenberg when she was 38 and thereafter founded convents at Bingen (1150) and Eibingen (1165) with the Archbishop of Mainz as her only superior.

Her first book of visions received papal approval and she quickly became famous, corresponding with kings and queens, abbots and abbesses, archbishops and popes.

She carried out four preaching missions in northern Europe, practiced medicine, published treatises on science and philosophy, and wrote liturgical drama. Her compositions were described as "chant of surpassing sweet melody." She died in 1179 at age 81. Her feast day is September 17 and was celebrated yesterday by the Wednesday morning group.

## **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.**

## **The Bookshelf: Dan Brown**

We have been waiting about six years for Dan Brown's newest novel, entitled *The Secret of Secrets*. Fans of his previous novels (*The Da Vinci Code*, *Angels and Demons*, etc) will not be disappointed with this rather breath-taking plunge into science and psychology. Although the writing technique and characters are the same, the author takes aim at extravagant science in the manner of Michael Crichton for a dazzling adventure. Brown usually locates his novels in major European cities (Paris, Rome). This time it is Prague, described in beautiful detail (and accurately – I've been there). The premise of the book is that there is indeed life after physical death, as consciousness continues, and call it what you will (out-of-body experience, epileptic trance, split personality), Brown makes it all sound very convincing. He is a good writer and makes most of the scientific theory understandable. This book is destined for the bestseller list. I've placed it on the Bookshelf.

## **Karaoke Party Oct. 11**

We will hold our next event for Adults with Special Needs on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 1 to 4 pm. Our guests are especially fond of Karaoke Parties, so we plan this for their entertainment.

Bo Iole is in charge and needs volunteers for the event. Please let her know by Oct. 1 if you can be present or help with supplies. The event will offer light snacks and refreshments, and lots of Karaoke music. "Let's sing, dance and make new friends!" says Bo.

## **NCD Emphasis: Visibility**

The Natural Church Development Action Team meets again today. Concentrating on Evangelism and Visibility, the committee has already accomplished much, including our new brochure and improved digital presence.

**Beginning this week, New Life advertisements will appear in the weekly newspaper, The Hartville News.** We will have a small ad appearing each week listing our regular services. On Sept. 25 and Oct. 2 we will run a special display ad about our Blessing of the Animals on Oct. 5.

Future display ads will be about the St. Andrew's service Nov. 30 and our unique Christmas Eve Taize service.

## **Send newsletter items to Rev Barbara by Tuesday**

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

[RevBLBond@msn.com](mailto:RevBLBond@msn.com)

## **Coffee Hour Teams**

Team 1: Darlene, Bo, Connie 11/2

Team 2: Rita, Terri, Charlyn 11/30

Team 3: Marianne, Kathy, Julie

Team 4: Gladys, Laura, Judy R

## **Food for Fall**

Sept 21 parish picnic potluck

Oct 5 **no** coffee hour.

Nov 2 All Saints coffee hour

Nov 30 Advent 1, St. Andrew, Scottish coffee hour

## **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 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**

## **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)**

## **One of a Kind Pet Rescue**

Terri Mackey has provided an area in the parlor to collect items, which she will deliver the week of October 13:

- New/used towels (any size, bath, hand, washcloth)
- Flat bedsheets (no pillows, comforters, sleeping bags, or fitted)
- Laundry detergent (liquid preferred)
- Trash bags (13, 30, 39, or 45 gallon)
- Nitrile disposable gloves (no latex)
- Spray glass cleaner
- Anti-bacterial dish soap (Dawn original preferred)
- Buckets
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Zip Loc bags (sandwich and gallon)
- Plastic spray bottles
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Mr. Clean anti-bacterial soap/floor clean
- Scrub brushes

## **Vestry Notes**

Vestry met August 25 and made the following decisions:

1. We will pursue repairs to the roof and steeple and apply for a diocesan grant to assist with the cost.
2. Diocesan Convention will take place November 15 in Wooster. Delegates will be Andrea Page, Scott Bridges and Jeff Maurer. Alternates will be Bo Iole, Julie Martin and Larry Mackey.
3. Annual meeting will be January 25, 2026.

## **Servers Schedule**

### **Altar Guild**

Sept 20-26 Terri

Sept 27-Oct 3 Marianne

### **Readers**

Sept 21 Charlyn

Sept 28 Pete

### **Counters**

Sept 21 Darlene & Judy

Sept 28 Julie & Jan

### **Vestry In Charge**

Sept 21 Andrea

Sept 28 Pete

### **Healers**

Sept 21 Amy

Sept 28 Julie

### **Acolyte**

Sept 21 Andrea

Sept 28 Andrea

## **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**

**My grandmother, Sarah Grace Heath, lived alone. A pillar of her community, her Presbyterian faith was rock solid. For a Friday evening dinner, Grandma invited acquaintances to her home. Juan was from Puerto Rico, Maria was from Spain. The table was set, beef the main course, a pleasant evening anticipated. Alas, Maria and Juan, devout Catholics that they were, could eat no meat on a Friday. Grandma was mortified. I am told the beef was set aside entirely ... beans, beets, a salad, bread and homemade pie proved sustenance enough ... and a good conversation about the ways we live our faith.**