

Good News From New Life

November 13, 2025

23 Pentecost

Isaiah 65:17-25

Canticle 9

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

Calendar of Coming Events

Nov 16 Pentecost 23

Taize 7 pm DATE CHANGE

Nov 17 Vestry 6:30PM

Nov19 Worship 10:30 am

Book Discussion 11 am

Nov 23 Christ the King Sunday

Debbie Likins-Fowler preaching

Nov 30 Advent I St Andrew

Bagpipes, coffee hour

Dec 7 Advent II St Nicholas

Joe Bridges preaching

Dec 14 Advent III St Lucia

Coffee hour, cookie exchange

Taize 7 pm

Dec 21 Advent IV

Troy Dunn preaching

Dec 24 Christmas Eve 7 pm

Taize Eucharist

Dec 25 Christmas Day 10 am

Casual service with story

Dec 28 Lessons and Carols

Lay Preaching Schedule

Nov 23 Debbie Likins-Fowler

Dec 7 Joe Bridges

Dec 21 Troy Dunn



Diocesan Convention Nov 15

Diocesan Convention will take place November 15 in Wooster. Delegates are Andrea Page, Scott Bridges and Jeff Maurer. Alternates are Bo Iole, Julie Martin and Larry Mackey.

Taize Rescheduled for Nov. 16

Due to scheduling difficulties our normal Taize service of Second Sundays has been moved to the third Sunday for November only, November 16 at 7 pm.

Advent is coming!

The season of Advent begins on Sunday, November 30, which is also the feast day of St. Andrew, patron saint of Scotland. We will celebrate the day with many Scottish touches, including music by Brian McElhinney, bagpipes, and a Scottish Coffee Hour.

Other emphases for Advent: Dec. 7 St. Nicholas (Joe Bridges preaching), Dec. 14 St. Lucia (Rev Barbara preaching), and Dec. 21 (Troy Dunn preaching).

Episcopal Minute: St Martin

Several years ago, Norm and I were traveling by car with friends through the Loire Valley in France. Our driver pulled up to a town and said, "This is Tours. Is there any reason to stop?" I immediately responded, "Yes! Saint Martin!" (Be careful if you travel with me.)

Saint Martin of Tours of the fifth century is a patron saint of France, and his feast day, November 11, coincides with Veterans Day. But that history is not a coincidence.

In 1918 the French were fresh from victory in World War One and chose to sign the Armistice on St Martin's feast day. When Norm and I sought out the Basilica of St Martin in the middle of Tours, we went downstairs to the crypt and visited Martin's 1600-year-old tomb. All around the crypt were military inscriptions invoking St Martin, the patron saint of soldiers, and the date November 11, 1918. Upstairs in the cathedral proper were many illustrations (frescoes, paintings) of the Legend of Saint Martin.

The popular legend tells of Martin, a Roman soldier, dressed in his military uniform that included a large cape. Martin rode along on his horse and was approached by a beggar. Martin took pity on the poor beggar and offered him clothing: Martin cut his cape in half with his sword, and gave half of it to the beggar. That night, Martin was visited by Jesus in dream, Jesus clothed in half of the cape.

The story illustrates seeing the Christ in others.

Bookshelf: Dark Renaissance

As you all know, I am a history junkie and cannot resist a good historian, especially one who writes about 16th century England. After reading a review of Dark Renaissance, I ordered it immediately.

Stephen Greenblatt is the engaging author of this book. He is a Humanities and History professor at Harvard and is a Pulitzer Prize winning author. He writes beautifully and accessibly (you may have heard of his previous books, *The Swerve* and *Will in the World*).

This book recounts the short life of the genius writer Christopher Marlowe, a contemporary of William Shakespeare, who led a dangerous life in Elizabethan England and died in a knife fight at the age of 29 in 1593. He wrote brilliant plays, his masterpiece being Dr. Faustus. The book is teeming with social and historic detail, told in fascinating fashion. I immediately rewatched a popular movie from the 1990s, Shakespeare in Love, which also indulges in much social detail. In fact, Marlowe is a character in that movie (and Shakespeare grieves his early death).

The subtitle of the book says it all: "The Dangerous Times and Fatal Genius of Shakespeare's Greatest Rival."

Send newsletter items to Rev Barbara by Tuesday

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

RevBLBond@msn.com

Christmas Outreach

By Terri Mackey

Every year we support a family or families for Christmas. This year we are going to continue to support the SAM (Support Area Military) by helping the veterans and their families by purchasing Christmas gifts for their children. We will choose a suggested gift item that will be on a tag on our Christmas tree that will be located in the parlor. No names will be needed for the gift. All items should be new and unwrapped.

I will deliver the gift items to the SAM program in Massillon, so please have the items to the church by December 8. Parents will participate in a shopping experience from the donated gifts that are brought in and will also receive wrapping materials for the gifts they choose. This makes a more personal experience for the parents and their children. I will bring in the tree with tags on November 16. As usual, I will be glad to shop for anyone.

FISH Items for 2025

Please bring items to church for the FISH food pantry.

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

Cookie Exchange December 14

1. *Sign up ASAP for the exchange providing the type of cookie you are bringing to avoid duplicates.*
2. *Cookies should be homemade.*
3. *Each participant is to bring at least 4 dozen cookies (include a few extra to make a plate for our home bound).*
4. *Bring copies of your recipe to share with others.*
5. *Cookies should arrive on a platter or in a container and be labeled with the cookie name and your name. Please note if it contains nuts and/or is gluten free.*
6. *Bring a container to take your traded cookies home.*
7. *The exchange will be held during coffee hour on Sunday, Dec 14.*
8. *Once everyone has arrived, participants will be directed to start choosing their cookies. Limit choice of cookies to 3 of each kind.*
9. *At the end of the exchange, everyone should leave with an equal number of cookies. Enjoy!*

Coffee Hour Teams

Team 1: Darlene, Bo, Connie
Team 2: Rita, Terri, Charlyn 11/30
Team 3: Marianne, Kathy, Julie 12/14
Team 4: Gladys, Laura, Judy R 1/4

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.

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)**

Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanksgiving Baskets Downtown is a long-running effort to feed the needy at Thanksgiving time.

New Life has contributed to the effort in the past, and we are invited again to join with other organizations to accomplish the goal of providing Thanksgiving dinner to 1000 needy families. In the wake of COVID, the program no longer provides canned food, rather gift cards for food purchases, and a turkey for each family. It costs about \$40,000 to provide for the program each year.

The Nonprofit 501c3 organization is entirely volunteer led. Donations can be made through the website:

www.thanksgivingbasketscanton.org,

or by mailing checks (payable to Thanksgiving Baskets Downtown) to Thanksgiving Baskets Downtown, PO Box 8032, Canton OH 44711.

Letter from Santa

Susan Brennan invites New Life parishioners to order a personalized Letter from Santa. Forms are on the desk in the parlor. The Falls Chapter 245 of the Order of Eastern Star is sponsoring the project. The letters will be sent to children, personalized with the child's name and other information. Each letter may be ordered for \$6, by December 10 for delivery by Christmas.

Servers Schedule

Altar Guild

Nov 15-21 Rita

Nov 22-28 Terri

Nov 30-Dec 5 Marianne

Readers

Nov 16 Amy

Nov 23 Charlyn

Nov 30 Pete

Counters

Nov 16 Andrea and Julie

Nov 23 Judy and Julie

Nov 30 Darlene and Susan

Vestry In Charge

Nov 16 Scott

Nov 23 Julie

Nov 30 Pete

Healers

Nov 16 Charlyn

Nov 23 Amy

Nov 30 Toni

Acolyte

Nov 16 Kathy

Nov 23 Andrea

Nov 30 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

Rev Josh Butler

I was a young boy when I first accompanied my father to the barbershop. The barber's name: Matt Pokapat. His barbershop was once the living room of his home. As I waited for Mr. Pokapat to finish my father's haircut, I explored the barbershop. I found a neat hole cut into the wall. I peeked through. I saw a bedroom, a telephone right there in the opening. I learned that this was so the telephone could be used from either the barbershop or the bedroom. It was ingenious. I hoped that one day I might have such a telephone.