

# Good News From New Life

November 27, 2025

**First Sunday of Advent**  
**Saint Andrew's Feast Day**  
**Isaiah 2:1-5**  
**Psalms 122**  
**Romans 13:11-14**  
**Matthew 24:36-44**

## **Calendar of Coming Events**

**Nov 30 Advent I St Andrew**  
Bagpipes, coffee hour  
**Dec 3 Wednesday Group resumes**  
10:30 am Parlor  
**Dec 7 Advent II St Nicholas**  
Joe Bridges preaching  
**Dec 9 Tuesday Evening Group**  
6:30 parlor, "Family"  
**Dec 14 Advent III St Lucia**  
St Lucia procession with Bea  
Coffee hour, Cookie Exchange  
Taize 7 pm  
**December 15 Vestry 6:30 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**

**Dec 7 Joe Bridges**  
**Dec 21 Troy Dunn**



## **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.

**An Advent mailing went out this week, and Advent materials will be available in the parlor on Nov 23.**

## **Tuesday Evening Group**

The Tuesday Evening Group will meet Tuesday, December 9, at 6:30 pm in the church parlor. The topic is Family. Please note the date and time changes. Our time together lasts about an hour and all are welcome to join.

## **Plea for Pledges**

Vestry is finalizing budget numbers for next year. If you have not yet sent in your pledge for 2026, please do so.

## **Vestry Candidates for 2026**

Candidates for vestry positions beginning in 2026 are Kathy Jernigan and Darlene Giffin. Retiring vestry members are Julie Martin and Jeff Maurer. The Annual Meeting will take place Sunday, January 25, 2026.

## Episcopal Minute: Thanksgiving

### 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 23. 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. 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](http://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.

### **Wednesday Book Group**

The Wednesday Morning Book Group has chosen a new book to read and discuss together beginning December 3, *The Frozen River*, a novel by Ariel Lawhon. The group assembles at 10:30 am in the parlor for a worship service presented by Rev Barbara, and discussion begins at 11 am.

### **Servers Schedule**

#### **Altar Guild**

Nov 30-Dec 5 Marianne

#### **Readers**

Nov 30 Pete

**Dec 24 Bo**

#### **Counters**

Nov 30 Darlene and Susan

Dec. 7 Kathy and Julie

Dec. 14 Darlene and Judy

Dec. 21 Andrea and Darlene

Dec. 28 Julie and Susan

#### **Vestry In Charge**

Nov 30 Pete

#### **Healers**

Nov 30 Toni

#### **Acolyte**

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 720-8432008. 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 330606-9904. 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

### **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)

### **Deacon's Dismissal**

**Rev Josh Butler** Some years ago, a friend told me of his son's troubles ... his son's pending court date. He didn't say how all this came about, though I'd heard of his son's problems ... his misdeeds caught up with him and he would be sentenced to serve time ... an odd locution to describe imprisonment. I wrote my friend a long letter, wordy and disjointed, and offered to do whatever I could ... perhaps to go along with him to visit his son. These things take time. I hadn't expected to hear back anytime soon ... but then, one day, the call came and we went.