

Good News From New Life

February 12, 2026



Calendar of Coming Events

Feb 15 Last Epiphany.

Scott Bridges preaching

Commissioning of vestry

Ioles' Mardi Gras Breakfast

Feb 23 Vestry retreat 6 pm

Feb 18 Ash Wednesday. 12 noon

Holy Eucharist and Imposition
of Ashes

Feb 22 First Sunday in Lent.

The Great Litany

March 1 Lent 2 Troy Dunn

March 8 Lent 3 Charlyn Bridges

7 pm Taize resumes

**March 15 St Patrick observance
and Irish Coffee Hour**

March 22 Lent 5 Pete Iole

March 29 Palm Sunday

April 2 Maundy Thursday

7 pm Agape meal and service

April 3 Good Friday

11:30 am Stations 12 noon liturgy

April 5 Easter Sunday

April 12 Easter 2 Troy Dunn

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.

Lent is coming!

Lent comes early this year, because of the early Easter on April 5. We will celebrate the end of the Epiphany season on Sunday, February 15, with Scott Bridges preaching on the Transfiguration and the Ioles hosting their famous Mardi Gras breakfast.

Ash Wednesday, February 18, Holy Eucharist service at 12 noon, with Imposition of Ashes. (Acolyte and Altar Guild: Terri Mackey)

Lenten assignments:

Preaching:

Feb 22 Rev Barbara

March 1 Troy Dunn

March 8 Charlyn Bridges

March 15 Rev Barbara

March 22 Pete Iole

Passion Reading March 29:

Narrator: Pete Iole

Jesus: Joe Bridges

Everyone else: Charlyn Bridges

Taize Resumes in March

Taize services resume at 7 pm on March 8. April service will be Apr 12.

New Directory soon!

Maryanne, our administrator, plans to issue a new parish directory by the end of February. Please let her know of any alterations to your information.

The Episcopal Minute: Lent

Lent is upon us! What changes can we expect? Lent begins Feb. 18 with Ash Wednesday.

The liturgical color is Violet, so all our hangings will be in this color, except on the fourth Sunday of Lent (March 15), a "lighten up" Sunday, when we use rose-colored vestments. (No, they are not called pink.)

The form of our service will stress the penitential season. On the first Sunday, March 22, the service begins with the Great Litany, which covers every sin you can think of. Thereafter, on March 1, 8, and 22, the service will begin with the Penitential Office (the confession is moved to the beginning of the service, and there is no opening hymn). The St. Patrick service on March 15 will be Celtic.

Palm Sunday will begin in the Parlor, with blessing of the palms. Thereafter the congregation enters the sanctuary, where the mood of the service changes drastically, from triumphal to tragic. The service will be shortened to allow focus on the reading of the Saint Matthew Passion. This officially begins Holy Week, when there are no dismissals in the three services (Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday), to give the feeling of one continuous service.

Maundy Thursday we will offer our traditional Agape Meal and Service beginning at 7 pm downstairs (please come early if you have food to offer). Our fare is generally Mediterranean, and we simulate an early Christian gathering in the year 200. **Good Friday** Stations at 11:30 am, liturgy at 12noon.

Our Lenten Outreach Project

Many people are experiencing hunger. I would like our members to continue to support FISH by bringing food to the church, but we can also write checks to FISH and to the Akron Canton Food Bank. The purchasing power they have is amazing. I am waiting to see how we contribute online from each group, but I am also willing to deliver the checks personally because it isn't safe to mail checks anymore. We will support these groups through the Lenten season.

Terri Mackey, Outreach Chairman

Coffee Hour Teams

Team 1: Darlene, Bo, Connie

Team 2: Rita, Terri, Charlyn 3/15

Team 3: Marianne, Kathy, Julie 4/12

Team 4: Gladys, Laura, Judy R

Coffee Hours

Feb 15 Ioles' Mardi Gras breakfast

Mar 15 St Patrick Irish (Team 2)

April 12 Easter fare (Team 3)

FISH Items for 2026

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

Tuesday Group

Weather has made meeting difficult. The Tuesday Group did not meet Feb 3 as planned, rather on Feb. 10. Their next meeting will be March 3. They have chosen a new venue: Tommy's Crazy Chicken, 908 Maple in Hartville (formerly a Burger King), in front of Mack's. Those wishing dinner may arrive at 6 pm, and discussion begins at 6:45 pm.

Wednesday Book Group

The Wednesday Book Group is now reading: Broken Country by Clare Leslie Hall. The group meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am in the parlor for worship and book discussion follows. Newcomers are always welcome.

Vestry 2026

Senior Warden: Larry Mackey

Junior Warden: Kathy Jernigan

Treasurer: Amy Allen

Clerk: Pete Iole

Vestry members: Andrea Page, Scott Bridges, Darlene Giffin

Priest-in-Charge: Rev Barbara Bond

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

Collecting Books for FOL

We have extended the time of in collecting books for donation to the Lake Friends of the Library, for their annual summer book sale. **The collection time will continue throughout Lent.**

Cull your own books from home and add them to the collection. Julie Martin will take them to Lake Library after Easter.

Server Schedule

Altar Guild

Feb 14-20 Terri

Feb 21-27 Marianne

Feb 28-Mar 6 Rita

Readers

Feb 15 Charlyn

Feb 22 Pete

Counters

Feb 15 Kathy and Darlene

Feb 22 Susan and Julie

Vestry in Charge

Feb 15 Scott

Feb 22 Pete

Healers

Feb 15 Charlyn

Feb 22 Amy

Acolyte

Feb 15 Kathy

Feb 22 Andrea

New Acolyte

Diana Evans has volunteered to join our Server roster as acolyte on second Sundays. She will begin on March 8.

Deacon's Dismissal

By Rev Josh Butler

The hardships of the world can overwhelm ... there is much to be done ... the need is great ... the Church an ever-present lifeline for many ... food, warm clothes, safe housing, daycare, a quiet moment's respite. Committees are formed and funds are raised as parishioners find new ways to build the Kingdom ... in the streets ... wherever "the other" ... wherever need is found ... on a windswept sidewalk where we may see someone coming, hat pulled down, hand on collar holding the old coat close ... we nod and speak a quiet greeting ... and in that very moment the work of the Spirit begins.

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