

Good News From New Life

May 7, 2026

Calendar of Coming Events

May 10 Easter 6, Mothers Day
May 12 6 pm Tuesday Group
May 13 Wednesday Book Group
10:30 am, Parlor
May 17 Ascension Sunday
7 pm Taize (date change)
Special music
May 24 Pentecost Sunday,
Special music
Memorial Day Weekend
May 31 Trinity Sunday: Pete Iole
June 7, 2 Pentecost
Coffee Hour, Team 1
June 14, 3 Pentecost
7 pm Taize
June 21, 4 Pentecost
June 28, Sts Peter and Paul
July 5, 6 Pentecost
Coffee Hour, Team 2
July 12, 7 Pentecost
Taize service
July 19, 8 Pentecost
July 26, 9 Pentecost
Sept 20 Parish Picnic

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.



Tuesday Group Meets May 12

The Tuesday Group will resume meetings on Tuesday, May 12 (one week later than usual because of Election Day) at Tommy's Crazy Chicken, 908 Maple in Hartville (formerly a Burger King), in front of Marc's. Those wishing dinner may arrive at 6 pm, and discussion begins at 6:45 pm.

Taize Service May 17

The beautiful meditative service in the manner of Taize will be held Sunday, May 17, at 7 pm. This is a change of date, one week later than originally planned.

Wednesday Book Group

The Wednesday Morning Book Group has selected their next book for reading together. Call of the Camino by Suzanne Redfearn

The group meets in the parlor at 10:30 am for brief worship offered by Rev. Barbara, book discussion follows, and often lunch at a restaurant. Newcomers are always welcome.

Episcopal Minute: St George

May 6 is currently designated as the feast day of St. George of Lydda (we keep moving the date, but the British are quite sure that it is April 23). George is the patron saint of England, declared so in 1347 by King Edward II, and many colorful stories have been told about him. We American Episcopalians are still trying to settle on a feast day for him, but for the time being, it is May 6.

George was a real person, martyred in 304 in the Diocletian persecution. His observance picked up in the 8th century, and then underwent a major boost in the age of chivalry, 12th through 14 centuries, when those wonderful legends of knights in shining armor emerged, including George's conquest of a dragon. Revered as the patron saint of soldiers, George was invoked for the Crusades, when his banner led the way for more conquests. (His banner, a red cross on a white shield, has been incorporated into the English national flag, the Union Jack). The American Episcopal Church used his cross as the basis of our own shield.

There is some confusion in traditional iconography, between St George and St Michael. They both fought a dragon, and they are both shown in battle with a dragon. The main difference is that Michael (an archangel) is pictured with wings, and St. George is not.

Parish Picnic: September 20

The date of our parish picnic has been chosen, thanks to Darlene Giffin who secured the reservation: Sunday, September 20, at Boettler Park.

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

Vestry Goals 2026

- 1. Increase our parish visibility**
 - a. Expand print advertising**
 - b. Expand social media**
 - c. Create social opportunities**
- 2. Enhance evangelical programs**
 - a. Expand music**
 - b. Create children's program**
 - c. Add meditation to Taize**
 - d. Adults with Disabilities**

Expand Music includes hiring soloists from local colleges to perform on select Sundays.

Create Children's Program began with creating a children's area in the rear of the nave.

Meditation instruction will be offered as an enhancement of Taize services.

Adults with Disabilities events will continue to be offered.

Coffee Hour Teams

Team 1: Darlene, Bo, Connie 6/7

Team 2: Rita, Terri, Charlyn 7/5

Team 3: Marianne, Kathy, Julie 8/2

Team 4: Gladys, Laura, Judy R

Server Schedule

Altar Guild

5/09 - 5/15 Terri

5/16 - 5/22 Marianne

5/23 - 5/29 Rita

5/30 - 6/05 Terri

Readers

May 10 Amy

May 17 Pete

May 24 Bo

May 31 Charlyn

Counters

May 10 Andrea & Julie

May 17 Andrea & Darlene

May 24 Susan & Julie

May 31 Kathy & Darlene

Vestry in Charge

May 10 Larry

May 17 Pete

May 24 Scott

May 31 Andrea

Healers

May 10 Bo

May 17 Charlyn

May 24 Amy

May 31 Toni

Acolyte

May 10 Diane

May 17 Julie

May 24

May 31

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

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

Deacon's Dismissal

By Rev Josh Butler

My father had sailed the coast of Maine and the islands of the Caribbean. He knew about the sea. When I was a boy, he took me to a rustic and rundown ship museum somewhere along the coast of Maine. There were perhaps fifty paintings of

ships under sail. Some ships sailed stormy seas, the captain standing the foredeck, fierce wind, cresting waves. My father told me that these paintings were intended for the captains who had braved the fearsome seas. The paintings of cargo-laden ships, plying calm waters? Those were painted for the merchants who owned the ships.