

Good News From New Life

May 21, 2026

Calendar of Coming Events

May 24 Pentecost Sunday,

Special music; wear Red!
Memorial Day Weekend

May 27 Wednesday Book Group

10:30 am, Parlor

May 31 Trinity Sunday, Pete Iole

June 7, 2 Pentecost

June 14, 3 Pentecost,

Lacey Bibbee, soprano
7 pm Taize

June 21, 4 Pentecost

June 28, Saints Peter and Paul

Lacey Bibbee, soprano

July 5, 6 Pentecost

July 12, 7 Pentecost

7 pm Taize service

July 19, 8 Pentecost, Scott Bridges

July 26, 9 Pentecost

Aug 2, 10 Pentecost

Aug 9, 11 Pentecost

7 pm Taize

Aug 16, 12 Pentecost

Aug 23, 13 Pentecost

Aug 30, 14 Pentecost, Scott Bridges

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.



Pentecost Sunday May 24 Wear Red!

Meeting about Coffee Hours

Everyone involved in our coffee hours is invited to discuss the topic this Sunday immediately after the service. Vestry suggests that we reduce the number of extravaganzas to (maybe) once a quarter. Come and give your opinion!

FOL Booksale Volunteers

The time for the Lake FOL (Friends of the Library) Book Sale is fast approaching. Volunteers are needed to help with sorting and set up. Some of us have helped in the past and the FOL hope we can again. The following dates are pertinent:

Wednesday, June 17, 9:30 am -

Finishing up set up and organizing (by this time books will be out of boxes, sorted, and on the tables)

Thursday, June 18, 9:00 am-7:30 pm -

Sale open to the public

Friday June 19, 12:00-5:00 pm - Sale

open to the public

Saturday, June 20, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Bag Sale! Open to the public.

Anyone who is interested in helping please contact Julie Martin ASAP!

Episcopal Minute: Bede

The Venerable Bede was the great historian of the English church, covering the years 597 to 731 in his seminal work, *The Ecclesiastical History of the English People*. He lived most of his life in a monastery in Jarrow (near Durham), devoting his life to prayer and scholarship. "Venerable" is not his first name, rather an honorary title which, according to tradition, was supplied by an angel. Here's the story:

About a century after his death in 735, a monk was writing the inscription for his tomb and was at a loss to fill in the Latin couplet:

*Hac sunt in fossa
Bede (blank) ossa.*

(This grave contains the-- blank – Bede's remains)

That night an angel filled in the blank with the word: *Venerabilis*.

Bede's feast day is May 25. The following day, May 26, is the feast day for Augustine of Canterbury, the first archbishop of Canterbury, about whom Bede wrote.

Augustine was a monk in Rome at the time of Pope Gregory the Great. Gregory asked Augustine to lead a delegation to England and convert the English to Christianity. Famously, Augustine did so, arriving in 597 and discovered that the English were already Christian. He wrote to Gregory saying, in effect, "Now what?" Gregory wrote back, saying Augustine should pay attention to the natives and learn from them.

Bookshelf: Patricia Cornwell

Patricia Cornwell, the best-selling author of many crime novels, has written a memoir entitled True Crime, just out in print. Being a fan of other works, I consumed it in record time. The book is interesting on many levels. It seems more like an autobiography (with lots of details of her early life) than a memoir, which are usually more limited in scope. At 451 pages, it tells us perhaps more than we wanted to know. Cornwell has written many novels, the most popular of which feature the character Kay Scarpetta, a medical examiner. Cornwell goes into great detail about how she herself became expert in this field.

For me, the most interesting part of this memoir is her early life, when her father abandoned his family of wife and three children, leaving Patricia's mother to fend for them all. She loaded up the kids in her car and headed, from Miami, to western North Carolina, to be near Billy and Ruth Graham in Montreat NC. Patricia arrived there at the age of nine. Her mentally-ill mother tried to foist her children onto the Grahams, which was unsuccessful, but it was the beginning of a long and satisfying relationship for Patricia with the famous couple. Patricia ended up writing a biography of her dear friend Ruth Graham. Who knew? After reading all her rather blood-thirsty crime novels, I was astounded to learn of her faith and her relationship with the Grahams.

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.

Tuesday Group meets June 2

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

Subject to change! Attend meeting May 24!

Server Schedule

Altar Guild

5/23 - 5/29 Rita

5/30 - 6/05 Terri

Readers

May 24 Bo

May 31 Charlyn

Counters

May 24 Susan & Julie

May 31 Kathy & Darlene

Vestry in Charge

May 24 Scott

May 31 Andrea

Healers

May 24 Amy

May 31 Toni

Acolyte

May 24 Andrea

May 31 Kathy

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 mother, Dorothy Dell Dennison, and her sister Lucy, were trained artists. My mother was a 1930 graduate of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. That year, they packed their easels and supplies and drove deep into Mexico. They sketched and painted landscapes in the wilds, and returned with their old Nash packed with paintings. I later learned that they had taken with them an ancient Maltby Henley pistol, patented in 1888. I could not but ask, whatever was that for? My mother shrugged ... a tool of the artist's trade ... when walking the desert or sleeping in the car.