

Good News From New Life

May 28, 2026

Calendar of Coming Events

May 31 Trinity Sunday, Pete Iole
June 2 Tuesday Evening Group 6pm
June 3 Wednesday Book Group
10:30 am, Parlor
June 7, 2 Pentecost; coffee hour
June 14, 3 Pentecost,
Lacey Bibbee, soprano
7 pm Taize
June 17 Volunteer Day for FOL
June 18-20 FOL Book Sale
June 21, 4 Pentecost
June 28, Saints Peter and Paul
Lacey Bibbee, soprano
July 5, 6 Pentecost; coffee hour
July 12, 7 Pentecost
7 pm Taize service
July 19, 8 Pentecost, Scott Bridges
July 26, 9 Pentecost
Aug 2, 10 Pentecost, coffee hour
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.



Coffee Hour Teams: NEW!

Team 1: Darlene, Bo, Connie, Charlyn
(**June 7** – casual coffee hour)

Team 2: Marianne, Kathy, Julie, Rita,
(**July 5:** pot luck lunch)

Team 3: Gladys, Laura, Judy R, Terri
(**August 2** – casual coffee hour)

Our coffee hour teams and interested others met May 24 after the service and drew up new guidelines for coffee hours. All agreed that we need something once a month for fellowship, but that quantity of food could be modified. Teams were reorganized (see list above).

Coffee hours will continue on first Sundays, in the downstairs fellowship room, but simplified, mostly. The teams-in-charge for that day will provide coffee and tea and something simple (perhaps doughnuts or bagels).

Four major events were identified, which will replace the simplified coffee hours in those months:
July 5, 250th anniversary of USA, a pot luck celebration;

September 20, the parish picnic, as usual;

November 15, Bishop Anne's visitation, major coffee hour including her dietary limitations.

December 13: Advent Silver Tea
DONATIONS to defray expenses will be collected in a donation jar at each coffee hour.

Episcopal Minute: Visitation

On Monday, June 1, we will observe the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, transferred from May 31 (which is a Sunday). This feast day commemorates Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth. Both women have surprise pregnancies: Elizabeth is beyond the age of childbearing yet is now in her sixth month of carrying the future John the Baptist. Mary, a virgin, has just conceived a child by the Holy Spirit, announced to her by the angel Gabriel.

We observe all these holy moments: the annunciation to Mary on March 25 (nine months before Christmas), the birthday of John the Baptist on June 24 (six months before Christmas), and the Visitation of the two mothers in between. These are all joyous feast days. Roman Catholics observe events in Mary's life as either Joys or Sorrows. This one is definitely a joy! When Mary arrives at Elizabeth's home, Elizabeth surprises her by greeting her with "Hail, Mary, full of grace! Blessed be the fruit of your womb!" (How did she know? Probably when her own baby leapt in her womb in joy!) Mary responds by singing the beloved canticle, the Magnificat.

Tuesday Group meets June 2

New Life's Tuesday evening group will meet on June 2 at Tommy's Crazy Chicken in Hartville. Dinner is at 6:00 and discussion at 6:45. Discussion will be led by Jeff Maurer on the topic Michah 4:1-4. All are welcome to join us. If someone wants to join only for discussion you are also welcome.

Bookshelf: Theo of Golden

A charming book is making the rounds in our parish and it has fallen into my hands. Entitled Theo of Golden by Allen Levi, this 2023 novel weaves its plot in an interesting fashion. The exposition of character backgrounds is achieved by the presentation of portraits.

An elderly newcomer to the city of Golden, named simply Theo, finds a collection of hand-drawn portraits of the townspeople, displayed in a local coffee house. Theo purchases the portraits and presents them to the subjects thereof, and he hears from the subjects their life stories. The plot line is rendered gently for the most part and keeps us interested. There is a plot twist at the end which I did not like, (no spoilers here) but that was my personal reaction. I daresay most readers will find it charming.

So, it is an addition to our Bookshelf collection!

I have removed several books from our collection, to make room for new additions. The retired books will go the Friends of the Library Book Sale, where they will no doubt find new life on purchasers' bookshelves.

Wednesday Book Group

The Wednesday Morning Book Group is reading 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.

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!

Diocesan Convention Nov 20-21

The Diocese of Ohio annual convention will be held later than usual, on Nov. 20-21, the weekend before Thanksgiving, at Sawmill Creek in Huron. New Life attendees generally ride by carpooling and attend only the Saturday business session (Nov 21)

Each parish is expected to send three delegates and also name three alternate delegates. Parish clergy are also expected to attend. Anyone interested in attending should please speak with Larry Mackey, Senior Warden, or Rev. Barbara.

Newsletter Deadline Tuesdays

Please submit articles for the newsletter to Rev Barbara by the Tuesday before publication. RevBLBond@msn.com

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.

Bishop Anne Visits on Nov. 15

The Rt. Rev. Anne Jolly, Bishop of Ohio, will make her pastoral visit to New Life on Sunday, Nov. 15. Her previous attempt to visit us was in January and was cancelled because of illness. Anyone wishing to be received or confirmed should inform Rev. Barbara.

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.

Server Schedule

Altar Guild

May 30-June 5 Terri

June 6-12 Marianne

June 13-19 Rita

June 20-26 Terri

June 27-July 3 Marianne

Readers

May 31 Charlyn

June 7

June 14

Counters

May 31 Kathy & Darlene

June 7 Darlene & Julie

June 14 Andrea & Darlene

June 21 Kathy & Julie

June 28 Susan & Julie

Vestry in Charge

May 31 Andrea

June 7

June 14

Healers

May 31 Toni

June 7 Julie

June 14 Bo

Acolyte

May 31 Kathy

June 7

June 14

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

This is my wish for the days that remain ... and perhaps yours, if you would have it so ... the words of William Henry Channing, reformer and clergyman, 1810-1884: "To live content with small means; to seek elegance rather than luxury, and refinement rather than fashion; to be worthy, not respectable, and wealthy, not rich; to listen to stars and birds, babes and sages, with open heart; to study hard; to think quietly, act frankly, talk gently, await occasions, hurry never; in a word, to let the spiritual, unbidden and unconscious, grow up through the common -- this is my symphony."

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