

Good News From New Life



June 4, 2026

Calendar of Coming Events

June 7, 2 Pentecost; coffee hour

Team 1: Darlene, Bo, Connie, Charlyn

June 10 Wednesday Book Group

10:30 am, Parlor

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.

Charlyn Bridges preaching

June 28, Saints Peter and Paul

Soloists: Lacey Bibbee, Colten

Grove and Ella Scofinsky

July 5, 6 Pentecost; coffee hour

Team 2: Marianne, Kathy, Julie, Rita,

Potluck Lunch

July 12, 7 Pentecost

7 pm Taize service

July 19, 8 Pentecost, Scott Bridges

July 26, 9 Pentecost

Aug 2, 10 Pentecost, coffee hour

Team 3: Gladys, Laura, Judy R, Terri

Aug 9, 11 Pentecost

7 pm Taize

Aug 15 Adults with Special Needs

Aug 16, St Mary, Troy Dunn

Aug 23. 13 Pentecost

Aug 30, 14 Pentecost Scott Bridges

Sept 6, 15 Pentecost

Sept 13 16 Pentecost

Sept 20 Parish Picnic

Sept 27 St Michael

Oct 4 St Francis Troy Dunn

Animal Blessing

Event for Adults with Special Needs on August 15

Bo Iole and Terri Mackey are planning the next event for Adults with Special Needs for Saturday, August 15. This will be a karaoke event, which is very popular with our guests. Theme: "Everyone's a Rock Star!"

Coffee Hour Teams: Read This!

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)

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 will replace the simplified coffee hours in those months:

July 5, 250th anniversary of USA, a pot luck celebration;

September 20, the parish picnic

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: Summer

Summer is one of earth's four seasons, officially beginning at the Summer Solstice on June 22. Summer is also a state of mind, "when the living is easy," and we can relax a bit from the rigors of our September-through-May schedules. Summer vacations are famous as a time of renewal and relaxation.

At church we observe these three months with a liturgical change: we use the Eucharistic Prayers from *Enriching Our Worship*, fresh language for our eucharistic feast. We simplify our hymns slightly, dropping the final hymn (the recessional) to shorten the service slightly.

This year we are trying out a new way to do Coffee Hour, with simpler fare, beginning this Sunday June 7. Both June and August coffee hours will have the simpler approach. But we reserve the right to celebrate our nation's founding on July 5 with more hoopla!

We rejoice at the new musical offerings, arranged by our wonderful organist Valerie Thorson. Thanks to her musical contacts, we will hear three wonderful vocalists on selected Sundays.

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.

Bookshelf: Tana French

After culling our Bookshelf collection for the Lake book sale, we have room for new books. My first contribution, [The Keeper](#) by Tana French. Ms. French is an awesome writer who turns out Irish thrillers with authority. This book is indeed a keeper! It is the final book of a trilogy about Cal Hooper, a retired Chicago police detective who moves to rural Ireland and becomes part of the local intrigues.

The novel is a thriller with depth, character and charm. Ms. French, a best-selling author, is well known for her writing skill. She makes you feel right at home in the Irish countryside, drawn to the local color in the pub, on the sheep farms, and among the local gossipers. Under all the plot twists runs a storyline of inevitable change. This book is highly recommended!

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.

Newsletter Deadline Tuesdays

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

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.

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

June 6-June 12 Marianne
June 13-June 19 Rita
June 20-June 26 Terri
June 27-July 3 Marianne

Readers

June 7 Pete
June 14 Bo
June 21 Charlyn
June 28 Scott

Counters

June 7 Darlene & Julie
June 14 Andrea & Darlene
June 21 Kathy & Julie
June 28 Susan & Julie

Vestry in Charge

June 7 Pete
June 14 Kathy
June 21 Larry
June 28 Darlene

Healers

June 7 Julie
June 14 Bo
June 21 Charlyn
June 28 Toni

Acolyte

June 7 Kathy
June 14 Diane
June 21
June 28

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

I made a mistake. Nothing serious, and no harm done. No one seemed to notice, but my pride took a hit. I mentioned my blunder to one man and he said, "Pshaw! Don't worry! That's nothin'!" When I am not making a mess of things, I've been reading through Thomas Merton's Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander.* One of the many, small grace notes therein concerns one's conversion to Christ ... that our embrace of Christ's will "... is not merely the conversion from bad habits to good habits, but *nova creatura*, becoming a totally new [person] in Christ, and in the Spirit."

***[Image Doubleday,1965]**