

Good News From New Life

June 11, 2026

Calendar of Coming Events

- June 14, 3 Pentecost,
Lacey Bibbee, soprano
7 pm Taize
- June 17 Wednesday Book Group
10:30 am, Parlor
- 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
Lacey Bibbee, Colten Grove,
Ella Scofinsky - Soloists
- 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



Taize Service This Sunday

The beautiful meditative service in the manner of Taize will be held this Sunday at 7p.m. Officiant is Bo Iole, and Adam Keeler plays classical guitar.

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!"

Cleaning Out the Closets

Darlene Giffin and her team are busy cleaning out our storage area downstairs. Many "treasures" are emerging, now displayed at the rear of our hospitality area. Have a look! Take something home! Leftovers will be donated somewhere.

In Memoriam

George Brian Sisak
January 7, 1942, Graceton PA –
June 5, 2026, Austin TX

George Brian Sisak

January 7, 1942 – June 5, 2026

George Brian Sisak, 84, passed away peacefully on June 5, 2026, at Hospice Austin's Christopher House in Austin, Texas, following a stroke and complications from congestive heart failure.

Born on January 7, 1942, in Graceton, Pennsylvania, Brian was the son of George Sisak and Roselia Mae Wilson. He grew up in Jamestown, New York, where he graduated from Jamestown High School before pursuing his education at Mount Union College in Ohio, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Brian built a career in communications and public relations spanning more than three decades. He began in journalism, serving as a state news editor for the Kent-Ravenna Record-Courier, before moving into corporate communications with Ohio Power Company, where he held public relations responsibilities and served as assistant editor of the *Ohio Power Review*. He went on to work in public relations and marketing at Goodyear and Borax, and later ran his own display marketing company.

A man of deep faith, Brian was an active member of the Episcopal Church throughout his life, including St. Paul's in Canton and New Life in Uniontown, Ohio.

Brian is survived by his daughter, Allison Martin of Austin, Texas; one granddaughter, Erica Martin of Lexington, Kentucky; and two brothers, Brad Sisak of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio and Dud Sisak of Chepachet, Rhode Island.

Arrangements for Brian Sisak

According to Brian Sisak's wishes, his cremains will be placed in the columbarium at New Life, in a niche next to his brother's cremains.

Rev. Barbara is overseeing the transport of the cremains and their placement in our columbarium. Final disposition is still pending.

Episcopal Minute: St. Columba

Saint Columba of Iona (d. 597) whose feast day was June 9, is one of our best examples of missionary for the church. Originally Irish, Columba moved to Scotland to convert the Picts. (This is the opposite from St. Patrick, who moved from Scotland to convert the Irish). According to legend, Columba's little boat washed ashore on the island of Iona, and it was here he founded his movement. Iona became a major center for missionary training, and many medieval missionaries emanated from there.

The popular historian Thomas Cahill described this phenomenon in his book, How the Irish Saved Civilization.

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.

Bookshelf: Maggie O'Farrell

The brilliant Irish novelist Maggie O'Farrell has done it again. Her latest novel, Land, is a real winner.

She tells the sweeping story of a peninsula in northern Ireland, beginning in 1865 with a cartographer (a map maker) who is charting the area. In her lyrical writing, O Farrell weaves a mystical spell, telling of the complicated lives of the cartographer's four children. The story is spellbinding, and the ending is very satisfying. Highly recommended.

Coffee Hour Teams

Team 1: Darlene, Bo, Connie, Charlyn
(**September 20:** oversee Picnic)

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

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

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.

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.

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!

Newsletter Deadline Tuesdays

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

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.

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 13-June 19 Rita

June 20-June 26 Terri

June 27-July 3 Marianne

Readers

June 14 Bo

June 21 Charlyn

June 28 Scott

Counters

June 14 Andrea & Darlene

June 21 Kathy & Julie

June 28 Susan & Julie

Vestry in Charge

June 14 Kathy

June 21 Larry

June 28 Darlene

Healers

June 14 Bo

June 21 Charlyn

June 28 Toni

Acolyte

June 14 Diane

June 21 Julie

June 28 Andrea

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

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.**

Deacon's Dismissal

By Rev Josh Butler

I cannot recall just how it came about, but I had befriended a man who led a troubled life. He never accounted himself worthy, only barely got by. Then, one day, the particulars lost to time, the man saw a child standing before him. And the child spoke to the man. Wise words, so the man told me, simple words, each word manifestly true. The child turned and was gone, but the words were all that was required to lift the man from the nothingness of his doldrums into a new way of being. He never saw the child again.

June 10, 2026