

Good News From New Life



June 25, 2026

Calendar of Coming Events

June 28, Saints Peter and Paul
Lacey Bibbee, Ella Scofinsky,
Colten Grove, soloists

June 24 Wednesday Book Group
10:30 am, Parlor

July 5, 6 Pentecost; special music
Coffee hour Potluck Lunch
Team 2: Marianne, Kathy, Julie, Rita,

July 12, 7 Pentecost
7 pm Taize service

July 18 Brian Sisak funeral 3 pm

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
Lacey Bibbee, soprano

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

Oct 11, 20 Pentecost

Oct 18, St. Luke, Healing

Oct 25, 22 Pentecost

Nov 1, All Saints

Nov 8, 24 Pentecost, Veterans

Nov 15, Bishop Anne's visitation

Potluck Coffee Hour July 5

Parishioners are invited to bring potluck offerings for the Coffee Hour lunch on July 5. **Team 2** (Marianne, Kathy, Julie, Rita) will oversee the event. A sign-up sheet for food is in the parlor.

Arrangements for Brian Sisak

Funeral service for Brian Sisek will be held Saturday, July 18, at 3 pm at New Life. Brian's family is expected to attend. A light reception will follow the service downstairs.

Altar Guild Wish List

The Altar Guild would like to change our Advent candles from wax candles to liquid (oil) candles. All our other liturgical candles are oil candles, helping us avoid wax dripping onto carpets and linens, and avoiding the yearly purchase of replacement candles.

The appropriately sized oil candles (three blue, one rose) would cost \$508 for the set. Additionally, the central white Christ Candle would cost \$197.

If anyone would like to purchase the four candles and/or the Christ candle as a donation to the church, please inform Rev. Barbara.

Episcopal Minute: Declutter

Last week the Wednesday Group went off on a bit of a tangent when I suggested we be a support group for anyone wishing to downsize their possessions or declutter their homes of accumulations of stuff. I offered a photo of me from the Boise Statesman newspaper from 1995, showing my living room as virtually empty (containing a cat, a grand piano, and me sitting on the floor). Those were simpler days for me, when I did not have many possessions. And now? Where did all this stuff come from!?!

After class, for the next three days, I made a real effort to declutter (although it is mostly symbolic, because I still have too much) by making five trips to the Salvation Army Donation Center to unload some of my excess.

Perhaps exercising some discernment in our collections of stuff could be seen as spiritual discipline. Those who choose to enter a religious order give up everything. They may live in a simple cell of a monastery, with a bed, maybe a desk, and surely a cross on the wall. The lack of distractions can help the seeker to concentrate on his or her connection to God.

I'm not there yet. There is my well-known weakness for dolls and books and artwork. I will continue to clean out the crowded corners of my home and my life, taking items for recycling or donating what might be useful for others. I will try to discipline myself about not acquiring yet more objects. And I will seek to live more simply, having more room for God.

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.

Wednesday Book Group

The Wednesday Morning Book Group is reading The Book of Lost Names by Kristen Harmel.

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.

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.

Coffee Hour Teams

Team 1: Darlene, Bo, 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.

Diocesan Convention Nov 20-21

The Diocese of Ohio annual convention will be held later than usual, on Nov. 20-21, at Sawmill Creek in Huron. New Life attendees generally ride by carpooling and attend only the Saturday business session (Nov 21) Anyone interested in attending should please speak with Larry Mackey 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 27-July 3 Marianne

July 4-10 Rita

Readers

June 28 Scott

Counters

June 28 Susan & Julie

July 5 Darlene and Julie

July 12 Andrea and Darlene

July 19 Kathy and Julie

July 26 Julie and Susan

Vestry in Charge

June 28 Darlene

Healers

June 28 Toni

Acolyte

June 28 Andrea

Newsletter Deadline Tuesdays

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

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

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

Deacon's Dismissal

By Rev Josh Butler

“Racism tends to attract attention when it's flagrant and filled with invective. But like all bigotry, the most potent component of racism is frame-flipping -- positioning the bigot as the actual victim. So the gay do not simply want to marry; they want to convert our children into sin. The Jews do not merely want to be left in peace; they actually are plotting world take-over. And the blacks are not actually victims of American power, but beneficiaries of the war against hard-working whites. This is a respectable, more sensible bigotry, one that does not seek to name-call, preferring instead to change the subject and straw man.”

Ta-Nehisi Coates, writer and former journalist at The Atlantic (born 1975)