

Good News From New Life

August 20, 2026

Calendar of Coming Events

Aug 23. 13 Pentecost. Musicians

Aug 24 Vestry 6 pm

Aug 26 Wednesday Book Group
10:30 am, Parlor

Aug 30, 14 Pentecost Scott Bridges

Sept 1 Tuesday Evening Group

Sept 6, 15 Pentecost

Sept 8 FISH Banquet

Sept 13 16 Pentecost, soloist
Taize 7 pm

Sept 20 Parish Picnic

Sept 21 Vestry 6 pm

Sept 27 St Michael, Musicians.

Oct 4 St Francis, Troy Dunn
Animal Blessing

Oct 11, 20 Pentecost, coffee hour
Taize 7 pm

Oct 18, St. Luke, Healing

Oct 19 Vestry 6 pm

Oct 25, 22 Pentecost, Musicians

Nov 1, All Saints, soloist

Nov 8, 24 Pentecost, Veterans
Taize 7 pm

Nov 15, Bishop Anne's visitation
Musicians, Coffee hour

Nov 20-21 Diocesan Convention

Nov 22 Christ the King

Nov 26 Thanksgiving Day

Nov 29 Advent I, soloist

Dec 6 Advent II St Nicholas

Dec 13 Advent III St Lucia, Silver Tea

Dec 20 Advent IV



August 15 Event a Success!

Bo Iole reports that we had 21 parish volunteers and 24 guests at our August 15 Event for Adults with Special Needs. Theme: "Everyone's a Rock Star!" was carried out by the guests with the karaoke tech provided by Terry and Larry Mackey and their daughter and son-in-law Matt and Allison Dale and daughter Brittany

Other volunteers included Andrea Page, Charlyn, Joe and Scott Bridges, Judy Rossetti, Gladys Mihelich, MJ Maling and Emily Coleman, Rita Norman, Diana Evans, Marianne Grigas, Kathy Jernigan and Kara Proudfoot, Pete and Bo Iole, Dale Maling, Darlene Giffin, and Toni Miller.

FISH Banquet Sept 8

The annual FISH Banquet will be held on Tuesday, September 8, at Hartville Kitchen. Tickets are \$30 per person. New Life has arranged for two tables of 8 seats

Doors open at 5 pm. The meal is served at 6 pm, and the program begins at 7 pm, including the Cleveland Dueling Pianos.

FISH is an acronym for Faithfully I Serve Him and is a longstanding food pantry in Lake Township. New Life supports them throughout the year with food donations.

Episcopal Minute: Not dogs

Today is the feast day of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, one of the great mystic theologians of the church, active in the 12th century.

No, the Saint Bernard dog breed is not named for him. I read with fascination a story in the Washington Post on Tuesday which said the Saint Bernard is the national dog of Switzerland and is named for another Saint Bernard of Swiss origin. They are big, beautiful dogs and very popular, but not for theological reasons.

Bernard of Clairvaux was very persuasive. When he first entered monastic life at the Benedictine Abbey of Citeaux, he persuaded 26 of his friends to join him. After three years he founded another monastery in Clairvaux in 1115. He preached so persuasively that 60 new abbeys were founded. By 1140, he was known far and wide for his writings including treatises on humility and pride, on love, on the veneration of Mary, and a commentary on the Song of Songs. He is also credited with the familiar hymns "O sacred head sore wounded," "Jesus, the very thought of thee," and "O Jesus, joy of loving hearts." He died on August 20, 1153.

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. Anyone wishing to be received or confirmed should inform Rev. Barbara.

Our Singers this fall

Ella Scofinski and Colten Grove will sing for us about twice a month, and Lacey Bibbee will also provide solos.:

Aug 23:

"At the name of Jesus" duet

"I'll walk with God"" solo by Colten

Sept 13 Lacey Bibbee

Sept 27: St. Michael and All Angels

Franck "Panis Angelicus" duet

Handel: "Angels, ever bright and fair" solo by Ella

Oct 25 Colten and Ella

Nov. 1 Lacey Bibbee

Nov. 15 Colten and Ella

Nov. 29 Lacey Bibbee

Newsletter Deadline Tuesdays

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

Book Purgatory, Again

We are blessed with an overflow of contributions to our Bookshelf. Many of us are reading avidly and passing on our riches to the book collection in the parlor. Periodically Rev. Barbara moves some of the books into Purgatory, to make room for more.

Purgatory is a medieval concept about a holding area between life and our next destination (either heaven or hell). For books, Purgatory is a set of culls, placed in boxes on a nearby table, a holding area before they are removed for the next Friends of the Library book sale. Culled books will remain in the boxes until late August. Have a look!

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.

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.

Coffee Hour Teams

Team 1: Darlene, Bo, Charlyn

(Sept 20: oversee Picnic)

Team 2: Marianne, Kathy, Julie, Rita,

(Oct 11 – casual coffee hour)

Team 3: Gladys, Laura, Judy R, Terri

(Nov 15 Bishop Anne's Visitation)

December 13: Advent Silver Tea

DONATIONS to defray expenses will be collected in a donation jar at each coffee hour.

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

Aug 22-Aug 28 Terri

Aug 29-Sep 4 Marianne

Readers

Aug 23 Charlyn

Aug 30 Bo

Counters

Aug. 23 Julie and Susan

Aug. 30 Darlene and Julie

Vestry in Charge

Aug 23 Larry

Aug 30 Kathy

Healers

Aug 23 Toni

Aug 30 TBD

Acolyte

Aug 23 Kathy

Aug 30 Andrea

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

I'd been dispatched on an errand to the medical complex. Doctors' offices, X-rays places, laboratories, a lot of people milling about looking for their doctor or the exit. I had in hand what I was sent to get. I looked around, got my bearings, and headed for the exit. An old man, maybe my age, appeared to be looking for something, so I asked, "You OK?" He said, "Trying to find the men's." I walked with him. Slow going, but we found it. He said thanks. He meant it. I went on my way, feeling some better about life.

Adults with disabilities and their caregivers surround event organizer Bo Iole.





The crowded song and dance floor!

Volunteer Andrea Page helping guests with a craft activity.



Volunteer Charlyn Bridges helping a guest (our Emily!) with the make a shaker activity.



Volunteers serve guests pizza, chips, drinks and ice cream!!



Volunteers greet guests and make name tags



Guests enjoying the Photo Booth!

