

Good News From New Life

August 27, 2026

Calendar of Coming Events

Aug 30, 14 Pentecost Scott Bridges

Sept 1 Tuesday Evening Group

Sept 2 Wednesday Book Group

10:30 am, Parlor

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

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, Musicians



Fall Outreach by Terri Mackey

Our outreach for this coming season will be One of a Kind Pet Rescue. We will collect items desperately needed to continue their work to keep pets healthy and available for adoption. We can also make pet mats for their comfort. I will bring all materials and instructions.

You may already have some of these items at home, or you can purchase them. As usual, I can make the purchase for you, or you can make a financial donation to One of a Kind Pet Rescue. We will collect these items until the pet blessing on October 4. A list of needed items appears inside the newsletter. I will deliver all items to the rescue center.:

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: Birthday or Death Day?

This Saturday, August 29, we observe the death of John the Baptist. According to the Gospel of Mark, John was imprisoned by King Herod Antipas and beheaded because of a promise Antipas made to the daughter of his wife (the girl is sometimes called Salome) to give her whatever she wanted if she would dance for him. This has been portrayed in more recent culture (a play by Oscar Wilde, an opera by Richard Strauss) as a gruesome event of necrophilia. The Bible makes no mention of pathology.

John was an immensely important person to the whole Christian movement. Born six months before his cousin Jesus, he is called the Forerunner of Christ, Prophet of the Most High. His birthday is celebrated June 24, six months before Christmas, and is a joyous event often associated with the summer solstice. The Nativity of John the Baptist has been observed since the 4th century. The observance of the beheading of John the Baptist is since the 5th century.

So which is more important for a saint: birthday or death day? For Jesus, both are important. His birthday emphasizes the Incarnation. His death and resurrection stress the importance of Easter. For John the Baptist, both birth and death are celebrated.

But for most saints, especially martyrs, the death date is more important and is the official observance. Martin Luther King Jr is celebrated on April 4, the day of his assassination.

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.:

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

Updating the Directory

Please send Maryanne in the office any updates in your personal information (name, address, e-mail address, phone). A new directory will be issued soon.

Book Deadline this Sunday

Julie Martin reminds us that this Sunday, Aug. 30, is the deadline for collecting books for the Friends of the Library book sale, a continuing effort. She will take all the accumulated books this Sunday. Rev Barbara will cull our Bookshelf for more candidates for donation.

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.

Items for Pet Donations

Here is a list of needed items that can be brought to the church, which I will deliver:

Dry dog and cat food (Purina, Hill's, Royal Canin)
Paper towels
Towels and fleece blanket (new and used)
Gas cards
Laundry detergent
Trash bags
Bleach
Buckets
Flat bed sheets
Sleeping bags
Human baby bottles
Pet leashes (non-retractable)
Dog and cat carriers
Zip lock bags (all sizes)
Heating pads (no shut off)
Isopropyl alcohol
Hydrogen peroxide
Q-tips and cotton balls

Please bring donations to the church by October 4 so we can deliver them to One of a Kind Pet Rescue and help support local pets in need. Thank you for your generosity!

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, 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

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.

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

Server Schedule

Altar Guild

Aug 29-Sep 4 Marianne

Readers

Aug 30 Bo

Counters

Aug. 30 Darlene and Julie

Sept 6 Julie and Andrea

Sept 13 Darlene and Kathy

Sept 20 Picnic

Sept 27 Susan and Julie

Vestry in Charge

Aug 30 Kathy

Healers

Aug 30

Acolyte

Aug 30

Sept 13 Diana

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've had some wild-eyed notions over the years ... impractical, unworkable ideas. As a kid, I tried selling ice cream cones from my bike on a summer day, pedaling through neighborhoods as the ice cream dripped onto the pavement. My ideas are somewhat better now. I question ... experiment ... I proceed slowly and ask the advice of others. Still, there's a hidden risk: If I tell someone what I'm going to do, they might run my idea into the ground with a dozen reasons why it won't work ... and I might not get out of bed the next morning. Still ... onward!