

Good News From New Life

September 17, 2026

Calendar of Coming Events

Sept 20 Parish Picnic
Sept 21 Vestry 6 pm
Sept 23 Wednesday Book Group
10:30 am, Parlor
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 Service
Oct 19 Vestry 6 pm
Oct 25, 22 Pentecost, Musicians
Nov 1, All Saints, Baptism
Nov 8, 24 Pentecost, Pete Iole
Veterans Observance
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
Dec 24 Christmas Eve 7 pm
Dec 25 Christmas Day 10 am



Autumn is on the way!

Autumn officially arrives next Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 8:05 pm, in the northern hemisphere. This is astronomical time. If autumn seems to have already arrived in commercial settings, that is because they are responding to meteorological time, which began on September 1. Either way, it feels like autumn. Our altar will feature decorative fruits of the season until the end of November.

Parish Picnic: September 20

Our annual picnic is on Sunday, September 20, at **Boettler Park, 5300 Massillon Road, North Canton**. We will gather in our usual pavilion place for worship, feasting and activities.

The event begins with a simplified eucharistic service featuring a group sermon by attendees. Picnic protein (hamburgers and hotdogs) and drinks will be provided. Attendees are encouraged to bring side dishes of their own specialties.

Activities will include making small mats for One-of-a-Kind Pet Rescue, and assembling paper airplanes and flying them.

Episcopal Minute: Festive Fall

The fall season is especially ripe with saints' feast days! Today is the feast day of Hildegard of Bingen, a 12th century mystic who was way ahead of her time; Sept. 21 is a major feast day, of St. Matthew the Evangelist; Sept. 22 Philander Chase, first bishop of Ohio; and our own favorite saints who we will celebrate of Sundays: St. Michael and All Angels Sept 29, transferred to Sept. 27, and St. Francis of Assisi, October 4, which is the 800th anniversary of his death (and our pets are invited to join in the celebration).

October brings us more feast days: Oct. 18, St. Luke the Physician, who we will celebrate with a healing service; and two other major feasts, St James of Jerusalem on Oct. 23 and Saints Simon and Jude on Oct. 28.

All Saints Day lands on a Sunday this year, Nov. 1, when we will also celebrate the baptism of two children. Our own celebrations, the Veterans observance on Nov. 8 and Bishop Anne's official visit with confirmation, will be Nov. 15. It is a season with much joy.

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 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

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.

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

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.

Newsletter Deadline Tuesdays

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

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. I will deliver all items to the rescue center.:

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!

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

Sept 19- 25 Marianne

Sept 26- Oct 2 Rita

Oct 3 - 9 Terri

Oct 10 -16 Marianne

Oct 17 - 23. Rita

Oct 24 - 30 Terri

Oct 31 - Nov 6 Marianne

Readers

Sept 20 Scott

Sept 27 Charlyn

Counters

Sept 20 Picnic

Sept 27 Susan & Julie

Vestry in Charge

Sept 20 Picnic

Sept 27 Larry

Healers

Sept 20 Charlyn

Sept 27 Toni

Acolytes

Sept 20 Picnic

Sept 27 Kathy

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

My father's mother was a lady of refinement, a widow with many friends and a busy social life. When the U.S. entered World War II, after Pearl Harbor in 1941, my grandmother set aside her small pleasures ... tea with friends, visits to the art museum, a drive in the country ... and considered what she might do to aid American soldiers overseas ... something practical ... something real. She had never met a wounded man, nor heard the guns of war, but every day until the war's end, on September 2, 1945, she sewed bandages that the Red Cross shipped to Europe.

9-16-26



Dear friends,

I hope you can join us for this extraordinary celebration of Akron FCC's magnificent Casavant Frères pipe organ. Featured works include a world premiere piece by Akron native composer, Nancy Daley, as well as pieces by Handel, Lowell Liebermann, Vaughan Williams, Herbert Howells, Gabriel Fauré, Charles Callahan, Richard Purvis, and Karg-Elert.

VALERIE THORSON, ORGAN
October 4, 2026: 4:00 PM

Former Akron FCC organist and choir director Valerie Thorson gives a concert in our Meetinghouse to help us celebrate the 20th anniversary of our organ's restoration! Reception to follow. Thorson is joined by George Pope, flute, and Dave Aberth, vocals.

This concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken to support the Music@AkronFCC Concert Series.

The church has asked that if you plan to attend the concert/reception, please sign up at:

<http://akronfcc.org/concert-series>

This way, they have an idea how many programs to print and how many might be at the reception.