

Good News From New Life

September 24, 2026



Calendar of Coming Events

Sept 27 St. Michael and All Angels

Vocalists Ella Scofinsky and Colten Grove: Franck "Panis Angelicus" duet
Handel: "Angels, ever bright and fair" solo by Ella

Sept 30 Wednesday Book Group

10:30 am, Parlor

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

Confirmation

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

Parish Picnic in the basement!

Our parish picnic was moved to the parish hall in the basement of our church because of forecasts of inclement weather. The move did not dampen our spirits!

Wonderful food, grilled items prepared on indoor grills, the food table heavily laden with wonderful offerings. Highlight of the worship service was the group sermon, an enactment of Jesus' parable about the landowner who paid all labors equally despite how long they worked. A rousing labor union meeting was simulated with lots of animated participation!

Diocesan Convention Delegates

Vestry met September 21 and certified our delegates to the Diocesan Convention, to be held at Sawmill Creek in Huron Nov. 20-21. Delegates will be Larry Mackey, Pete Iole and Troy Dunn. Alternates will be Terri Mackey, Bo Iole, and Scott Bridges. Rev Barbara will also attend.

Our organist Valerie Thorson will perform an organ recital Sunday, Oct. 4 at 4 pm at First Congregational Church of Akron, 292 East Market St., 44308. She was Director of Music and Organist there for nearly 14 years, and oversaw the restoration of the 4-manual Casavant pipe organ in 2006.

Episcopal Minute: Autumn

The Autumn Equinox (Sept. 22) can be an exciting transition, and also a poignant one. Many autumn activities are launched (return to school, football mania, spooky celebrations), and yet there is a lingering sense of the passage of time as leaves fall from trees and colors change from summer green into the orange and brown of autumn, reminding us that winter is on the horizon.

Our fashion sense changes, as we pull out the wool clothing, the plaids, mimicking the colors of fall. We have a sense of gratitude for all that is given to us as we look forward to our national harvest festival of Thanksgiving. Food starts to include winter squashes; décor includes colorful leaves and pumpkins. There is a definite shift in the earth in our northern hemisphere.

We are filled with a feeling of contentment, expressed beautifully in the Thanksgiving hymn (290):

**Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.**

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 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

Coffee Hour Teams

Team 1: Darlene, Bo, Charlyn

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

Wednesday Book Group

The Wednesday Group meets weekly at 10:30 am in the parlor. Sessions begin with a short worship service honoring a saint, led by Rev. Barbara.

The group has chosen a new book for reading and discussion: The Correspondent by Virginia Evans.

The group always goes out for lunch together following the meeting.

Newcomers are always welcome.

Updated Directory Available

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

We will collect items for donation to One-of-a-Kind Pet Rescue shelter until the pet blessing on October 4. Terri Mackey will deliver all items.

Suggested Items for Pet Donations

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

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 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 27 Charlyn

Counters

Sept 27 Susan & Julie

Vestry in Charge

Sept 27 Larry

Healers

Sept 27 Toni

Oct 18: All healers

Acolytes

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

The old man shambled along the sidewalk in front of the grocery store. There, he was greeted by a Cub Scout holding a tin can. "Support Cub Scouts?" The old man felt about his pockets, looking for a loose nickel or a few pennies. "Well, I

don't ... wait ... no ... maybe ... I forgot my money. Say, that's a quite a collection of merit badges! How'd you earn all those?" The boy spoke earnestly of each badge as the old man listened. A half-dozen folks dropped money into the boy's tin but neither the boy nor the old man took notice. 9-23-26 (Reprise from ten years ago ~ 9-28-16)



Picnic Eucharist Celebration



Making mats for One-of-a-Kind Pet Rescue