

Good News From New Life

October 15, 2026

Calendar of Coming Events

Oct 18, St. Luke, Healing Service

Oct 19 Vestry 6 pm

Oct 21 Wednesday Book Group
10:30 am, Parlor

Oct 25, 22 Pentecost, Musicians

Nov 1, All Saints Sunday

Nov. 3 Election Day

Nov 8, 24 Pentecost, Pete Iole
Veterans Observance

Taize 7 pm

Nov. 10 Tuesday Evening Group

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

Nov 20-21 Diocesan Convention

Nov 22 Christ the King,
Charlyn Bridges

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



Beloved Departed

Please add names of any Beloved Departed to our list in the parlor. The names will be read on All Saints Sunday as part of the service. Please list only those who have died since last All Saints, November 1, 2025.

Diocesan Convention Delegates

Diocesan Convention will be held at Sawmill Creek in Huron Nov. 20-21. Our 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.

Preaching in November

Nov 1 All Saints, Rev Barbara

Nov 8 Veterans Observance, Pete Iole

Nov 15 Bishop Anne Jolly

Nov 22 Christ the King, Charlan Bridges

Nov 29 Advent I, Rev. Barbara

Updated Directories Are Available in the Office

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.

Episcopal Minute: Saint Teresa

Today is the feast day of Saint Teresa of Avila, one of my favorite saints. Teresa led a long and vibrant life, informed by mystical vision, and devoted her life to spirituality growth in her Discalced Carmelite convents (she founded 17). Teresa was named Doctor of the Church in 1970, and we could say that she had a grueling doctoral committee, 400 years before! Living in the late 16th century in Spain, Teresa's writings had to pass the Spanish Inquisition for approval (which they did). She counseled other spiritual seekers, including Saint John of the Cross. Her writings include an autobiography, *The Way of Perfection* (for her nuns) and an instructional book of achieving union with God (*The Interior Castle*). She died at age 67 in 1582.

Collect for Teresa of Avila:

O God, who by your Holy Spirit moved Teresa of Avila to manifest to your church the way of perfection: Grant us, we pray, to be nourished by her teaching, and enkindle within us a keen and unquenchable longing for true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the joy of loving hearts, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Singers this fall

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

Oct 25 Colten and Ella

Nov. 1 Lacey Bibbee

Nov. 15 Colten and Ella

Nov. 29 Lacey Bibbee

Bookshelf: Kingsolver

The Pulitzer Prize winning author Barbara Kingsolver has just released her 18th book (and 10th novel) entitled Partita. I devoured it quickly and I can highly recommend her excellent writing and intriguing storyline.

The riveting narrative, rife with musical motifs, tells of a budding concert pianist whose entire world revolves around playing the piano as a means to escape her difficult childhood and deep family secrets. The word Partita comes from a musical form used by J.S. Bach, her favorite composer, but the narrative really works through another musical masterpiece, *Gaspard de la Nuit* by Maurice Ravel – an almost-impossible-to-play work that she aces in her pianojuries at Indiana University in Bloomington, a famous training ground for concert pianists. This is her road to freedom from her oppressive childhood, but there are many missteps along the way. Ultimately the story reaches a brilliant resolution of freedom and joy.

Coffee Hour Teams

Team 1: Darlene, Bo, Charlyn

Team 2: Marianne, Kathy, Julie, Rita,

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 led by Rev. Barbara. The group always goes out for lunch together following the meeting. Newcomers are always welcome.

Server Schedule

Altar Guild

Oct 17 - 23. Rita

Oct 24 - 30 Terri

Oct 31 - Nov 6 Marianne

Readers

Oct 18 Scott

Oct 25 Charlyn

Counters

Oct 18 Darlene and Kathy

Oct 25 Julie and Susan

Vestry in Charge

Oct 18 Scott

Oct 25 Larry

Healers

Oct 18 All healers

Oct 25 Toni

Acolyte

Oct 18

Oct 25

Newsletter Deadline Tuesdays

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

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.

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 sit in the hospital waiting room,
listening to the drone of daytime
television and hushed cellphone
conversations. There are worn
magazines with movie stars on the
cover. A man and a woman enter. He
has a beard but no mustache. He
wears a pale blue shirt, denim pants,
suspenders and work boots. She
wears a grey dress, a bonnet, and
black shoes with thick soles. They
look around the room and sit across
from me. I nod to the man. He nods
in return. We wait together, the three
of us, saying not a word, the
television prattling on.**

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