Good News From New Life

October 22, 2026

Calendar of Coming Events

Oct 25, 22 Pentecost, Musicians
Oct 28 Wednesday Book Group
10:30 am, Parlor
Nov 1, All Saints Sunday
Naming of Beloved Departed
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 16 Vestry
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

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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, Charlyn 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. We shall have a major coffee hour!

Episcopal Minute: Halloween

Charita Goshay of the Canton Repository contacted me this week about Halloween. She asked about Christian responses to this celebration. Below is what I wrote to her.

Hallowe'en predates the Christian celebration of All Saints Day (celebrated since the eighth century). I used to think that All Saints came first, and then the evening before was designated All Saints Eve (All Hallows Eve) thereafter. Wrong. The celebration of the spirits being loose on October 31 dates back to the Druids in pre-Christian British Isles and became part of Celtic observance. The Episcopal Church embraces this long tradition. Other traditions (notably the Mexican Day of the Dead celebrations) also revere these days as a time of communing with their departed loved ones. The Episcopal Church encourages an acknowledgement of Beloved Departed (and names them) at worship services for All Saints (this year on November 1, a Sunday).

Meanwhile, what happens on October 31? The Episcopal Church has a special service for All Hallow's Eve, usually an evening prayer service, with the following scriptural readings suggested: The Witch of Endor (1 Samuel 28:3-25) regarding the raising of the ghost of Samuel; the Vision of the Eliphas the Temanite (Job 4:12-21); The Valley of the Dry Bones (Ezekiel 37:1-14) and the War in Heaven (Revelation 12 :7-12.I really like the combination of celebrations: the ghosts and goblins on Halloween, ceding to the reverence for the Beloved Departed the next day. This is illustrated beautifully in the 1940 Disney movie *Fantasi*a, in the last two orchestral pieces: Mussorgsky's *The Night on Bald Mountain* with a big Satanic creature relishing in a Walpurgisnacht revelry including the opening of the graves; fading to a beautiful rendition of Schubert's *Ave Maria.*

Bookshelf: Samantha grows up

As you are probably aware, I am a great devotee of American Girl dolls, especially those which tell history in the accompanying books. The original characters told the stories of ten-year-old girls at different periods in history. For instance, the character Samantha was ten years old in 1905 and participated in the movement for women's suffrage.

In American Girl's celebration of their 40th anniversary, they have issued a new novel for adults, which is set in 1920. That makes Samantha 25. Entitled Samantha: The Next Chapter by Fiona Davis, the book is something of an adventure story as Samantha investigates criminal activity in New York City. I enjoyed reading it, and I have put it on our Bookshelf. Please return it if you wish to read it.

I will be presenting World War II era characters at the Jackson Library on November 14. Children gather to hear about the history and then enjoy an historically accurate craft project. I will present Molly (1944) on the American front, and Nanea (1941) in Hawaii. I've been doing American Girl historical presentations since 1995.

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

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 24 - 30 Terri
Oct 31 - Nov 6 Marianne
Readers
Oct 25 Charlyn
Counters
Oct 25 Julie and Susan
Nov. 1 Darlene and Julie
Nov. 8 Julie and Andrea
Nov. 15 Darlene and Kathy
Nov. 22 Julie and Susan
Nov. 29 Darlene and Julie
Vestry in Charge
Oct 25 Larry
Healers
Oct 25 Toni

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

It was a gift, a pocket-sized New Revised Standard Version of the New Testament. I was grateful, and surprised that it was a "red letter edition"… the Lord's words in red ink. Matthew has the most red ink … then Mark, Luke and John. The red tapers off and there's almost none until Revelation, where there's plenty. Thumbing through the mostly monochromatic midsection, I chanced to find this bit of red ink: 2nd Corinthians 12:9 … the Lord's words to Paul: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." … words now at work within me.

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