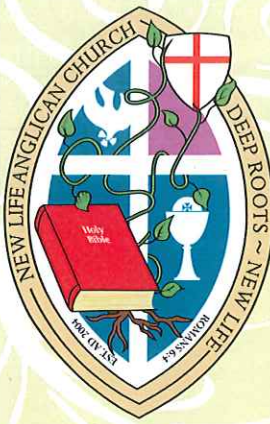


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*We will glorify God by deepening the roots of our Anglican faith,  
and bringing people to new life in Jesus Christ.*



May is upon us, and with it, Mother's Day. One day a year is hardly enough to give thanks and celebrate all that mothers do, but it is a start. Mothers are the front line of defense against a crazy world that wants to consume and destroy their children. Mothers never rest; never get a day off; never get a vacation. Because mothers are always needed. Even when their children are grown, mothers are needed by their kids.

In Genesis 3:16, God cursed women with pain in childbearing because of the fall. Having been with Bonnie through six births, I can attest to the pain of childbearing without having experienced it myself. I can proudly say that my wife never shouted, "You did this to me!" during childbirth.

I have recently heard it said that the curse in Genesis 3:16 isn't intended to be limited to childbearing, but also to child rearing. In other words, the pain and difficulty last during the entirety of motherhood. I don't think the truth of this is hard to see. Just last night Sarah threw up in bed and Bonnie was up at 1 AM bathing and rocking her. She was then up bright and early taking care of all the kids, doing math with Josh, reading to Danny and Sam, and making sure the girls had everything they needed.

I am 45, my mother is 69, and she still worries about what I am doing. If I tell her that I am sick, she is looking up in medical books to make sure that I don't have some rare disease when I probably just have a cold. The work of a mom is never done. The worry of a mom is never done. Even her adult children are still her babies.

At New Life right now we have at least five or six young mothers raising children. Three of them are homeschooling and the others are working full-time jobs while trying to raise their families. The homeschooling moms never get a break from the family because they are managing the house from morning to night. The working moms go to work during the day then come home to their second full-time job of taking care of their kids. In each case, moms are doing the best they can for their kids.

We are blessed at New Life to have so many moms of young children in our congregation. I believe that we provide a safe space for them to come, bring their kids, and feel loved and connected to the body of Christ. Every time I hear a baby cry in church I thank God because there is nothing more exciting and precious than a church with babies in it. It is a sign of life and vitality for a congregation. And it is a sign that there is hope for the future.

One of the great blessings of New Life is the Kathi Kan Memorial Scholarship Fund. This is a fund established in honor of one of the matriarchs of the church for the purpose of blessing young





# May 2023

## at New Life



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Greenwells	1	2 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's	3 Men's Ministry Group 10:30am @ The Davis'	4 Morning Prayer 8:00am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm - Blanz Hall	5	6 Indoor/Outdoor Spring CLEANING 10am - 2pm
Tracey is on vacation						
7 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Bowmans	8	9 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's May Vestry Meeting 6:00pm	10 Men's Ministry Group 10:30am @ The Davis'	11 Morning Prayer 8:00am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm - Blanz Hall	12	13
Tracey is on vacation						
14 Worship Service 10:00am No Coffee Hour Happy Mother's Day	15	16 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's	17 Men's Ministry Group 10:30am @ The Davis'	18 Morning Prayer 8:00am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm - Blanz Hall	19	20 ARMED FORCES DAY
21 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Stumps	22	23 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's	24 Men's Ministry Group 10:30am @ The Davis'	25 Morning Prayer 8:00am Men's Ministry Group 5:30pm @ The Williams Women's Bible Study 6:30pm	26	27
28 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Zakos PENTECOST SUNDAY	29 MEMORIAL DAY	30 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's	31 Men's Ministry Group 10:30am @ The Davis'	1 Morning Prayer 8:00am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm - Blanz Hall	2	3 Joyous News Deadline June Issue



## WALLY'S GALLERY —

Over time I have occasionally written about the amazing qualities of the natural world. I remember an article about the transformation of trees as they shed their leaves as winter approached; or the absolute precision of our solar system as we travel around the sun on our yearly journey providing seasons essential for life. Uniqueness, however, is not just a quality exclusive to the natural world. It is also the quality of a book; the Bible.



The above photo was taken at Qumran which is just west of the Dead Sea. In the caves the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1946.

Josh McDowell in his book Evidence that Demands a

Verdict writes in the first chapter that the Bible is exclusively unique in its origin and nature; on the profound impact it has had on western civilization, and its responsibility for much of the progress of human history. He then lists nine qualities of the Bible that justify his claim. (The words of this article either come directly or indirectly from his book or his web page: [josh.org](http://josh.org) - "An Investigation: What Makes the Bible Unique?")

### "Unique in Time Span"

The Bible is unique from all other books in the time span in which it was written. Evidence shows that the earliest forms of the Old Testament were written at the time of the Hebrew exodus from Egypt; around 1,200-1,400 BC. In contrast most scholars agree that the New Testament was completed in the second half of the first century. That means that the time span from the earliest writings in the Old Testament to the completion of the New Testament was some 1,300 to 1,500 years.

### "Unique in its Geographical Production"

"Unlike most other literary works, the composition and transmission of the biblical books did not emerge from a homogeneous community located in a single region of the ancient world. Rather, they were written by people in areas as diverse as Rome, Egypt, and Mesopotamia."

### "Unique in Its Authorship"

"Authored by approximately 40 different people... the Bible preserves for us the writings of a vast array of different personalities from widely divergent social circumstances. Among them: kings, soldiers, herdsmen, legislators, fishermen, courtiers, priests and prophets, and a Gentile physician."

### "Unique in Literary Genres"

The Bible includes diverse "literary forms and genres including history, law, religious poetry, lyric poetry, parable and allegory, biography, personal correspondence, and even personal memoirs and diaries...The authors used the genres to focus their audience's attention on the central character of God...and His relationship with persons who accept a relationship with Him."



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mothers with the ability to make decisions about educating their children instead of only having the option of the public schools. We currently have five families (I believe) receiving money from this scholarship fund helping three of them homeschool and two send their kids to Harbor Light Christian School. There are limits on the scholarships, and on the fund itself. But this has enabled mothers to take control of their children's education in a way that they might otherwise not be able to.

I am thankful that we have such a fund available at New Life and I would like to encourage anyone who wants to support the work of these young mothers in our midst to consider contributing to the Kathy Kan Memorial Scholarship Fund so that it will continue you be a blessing to the congregation for many years to come.

Thanks to all the mothers for all you do. Thanks to Bonnie for taking care of my army of clones. And thanks to New Life for being a place that honors mothers and provides a place where they can be loved and nurtured.

~ Fr. Mike

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Unique in its Languages”

“The Bible is written in three different languages — Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek — each with its unique character and essence. “

“Uniques in its Teachings”

The Bible uniquely teaches in the Trinity, Incarnation and Atonement, and Faith verses works. It teaches that “Jesus, as God, took on human form and that He died for our sins, that we might be forever reconciled to God...the most profound sacrificial and costly expression of divine love in history.”

“Unique in Its Circulation and Translation”

Books that surpass a million copies in distribution are very rare. Yet the number of Bibles sold is in the billions and of those freely distributed the number most likely is in the tens of billions. Most books are never translated and of those that are it is very rare if they are available in more than ten languages. As of 2017 the Bible or portions of it have been translated into 2,883 languages.

“Unique in Its Survival and Resiliency”

“No other written work has been so attacked, scrutinized, and persecuted as have the canonical books of the Bible. From emperors, monarchs, and dictators who tried to destroy the words of Scripture...to intellectual attempts to discredit the intent of Scripture..., the Bible has withstood all forms of opposition.”

“Unique in Its Impact on Western Civilization”

The Bible has influenced western civilization as no other book. “...The Bible has laid the groundwork for democratic forms of government and law, the rational exploration of the natural world, movements in both art and literature, societal morals and values.”

Although the Bible was written thousands of years ago its truth remains. it was then and is now the ultimate guide for our lives, salvation and the source of our hope. “The apostle Paul wrote: “For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction that through endurance and through encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.” (Romans 15:4)

~ Wally's Gallery





THE WANDRIE FAMILY WILL BE HOSTING AN  
INDOOR/ OUTDOOR SPRING CLEANING EVENT AT NEW LIFE  
SATURDAY, MAY 6TH FROM 10AM TO 2PM  
YOUR HELP WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. PLEASE COME PREPARED  
TO DO WHATEVER YOU FEEL LEAD TO INSIDE OR OUTSIDE. REMEMBER TO  
BRING YOUR PREFERRED TOOLS. WE HAVE SOME TOOLS AND CLEANING  
SUPPLIES AVAILABLE TO USE, SO PLEASE COME AND JOIN US.

**LITURGICAL SEASON** — by Karen Dielman

**ASCENSION DAY** — May 21

Today we are celebrating Ascension Day, which fell on Thursday, May 18. Ascension Day is celebrated on the closet Sunday it falls. In Luke, chapter 24, verses 36 through 49, Jesus appears to his disciples. He ate and he opened their minds to the scriptures and told that the promise of God was yet to come and to wait. He then led them out to Bethany where he lifted his hands and blessed them. ....While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Luke 24:51 You may have noticed in the sanctuary, a large white candle that has been lit since Easter Sunday, the paschal candle. It is lit before anyone enters the church and is extinguished when everyone has left. It represents Christ's presence here on earth until Ascension Day and is extinguished after the gospel on the Sunday his ascension is celebrated.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY** — May 28

The Coming of the Holy Spirit, often called Whit Sunday. The promise Jesus had told the disciples, would come to them and to wait, before he ascended into heaven. It happened 50 days after his resurrection. On that day, a sound like a violent wind came and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what looked like tongues of fire that separated and came to each of them. All were filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other tongues as the Spirit enabled. Acts 2:1-13.

**TRINITY SUNDAY** — June 4

Today we celebrate Trinity Sunday. It is the celebration of the triune God. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They were, before the beginning of the universe, and we are told in the book of Genesis which means "beginnings." Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. Genesis 1:2 The Holy Spirit hovered over the waters....Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock, and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." Genesis 1:26 He made mankind, you and I, in their image! Let us pause and reflect today our awesome God. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Lord has risen. He has risen indeed. Alleluia!

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WOMEN'S ABIDE BIBLE STUDY** — Our group is working through 1st, 2nd and 3rd John and meets weekly on Thursday nights, 6:30 -8:00 in Blanz Hall. Please join us!

**MEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** — meets each Tuesdays at 8:30am for food and fellowship at J.W. Filmore's.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — Wednesdays at 10:30am at the Davis Home

**MEN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM** — meeting is Thursday, May 27th at The William's Home at 4652 Thumb Lake Rd., Boyne Falls. Our meetings will include fellowship 5:30 – 6:30p.m., dinner 6:30 – 7:30p.m. and a short teaching 7:30 – 8:00 p.m. Bring your beverage of choice. I hope you will join us.



# May 2023 Service Calendar

If you are unable to fulfill your service duties on the dates listed, please try to rearrange and find your own replacement.

	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28	June 4	June 11
ALTAR GUILD	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Gretchen Lucky	Gretchen Lucky
SOUND/MUSIC	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes
USHER/COUNTER/GREETERS	Randy F./ Dan W./ The Flynns	Dan W./ Dylan W./ Sally Stump	Dylan W./ Don L./ The Bowmans	Don L./ Randy F./ Taylor DuBois	Randy F./ Dan W./ The Flynns	Dan W./ Dylan W./ Sally Stump
LECTOR	Gretchen Lucky	Mary Jane Zako	Ferd Dielman	Dan Wandrie	Wally Stansbury	Karen Dielman
LAY MINISTER	Mary Jane Zako	Howard Bates	Mickey Bridge	Wally Stansbury	Karen Dielman	Erika Dielman
PRAYER TEAM	Sharalen & Betty	Sally & Leah	Sharalen & Betty	Sally & Leah	Sharalen & Betty	Sally & Leah
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	The Bowmans	Happy Mother's Day	The Stumps	The Zakos	Church Picnic	The Bates



Thursday  
Morning Prayer  
8:00am in  
Fr. Mike's Office



## ALTAR GUILD

May.....Karen Dielman  
June.....Gretchen Lucky  
July.....Liz Ostrander

## Birthdays



## May



## Wedding Anniversaries



Betty Stansbury 5/3  
Howard Bates 5/4  
Sally Stump 5/26



May the Lord richly bless you on your special day and all year!  
Please let us know if we have missed your Birthday or Wedding Anniversary  
so that we may celebrate with you and remember you in prayer.



# Congregation — We Need You!

To volunteer to serve, please contact the Team Leaders listed below.

Altar Guild:	Karen Dielman.....	231/347-3532
Altar Flowers:	Karen Dielman.....	231/347-3532
Music/Sound:	Ferd Dielman .....	231/347-3532
Ushers:	Dan Wandrie.....	231/347-5871
Greeters:	Carol Bowman.....	231/459-4566
Lectors:	Tracey Jepsen.....	231/347-3448
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	Mike Bridge.....	231/330-0689
Acolytes:	Mike Bridge.....	231/330-0689
Children's Sunday School:	Darlene Wandrie ..	231/347-5871
Youth Sunday School: (middle & high school)	Don Lucky .....	231/622-2058
Adult Sunday School:	Mike Bridge.....	231/330-0689
Nursery:	Bonnie Bridge .....	231/445-1810
Fellowship/Hospitality:	Liz Ostrander .....	231/348-2802
Prayer Chain:	Ron Davis .....	231/330-6355
Women's Ministry:	Suzanne Schulte....	517/899-1946
Men's Ministry:	Mike Bridge.....	231/330-0689
InReach:	Gretchen Lucky ...	231/622-2057
OutReach:	Lacy Bates .....	231/373-7997
Christian Ed. Scholarship:	Susan Davis.....	231/330-4821
	Toni DuBois.....	231/330-8626
	D. W. Lucky .....	231/330-6559
Missions:	Dan Wandrie.....	231/347-5871
Building and Grounds:	Ron Davis .....	231/330-6355
	Susan Davis.....	231/330-4821
Art and Architecture:	Liz Ostrander .....	231/348-2802
Church Historian:	Bonnie Bridge.....	231/445-1810
Communications: (newspaper articles, etc.)		
Student Visitor's Liaison:	Lacy Bates.....	231/373-7997
Treasurer:	Wes Ostrander .....	231/330-4930
Assistant Treasurer:	Susan Davis.....	231/330-4821
Assistant Treasurer:	Sally Stump .....	231/881-2818
Assistant Treasurer:	Dan Wandrie.....	231/347-5871

## New Life Anglican Church

### 2023 Vestry

Sr. Warden.	Erika Dielman
Jr. Warden.	Dylan Williams
	..... Carol Bowman
	..... Susan Davis
	..... Toni DuBois
	..... April Honeycutt
	..... Don Lucky

## Our Joyous News Needs You!

Please consider submitting an article or item of interest for the next issue of the Joyous News.

Submission deadline  
is May 27th.



## SAVE YOUR

### OLESON'S RECEIPTS

We appreciate grocery receipts from Oleson's Food Stores. You may leave your receipts in the coffee hour donation basket, in the Outreach shopping cart or on Tracey's desk.

## PRAYER CHAIN



To activate the chain call:  
Ron Davis at 231.330.6355 or  
e-mail at rsdavismgr@gmail.com

## To Help Keep You Informed

You may contact Tracey Jepsen our Administrative Assistant at 231.347.3448 for copies of Vestry Approved: Financial Statements and Vestry Meeting Minutes.

### Treasurer's Report ~ March 31, 2023

	March			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual	Budget	Difference
Offering	13,405.36	13,562.00	(156.64)	42,255.00	40,686.00	1,569.00
Other	163.00	1,635.00	(1,472.00)	1,078.30	4,905.00	(3,826.70)
Income	13,568.36	15,197.00	(1,628.64)	43,333.30	45,591.00	(2,257.70)
General Exp	(15,533.00)	(16,724.00)	1,191.00	(45,527.23)	(50,202.00)	4,674.77
Difference	(1,964.64)	(1,527.00)	437.64	(2,193.93)	(4,611.00)	2,417.07
Assets				\$629,676.64		
		Jan. 1, 2023	Donations	Expenses	Difference	Mar. 31, 2023
211 Fund		\$130,814.89	-	-	-	\$130,814.89
211 Fund In/Out Reach		\$22,546.65	-	270.00	270.00	\$22,276.65



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*We were therefore  
buried with Him  
through baptism into  
death in order that,  
just as Christ was  
raised from the dead  
through the glory of  
the Father, we too  
may live a new life.*

*Romans 6:4*



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## JOYOUS NEWS

May 2023

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*Soon spring's gate  
will open into warm  
and sun-filled days,  
so let our prayers  
be risen  
in thanks to God  
with praise.*

*BES*



# Diaper and Baby Wipes Drive

A prolife initiative of Emmet County Right to Life

to benefit **Pregnancy Care Center of Petoskey**

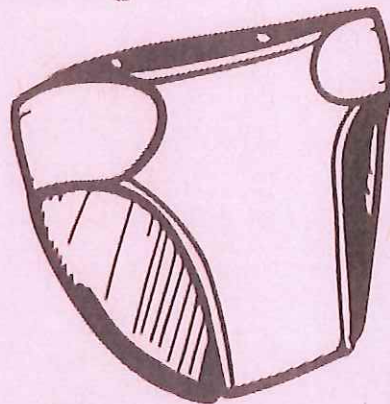
Collecting donations the entire month of May!

## Items Needed:

Disposable Diapers (size 5/6)\*

Baby Wipes

\*open packages of diapers are accepted.



## Three Ways To Donate:

- 1) Order online from your favorite provider and have the diapers/wipes shipped:

Pregnancy Care Center of Petoskey  
2206 Mitchell Park Dr. #9  
Petoskey, Michigan 49770  
231-348-3388  
[info@petoskeyPCC.org](mailto:info@petoskeyPCC.org)

- 2) Deliver your donation in person.

Drop off hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am - 4pm.

- 3) Donate via check, credit card or PayPal through Emmet County Right to Life.

Emmet County Right to Life  
PO Box 2477  
Petoskey, Michigan 49770  
[emmetcountyRTL.com](http://emmetcountyRTL.com)  
[ecrtlpetoskey@gmail.com](mailto:ecrtlpetoskey@gmail.com)

PayPal and credit card users, please use the "Donate" tab on the ECRTL website above and note "diaper drive" in the "add a note" section. 100% of your donations will be used to buy diapers/wipes at the end of May for the Pregnancy Care Center in Petoskey.

Please join the Emmet County Right to Life in supporting the Pregnancy Care Center and all the parents that use their services!