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Dear Friends,

As many of you have heard, The Rev. Dr. Lisa Tucker-Gray has resigned her position as rector of Trinity and will be moving on to a new position with the Church Pension Group in New York City as Vice President of Faculty Management and Training. Lisa's last Sunday service with us will be on September 10th at 10:00 AM where we will celebrate the ministry that we have shared together and wish her well as she answers Gods call to begin a new chapter in her life.

So, I am sure that many of you are thinking, what are our next steps to finding a new rector for Trinity?
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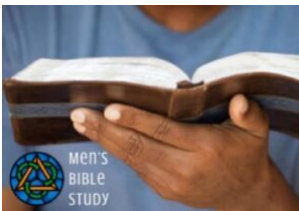
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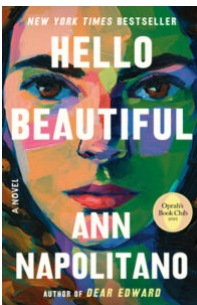
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Other Resources



To build and deepen relationships in the diocese and with the Bishop and Bishop's staff, Bishop Anne is inviting everyone in the diocese to join her in participating in Listening Sessions this summer. We will be able to have facilitated discussions and table conversations about the vision for the diocese and how the Bishop and her staff can support congregations in living out their missions. We will take the information we learn from these sessions and use it for discussion at Diocesan Convention in November. [Click here](#) for the schedule.

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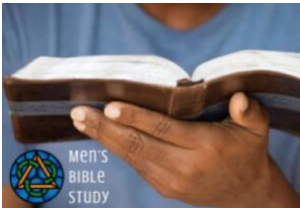


What is it that you see when you approach Trinity Episcopal Church? For some, it may be the massiveness of the historical building at the corner of Summit and Adams in downtown Toledo. Others may see a person covered in a blanket, lying on the bench, not knowing it is our commissioned Homeless Jesus statue. It could be the flags that fly proudly from the building proclaiming messages of support and inclusion that catch the eyes of others. For me, it has always been the Red Doors. ... [Read More](#)



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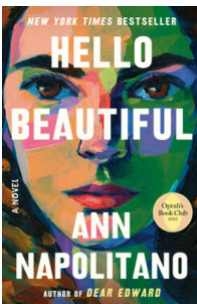
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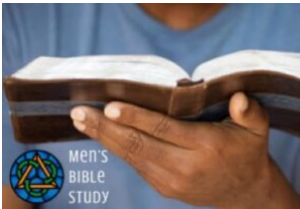
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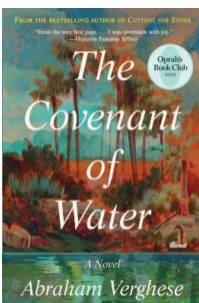
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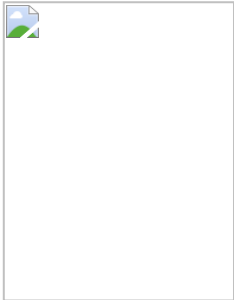


“No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, know that you are welcome and wanted in this place.” That statement resonated with me from the day that Kelly (my wife) and I walked into Trinity over 4 years ago. Those were the first words that spoke to me. And the sermon Lisa gave a few years ago on “Doubting Thomas” touched my soul and has stayed with me ever since. These two messages are all intertwined for me and have helped me find a deeper and more meaningful faith. How many of you, over the years, ... [Read More](#)



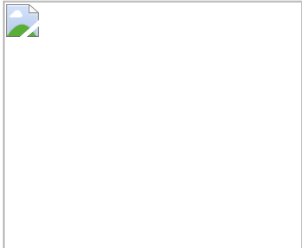
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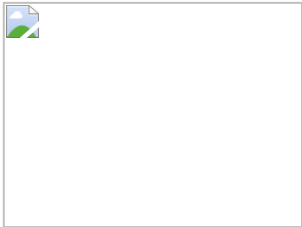
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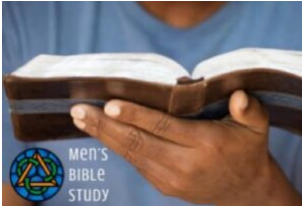
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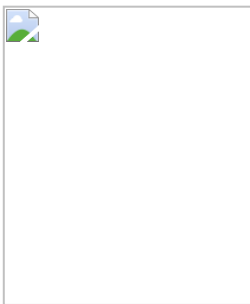
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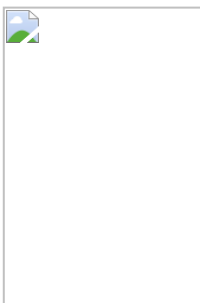
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