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The Communion of Saints



Dear Friends, “Oh, when the saints go marching in. . .” For those of us of a certain age, it’s impossible to read the opening line of the traditional Black spiritual without hearing the jazz great Louis Armstrong singing it. This Sunday, November 5, we’ll celebrate All Saints’ Sunday. It’s a way for us to remember that we are part of a large community of people, both living and dead, who form “the communion of saints.” But just who are the saints anyway? Often when we say the word, “saint,” we mean an official holy person – someone who has been recognized through canonization for holiness. The Roman Catholic Church has a well-established process that must be followed if someone is to be declared a saint. The Episcopal Church has no such official process, although we celebrate and remember “Holy Women” and “Holy Men” who have had made exemplary contributions to the life and work of the church. Because people believe that saints are close to God and accessible to us, the saints’ help is often sought for a variety of reasons. For years, Terry drove with a St. Christopher medal pinned to the sun visor of our old Volvo station wagon as a way of invoking Christopher’s protection for our children and her during their travels. And we all know at least one person who has prayed to St. Jude, known as the “patron saint of the impossible.” Sometimes when we talk about “saints,” we are talking about a person who has died and gone to heaven. It’s helpful to imagine that the veil that separates us from those we “love but see no longer” is a thin one, and that when the congregation joins “with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven” in praising God, parents and grandparents, spouses and friends are just on the other side of the communion table from us. But the way the New Testament speaks of saints has always held the most appeal for me. When St. Paul wrote to the church in Corinth, he addressed his first letter to “those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus,

called to be saints...” He was speaking to a group of people whose behavior would never be associated with the way we think saints out to behave. In fact, Paul took members of the Corinthian congregation to task for a variety of bad behaviors – everything from sexual immorality, to infighting, to refusing to share food at the church’s pot-luck suppers following the Holy Eucharist. However, Paul was on to something when he called the Corinthians “saints.” He understood that being a saint was the result of something God does, not something we do. A “saint” according to Paul, is someone who is “sanctified in Christ Jesus.” Come join your fellow Trinity saints this Sunday, November 5. Remember to turn your clock back one hour before retiring. And, if you haven’t already done so, bring your 2024 pledge card as we wrap up the Annual Pledge Drive with an ingathering. I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in. How about you? Blessings, Stephen Applegate

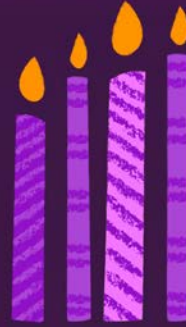
2023 Pledge Drive



Welcome to the 2023 Annual Pledge Drive. It is that time of year when we reflect on what it means to be part of a progressive, inclusive, and creative Christian community of faith supporting the ministry we share together in downtown Toledo, Ohio. It is that time of year when we set aside the social stigma of talking about money and boldly invite you to consider money as one of the many ways God can use to radically transform who we are as disciples. Regardless of the level of giving, we believe making this promise for the year ahead is a sign of hope and an affirmation that we are rooted in God’s abundance. Each year we focus on this invitation, encouraging all of us to make a pledge because it both changes who we are as individuals growing in generosity and as a community able to be an expression of God’s love in the world. Click on image to read more and find pledge form.



Advent SAVE THE DATES



SATURDAY, DEC 2 @9:30AM
GREENING OF THE CHURCH PARTY

SUNDAY, DEC 3 AFTER WORSHIP
MULTI-GEN ADVENT WREATH DIY

SUNDAY, DEC 10 @3PM ADVENT CELEBRATION
CAROLING, CRAFTS, HOT CHOCOLATE,
COOKIE EXCHANGE & MORE

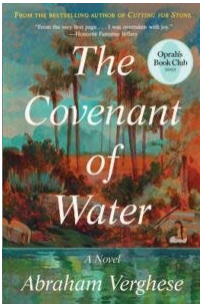
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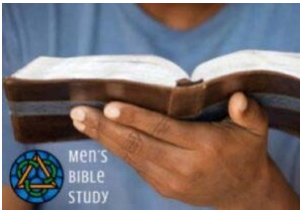


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Building Partner News

Leadership Toledo Community Leadership Series



November 9th - The Community Leadership Series is dedicated to spotlighting exceptional leaders and organizations within the great Toledo Region. Thursday, November 9, 2023 11:30-1pm at Mott Library. There is no cost to attend, boxed lunch is included but registration is required.

Actors Collaborative Toledo (ACT)



November 10 & 11 - Actors Collaborative Toledo (ACT) is proud to present the area premiere of the satirical comedy “The Thanksgiving Play” by Native American (Sicangu Lakota) playwright Larissa FastHorse. The play will be performed at The Maumee Indoor Theatre on November 10 & 11, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. and on November 12, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance at www.act419.org or at the door beginning one hour before curtain. A portion of the proceeds from this production will benefit Equality Toledo’s Community Food Pantry. ACT will also be accepting donations of non-perishable food items, personal hygiene products, and pet food during the run of the show to be donated to Equality Toledo’s Community Food Pantry.



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[‘Baby Bishops’ welcomed to the Anglican Communion Office as part of training event](#)

[Anglican Communion News Service] Nearly 30 new Anglican bishops from around the world, affectionately nicknamed “baby bishops,” were welcomed to the...

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207th Annual Convention



Dear Friends,

The 207th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Ohio convenes this evening in Wooster with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 5:30 pm. The convention banquet will follow. Tomorrow morning, the convention's business session will begin and then wrap up later in the afternoon. This convention is the first at which Bishop Anne Jolly will preside. Trinity will be represented by three lay delegates, each of them with seat, voice, and vote – Mary Beroske, Hugh Grefe, and Jolene Miller. As your Interim Rector, I will be granted the courtesy of seat and voice, but won't have voting privileges since I'm a priest in the Diocese of Southern Ohio. George Benson, our Director of Community Engagement, will also attend the convention as an observer, providing him the opportunity to learn more about how the diocese supports the ministries of its various parishes and congregations.

Diocesan conventions are a time when lay and clergy delegates from each congregation in the diocese gather for worship and fellowship, and to discuss and make decisions about the budget, resolutions, canons, and other issues. You can learn more about this year's meeting by going to the convention website here: <https://www.dohio.org/convention>.

The Diocese of Ohio occupies 48 counties in the northern half of the state. It was the first diocese of the Episcopal Church to be established outside the original 13 colonies. At present, there are 95 parishes – some large, others small, and still others somewhere in between.

Shortly after Ohio was admitted to the Union, the first Episcopal church, St. John's, was established in the state at Worthington in 1804. (Fun fact – I served as interim at St. John's from 2019-2020.) Philander Chase, a graduate of Dartmouth, was called to be St. John's first rector in 1817. A year later, he was elected the first Bishop of Ohio, and immediately began founding congregations and organizing the diocese for mission. A force to be reckoned with, Bishop Chase established Kenyon College and Bexley Hall Seminary. To give you some idea of his energy, between June 1820 and June 1821, he preached 200 times, baptized fifty people, and confirmed another 175 while traveling 1,279 miles on horseback!

Your interim and lay delegates won't have to travel to Wooster on horseback, but we will still appreciate your prayers. Here's the prayer For a Church Convention or Meeting from the Book of Common Prayer:

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in the Diocese of Ohio for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Living the Way of Love Through Advent



Curious to learn more about Jesus' Way of Love (through the lens of the Episcopal church)? How can we practice turning, learning, praying, worshiping, blessing, going, and resting during the season of Advent? Join us after church on November 26 and December 3, 10, and 17, to learn more.

On November 26, we'll talk about the Way of Love, then the rest of the sessions will be reflecting on how we can practice the Way of Love during Advent, using an Advent calendar. Sessions will start after church is over and run until about 1:00 pm. We will have a simple soup lunch before discussion.

Please sign up in advance so we can make enough soup. If you have any questions, contact Jolene Miller.

Greening the Church Party



Sat. Dec 2 at 9:30am Join in the fun on Saturday morning. The coffee will be brewing and donuts will be plentiful. Sign up to deck the halls. All ages welcome!



COMING 2024!



MUSIC and THE ARTS

TRINITY

23

Jan

Trinity Musicians Concert

03

Feb

ACT: The Mountain Top

09

Mar

Joanna Whaley

15

Mar

TAPA Candlelight Concert

05

Apr

The Big in the Smallness of God

12

Apr

ACT: Wakey, Wakey

18

May

ACT: Tiny Beautiful Things

11

June

Trinity Musicians Concert

16

June

Masterworks Chorale



Join Our Team



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ADVENT EVENTS!



12.02

GREENING
THE CHURCH

HELP THE CHURCH GET "ADVENT READY!" 10:00 AM IN TRINITY SANCTUARY



12.03

MAKE YOUR
ADVENT WREATH

A SPIRITUAL TIME TOGETHER CELEBRATING OUR TRADITION AFTER SERVICE



12.10

COME SAIL
THE 7 C'S!



CHRISTMAS. COOKIES. COCOA. COFFEE.
CAROLS. CARDS AND CAMARADERIE!



COMMUNITY WIDE CHRISTMAS PARTY! ALL ARE WELCOME AND WANTED!
RIGHT AFTER THE SERVICE IN MY BROTHER'S PLACE



PARENTS OF

LGBTQ+ YOUTH

THIRD SATURDAYS | 5-7 PM
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
316 ADAMS ST

- Led by highly experienced parenting coach
- This group will run simultaneous to the youth social night. Feel free to drop your teens off at Solace early.
- Trinity Episcopal is a welcoming and affirming church
- Open to all parents of LGBTQ+ youth, regardless of religious affiliation or lack thereof
- Parking is provided in the garage (entrance on St. Clair) and will be validated



ADVENT

SOUP & CONVERSATION



THE WAY OF LOVE
Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

After Church

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Thanksgiving



Dear Friends,

Thanksgiving is early this year – almost the earliest it can be in November. I suppose that will make it a good year for retailers since there will be a few more “shopping days ‘til Christmas.” Thank goodness a few stores have backtracked on the recent practice of opening their doors on Thanksgiving Day. I’m grateful that they’ve opted to give employees the day off.

Terry and I will travel to New Hampshire – a trip planned long before I knew I would be coming to Toledo. Daughter Kate and her husband, Mike, moved to Litchfield a year ago September, and I have yet to see their home. She has gently reminded me of this, so I need to remedy the situation. Our kids are spread out from east coast to west, so it’s just not possible for us all to gather in one place for turkey and pie. FaceTime and phone calls will have to serve as substitutes for being together in person.

We’ve hosted many gatherings in our home over the years welcoming “all sorts and conditions”: foreign students from Denison who weren’t able to go home for the holiday, truck drivers who hauled mobile broadcast equipment to Columbus for the Ohio State-Michigan game, and a few folks whom we knew would otherwise be alone for Thanksgiving on a day when gathering with others is what it’s all about. Whether you are traveling or staying put, I hope you are part of a gathering somewhere.

Billy Collins, the former Poet Laureate, captures the feeling of the day perfectly in his poem, “The

Gathering.” You may already know it, but if not, here it is:

Outside, the scene was right for the season, heavy gray clouds and just enough wind to blow down the last of the yellow leaves.

But the house was different that day, so distant from the other houses, like a planet inhabited by only a dozen people with the same last name and the same nose rotating slowly on its invisible axis. Too bad you couldn't be there

but you were flying through space on your own asteroid with your arm around an uncle. You would have unwrapped your scarf

and thrown your coat on top of the pile then lifted a glass of wine as a tiny man ran across a screen with a ball.

You would have heard me saying grace with my elbows on the tablecloth as one of the twins threw a dinner roll across the room at the other.

Whether you have your elbows on the table or are dodging throwed rolls, I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving. I have many, many things to be grateful for this year, but I'm especially grateful to be serving as your Interim Rector.

Blessings,

Stephen Applegate

TRINITY UPDATES

Transition Update

Dear Friends,

I wanted to take some time to update everyone on where we are on our journey through the transition process. With the help of our Bishop and her staff, your Wardens and Vestry have been able accomplish a lot in a short period of time.

As you know, our Interim Rector, the Rev. Dr. Stephen Applegate celebrated his first worship service with us on Sunday, October 1st. It is almost unheard of to secure an Interim Rector only two weeks after your former Rector began a new journey, down a different path, but here we are, and we have been so grateful to welcome Stephen and his wife Terry into our Trinity community.

A few weeks ago, we were able to engage a search consultant, the Rev. Aaron Gerlach who was recommended and approved by the Bishop. Aaron will work with the search committee to help them accomplish the tasks that they need to complete in order to begin a formal search for a new Rector. Aaron will also serve as the principal link with the Bishop and transition officer in

providing resources and guidance during the interim period and search process.

This leads me to talk to you about our search committee. For the past month your Wardens and Vestry have talked about the members of our congregation, looking at age range, participation, and length of time at Trinity. It is with great thought and discernment that we have chosen an eight-member team of people that will make up the search committee to find a new rector for our Trinity community.

Let us welcome the following members of our congregation who have accepted the call to serve on the search committee.

Trinity Search Committee:

Karen Keune - Chair

Gail Abood

Mary Beroske

Angie Carriker

Mark Dublliek

LaVonda Jossett

Allen Santiago

Sue Smitley

Gracious and loving God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Guide the Search Committee, Vestry, and people of Trinity Church through this time of transition and discernment. We pray that your Holy Spirit continues to open our hearts and minds to new opportunities and ideas; so that we may follow where you lead — knowing that Jesus walks with us each step of the way. Empower each and every member of our Search Committee to use their gifts for ministry to the fullest; to share their thoughts openly and honestly; to respect the opinions of others; and to encourage humility, patience, and joy.

Finally, instill in all the people of Trinity Church a glorious vision of the future; that, guided by your Holy Spirit, we may be united in love — with warm hearts, enlightened minds and open arms — so that we may gladly accomplish the mission to which you are calling us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- adapted from Christ Church-Winnetka, IL

Peace,

Donna Steppe

Senior Warden

Diocesan Convention Report

Article and Drawing by Jolene Miller

On Friday, November 10, and Saturday, November 11, the Diocese of Ohio held its 207th annual convention in Wooster, with our new Bishop, Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly presiding. Convention is a



time when clergy and delegates from the parishes gather to do the work of the diocese. (Not to be confused with Winter Convocation, when we gather for fun, fellowship, and learning. More about that at later date.) Representing Trinity-Toledo were Mary Beroske, Hugh Grefe, Jolene Miller, and the Rev. Dr. Stephen Applegate. Joining us was George Benson, who was a guest of convention to learn more about the Episcopal Church.

On Friday evening, convention began with Eucharist at the First Presbyterian Church of Wooster, a church large enough to hold us all. The diocesan banquet, a time to reconnect with friends and make new ones. At the banquet, we got a taste of the Bishop's staff's energy: making time for fun. Our team (Table One) almost won Episcopal trivia!

We got to work the next morning, sharing a table with the delegation from St. Matthew's-Toledo. Convention elected clergy and lay members to the various committees and alternate deputies to the Episcopal Church's General Convention, which is scheduled for June 2024 in Louisville, KY. (Church nerds, you can find more information here: <https://generalconvention.org>)

We heard reports about various activities of the diocese, such as Bellwether Farm and Retreat Center's recent summer camps and the high regard Bellwether is receiving from the Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers organization. During the Episcopal Address, Bishop Anne led us through the results of the summer's listening session, inviting us into table discussions about what the results might mean. Highlights of the reports for me were that congregational development and innovation were highly ranked by participants of the listening sessions. The results spoke to strengthening our communities. From a firmer foundation, we can try new things...try new things and, as Bishop Anne says, "fail gloriously." I appreciated that she expects the things we try may not have the results we want, and that's okay.

There were no proposed changes to the diocesan constitution and canons (our governing documents), and three resolutions: the annual resolution on minimum clergy compensation, a resolution affirming the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral (Stephen can tell you all about that), and a resolution affirming a set of principles called Migration with Dignity, which was proposed by leaders of St. Paul's-Maumee. All three resolutions passed. We also reviewed and voted to accept the proposed diocesan budget.

Here's what you need to know about diocesan convention. Can it be boring at times? You bet. Does it play an important role in the work that we do as individual parishes and together as a diocese. Absolutely! The work we do is important enough that I willingly serve as a delegate. Ultimately, it reminds me that Trinity is not alone in our mission.

PS - Not to be outdone by Friday night's trivia, the business meeting was enlivened by a game of bingo. When you heard a word used during the meeting, you marked it off your card. We laughed every time someone said "Bingo!" in the middle of someone's report. I was very thankful when Rev. Anna Sutterisch, Canon for Formation, was reporting on Bellwether and said the word "chicken"! I got double-bingo for chicken.

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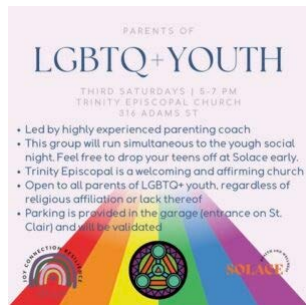
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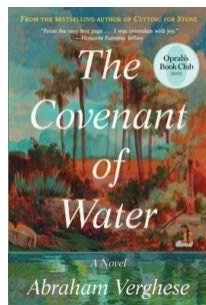
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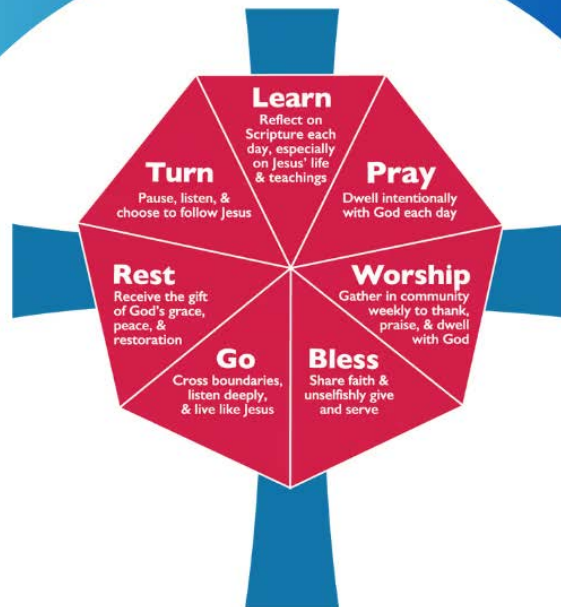
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Left Overs Day



Dear Friends,

Today is “Leftovers Day,” when we eat turkey sandwiches, turkey noodle soup, and – an old friend’s favorite: turkey hash.

A quick Google search offers “9 Easy Thanksgiving Leftovers Recipes,” or the “25 Best Thanksgiving Leftover Recipes,” or, for the desperate, “31 Thanksgiving Leftover Recipes to Clear Your Fridge With” (pardon the grammar!). Creative cooks aren’t lacking for ideas! And then there’s the ever-helpful answer to the question: How long are Thanksgiving leftovers safe to eat? (The answer – three or four days in the refrigerator, so Monday at the latest.)

Needless to say, too much turkey can get tiresome. The children’s poet Jack Prelutsky (jackprelutsky.com) captures the feeling perfectly in his poem “Leftovers”:

Thanksgiving has been over for at least a week or two, but we’re all still eating turkey, turkey salad, turkey stew,

turkey puffs and turkey pudding, turkey patties, turkey pies, turkey bisque and turkey burgers, turkey fritters, turkey fries.

For lunch, our mother made us turkey slices on a stick, there’ll be turkey tarts for supper, all this turkey makes me sick.

For tomorrow she's preparing turkey dumplings stuffed with peas, oh I never thought I'd say this — "Mother! No more turkey... PLEASE!"

Of course, it's only those who have more than enough to eat who have the privilege of complaining about too many leftovers. For many — especially in those places where people are at war with one another — food and water are scarce.

The Holy Scriptures have many stories about crop failures, droughts, cities starving under siege, and widespread famine. Things have been hard for many for a long time.

But the Bible also has stories of abundance. Perhaps the most famous of them is the story of Jesus' feeding 5,000 men — and, Matthew writes in his Gospel, "women and children besides," so maybe 15,000 people were fed?

Do you remember that, at the end of the meal, there were leftovers. Matthew says, "Everybody ate and was satisfied, and they picked up twelve baskets full of broken pieces."

I've long been intrigued, not only by how the story ends, but by how it begins. Twelve baskets of leftovers were gathered at the end of the meal, because someone shared "five loaves of bread and two fish."

As you enjoy that turkey sandwich or that piece of leftover pie, find some way to share the abundance with which you've been blessed. If you want to help locally, consider the Toledo Food Bank. If you are looking for an Episcopal Church response to need throughout the world, there's Episcopal Relief & Development. And the United Thank Offering has a \$100,000 challenge grant, matching donations that will go to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

Giving Tuesday is just four days away. You should have eaten all your Thanksgiving leftovers by then and be ready to share your abundance. Miracles happen when we do.

Blessings,

Stephen Applegate

TRINITY NEWS

Do You Feel Called To Serve On Vestry?

The Vestry of Trinity Church is the lay governing body of the parish. Vestry members are elected for a three-year term by members of the congregation at the Annual Meeting in late January.

Three members will be elected this year. If you are interested in being considered, please contact Junior Warden Jeffrey Albright who serves as the chair of the Nominating Committee. If you would like to know more about serving on the Vestry, please contact any of the current Vestry members whose names can be found on the back of the service booklet each Sunday. Contact the Parish Office for help reaching either the Junior Warden or any other member of the Vestry.

Multi Faith Coalition – Prayer Walk



Pastor Will Henderson of L.E.A.D. Community Church has invited all of us to a Prayer Walk that is being held on Saturday mornings through December 4th, around the Weiler Homes/Spieker Terrace housing complex in East Toledo. "The purpose of this prayer walk is to push back the spiritual darkness surrounding our eastside community, in the name of Jesus. We are asking the Lord to tear down the spiritual walls of darkness that are keeping people in

bondage, and blind to the love and truth of Jesus Christ." All are welcome.

Food Pantry



November 28th - Trinity Episcopal Church and Food For Thought offer a monthly food pantry! Residential proof is not a requirement. All are welcome and wanted! If you are interested in volunteering please sign up! If you need food please come! Click image for more info.

Wednesday Noon Worship

Starting Wednesday, December 6 at 12:00 noon worship will begin in the chapel. First and Third Wednesdays will be Holy Eucharist, Second and Fourth will be noonday prayers and intercessions. This pattern will continue through Easter with occasional exceptions. All are welcome!

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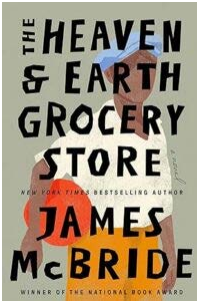
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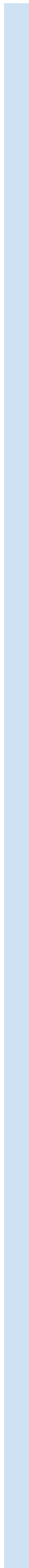
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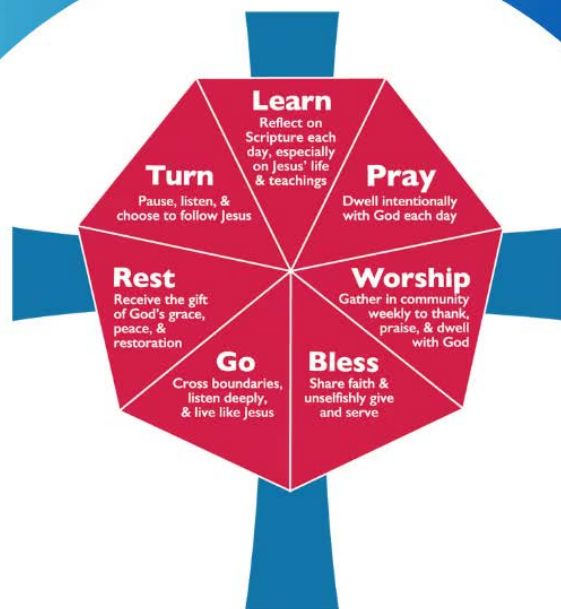


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