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A MONTH OF FELLOWSHIP

September turned out to be a month of fellowship for Trinity! Back from our summer vacations and travels, we saw so many wonderful gatherings and meetings in full swing! We gathered for Daughters of the King, Women of Trinity, Men of Trinity, and a Trinity Ladies Night Out! It was wonderful to be back together again.

We can't wait for you to see what wonderful things we have in store for October! Daughters of the King will be hosting a Fall Day of Reflection, Women of Trinity will be hosting The Pet Place for their monthly meeting, including some adorable furry visitors, and our Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat is back and that means our Best Trunk trophy is up for grabs! Mark your calendars!

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH'S HOLY VISION:

In glorifying God, we the members of Trinity Church, will foster a unified parish, demonstrate our spirituality with an open heart, and reflect in our actions the good news of the Holy Spirit to all members of our church and community.



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OUR CORE VALUES:

Commitment to Jesus Christ

Authority of Scripture

Evangelism Relational

Ministry

Worship

Servant Ministry

Sacrificial Giving

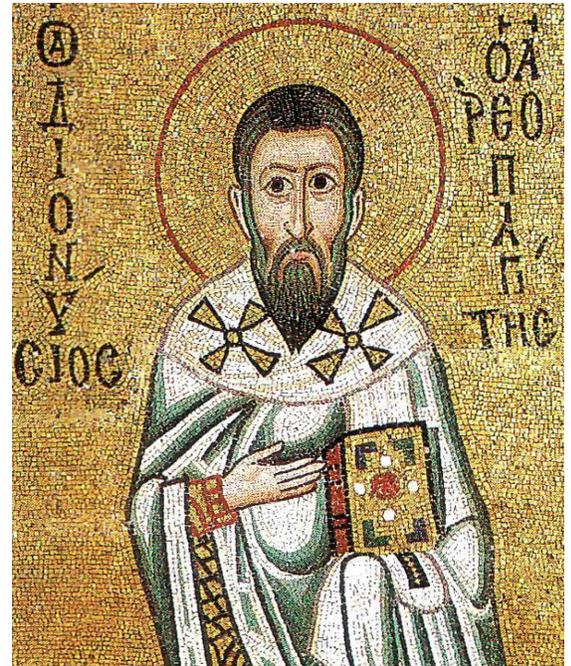
Biblical Leadership

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear Trinity,

Some of our folks have asked about what I am working on in my Doctoral work. The short answer is: lots of things! In the last couple of months, I have been doing some work on Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite and his effect upon the medieval and early modern Church. I have included a short summary of this research below.

As the Church developed during the Medieval period and began serious reflection on the ways that God accomplishes His salvation in human beings, the writings of Dionysius the Areopagite became increasingly influential. The thought of this Christian Neoplatonist and mystic were thought to come from the Dionysius whom Paul converted in Athenian Areopagus (hence the appellation "Areopagite"). These writings gained a deep authority in the Church; everyone believed that this was as close to the Apostle Paul's true meaning as one could get after the Sacred Scriptures.



For Dionysius, the created universe participates in the Being of God in a hierarchical fashion. All of creation, in a great chain, extends from the lowest level of non-living creatures of complete perfection to God Himself. Each example of being gains its existence by virtue of participation in the Being of God. Moreover, these dependent beings participate in the Being of God, not directly, but rather in a mediated fashion. The lower level participates through the level above as its intermediary until everything reaches the top.

This way of understanding created existence as a hierarchy of being derived from the Areopagite was incredibly influential in the Middle Ages, both in the East and the West. Dionysius features prominently in St. Thomas Aquinas and was thus solidified into the Medieval system of salvation. The substance of God's grace is mediated to humanity through intermediaries up the chain. Saints, icons, relics, transubstantiated elements and the like all mediate grace to humanity so that humans can ascend the hierarchy of being, eventually returning to God as humans elevated beyond our capacities. Nature is added on to, and transformed into the Supernature of holiness.

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

In fact, this mediatorial conception of the universe was used explicitly by Pope Boniface VIII to argue for the subordination of kings to Popes in his encyclical *Unam Sanctam*: “For, according to the Blessed Dionysius, it is a law of the divinity that the lowest things reach the highest place by intermediaries. Then, according to the order of the universe, all things are not led back to order equally and immediately, but the lowest by the intermediary, and the inferior by the superior. Hence we must recognize the more clearly that spiritual power surpasses in dignity and in nobility any temporal power whatever, as spiritual things surpass the temporal.”

The only problem was that Dionysius the Areopagite was actually pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite. The person claiming to be Dionysius was not actually Paul’s companion in Athens, but rather a 6th-century theologian with no special connection to the Apostle. This discovery would call into question not only the writings of pseudo-dionysius, but also those theologians who relied so heavily upon him.



The Reformation, being as it was a purification of the Church by returning to the Scriptures and the Early Fathers, reorganized the hierarchy of participated being. Not that things great and small do not depend upon their existence from God, but rather that the created structures of the universe are not able, after the Fall, to mediate any grace of God contained within them. Instead, the mediator of all God’s grace comes directly and unmediated through Jesus Christ. The mediation of grace comes directly through Christ by faith, for “there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ” (1 Tim. 2:5). Thus, baptismal water retains its integrity as water, but when received by faith, God works with it to bring the washing of Christ’s blood directly to the soul. Bread and wine remain bread and wine on the altar, and yet, when received by faith, Christ acts alongside those consecrated elements to communicate the efficacy of His body and blood to our souls.

This unmediated grace of Christ does not exclude the freedom of God’s working by created elements, symbols, art, and ordinary substances. The crucial point is that the grace is not contained within the intermediary, nor is God bound to work by them. Humanity has direct and unmediated access to Christ, the author and perfecter of our faith. Though we see Him in a glass darkly, we see Him truly, and by His sacrifice come directly to the throne of God.

In Christ,
Rev. Sean

39 ARTICLES: COMMENTARY & REFLECTIONS

Article IX. Of Original or Birth Sin

ORIGINAL sin standeth not in the following of Adam (as the Pelagians do vainly talk), but it is the fault and corruption of the nature of every man that naturally is engendered of the offspring of Adam, whereby man is very far gone from original righteousness, and is of his own nature inclined to evil, so that the flesh lusteth always contrary to the spirit; and therefore in every person born into this world, it deserveth God's wrath and damnation. And this infection of nature doth remain, yea, in them that are regenerated, whereby the lust of the flesh, called in Greek phronema sarkos (which some do expound the wisdom, some sensuality, some the affection, some the desire of the flesh), is not subject to the law of God. And although there is no condemnation for them that believe and are baptized, yet the Apostle doth confess that concupiscence and lust hath itself the nature of sin.

We resume our discussion of the 39 Articles with the beginning of a new section. The previous articles have stated those truths that are (more or less) universally accepted by all branches of the Christian Church. Articles IX-XVIII discuss the way of salvation in Christ, and therefore maintain some of the distinctive points of controversies in the Western Church. Anglicans all over the world claim the title of “Reformed Catholics”; we have discussed already the pure foundational points of catholic teaching, and now we pass to the reforming efforts of the Church of England.



Article IX lays out 3 points of correction to erroneous formulations of Original Sin:

1. Original Sin is not transmitted through following the example of Adam, but is in our very nature as human beings. Romans 5 makes it clear that through Adam death spread to all people, not just those who acted like Adam. Spiritually speaking, we come into the world stillborn because of Adam's first sin. In contemporary Western culture, we place a premium on the individual; it can seem unjust to have someone else's fault given to us who did not commit the sin. But it makes more sense when we understand the paradigm of communitarian cultures. Individuals in African or Asian cultures are more likely to see themselves as a part of a larger community, in which the good or evil actions of the leader has consequences for the entire group. Even in the US, we can get a taste of this: we have representatives that we elect, but they make decisions for us that we may or may not agree with. The decisions are nevertheless legally binding on us as a constituency.

2. Because of this Original Sin, Man's nature is inclined to evil. This statement does deserve some careful explanation. It does not mean that every person is as bad as they possibly could be. Instead, to have a depraved nature means that every part of a person from birth is bent toward the love of self rather than the love of God. Another way to say this might be that the corruption of our nature is total in its extent, not its degree (Griffith Thomas, p. 165). A watch may be beautifully crafted and made of gold, yet if it does not tell the time it is useless. Though all humanity is created in the image of God, because of the Fall we cannot do anything pleasing to God without His intervention.

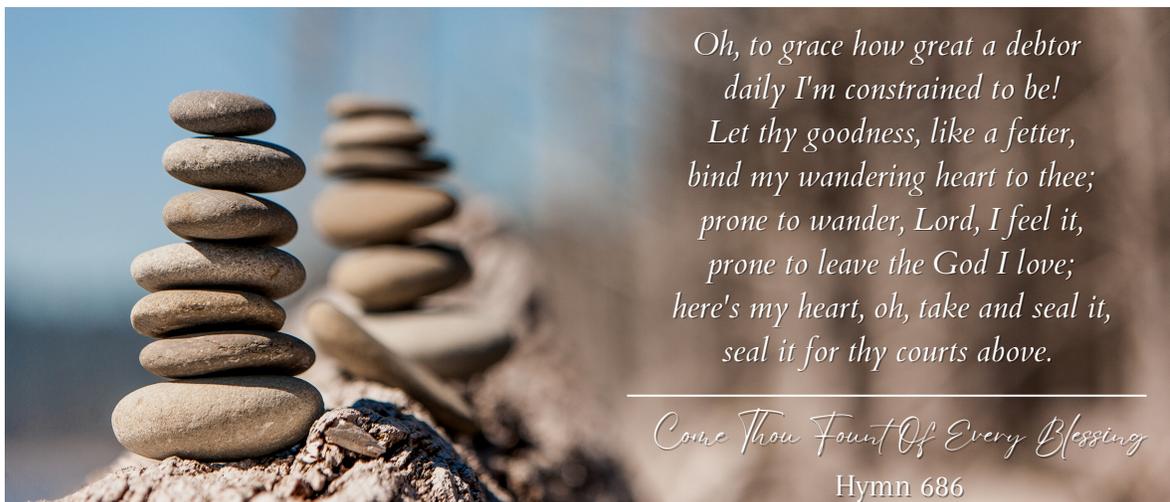
Finally, 3. A sin nature stays with us, even in those who are in Christ. The presence of sin persists until the day that God calls us home. The dominion of sin is gone for Christians; sin no longer has power to enslave. Yet sin is not eradicated from our lives in such a way that we can live without the grace of God supporting us. We must continually look to God's help, not only for strength to live a holy life but also to forgive our sins.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The first cool breezes of the fall always seem to breathe life into what is otherwise a season of change and of letting old things fall away. Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and love, provides in each season, whether in nature or in our lives, the gifts we need to learn from as we pass through to the next chapter. Throughout scripture we see His enduring and great faithfulness; making ways through seas, deserts, and rivers, and even through that chasm, that to our human eye and heart would seem the most impossible of all, the chasm of sin and death. He always makes a way, He carves the paths and He provides the sustenance. Through all the trials and tribulations that our world has seen His grace and peace are the steady constant. And yet, despite His faithfulness in all things, in our humanness we are prone to forget. "*Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,*" as the words of that great hymn convict. How then do we remember?

On Saturday, October 22, 2022, the Daughters of the King will be hosting our Fall *Day of Reflection: Stones of Remembrance* and tackling that very question. All ladies of the church are invited to join us as we study Joshua 4 and stack our own metaphorical stones of remembrance just as Joshua and the Israelites did after crossing the Jordan "*so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the Lord is mighty, that you may fear the Lord your God forever.*" (Joshua 4:24)

In Christ,
Magdalena Altnau
DOK Hannah Chapter President



Rule of Life

PRAYER
SERVICE
EVANGELISM

When we take our vows as Daughter of the King, we submit ourselves to a Rule of Life consisting of prayer, service, and evangelism. Our daily prayer for each other, our parish, and our community is something that we approach great care with.

If you or someone you know has a need for prayer, please know that you can reach out to any Daughter. You can also email your prayer requests to the church office. All prayer requests are private and confidential.

How can we pray for you today?



OUR MISSION:

To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by:

Inviting all to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Fostering the presence of the Holy Spirit for the equipping of saints to do the work of ministry.

Witnessing to the power of God to heal, transform, and make all things new.

Supporting those who by word and example make Christ's redemptive work known.

IN OCTOBER

WOMEN OF TRINITY
October Meeting
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022
11:00 AM-1:00PM
ALL SAINTS HALL

Guests Speaker:
THE PET PLACE

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THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING
Hannah Chapter



DAY OF REFLECTION:
Stones of Remembrance

Saturday, October 22, 2022
9:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Margot Lingold's Home

PLEASE RSVP TO EITHER
CHURCH OFFICE OR MAGDALENA ALTNAU

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**PARISH
TRUNK OR TREAT
&
FALL FESTIVAL**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022
5:00-7:00PM
CHURCH PARKING LOT

CANDY GAMES
FOOD &
FELLOWSHIP

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Save the Date
NOVEMBER

Friendsgiving @ The Duncan's
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2022

Thanksgiving Out Reach Luncheon
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2022

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Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ.

To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:8-11

FALL FESTIVAL & TRUNK OR TREAT



Can you believe that it's already time for Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat again? We can't wait to invite our parish and the community to come join us for candy, games, food, and fellowship on Saturday, October 29, 2022 from 5:00-7:00 pm.

Last year, we had a highly successful event with so many families coming out to join us! We saw a good number of people from our community come out as well and we would love to see this event grow even more this year.



This year there will be other Downtown events running at the same time so we hope to see even more families come by and join us for some fall fun and games! But we need YOU to make it all happen!

WHAT WE NEED:

- **TRUNKS** | Decorate your trunk, load up some candy, and come join the fun!
- **CANDY** | We want to make sure that we don't run out of candy to hand out and we will also have some game stations that our Youth will be helping to run with candy as prizes, so any additional candy donations would be wonderful!
- **VOLUNTEERS** | We will be serving food and drinks and there will be a couple of game stations. Volunteers to help man these stations would make all the difference in pulling off another successful year.

We will be sending out a sign-up form via email next week but please feel free to reach out to *Magda Altnau* with any questions about volunteering.

WHO WILL BE OUR 2022 BEST TRUNK WINNER?



2021 Best Trunk Winners :
Vince & Anne Godinich

Will it be YOUR name on our awesome Best Trunk Trophy this year? We had so many creative trunks last year and we can't wait to see what you all come up with this year!

And don't think that the Godinichs are going to give up their bragging rights from 2021 easily! So ready, set, go ... it's time to start flexing those creative muscles!



JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR

OUR CLERGY:

Bishops Andy, Jeff, Hector, Kai, and our Rector Rev. Sean Duncan

OUR STAFF:

Jim Johnson - Organist; Melissa Hammers - Choir Director; Stacey Shaw - Parish Administrator; Danielle Bray - Nursery Director; Magdalena Altnau - Children's Minister & Communications Director; Christiaan Goldberg - Martha Kitchen's Assistant Director

OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Our President, Joe; our Governor, Greg; our County Judge, Chad; our Mayor, Amy

OUR SERVICEMEN & WOMEN:

Zachary Vernon Walker, Jason Woodley, Michael Walsh, Lisa Sperhake, Christopher Love, Audrey Dobbs, Aubrey Toussaint, Kenny Welch, Ryan Allgood, Wil Moseley, Chase Tondee, Cole Cathey, Andy Albright

OUR PARISHIONERS:

Kay Kemp, Yank Terrell, Wanda Fugler, Dick Toussaint, Sandy Toussaint, David Cope, Terry Weeks, Michael Cason

IN THE COMMUNITY:

Rhonda Way, Tommy Hicks, Maria Mangieri, Brad Thomas, Vanessa White, Cathy Lazansky Horeu, Reagann Rountree, Phil Thomas, Scott Gorges

HOMEBOUND:

Bill & Carolyn Sullivan - Home, Mary Jane McElroy - Marshall Manor, Jo Ann Cason - Home, Peggy Tracy - Home, Patty Whaley - Home, Mary Lou Barkett - Home, Ron Denney, Sr. - Home

SISTER PARISH:

Oyani Church - Kenya



MINISTRY ROSTER

	Sunday, October 2	Sunday, October 9	Sunday, October 16	Sunday, October 23	Sunday, October 30
8:00 am Lectors	Ken Kerr	Scott Rectenwald	Ann Brannon	Ken Kerr	David Thomas
8:00 am Ushers	Ron Denney, Jr.	Mac Abney	Ken Haynes	Mac Abney	Ron Denney, Jr.
10:30 am Lectors	David Thomas Jessica Lang	Sally Graff Brad Graff	Roy McCarroll Lyn Carmony	Ken Kerr	David Thomas
10:30 am Ushers	Gary & Mieko Hathaway	Henry Henderson Robbey Simmons	Mark Trexler Tony Pierce	Gary & Mieko Hathaway	Brad Graff Joel Truelove
Acolyte: Crucifer	Aiden Kerr	Yuri Altnau	Anika Kerr		
Vergers	Christopher Altnau	Christopher Altnau	Christopher Altnau		
Camera/Audio	Austin Oden	Tony Pierce	Austin Oden	Tony Pierce	Tony Pierce
Altar Flowers	Bonnie Strauss	Trexler/Heim	Jenny Kerr	Clarissa Martin	Nancy Haynes
Breakfast Host	Rectenwald	No Breakfast	No Breakfast	No Breakfast	No Breakfast
Coffee & Cookie Hr.	Bonnie Strauss	Helen Beckwith	Amber Duncan	Mieko Hathaway	Kay Ivy
Altar Guild Schedule Polish Day: Thursday, October 20, 2022 9:00am	Monday, October 3	Monday, October 10	Monday, October 17	Monday, October 24	Monday, October 31
	Team 4	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 2
	<i>Sue Boyd</i> C. Abney, L. Rectenwald G. Knutson, N. Haynes	<i>Angela Bray</i> K. Abraham, K. DeSa L. Terrell, S. Heim, B. Strauss	<i>Susan Bogue</i> J. Trexler, T. Whaley J. Weeks, C. Martin G. Weinberg	<i>Sue Boyd</i> C. Abney, L. Rectenwald G. Knutson, N. Haynes	<i>Angela Bray</i> K. Abraham, K. DeSa L. Terrell, S. Heim, B. Strauss

Ushers : Remember to count attendance, record it on card & hand it to the Verger during the Peace.

August Financials

REVENUE \$ 28,811.71

EXPENSES \$ 39,801.20

DIFFERENCE \$ {10,989.49}

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



October Birthdays

2 Frank Strauss	15 Diane Taylor
3 Irma Tanner	15 Alice Bray
5 Mieko Hathaway	16 Ken Kerr
10 Robert DeSa	16 Pam Gotcher
11 Gayle Weinberg	25 Carolyn Sullivan
13 Bonnie Strauss	26 Mary Lou Barkett
13 Julie Trexler	28 John Bogue Sr.
13 Ron Denney, Sr.	31 Virginia Nader



Watch over thine children,
O Lord, as their days increase;
bless and guide them wherever
they may be. Strengthen them
when they stand; comfort them
when discouraged or sorrowful;
raise them up if they fall; and
in their hearts may thy peace
which passeth understanding
abide all the days of their life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

O God, you have so consecrated the
covenant of marriage that in it is
represented the spiritual unity between
Christ and his Church: Send therefore your
blessing upon these your servants, that
they may so love, honor, and cherish each
other in faithfulness and patience, in
wisdom and true godliness, that their
home may be a haven of blessing and
peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Happy Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Drake Lee
{ October 11 }

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Henry
{ October 16 }



OCTOBER FEAST DAYS

ST. LUKE {THE EVANGELIST} | OCTOBER 18



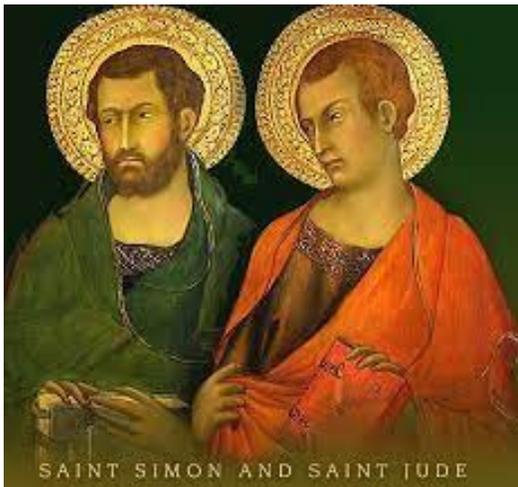
Almighty God, who inspired your servant Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of your Son: Graciously continue in your Church this love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

ST. JAMES OF JERUSALEM | OCTOBER 23

Grant, O God, that, following the example of your servant James the Just, brother of our Lord, your Church may give itself continually to prayer and to the reconciliation of all who are at variance and enmity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE | OCTOBER 28



O God, we thank you for the glorious company of the apostles, and especially on this day for Simon and Jude; and we pray that, as they were faithful and zealous in their mission, so we may with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



*Behold, I
come among
you as one
who serves.*

Luke 22:27

PARISH STAFF

The Rev. Sean D. Duncan
Rector

Magdalena Altnau
*Children's Christian
Formation Director/Minister
& Communications Director*

Danielle Bray
Nursery Director

Jim Johnson
*Music Director
and Organist*

Melissa Hammers
Choir Director

Stacey Shaw
Parish Administrator

Christiaan Goldberg
Martha's Kitchen - Asst. Director

VESTRY

Laura Rectenwald
Senior Warden

Juli Jameson
Clerk of the Vestry

Bud Bray

Katie DeSa

Tony Pierce

Edwina Thomas

Julie Trexler

Joel Truelove

Teresea Whaley

Parish Treasurer
Ken Kerr

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday Morning

Holy Communion Rite I - 8:00 am

Nursery - 9:15-11:45 am

Children's Sunday School - 9:30 - 10:15 am

Youth Christian Formation 9:30 - 10:15 am

Adult Christian Formation 9:30 - 10:15 am

Holy Communion Rite II - 10:30 am

In Person & Facebook Live

Wednesday Evening

Choir - 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Dinner - 5:30 - 6:15 pm

Children's Program - 6:15 - 7:15 pm

Rector's Forum - 6:15 - 7:15 pm

Compline - 7:15 - 7:30 pm

Thursday Evening

Martha's Kitchen

5:30 - 6:30 pm

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm



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