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PASTOR MARY'S MESSAGE

God Is In the Wilderness

Jesus returned from the Jordan River full of the Holy Spirit, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. —Luke 4:1 (CEB)

The 2019 special session of General Conference was painful for United Methodists all over the world. Many had hoped that the General Conference delegates would be able to agree on a way to stay united as a denomination. That did not happen. A vote was passed and a decision was made to pursue a specific path to remain united. However, the vote was so close that what was hoped to bring unity brought deeper division instead. This process has left many United Methodists across the spectrum of understanding and acceptance of LGBTQ+ clergy and marriage, feeling disoriented, discouraged, and disconnected.

Immediately after he was baptized, Jesus was **led** by the Spirit into the wilderness. The wilderness was where Jesus needed to be. He wasn't abandoned there; but he was allowed to be tempted. When he came back into daily life, he was stronger in his understanding, certain that God was with him, and he knew where to go and what to do. His priorities were made clear in the wilderness.

After the Israelites were freed from slavery in Egypt, they were **led** by the Spirit both into and through the wilderness. The wilderness is where they needed to go in order to travel to the Promised Land. They were not abandoned there. However, they did face strong temptations to go back to the world they knew, to build idols to calm their fears, and to push forward and settle in places that the Lord did not prepare for them. The journey that could have taken a few months ended up taking forty years because they didn't trust God enough to follow the Spirit who was with them. However, God did not stop guiding them. When they did arrive, they were ready. The land was conquered, the promise of God was fulfilled, and for a time they were faithful.

These two experiences of the wilderness are worth thinking about in this moment in our history. They raise questions to consider deeply.

- Has God brought us to this place, or did we take our eye off of God and walk here on our own?



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PASTOR MARY'S MESSAGE

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- What are we tempted to do in order to be more comfortable?
- What idols need to be removed from among us?
- Who are we tempted to follow, even though they clearly are not God?
- What are the signs that the Spirit is with us and will lead us to a new place if we will follow faithfully?
- What is becoming clear already?

I find these questions helpful as we seek direction from God for our congregation and denomination. I'm not sure that God has brought us here, but I do know I want to follow God through this wilderness. I've seen people wanting to run to places that look more comfortable, however, I believe there are lessons that still need to be learned. I'm grateful for the clarity I have personally gained so far, and feel certain that if we are faithful, it won't be long before we start to have clarity as a congregation. I believe that by God's grace, we can emerge from this time stronger, more focused, and more committed to our faith.

Wilderness time is always challenging. Most of us would avoid it if we could. However, God is with us in this place, and so this time will also be formational.

Peace in Christ –
Pastor Mary

See You On April 29!

Please plan to attend a church **Charge Conference** meeting on Monday, April 29 at 7pm. The Church Council will be proposing a new committee structure that changes the way our church functions. The model we are working on for administrative functions in the church (Trustees, SPRC, Church Council/Lay Leadership and Finance) has been implemented by other churches very successfully. We believe the new model will streamline and clarify decision making. We are also proposing a change to the structure of the programming/spiritual growth aspects of our structure (Children's Ministries, Youth Ministries, Adult Ministries, Music, Mission and Outreach). Every church differs in how they structure this work, so we are building a unique model. We believe that this new structure will increase the synergy of our programming, as well as providing more structured ways for congregation members to be involved in ministries that they are passionate about. In fact this model depends on each person in the congregation putting their membership vows of presence and service into action on an ongoing basis.

In addition, the Trustees will be presenting a priority work list for the funds raised in the Capital Campaign. These are exciting times. Please plan to attend!



OPENING NEW DOORS

Capital Campaign Update

The Opening New Doors Capital Campaign is continuing to move forward! As of March 28, we have completed visiting 128 households and received pledges totaling over **\$1,448,720**. If you have not been contacted yet or have a question, please email capcam@bakermemorialchurch.org or call the church office.

This Month's Testimonial Quote:

Baker Church... I can't tell you how many times a week I say those two words—many times a week. I speak of our Church all the time to family, friends and in the community. Baker Church is our Church Family. All the wonderful friends and relationships we have gained these past 23 years is priceless....

All relationships in all aspects of our life go two ways of supporting and being there for each other. So it is important for us to support and give back to Baker Church in whatever way shape or form we can. I have always known in my heart how our Church has had a huge impact on my faith. It is very important for the future of Baker Church for us to be able to give and support through our time and means. —Carol Harris

Children & Family Ministries

CALLING ALL HANDS & HEARTS

The Sunday school children are giving back to the community, but they need your help. The Sunday school children are focusing on missions of here, near, and far. For the last six weeks, the children's offering collected \$100 for Corbella Clinic in South Elgin. It is a women's health clinic that offers positive, hopeful, life-affirming medical services, education and supportive relationships to women and couples facing unexpected pregnancy. They are focusing on mission here, near and far away

Join us Sunday, April 7th & 14th at 9am in Wiley Hall. The Sunday schoolers are making fleece blankets for the Ronald McDonald House in Winfield. We need extra helping hands to cut and to encourage the children in a one-on-one setting to create a cozy comfort blanket that can make a difference to a child in need. The more hands we have, the more blankets we can make. If you are unable to help in

person, you can still participate with fleece donations. Just drop it off in the church office.

You guessed it! Our *far* mission is a combined effort with our VBS friends and family's offering. We are giving our offering to Clara Mridula Biswas, who works in Cambodia. We need your help with VBS by prepping the stage, participating with the children, or donations. Come see Shelly Stienbarger to see how your gifts and talents can make a difference in a child's spiritual journey. This year we are traveling to Athens to learn about Paul's dangerous journey to share the truth. Each day the children will learn a life-changing truth of God's eternal love for us. VBS is always a special time for Baker Memorial Church to come together to encourage spiritual growth and build friendships through our silly sides.

Blessings & Joy,
Shelly Stienbarger



FAMILY BIBLE VERSE:

And serve each other according to the gift each person has received, as good managers of God's diverse gifts.

—1 Peter 4:10, *Deep Blue Kid's Bible*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **April Curriculum** | Peter & John (Acts 4:20) | 9am
- **Sunday, April 14** | The Road to Easter: An Easter Celebration for the Whole Family | 12pm | Pizza, Trivia, & Editable Craft
- **Sunday, April 21** | Happy Easter! No Sunday school
- **June 17-21** | VBS Athens | 9-11:30am

THANK YOU!

- **March Teachers:** Kristine Torio, Donna Lyons, Toni Peck, Rigel & Phillip Nelson, Marti Tarmichael, Jayne & Allan Scales
- **March Shepherds:** Courtney Fredrickson, Mandy Hale, & Milupa King
- **Nursery:** Catherine Rosenquist, Danni Killian, & Dave Wilson
- **Praise & Worship:** Melissa Arndt & Brooke Bayless

Youth Ministry

- **Rummage Sale** | April 7-13
- **Confirmation Pastoral Interviews** | Week of April 10
- **Brotherhood** | Sunday, April 7
- **Sisterhood** | Final celebration | Sunday, April 7
- **Joseph Fellowship** | Fun at Top Golf | Sunday, April 14
- **Confirmation Rehearsal** | Wednesday, April 17
- **Confirmation Service** | Saturday, April 20

YOUTH

This month we have two significant opportunities to support our youth: as they gear up to be confirmed and in mission with the summer work trip. The rummage sale is significant because it is our largest fundraiser. One week with all hands on deck. We've already received a good number of sign ups, but have a LOT of slots to fill. Youth going on the Work Trip must work the rummage sale as it is our primary fundraiser. After signing up, everyone can help by spreading the word to friends and family so they can donate their new and lightly used goods to the rummage sale. Confirmation is, a really big deal, to put it mildly. It marks a life-changing moment when youth confirm their



faith, their baptism and their commitment to walk with God in this local congregation. These are moments of grace that we have an opportunity to share with our youth. Join us at the confirmation service on April 20 to celebrate our young people and enter into covenant with them to support through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP COMING FALL 2019

The month of April marks the final banquet for Sisterhood young ladies, also. There is some sadness, as change can be difficult, but we also rejoice with our girls who have participated in this Bible study program as they look back over their year, their studies and their growth. A special thank you to Jennifer Swenson and Paula Hall who have

led the Sisterhood program for many years. During the next few months we are preparing for Fall 2019 when Brotherhood and Sisterhood will be merged into a bi-monthly youth fellowship program featuring a Bible study portion and a games segment. Brotherhood and Joseph Fellowship will end in May 2019 of this year so that we can embrace a cohesive model of middle school and high school youth fellowship every other week. Miriam Circle will continue under the leadership of Gina Armstrong, Jane Ellen Fanslow Pratt and UMW next year. If you have your calendar handy, you can go ahead and mark the launch party dates below. High School Youth Fellowship will be on 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month and Middle School Youth Fellowship are scheduled on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

- **High School Launch Party** | Sunday, August 18
- **Middle School Launch Party** | Sunday, August 25

Already, adults and families have begun grasping the vision and stepped forward to help out. We're talking discipleship and spiritual formation...and also a LOT of fun! If you want to join the team, email me at cking@bakememorialchurch.org. I would love to talk with you about it. Pray for our youth group, for me as the leader and for our volunteers, parents and mentors. There is so much to do and build as we seek to make disciples by God's grace.

CONFIRMATION 2019-2020

If you are the parent of a seventh, eighth or ninth grader, you should have received my email regarding confirmation for Fall 2019. If not, please reach out so we can discuss next steps for your young person. Thank you to Mark Armstrong and Meg Bingham for building and leading our confirmation program for over seven years each. We've had a great program for years, however with our old curriculum going out of print and a new program being approved at the national level for United Methodist Churches, we've decided to use the new program and integrate it with our other youth resources going forward. If you have received the email and have not signed up yet, do not delay as Parenting for Faith Formation classes begin Wednesday, May 22.

In Christ,
Carl King
Director of Youth Ministry

Work on the Sanctuary Roof

Last year the east side of our sanctuary roof began experiencing significant leaks during heavy rainstorms so our Board of Trustees had our building's entire roof inspected by two contractors. On the positive side, much of our slate roof, which adds so much to the distinct beauty of our building, is in decent shape. Conversely, the inspections indicated that the roof above the sanctuary was indeed damaged, most likely by hail. The hail damaged some of the slate tiles, but also gutters and flashing.

The church building is insured through the Northern Illinois Conference, so we contacted our insurer and filed a claim for the damaged portion of the sanctuary roof. After an inspection by an insurance adjuster last October, our claim was approved. Now, after months of preparation, the repair on our east sanctuary roof and gutters is finally ready to begin.

The upcoming work will be coordinated by Karl Leselius, our Building Maintenance Manager. Although every effort will be made to have the work proceed with as little disruption to our normal routines as possible, this is what can only be described as a major project. Therefore, please be aware that parking and building entry, especially along 4th Avenue, will be affected at times. Once such minor inconveniences have passed, we will all be able to celebrate the assurance that this section of our beautiful building will remain stable and watertight for many years to come.

United Methodist Women Happenings

- **UMW Leadership Team:** Date change! UMW leadership team please plan to attend our monthly meeting on Friday, April 5. We will meet at our usual time from 9-11 in the Parlor. If you are a circle chair and unable to attend, please send your circle information to Pam Stare.
- **Esther Circle** is still collecting fleece donations for blankets. 1.5-2 yards is a good size. Drop off fabric donations now in Shelly Stienbarger's office. We will be working with the Sunday school children on April 7 & 14 from 9-10am to make lap fleece blankets for the Ronald McDonald House.

Rummage Sale Coming Soon!

The annual Baker Memorial UMC Rummage Sale (set up and sale) will happen the week of April 7-13. Volunteers are needed to set up and staff the rummage sale itself. Sign up at www.bit.ly/byrummage

Stop by the sale and find a treasure!

Summer Donation Project

Hi! My name is Jade Rosenquist. As a faith expression for confirmation, I am collecting items to help the homeless. My focus is on the upcoming summer season and how it can be difficult for people without a home and regular income. Below is a list of things they will be in need of. Any of these items you can donate will be greatly appreciated!

- Sunscreen
- Blankets
- Umbrellas
- Chapstick
- Packaged Snacks
- Bug Spray
- Backpacks
- Bottled Water
- Hygiene Items

Collection boxes are located in Baker Hall.

April Wednesday Night Suppers

3 | Lasagna, Roasted Broccoli, Caesar Salad, Split Pea Soup & Garlic Bread

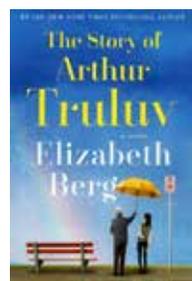
10 | No dinner, Rummage Sale

17 | No dinner, Holy Week

24 | Lydia Circle fundraiser for *All Our Kids*

Baked Chicken with Vidalia Onion Marinade, Saffron Rice, Green Beans, Tossed Salad & Rolls

One O'Clock Book Group for May



This book discussion group meets in the Parlor at 1 pm on the first Monday of each month. The selection for May 6 is *The Story of Arthur Truluv* by Elizabeth Berg. Copies are available on the book club shelves at the St. Charles Public Library. All are invited to join in the lively discussion. For more information contact

Shelley Campbell at sscbooks@sbcglobal.net. All are invited to join in the lively discussion.

United Methodist Men

UMM will be cooking at the May 8 Wednesday Night Supper. Mark your calendar and join us for a tasty meal!

Credit Card & Paypal Donation Options

If you would like to donate to Baker Memorial UMC using a credit card or Paypal, go to BakerMemorialChurch.org and click on the donate button or you can scan our QR code, shown here, to give with your smart phone.



MISSIONS CORNER

Opportunities for Service

NOLA BOUND!

The Adult Mission Team serves this month in New Orleans! As you read this in early April please say a prayer for the safety for our team as we work in the lower 9th ward. Also pray for those we will serve: Ms. Noritalia, Ms. Bernice and Ms. Rhonda! Four of us each day will rotate to the local Restoration Thrift Shop to be of service there! Look for news on how the trip went in the May Carillon!

Team members this year are; Mitza Babka, Michele Claney, John Clarke, Cheryl & Chuck Freiberger, Jan & Val McPeak (from Florida), Doug Ruth, John & Chris Stumpf and Dave Wilson!

NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK SCHEDULE

The next NIL Foodbank volunteer date is April 15 from 9am-Noon. Every third Monday a team meets at the food bank at 273 Dearborn Ct. in Geneva to package food for those in need. It is a rewarding and fun mission to be involved in.

If you would like to join the team or get more information contact Betty Erickson at N9FYC@aol.com

Mission Opportunities



NIFB Foodie 5K: To all of you who enjoy walking in nature, this could be for you. The Northern Illinois Food Bank is hosting the 5k walk at Cantigny again this year on Saturday, April 27. A team has been started to enjoy walking the grounds of Cantigny Park. You can either run the course or walk it. The entrance fee is \$35. To sign up you can go the NIL food bank website at www.solvehungertoday.org or contact Betty Erickson at n9yfc@aol.com or (630) 701-5672.



Kairos Torch: The next Torch weekend is coming up on May 17-19. Support for this event is necessary in many ways. Your *prayer* support is most necessary. We have a prayer vigil that goes from 4pm on Friday, May 17 until Sunday at 4pm. There are half hour slots. Your *financial support* is also needed. We sell lunch tickets for \$10 each and also supply each participant with a bible and a bookmark for \$10 also.



For \$10, a piece of the roof went on the house. The roof is complete and covered with the names of those who participated and donated.

NOLA HOUSE UPDATE

Our 10th Year Anniversary fundraising is over and we finished the roof on the NOLA house. Thank you!

M&M SUMMER FUNDRAISER

We came up with a sweet summer fundraiser for our missionary in Cambodia. Here's a sneak peak! The Mission Outreach Team will be rolling out a new idea in May for the congregation to enjoy a little candy and donate to our missionary Clara Biswas! There may even be cookies involved!! So, watch for more news on this in May and during the summer!

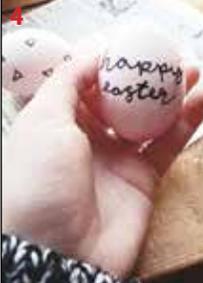
Presence is another option. At the end of the weekend we have a closing ceremony where we invite the public to come and hear what the boys experienced during the weekend. It is always a good opportunity to have the boys witness what we have been teaching them over the last couple of days. To participate information needs to be provided to the prison so you can be cleared to enter.

Midwest Mission Distribution Center: Another possibility is to go to Chatham, Illinois and see how mission works in action. Put on your calendars Wednesday June 12th as the date to make a day trip. We will leave church at 5am, drive on down and return when the work day is over at 4pm. There is a \$12 fee for day volunteers to keep the lights and water flowing.

► Questions? Want more info?

If you have any questions or would like more information about the three worthwhile mission opportunities listed here, please contact Betty Erickson at n9yfc@aol.com or (630) 701-5672.

APRIL 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>9am Worship 9am Sunday School: Children, Middle School 9 & 10:30am Immerse* 10:30am Jazz Worship 10:30am HS Sunday School</p>	<p>11:30am Immerse* 7pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>11:30am Day Guest Lunch 11:30am Kiwanis 11:30am Immerse* 1:30pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Immerse* 8pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>4:30pm Chapel Bells 5pm Wesley Singers 5pm Chapel Choir 6pm Chancel Bells 6pm Immerse* 6:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>7:30am Immerse* 11:30am Day Guest Lunch</p>	<p>* <i>Go to the church website to get the list of all the Immerse groups, meeting times & locations</i></p>	<p>NOTE: The first row of items occur every week and will not appear on daily listings (except in case of schedule change)</p>
	<p>1 1pm One O'Clock Book Club 7pm Staff Parish</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 5pm Wednesday Night Supper 6pm Confirmation</p>		<p>5 9am Indoor Farmer's Market 9am UMW Leadership Meeting</p>	<p>6 10am-3pm Purchase With A Purpose Market</p>
<p>7 Rummage Sale Set-Up 12:30pm Miriam Circle 6:30pm Brotherhood</p>	<p>8 Rummage Sale Set-Up 7pm Trustees</p>	<p>9 Rummage Sale Set-Up 3:30pm Lazarus House Cooking 7pm Finance</p>	<p>10 Rummage Sale Set-Up <i>No Wednesday Night Supper</i> 9am Phoebe Circle 6:30pm Missions 7pm Priscilla Circle</p>	<p>11 4-7pm Rummage Sale</p>	<p>12 9am Indoor Farmer's Market 10am-3pm Rummage Sale</p>	<p>13 9am-12pm Rummage Sale</p>
<p>14 12pm C&F Easter Celebration 11:30am Joseph Fellowship</p>	<p>15 9am NIL Food Bank 7pm Church Council</p>	<p>16 5pm Woman's Emmaus (off site)</p>	<p>17 <i>No Wednesday Night Supper</i> 5:30pm Confirmation Rehearsal</p>	<p>18 1pm Women's Emmaus 6pm Seder Meal & Communion Service</p>	<p>19 9am Indoor Farmer's Market 7pm Good Friday Service</p>	<p>20 Carillon Articles Due 7pm Holy Saturday Confirmation Service</p>
<p>21 EASTER SUNDAY 7am Sunrise Service 9am Service 10:30am Service</p>	<p>22 7pm Worship & Spiritual Growth</p>	<p>23 6:30pm Lydia Circle</p>	<p>24 1pm Sarah-Ruth Circle 5pm WNS Lydia Circle Fundraiser</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 9am Indoor Farmer's Market</p>	<p>27 7:30pm St. Charles Singers Concert</p>
<p>28 3pm St. Charles Singers Concert</p>	<p>29 7pm All Church Conference</p>	<p>30</p>				

A SPECIAL ONE-DAY FAIR TRADE EVENT!



FAIR TRADE MARKET

JEWELRY • TEXTILES • COFFEE • TOYS & MORE!

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

10AM TO 3PM

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A market dedicated to fair trade organizations and vendors and the farmers and artisans who produce the merchandise.

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RUMMAGE SALE

APRIL 11, 12 & 13

THURS 4-7PM • FRI 10AM-3PM • SAT 9AM-NOON

SATURDAY: \$5 BAG SALE & DEEPLY DISCOUNTED LARGE ITEMS!

PROCEEDS GO TO THE BAKERYOUTH SUMMER WORK TRIP

**GOOD FRIDAY
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
APRIL 19 | 7PM**

**REQUIEM
FOR THE LIVING**

BY DAN FORREST

Sung by the Chancel Choir

of Baker Memorial United Methodist Church with the

Metropolis Chamber Orchestra

Vocal Soloists: Benjamin King, Jeanne Fornari & Bruce Luedtke

BAKER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Holy Week

Sunday, April 14 | Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 18 | 6pm | Seder Meal

Please register in advance

Friday, April 19 | 7pm | Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 20 | 7pm | Confirmation Service

Sunday, April 21 | 7am, 9am & 10:30am

Easter Celebration Services

Bring
your whole
family!

Maundy Thursday

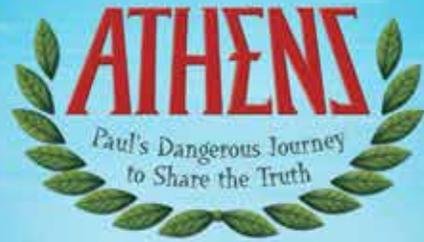
SEDER DINNER

& COMMUNION SERVICE

APRIL 18 | 6-8PM

— RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED —

\$10 per adult | \$5 per child (5-12) | Free for children under 5
Register and pay online by 4.14.19 at bit.ly/bakerseder2019
or by inserting cash or check in a pew envelope marked *Seder*
and placing envelope in a collection plate.



VBS 2019

June 17-21 | 9-12pm

**VOLUNTEER TO HELP!
REGISTER TO ATTEND!**

Sign up at fellowship on Sundays
or bit.ly/BakerVBS2019



SERMON SERIES

A DISCIPLE'S JOURNEY

Once Paul encountered the Risen Christ, there was no going back to the way things used to be. Come journey with Paul and let his story lead you into a new way of living.

BEGINS APRIL 28

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

5-6pm | Wiley Hall

Regular meal option: \$6 Small meal option: \$4
Peanut Butter & Jam only option: \$2

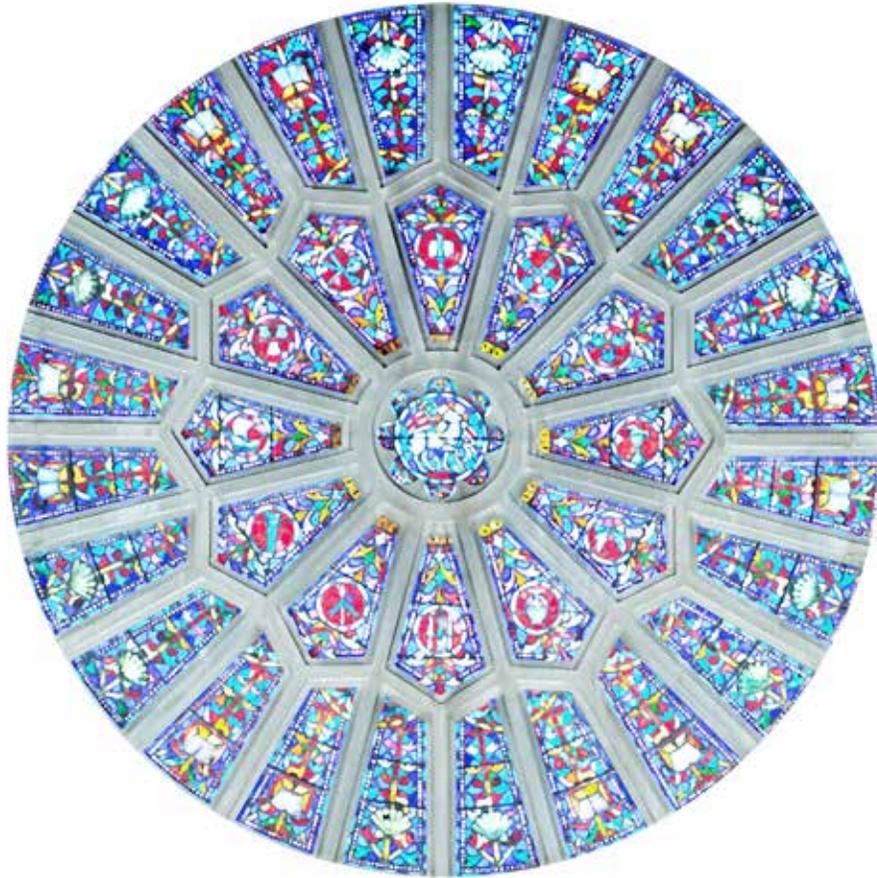
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