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Zondervan to Film Transfiguration

Transfiguration made the decision last summer to use Zondervan's *The Story* by Randy Frazee and Max Lucado in both our worship services and in our Sunday school classes.

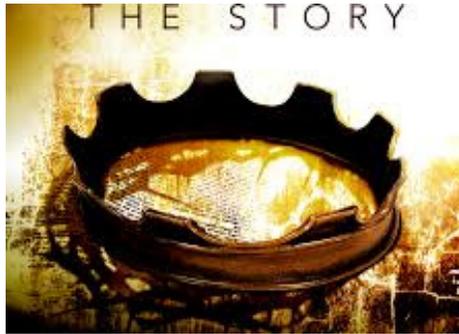
We are one of the first liturgical churches in the country to choose to use this curriculum. As a result, Zondervan has made arrangements to interview us and film us using *The Story*.

Sunday, February 9 Shelley Leith and a film crew from Zondervan will be visiting our

parish. They will film the intro to the lesson in worship and then move on to longer interviews with some parishioners.

At 9:50 they will be doing shorter interviews of anyone who would like to add their voice to the mix.

At 10:15 they will film the Sunday school classes and then return to worship so they can get a flavor of who we are in the later service.



February 9 Zondervan will be here to film Transfiguration as it studies *The Story*.

We will ask everyone to sign a release for the filming. I hope all of us will come out that day and bring food thought and food for the potluck after the second service.

See you there!!

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Special points of interest:

- Boy Scout Sunday February 2
- Filming the Story February 9 with Potluck Luncheon to follow
- Baptism February 23
- Worship Wednesdays at 10
- Bible Study Wednesdays at 11
- Ash Wednesday March 5

Vestry Leadership 2014

Here is a list of the membership of the vestry and their assignments for 2014:

Val Grant	Sr. Warden	Personnel and Administration
Steve Van Albert	Jr. Warden	Buildings and Grounds/Property
Kathy Berry	Treasurer/Class of 2014	Finance Committee
Noel Tait	Class of 2015	Stewardship Committee
JJ Boulin	Class of 2016	Service: Outreach Committee
Laurette LeGendre	Class of 2014	Service: Pastoral Committee
Larry Lewis	Class of 2016	Marketing Committee
David Stoddard	Class of 2016	Technology Committee
Hyacinth Fray	Class of 2015	Parish Life/Fellowship Committee
John Porter	Class of 2014	Worship Committee
Ruth Moore	Class of 2015	Christian Formation



Keep our vestry in prayer.

February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Noon Sundays: Choir rehearses						1 8 AM Zumba 4 PM Simply Swing
2 Scout Sunday	3 6:30 Simply	4	5 10 Worship 11 Bible Study	6 6:30 Simply	7	8 8 AM Zumba 4 PM Simply Swing
9:15 Worship Com.						
9 Filming of The Story	10	11	12 10 Worship 11 Bible Study	13	14	15 8 AM Zumba 4 PM Simply Swing
9:15 Interviews + Service Com.						
16	17	18	19 10 Worship 11 Bible Study	20	21	22 8 AM Zumba 4 PM Simply Swing
Noon- TMG and WOT meet	6:30 Simply			6:30 Simply		
23 10:15 Baptism of Chase London Brown	24 6:30 Simply	25	26 10 Worship 11 Bible Study	27 6:30 Simply	28	RSDA, Care for Your Health, and Dr. Dalton keep separate sched-

Parish Goals for 2014 and Goals of the Rector

At our annual meeting, the congregation set goals it would like to accomplish in 2014, and the rector also set her goals for the year. Here they are:

1. Increase membership of people with children
2. Create a fellowship sheet with "how to" information on doing fellowship hour
3. Reestablish use of lectors during *The Story*
4. Members show up when on duty early and check in
5. Post schedules on the web site and continue to send out weekly bulletins
6. Rather than have special envelopes in pews, have ushers pass them out on appropriate weeks
7. Continue having diversity in music and be deliberate in its introduction
8. Be positive as a church community

Rector's goals:

1. Continue developing welcoming space and materials for our guests
2. Work with task force on developing job descriptions and accountability practices
3. Work with diocese and congregation on evaluation of *The Story*

Core Values: A Discussion at the Vestry Retreat

The vestry retreat is a time to get on board, learn the duties of the vestry, get to know one another, and beginning the process of visioning together. This year we asked ourselves: what are our Core Values, what makes up our identity, our DNA, our who we are

Right now. The vestry's first shot across the bow is that we at Transfiguration are a community that:

- . . . Honors, embraces, and is living into a multicultural vision of the Kingdom expressed at Pentecost – one community with members from many cultures that is reflected in our worship (liturgy and music), among other places.
- . . . Is a place of creative experimentation in both liturgy and in the mission field in which we find our community of faith. We are willing to take risks with liturgy and mission.
- . . . Follows the call of Jesus by embracing and embodying a mission among and with the poor and marginalized across the socio-economic spectrum, especially in the immediate region of the Church (Montgomery and Prince George's County).
- . . . Embraces and claims our relationship and call as a multicultural leader in the Episcopal Diocese of Washington (EDOW) and The Episcopal Church in the Americas (TEC).

Think on these, and let the vestry hear your thoughts as to whether we are on the right track, as to whether we are close to embodying the core values of our community.



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*Uniting diverse people
under one Lord.*



Transfiguration is a fabulous community with people of all walks of life. We come with joy each Sunday to meet our Lord and to have fellowship with one another. If you are a member of Transfiguration, I invite you to participate in this community on a regular basis, choose to live out your call to the church by serving in whatever capacity you feel called, and discover that passion which leads you to live out your baptismal covenant in the world.

If you have been a guest of Transfiguration, I invite you to seek me out so that we might have a conversation about what it means to be a member of this church, of this body of Christ. We at Transfiguration want to be in relationship with you, and we pray you would like to be in relationship with us as well as our God. Join us as we learn, live, and love the story of our faith.

Many blessings on all of you,
Mother Meg

Mother Nature Messes with God

This season has been cold—and snowy—and icy—and, in general, yucky. We have had to call off Wednesday worship twice because the temperatures were in the single digits and black ice was on the parking lot—not a healthy combination.

But through it all, God has blessed the people of Transfiguration. We have blessed people on their way who have been called to heaven or who have moved to other locales. We have had surgeries and sicknesses and crazy



Ah—the snow!

things like plumbing issues. But through it all, God has been with us. So, I pray that we soon leave this particular winter

behind and maybe, just maybe, Mother Nature and God will bring us a wonderful spring.