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Annual Meeting

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Special points of interest:

* Filming of The Story at Transfig on February 9

The Annual Meeting for Transfiguration has been set for January 19 following a single service at 9:15 and breakfast by the Omelet King.

This year we will be electing 3 vestry members and a junior warden. As always, those elected need to be pledging members of Transfiguration who are active in the church and who have the characteristics of a good leader.

At the time of this publication, two people have already al-

lowed their names to come forward as nominees to vestry office: J.J. Boulin, and David Stoddard.

Both J.J. and David have served on the vestry in the past. Currently J.J. is the vestry liaison to the Worship Committee and chair of the Service Committee.

David sings in the choir and is one of those people who just always seems to be around and ready to help out in any situation.



Come Home for the Annual Meeting

If you would like to run, please let the nominating committee know: Bill Freeman, J.J. Boulin, David Boyd, and Lois Manderson—or you may call the rector.

Annual Meeting January 19 after 9:15 Service and Breakfast

Transfiguration to be Filmed February 9 for "The Story"

We've been approached by Randy Frazee and his Zondervan (now Harper Collins Christian Publishing) rep about doing some filming of *The Story* as it's used in the Diocese. The rep is a woman by the name of Shelley Leith, and she and Joey Rick have discussed pretty extensively what she's thinking, why, etc.

Here are the details:

- Shelley and a filming team would like to come to DC one week in February (9-15) to film at several parishes and to interview the Bishop and Joey Rick at Church House.
- The purpose of this project is to produce a number of videos that would promote *The Story* to the public as well as provide promotional and educational resources to Story churches.
- Shelley is particularly interested in capturing what is happening here because one of their main messages is that *The Story* can work in liturgical settings, through the lens of any theological constructs. As Shelley writes, "The unexpected spread of *The Story* amongst your parishes is noteworthy, and bears telling."
- Joey would guide Shelley to work with the parishes to illustrate the variety of ways parishes are deploying *The Story*. Some combination of the following would occur at several parishes, and all would occur at Transfig, since they're using it in place of the Lectionary. Filming of study groups would be silent (or have some voiceover in background) so that people's personal reflections within the group weren't intruded upon.
 - Context footage (visuals only) of meetings where *The Story* is being taught. We would like to shoot for a few minutes in settings where the books are being used, in meetings of adults, seniors, teens, and children.
 - Context footage in the Sunday service.
 - One on one interviews with people who are teaching *The Story*: rector, Christian Education leader, Bible Study facilitator, children's Sunday school teacher, youth leader.
 - One on one interviews with parishioners who are reading *The Story* and have experienced some type of epiphany or life change as a result: a parent who is doing *The Story* at home with children, a teenager, an adult who is unfamiliar with the Bible, an adult who has been in church all their life
 - man on the street interviews, after a church service or meeting, where people who are reading the book complete the sentence, "My favorite thing about The Story is..."

Interview questions would be pulled from the ones included here in the TranScript.

So, please plan to be here on Sunday, February 9, and be a part of the filming and the telling of our own stories.

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR *THE STORY*

YOUR AWARENESS

Introduce yourself and tell me a little about you.

How did you first hear about *The Story*?

Think back to before your church started *The Story*: Did you have any reservations about reading *The Story*?

At that time, do you recall what you might have been looking forward to about reading *The Story*?

YOUR HISTORY

Describe your spiritual history.

What activities are you involved with at church?

How familiar were you with the Bible before you started *The Story*?

[Parent Question] Describe your family and how you engage them spiritually during the week.

YOUR EXPERIENCE

What has it been like for you to read *The Story*?

[Parent Question] What has it been like for you and your children to read *The Story* on pace with each other, at your own reading levels?

Compared to other studies you have done, what is it like doing *The Story* in your class/group? [Parent Version] Compared to other family spiritual activities you have done, what is it like doing *The Story* in your family?

Do you notice a difference at church because of how every age group is learning the same thing at the same time?

How would you say *The Story* has affected you? Your family?

Has *The Story* helped you have spiritual conversations with people?

Think ahead a few days to when you have finished reading *The Story*. How do you think you will feel? How has *The Story* made you feel about reading the Bible?

YOUR ADVICE

If you were giving me *The Story* as a gift, what would you tell me about it to get me to want to read it? [Parent Version] If you were giving my family *The Story* books as gifts, what would you tell me to encourage me to have my whole family read *The Story* together?

What advice would you give to a person who has concerns about reading the scriptures in this way? [Parent Version] What advice would you give other parents to help them get the most out of *The Story* experience?

Is there anything else you want to tell me about *The Story*?

Vestry Retreat

Each year the vestry goes on Retreat soon after the election of the new vestry. We do this in order to learn what our duties are, to get our annual assignments, to discuss leadership as a process, and plan our goals for the coming year.

All vestry members, including wardens and clergy, are expected to attend this retreat. This year's retreat will be held on Saturday, January 25 at the Argyle Country Club, from 9-3 PM. The cost will be \$50 per person and will include both breakfast and lunch.

If you chair a committee or have served as a warden in the past, you are cordially invited to join us.

Everyone who is going should have their checks into the office by January 19 following the Annual Meeting so that we may reserve our spaces for the day.

If you are already on the vestry, please bring your notebooks. These will be provided to all new vestry members.

Thank You's

Sometimes it is hard to count all the blessings we have had this year, but I would like to name a few that come to me off hand. I want to thank Linnet Grant for the gift of gospel book cover which graces our altar; Larry Lewis for digging deep and helping us pay to get the HVAC system up and running; Marvin Arthur for heading up Barbara Seward's seminarian committee, for being the chief cook and bottle washer for the Music and Drama Camp this summer, and sponsoring Chef's Night; Kathy Berry who has not only given us better accounting procedures but put together our Lenten program; Cheryl Church who has been a part of the ELCA/Episcopal Journey Shared group; Virginia Smith and Ruby Bracket who have served as the first and second chair of the Thrift Shop Board; The Men's Group who sponsored Interact's play on Bullying for the parish and surrounding community and for their contribution with WOT for the new kitchen stove; Ebube Mba who took on the Youth Group last spring; Lois Manderson, Hyacinth Fray, and Ruby Bracket who made the Dinner Dance a reality; the Altar Guild who raised funds with their Teas; all of us together making the new carpeting/flooring a reality; Karen Facen and Bill Freeman who gave River Hill High School an architectural and theological tour of Transfiguration Episcopal Church; John Porter who mentored autistic students in the Thrift Store to help them in their journey toward independence; Boy Scouts for the patio and its furniture and for the continued work on the outdoor altar area; Toni Thompson, David Boyd, Martha Wolfe, Maureen Kasule, Kirsten Smith, and Karen Stoddard who have stepped up to teach our children *The Story*; Bill Freeman and Dianne Atkins who helped when the plumbing went kaput; Stephanie Van Albert who put together our food baskets; Craig Carter, Ladi Gray-Coker, J.J. Boulin, and Karen Stoddard for chairlift removal and reinstallation; and Doreen Willie, Kathy Berry, and Meg Ingalls who have made the technology in the sanctuary possible. And of course, there are all those little elves who just make things happen. Thank you.



Rector's Report for 2013

We were very pleased that we were able to make some headway with the parish's goal to increase our technology within the church. We have spent the fall running conduit and electrical wires through the church to be able to have new outlets where we can plug in computers, technical boards, lights, sound systems and te rest as needed. We have being doing this so that we can also install and have synchronized the two TV moni-tors given us by one of our parishioners. Our web site is up and running. At times we have had to revamp cer-tain aspects of it as new technologi-y has come along, but we are for the most part keeping up with the times.

The vestry and parish worked on and passed revised bylaws at the annual meeting. We continue to refine what needs to be codified in those bylaws for future consideration. Our organizational framework for the year consisted of the following

Commission	Vestry Liaison	Leadership Partner
Christian Formation (Pre-K—Adult)	David Boyd	Toni Thompson
Fellowship	Lois Manderson	Ladi Gray-Coker
Finance and Stewardship	Kathy Berry/Noel Tait	
Marketing	Laurette LeGendre	Gail Carter
Service (Outreach)	John Porter	JJ Boulin
Service (Pastoral Care)	Ruth Moore	
Technology and Communications	Hyacinth Fray	Dianne Atkins
Worship	J.J. Boulin	Meg Ingalls
Property	Jr. Warden, Bill Freeman	(Dianne Atkins)
Administration and Personnel	Sr. Warden, Val Grant	Meg Ingalls

In addition to the vestry, the Board of the Thrift Shop oversees its operation. Virginia Smith finished her term as first chair of this board, and Ruby Bracket was elected as the new chair. John Porter gave up his post as Director of Operations but still opens, closes, and runs the Thrift Store and mentors a group of autistic students who learn there.

We have been very busy this year. The Men's Group has had its Fish Fry and brought Interact to do a play on bullying for our kids as well as completed many other projects. The Women of Transfiguration under the chairmanship of Constance Anammah has met monthly and has contributed to many of the events and pro-jects this year.

RECTOR'S REPORT continued

We had our Dinner Dance and Women's Tea which raised a lot of money for the church. Kathy Berry organized our Lenten program for us introducing various artists. Dr. Anna Maria Izquierdo-Porrera and her clinic are now a part of our regular operation, much as Dr. Joe Dalton has been. We've welcomed a Women's Alcoholics Anonymous group. And we continue to have a wonderful working relationship the RSDAs, Simply Swing, Interact, Narcotics Anonymous, and Maureen Fama who does our Yoga class and Gail Carter who sponsors Zumba on Saturday mornings. We had an opportunity to visit the Holy Land in November, and Elton King is arranging a trip to Africa for next July.

We have done good work with AIM, EMEAN, C-4, the Boy Scouts, Our Little Roses—adopting Dariana as decided by the parish at the annual meeting and continuing to sponsor Mauda, and Food for the Poor. We have had friends of our families from Liberia, Uganda, Nigeria, and Jamaica visit, took on Nardas as an intern this summer, watched as our seminarian Barbara Seward graduated and was ordained, been blessed by the presence of our own Rector Emeritus Rich Kukowski, and had our new bishop The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde and Region 4 as guests, welcomed new canon The Rev. Paula Clark as preacher, and have been graced by The Rev. David Wolfe who has joined us as associate priest in this place. We continue to be a place of welcome for people from around the world.

Following are the statistics for 2012:

TRANSFERS IN

Mark Pankow

Mary Ellen Flynn

Martha and Jason Wolfe

Maria and Ethan Martin

Beverly Brooks and Patrick Scott

Khalila and Julian Robinson

Linda Perryman and La'Shae', Kayla, and Marque'

Thomas, Caroline, and Katiti Kajubi

Priscilla Dennis-Smith

Dedun Adeyemo and Ire Adeyemo-Ayodele

Katherine Tesfaya and Saba and Ribka

Karen Sabur with Massumeh and Fatin Abdal-Subur

Josephine Smith

BAPTISMS

Kendall Palmer

Stacy Jeanette Parker

Nicolas Eugenio Scott

Isaac Wright Warren

TRANSFERS OUT

Gloria Markward

Paul Kauhane

Mary Kay Johns

Kailyn and Kristyn Gaines

Philip, Ina, and Matthew Guzman

DEATHS

Lois Holiday

Jan Davis

Julene O. Jarrett Ricks-Ngwayah

C. Percy Lucas, Jr.

Audrey Taylor

Eldon Lanning

Happy Birthday, Dariana Mena

Born January 26, 2011

Let's gather up birthday cards for Miss Dariana.

Have them to the office by the Annual Meeting and we will mail them to her.

Youth to Go

Ice Skating

6-8 pm

Sunday, January 26

Walk over from Christ Church, Rockville

@ \$5

Episcopal Diocese of Washington Convention

January 31-February 1

Reid Temple AME Church

Glenn Dale

All Delegates to Convention must register.

Please call Dianne at 301-384-6264 to register.

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Under One Lord**

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CHRISTMAS ALTAR In Progress 2013

THANKS FOR ALL THE CREATIVE "GREENING" ENERGY!!

Leadership R Us

As part of our Stewardship program each year all of us have the opportunity to say where we would like to serve in the church. And I think that we are all called to serve both within the church and outside its doors.

As you can see, we have several committees that operate this parish, and the parish depends on them to make things happen, and those committees are made up of us. Please consider being a part of one of these groups.

Also we need LEMs, Ushers, Altar Guild members, Fellowship hosts, Acolytes, people that make our liturgy work.



FROZEN CHOSEN—NOT AT TRANSFIG!
WE LEAD FOR THE LORD!!!

So—

Pray

Discern

Consider

And

Sign up!!

WE NEED YOU!!!