

November 2013



TRANSCRIPT

The Next Big Thing

The advertisements that come across our television sets always boast The Next Big Thing—or NBT, as the kids put it.

A lot of NBT's are on their way in our common life. First, the monitors should be up sometime in November. The thing which has slowed down the process is making sure everything would coordinate, particularly the pictures and the sound.

Second, we will be replacing the carpet around the altar. We had hoped to do something a little more exciting, but the temperature swings and the two different kinds of surfaces



Always on the look out for the NBT.

brought us back to the carpet standard. We will keep the color in the blue-gray tones we currently are using.

Third, the NBT we will need to talk about is our sound system. We have had engineers from Bose come out and test the sound waves. Evidently,

the sound stops about 4 pews from the back. So anyone sitting on the last 4 rows really cannot get the benefit of the sound system. The cost of replacing or extending what we have is expensive. But sound is important, so we will be talking with you about it this coming year.

Also, we are working on a couple of new things: we have a new design for our annual report to all of you, and we have put together a Task Force to look at job descriptions for both staff and volunteers so that we can find better ways to both serve and be accountable to one another.

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Gathering Our *Youth* in Montgomery Lock-In

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to a lock in at Christ Church, Kensington, on November 22-23 from 6 p.m. on Friday until 8 a.m. on Saturday. Lots of fun events are planned.

We have already gotten a chaperone, so all we need now is for you to call Mother Meg at 301-384-6264 or email her at meg@transfig.org and let her know that you are "locked in" to going.

Some of our youth went to Markoff's Haunted Forest in October and had a great time. We want to thank Sarah Ingalls-Howard for providing transportation and being a great chaperone.

Dinner Dance Thanks

We gathered at the Argyle Country Club on Friday, October 25 to eat our fill of good food and dance the night away.

We want to thank the Fellowship Committee for all the work they did to make this event such a success. In particular, we want to thank Lois Manderson, Hyacinth Fray, and Ruby Bracket. They made sure the

wine and cheese was served, the dinner menu was approved, the DJ was ordered, the tickets were sold, and the vendors paid. They did a

fabulous job, and we owe them a great deal of thanks

We also want to thank Bill Freeman, that jack of all trades, who served as our Master of Ceremonies. We are really glad that we did not witness his Miley Cyrus impersonation!!!!

And we want to thank all of you who participated. It is good to have fun together.



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Chef Night is Coming

We have 8 people who have signed up to make us dinner. And we have 64 seats at the tables.

Sign up now to be there on Sunday night, November 10, at 5 PM. The menus are available

so you can decide now upon whose tantalizing entrees you might like to dine.

When you sign up in the parish hall, you will be asked to contribute to the meal by helping to set up, clean up, or bring

a very special beverage or dessert or appetizer.

This event starts out in the Community Building Hall with appetizers, progresses to the Parish Hall for the main course, and progresses back to the Community Hall for dessert.

We Are Invited

Each year the Remnant Seventh Day Adventists who meet on our campus have a special Thanksgiving Dinner that takes place in the Community Building Hall.

This year's dinner will take place on Sunday evening November

24, and all of us are invited to come and share the meal with them.

We need bring nothing but our appetites. The RSDAs will furnish all the rest. They hope that we will celebrate this dinner of thanks with them.



Steer your way to
the Church
For
Chef's Night
November 10
5 PM

Welcome to Visiting Clergy



On November 13 the Holy Land Pilgrimage begins, and Mother Meg will be gone with eight other Episcopalians to see and learn about the Holy Land.

While she is gone, we will have some wonderful visitors to our

pulpit and altar. On November 17 and 24, **The Rev. Rich Kukowski** will celebrate with us. We always look forward to having our Rector Emeritus in residence.

On November 17, **J.J. Boulin** has been adventurous enough to try his hand at teaching *The Story*.

On Christ the King Sunday, **Nov. 24, The Rev. David Wolf** will preach at a **9:15 service**

which will be the only service that day. We will have a potluck followed by a discussion of our service to the world as we eat.

Then on December 1, although Mother Meg will have returned, we will welcome the new Canon for Multicultural Ministry for the Diocese of Washinton, **The Rev. Paula Clark**, as celebrant and teacher at both services.

Stewardship Makes the Body of Christ Breathe

Each of us is a part of the Body of Christ and it takes all the parts to make the body live, move, and have its being. We know that God has given us everything that is, and that we are called to give back to God. Please remember to get your pledge in as soon as possible so that the vestry will be able to make decisions about how to budget God's money for 2014.

We need you. We need your love and commitment to Transfiguration. We need your ministry in this place and beyond this place. We need your pledge and your gifts and your offerings. We need you. For only in you and in all the other parts of the body can the head of the body, The Christ, touch the world in mind, heart, soul, and body.



November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8 & 10:15 Sunday worship 9:30 Jr. Choir 12- Choir					1 6:30 Swing Dance 7 Boy Scouts	2 8 Zumba 4 Swing Dance
3 9:15 Worship Com- mittee	4 6:30 Swing Dance 7:30 NA	5 7 GCCA Subcomm. on Education	6 10 Worship 11 Bible Study 7 Yoga	7 1:30 MAGI 6:30 Swing Dance 7 AA (women)	8 7 Boy Scouts	9 8 Zumba 4 Swing Dance RSDA in Church all day
RSDA in Church 7-9 p.m.						
10 9:15 Service Com- mittee 12-Vestry	11 6:30 Swing Dance 7:30 NA Veteran's Day — Office Closed	12 7 Greater Colesville Com- munity Assoc.	13 10 Worship 11 Bible Study 7 Yoga	14 River Hill HS visits 7 AA (women)	15 7 AA (women) 6:30 Swing Dance 7 Boy Scouts	16 8 Zumba 4 Swing Dance
RSDA in Church 7-9 p.m.						
17 12-TMG/ WOT	18 6:30 Swing Dance 7:30 NA	19	20 10 Worship 11 Bible Study 7 Yoga	21 7 AA (women)	22 6:30 Swing Dance 7 BSA 6 pm Youth Christ Ch.	23 8 Zumba 4 Swing Dance Lock In at Kensington Ends 8 am
24 9:15 service w/ Potluck and Discussion 6 p.m. RSDA Thanksgiving dinner	25 6:30 Swing Dance 7:30 NA	26 7 BSA	27 7 Yoga	28 Thanksgiving Day 7p.m. AA Offices	29 Closed	30 8 Zumba 4 Swing Dance

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The Story: Question for Conversation

November 3: Week 6: Wandering

- 1. All through in this chapter God (sometimes quite strongly) disciplines the people to get them back on course. What are the values of being disciplined by one who loves us and wants the best for us?**
- 2. What is one way you are seeking to pass on a healthy and positive legacy to the next generation? How can others pray for you as you seek to be a blessing to children, grandchildren, or the young people you influence?**
- 3. What will help us hear and respond more quickly when the Lord is seeking to lead us? What is one area of your life where you would like to be more responsive to God's leading and how might others support you in this?**

November 10: Week 7: The Battle Begins

- 1. The first time spies were sent into the land, 12 of them went. Only 2 gave a good report; the other 10 were so negative that they convinced the people the rewards were not worth the risk. Four decades later, Joshua sent a team of only 2 into the land. It has been said, "Committees seldom make courageous decisions." Discuss the value of following a couple of bold leaders rather than a committee when it comes to those moments when we need to move forward quickly and with courage.**
- 2. Just like the people of Israel, we sometimes are fearful of challenges and don't want to deal with them. What challenge in your life have you put on the back burner, but know it is time to face it and deal with it? Is there one who can help you be accountable in this?**
- 3. Joshua read the words of God's story to all the people: children, teens, and adults. What ways can we help children and young people in our lives grow in their knowledge of and love for The Bible? How can this be done in both our homes and our churches.**

November 17: Week 8: A Few Good Men...and Women

- 1. Through The Story we discover that God loves to use surprising choices to accomplish his will. As you read about Deborah, Gideon, and Samson, how is each of them a surprising choice to be a leader for God?**
- 2. In the continual cycle that occurs in the time of the Judges, God's people keep embracing the sins, religion, and behaviors of those who lived in the land before they conquered it. In what ways do Christians today embrace the sin, practices, and culture of our day and end up sinning and feeling distant from God?**

See these questions & others in the Participant's Guide to The Story: Adult Curriculum

Service and Outreach Programs – Where Are We? Where Should We Be Going?

It has been a number of years since we have looked at our Service and Outreach Programs and made a conscious decision on what we at Transfiguration should support, and to talk about why. Are there activities that have outgrown their life? Are there new causes that we should support? Why?

On **November 24th**, we will have a single service at **9:15 am** and then gather in the undercroft to hold a dialogue to explore what we are currently doing in our service and outreach programs, and to see where they fit in the framework we explored in our Lenten Program with Father Wolf.

You may remember, there are four quadrants in this diagram numbered with Roman numerals from the lower left and moving clockwise, from Maintenance, to Contest, to Conflict, to Development. This is a matrix for mission or styles of community (or congregational) work.

The vertical axis goes from Social Change (upstream in our parable) to Social Stability. At the Social Stability end there is Maintenance (Social Service) and Development (Community Building). At the other end, Social Change, there is Contest (Advocacy) and Conflict (Community Organizing). Note that Advocacy is not the same as Community Organizing. These are the interest holders, or those that are involved; or people who have experienced exploitation and domination; or people who, as a group, are disadvantaged, or underserved.

The horizontal axis represents decision makers. On the right, those involved with Community Organizing and Community Building, from the Grass Roots. On the left are Elite decision makers. They are people who typically have economic resources. They are the providers. On that side are Social Services and Advocacy.

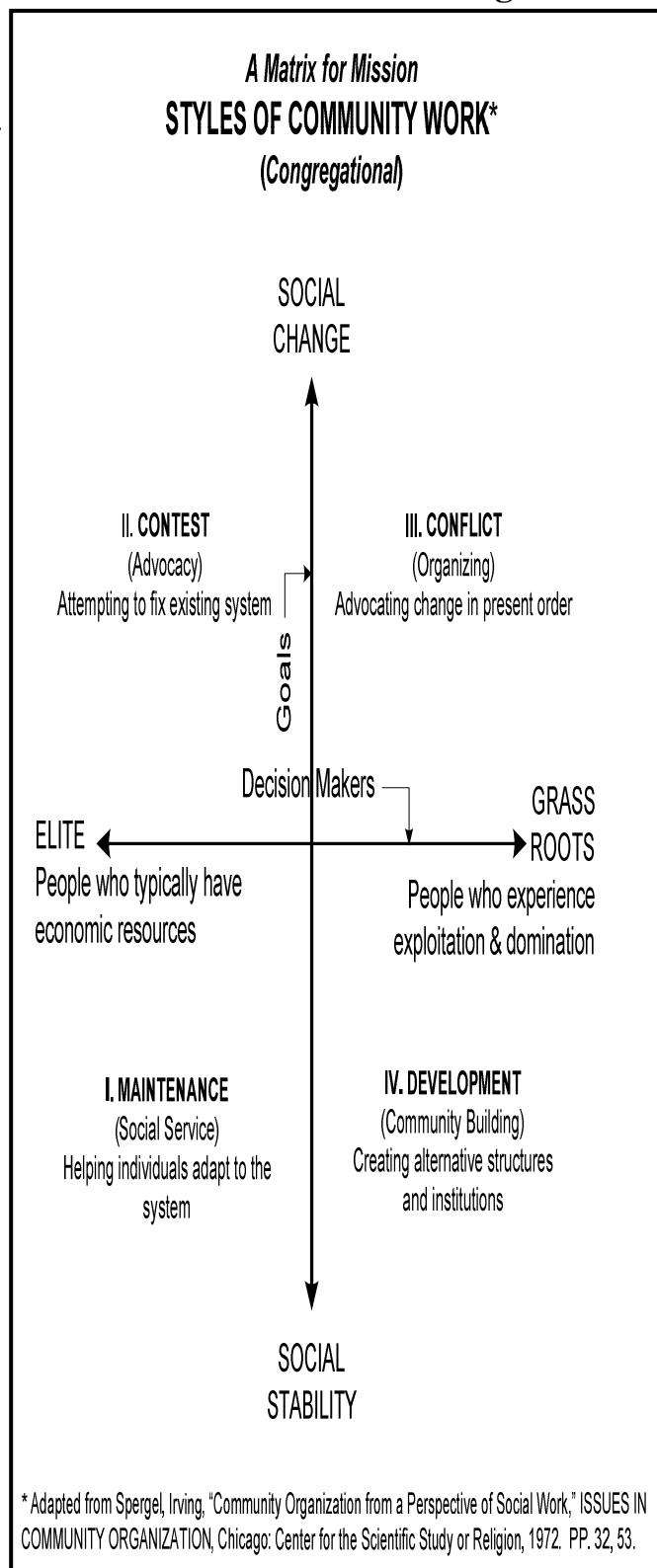
All of these aspects of work or styles are valid and necessary for a prosperous community to work. However they raise questions of adaptive change. (What does it really mean to deal with the source of a problem?)

Perhaps you have wondered why Transfiguration doesn't support a particular need that you are aware of, through prior associations, discussions with others, or current experience or observation. We will raise these activities up for consideration hear about them and see how they fit our framework.

Then we come to the hard work. There are an overwhelming number of things that we could support, but when push comes to shove, what are the activities that we at Transfiguration would like to continue, modify, or start anew? We will use an *interest/preference indicator* system and try to figure this out. And we will also be asking you which you would be willing to support.

Your Service and Outreach Committee will take your input, analyze it, and report back the results to you. The committee will report to the Vestry and look at the results in the light of our Stewardship drive.

Plan to come, learn, have fun, share your thoughts, and make your preferences known on **November 24th**, at **9:15am** deal with the source of a problem?)



Moon Walk to End Homelessness!

Sunday, Nov. 3 - 1-4 pm

In front of the offices of Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington and Transitional Housing Corporation (1516 Hamilton Street NW, Washington D.C. 20011)



Please join Samaritan Ministry and THC for a fun, Halloween-themed event for the whole family, benefiting a great cause!

Stop by our offices this Sunday for our Moon Walk to End Homelessness! We'll have a moon bounce, music, light food and drink, games and prizes, a costume contest, a haunted house for the kids, and a Thriller Flash Mob!

The event benefits the Help the Homeless campaigns of Samaritan Ministry and Transitional Housing Corporation. Please register for the event using one or both of the links below. 100% of your tax-deductible donation goes directly to SMGW or THC! You don't have to be at the event Sunday to register (you don't even have to be in DC!) - you can simply register to show your support - but we'd love to see you! Every person counts!

Samaritan Ministry Team Page Registration:

www.hthwalks.org/goto/SMGWwalk

THC Team Page Registration:

www.hthwalks.org/goto/THCdc

For questions, please contact Corey Whisman at 202-722-2280, ext. 304 or cwhisman@samaritanministry.org

Holiday Baskets (Thanksgiving & Xmas)

Each year in November and December we collect food in order to assemble "Holiday baskets" and donate it to the Montgomery County Headstart Program. Cash donations are also welcome, please make checks payable to Transfiguration and note "Holiday Baskets" in the memo line.

In conjunction with the baskets, The Knit and Purl group also donates hats and mittens that they have crocheted and knitted during the year.

Please bring your donations for the Thanksgiving baskets by Sunday Nov. 24 so that the baskets of food, hats and mittens can be picked up for distribution Monday morning, November 25th. Stephanie Van Albert has volunteered to assemble the baskets. She did a wonderful job last Xmas and our thanks to her for volunteering again.



C-4 Holiday Schedule

November 26 - The **Annual C-4 Thanksgiving Service** is being held this year at The White Oak Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints located at 500 Randolph Rd, Silver Spring 20904. The service begins at 7:30pm.

Thank you to everyone who donated time, talents, and funds to assist C-4 in strengthening our community by providing clothing, school supplies, and other services directly to people in need.

What is C-4?

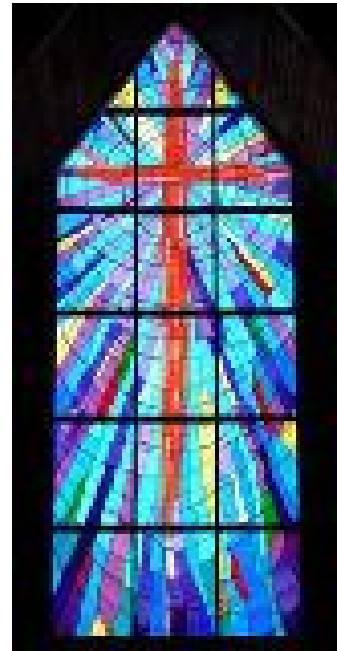
C-4 stands for The Colesville Council of Community Congregations. C-4 includes the Clothes & Baby Closets as well as the Toy Closet. It operates like a department store, except that all of the items are donated and there is *no charge* to the customers. Free clothing, baby equipment, school supplies, and Christmas toys are supplied to many of Montgomery County's poorest residents. C-4 relies upon the kindness and generosity of 20 member congregations including ours (one of the founders), for funding, donations and volunteers.

Let's continue to support our community!

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C-4 Holiday Schedule (Cont.)

December 8

Toy Closet Sunday



We will accept donations for toys for children who otherwise would not receive them at Christmas. All toys must be new and unwrapped. The most popular items are dolls, sports games, hand held electronic games, remote control cars, trucks, etc., nail polish, lotions, juvenile cosmetic and hair sets. A full list of items will be made available soon.

Volunteers will be needed:

Sunday, December 8, to help with the toy drop-off;

Friday, December 13, to help set up the toys for distribution; and

Saturday, December 14 for the distribution.