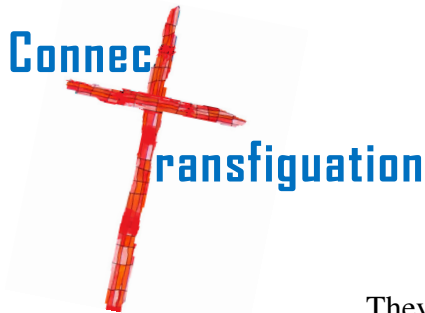




CONNECTION SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 7



Sunday, September 7 is **Connection Sunday** at Transfiguration.

On this day you will be able to connect with all of the various activities offered through our church.

Young people will be able to register for **Sunday School at 9:45 and begin classes at 10:15.**

They will also sign up for **Youth Choir** which meets 3rd and 4th Sundays at 9:15 and will be doing the musical *Chimes in the Night* on Advent IV.

Youth grades 6-12 will be able to sign up for **Youth Group** which meets 4th Sundays after the 10:15 service.

Grades 3 –Adults may sign up as **acolytes.**

Adults may choose to connect with the **Altar Guild, Lectors, LEMs, Ushers, ECW, TMG, or any of the many committees: Worship, Mission Strategy, Marketing, Pastoral Care, Stewardship, Finance, Fellowship, Christian Formation.** They may connect up for **specialty tasks** such as working with seminarians.

Anyone from 6th grade—Adult may connect with the **technology team** and serve on Sunday mornings.

Chimes in the Night: The Christmas Musical

Back by popular demand is the **Christmas musical.** Only this time we will be producing it on December 21 at 9:30 am at a special Advent IV service.

The name of the musical is *Chimes in the Night.* We will begin rehearsal on Sunday September 28 at 9:15 AM. Tryouts for roles will be held on Sunday, October 19 after our annual Harvest Dinner.

Please reserve 3rd and 4th Sundays at 9:15 beginning Sep. 28 for Youth Choir rehearsal.

Any adult who would like to connect with this activity, please see Mother Meg.

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Please bring gloves, masks, gowns, and Purell to send to Africa to help in the efforts against EBOLA. Thanks.



Ebola virus disease

Classification and external resources

A 1976 photograph of two nurses standing in front of Mayinga N., a person with Ebola virus disease; she died only a few days later due to severe internal hemorrhaging.

EBOLA From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Ebola virus disease (EVD) or **Ebola hemorrhagic fever (EHF)** is a disease of humans and other primates caused by an ebolavirus. Symptoms start two days to three weeks after contracting the virus, with a fever, sore throat, muscle pain and headaches. Typically, vomiting, diarrhea and rash follow, along with decreased functioning of the liver and kidneys. Around this time, affected people may begin to bleed both within the body and externally.^[1]

The virus may be acquired upon contact with blood or bodily fluids of an infected animal.^[1] Spreading through the air has not been documented in the natural environment.^[2] Fruit bats are believed to carry and spread the virus without being affected. Once human infection occurs, the disease may spread between people, as well. Male survivors may be able to transmit the disease via semen for nearly two months. To make the diagnosis, typically other diseases with similar symptoms such as malaria, cholera and other viral hemorrhagic fevers are first excluded. To confirm the diagnosis, blood samples are tested for viral antibodies, viral RNA, or the virus itself.^[1]

Prevention includes decreasing the spread of disease from infected animals to humans. This may be done by checking such animals for infection and killing and properly disposing of the bodies if the disease is discovered. Properly cooking meat and wearing protective clothing when handling meat may also be helpful, as are wearing protective clothing and washing hands when around a person with the disease. Samples of bodily fluids and tissues from people with the disease should be handled with special caution.^[1]

No specific treatment for the disease is yet available.^[1] Efforts to help those who are infected are supportive and include giving either oral rehydration therapy (slightly sweet and salty water to drink) or intravenous fluids.^[1] The disease has a high risk of death, killing between 50% and 90% of those infected with the virus.^{[1][3]} EVD was first identified in Sudan (now South Sudan) and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The disease typically occurs in outbreaks in tropical regions of sub-Saharan Africa.^[1] From 1976 (when it was first identified) through 2013, the World Health Organization reported a total of 1,716 cases.^{[1][4]} The largest outbreak to date is the ongoing 2014 West Africa Ebola outbreak, which is affecting Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Nigeria.^{[5][6]} As of 22nd August 2014, 2,615 suspected cases resulting in the deaths of 1,427 have been reported.^[7] Efforts are under way to develop a vaccine; however, none yet exists.

Family Christian Formation Registration

Mail, Email, or Bring in September 7 or Register at 9:45

Father's Name _____ Birthdate _____ Email _____ cell: _____

Mother's Name _____ Birthdate _____ Email _____ cell: _____

Family address: _____

Home phone: _____

Stepparent information:



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Child #1 _____ Birthdate _____ Age _____ Grade _____ School _____

Email _____ cell: _____ Allergies _____

Check all that apply:

____ Sunday school ____ Youth Choir (will be here December 21 for musical ____)* ____ Acolyte
____ Lector ____ Usher ____ Needs confirmation ____ Youth Group (grades 6-12)**

Child #2 _____ Birthdate _____ Age _____ Grade _____ School _____

Email _____ cell: _____ Allergies _____

Check all that apply:

____ Sunday school ____ Youth Choir (will be here December 21 for musical ____)* ____ Acolyte
____ Lector ____ Usher ____ Needs confirmation ____ Youth Group (grades 6-12)**

Child #3 _____ Birthdate _____ Age _____ Grade _____ School _____

Email _____ cell: _____ Allergies _____

Check all that apply:

____ Sunday school ____ Youth Choir (will be here December 21 for musical ____)* ____ Acolyte
____ Lector ____ Usher ____ Needs confirmation ____ Youth Group (grades 6-12)**

Child #4 _____ Birthdate _____ Age _____ Grade _____ School _____

Email _____ cell: _____ Allergies _____

Check all that apply:

____ Sunday school ____ Youth Choir (will be here December 21 for musical ____)* ____ Acolyte
____ Lector ____ Usher ____ Needs confirmation ____ Youth Group (grades 6-12)**

* Meets 3rd and 4th Sundays at 9:15 in Library

** Meets 4th Sundays after Church in Youth Room

Joint Nominating Committee's second of three essays

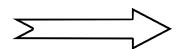
The second essay outlines the current roles, functions, and responsibilities of the Presiding Bishop.

The goal of this second education piece of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop is to provide The Episcopal Church, and potential candidates with information on the vast responsibilities of the complex and multifaceted position that the Presiding Bishop holds today.

The most familiar description of the roles and functions of the Presiding Bishop can be found in Canon I.2.4 of the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church (pp. 28-29):

- (a) The Presiding Bishop shall be the Chief Pastor and Primate of the Church, and shall:
- (1) Be charged with responsibility for leadership in initiating and developing the policy and strategy in the Church and speaking for the Church as to the policies, strategies and programs authorized by the General Convention;
 - (2) Speak God's words to the Church and to the world, as the representative of this Church and its episcopate in its corporate capacity;
 - (3) In the event of an Episcopal vacancy within a Diocese, consult with the Ecclesiastical Authority to ensure that adequate interim Episcopal Services are provided;
 - (4) Take order for the consecrations of Bishops, when duly elected; and, from time to time, assemble the Bishops of this Church to meet, either as the House of Bishops or a Council of Bishops, and set the time and place of such meetings;
 - (5) Preside over meetings of the House of Bishops; and, when the two Houses of the General Convention meet in Joint Session, have the right of presiding over such Session, of calling for such Joint Session, of recommending legislation to either House, and, upon due notification, of appearing before and addressing the House of Deputies; and whenever addressing the General Convention upon the state of the Church, it shall be incumbent upon both Houses thereof to consider and act upon any recommendations contained in such address;
 - (6) Visit every Diocese of this Church for the purpose of: (i) Holding pastoral consultations with the Bishop or Bishops thereof and, with their advice, with the Lay and Clerical leaders of the jurisdiction; (ii) Preaching the Word; and (iii) Celebrating the Holy Eucharist.
- (b) The Presiding Bishop shall report annually to the Church, and may, from time to time, issue Pastoral Letters.

Canon I.2.4(c) goes on to provide that there are many other roles and responsibilities prescribed throughout the Canons of and "to be enabled better to perform such duties and responsibilities, the Presiding Bishop may appoint, to positions established by the Executive Council of General Convention, officers, responsible to the Presiding Bishop, who may delegate such authority as shall seem appropriate." These other canonical duties may be grouped into five other categories.



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I. Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and Executive Council

The Presiding Bishop is *ex officio* President of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society which carries on all of the corporate matters of the Episcopal Church. In addition to being *ex officio* Chair and President of the Executive Council, as Chair and President the Presiding Bishop is the chief executive officer of Executive Council “and as such the Chair and President shall have ultimate responsibility for the oversight of the work of the Executive Council in the implementation of the ministry and mission of the Church as may be committed to the Executive Council by the General Convention.” (Canon I.4.3(a)). It follows that as chief executive officer the Presiding Bishop is in charge of all the Executive Council staff and has authority as well to oversee the Chief Operating Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of the Church.

II. The Presiding Bishop exercises the right of making many appointments including:

- Appoints all the members of the House of Bishops legislative committees
- Appoints bishop members of Joint Committees and Joint Standing Committees of General Convention
- Appoints bishops to the Board of the Archives of The Episcopal Church
- May appoint up to four members of the General Board of Examining Chaplains

III. The Presiding Bishop has responsibility for congregations:

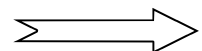
- In foreign lands
- In the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe
- In Navajoland

IV. The Presiding Bishop has special roles at the time of vacancies in missionary dioceses and the election of missionary bishops, and in the event of a vacancy in the office of bishop assigned jurisdiction in an Area Mission

V. The Presiding Bishop has the highest dispensing power for vows of members of religious orders of The Episcopal Church

VI. The Presiding Bishop exercises authority in disciplinary and dissolution proceedings against bishops including

- Responsibilities in the proceedings for the dissolution of the relationship between a bishop and a diocese
- Substantial responsibilities in the discipline of bishops including appointing the Intake Officer, serving on the Reference Panel, issuing Pastoral Directions, Administrative Leaves and restrictions on ministry to bishops, and negotiating agreements for discipline with bishops

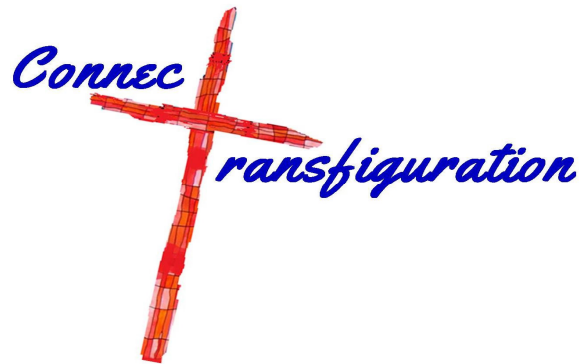


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VII. The Presiding Bishop participates in the governance of the Church with the President of the House of Deputies:

- Both serve *ex officio* on the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements that plans General Convention, the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance, and the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations
- Both serve *ex officio* on all Standing Commissions
- Together with the President of the House of Deputies, the Presiding Bishop does the following:
 - Appoints the Executive Officer of the General Convention
 - Appoints all members of Executive Council Committees
 - May change the date and the length of General Convention
 - Nominates the Chief Financial Officer of the Executive Council
 - Nominates members of the Joint Audit Committee
 - May set the House of initial action for each Resolution of the General Convention
 - May authorize variations and adjustments to, or substitutions for, or alterations in, any portion of liturgical texts under trial use, which do not change the substance of a rite.

Each Presiding Bishop brings her/his particular gifts to bear to shape and organize these myriad responsibilities of this office. Yet as the *Shared Governance* document of 2012 reminds us, at the core “the roles of Chief Pastor, Primate, Leader, and Spokesperson are the integral keys to this ministry.”



The Return of Worship and Adult Bible Study

Begins

Wednesday, September 24

Worship 10 AM in the Chapel

The Study of Esther at 11 AM in the Library

See you there!!!



TRANSFIGURATION EPISCOPAL CHURCH MENS GROUP ANNUAL FISH FRY



SATURDAY OCTOBER 4, 2014, NOON - 8PM

CAR WASH BY BOY SCOUT 1444

KIDS FISH POND

AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND MUSIC

Fish or chicken dinner - \$12.00
2 sides and a drink

(Advanced Purchase - \$10.00)

Desserts - \$1.00

Fish or chicken sandwich - \$6.00
1 side and a drink

(Advanced Purchase - \$5.00)

Other beverages sold separately

Sides include : French Fries, Cole Slaw, Yellow Rice, Mac and Cheese,
Corn, String Beans, Vegetables, Fried Plantains

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[Transfiguration Parish Fellowship/Coffee Hour Guidelines](#)

Fellowship /Coffee hour follows our 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services. This is the time we offer hospitality to everyone with beverages, snacks, breakfast and brunch treats. If you are visiting or are here for the first time, just follow everybody downstairs to the Parish hall.

During Fellowship hour, we have time to catch up with each other; the children enjoy eating the goodies and it's also time to get to know each other whether you are a newcomer or someone who has been attending Transfiguration for a while.

There have been questions asked, especially by newcomers, about whom and what it entails to host Fellowship hour at our Parish.

1. **We take turns** hosting Fellowship hour. This process starts with signing up on the sign-up sheet posted in the Parish hall. This gives the privilege and opportunity for individuals, families and groups to choose the appropriate Sunday suitable for them to host.
2. A section of the **sign-up sheet** is for individuals, families and groups to sign up for cleanup on a particular Sunday after we finish eating and socializing.
3. Tables (chairs) to be used for Fellowship hour on a particular Sunday are usually set up by the men or by a member of the fellowship committee, but if you are hosting, please try to come in before the start of the Service you are hosting.
4. The Parish kitchen is equipped with a commercial style oven, a refrigerator, a coffee maker and serving utensils including bowls, plates, cups, forks, knives and spoons. Please look in cupboards and drawers to locate items suitable for your use.
5. Food items required for our Fellowship hour depends on who is hosting. As a parish, we are very proud of our diversity. With diversity comes different cultures and with that comes various cuisines. All we are asking is for you as host to provide whatever you deem fit as the host. It can be donuts, coffee, bagels or just sandwiches; if you prefer to provide us with a full lunch, it's up to you. You do not have to know how to cook in order for you to host Fellowship hour. **Remember it is about the fellowship we share as much as the food we eat.**
6. Coffee (regular and decaffeinated) is provided by the Parish and the instructions for brewing are posted on the wall in the kitchen right in front of the coffee brewing machine. Other beverages (iced tea, lemonade, hot cocoa and chocolate) are also provided by the Parish, but feel free to add beverages to whatever you provide.
7. If you have any **questions** regarding Fellowship hour or the Parish kitchen, please contact the Church office or any member of the Fellowship committee. Contact info should be here.

Donations of the following items are always welcomed by the Parish:

[Coffee \(regular, decaffeinated\).](#)

[Iced tea, lemonade, cocoa, chocolate, sodas and water.](#)

[Sugar and coffee creamer.](#)

[Serving plates \(small, medium and large\).](#)

[Plastic knives, forks and spoons.](#)

[Paper napkins and towels.](#)

[Liquid dish detergent, liquid hand soap.](#)