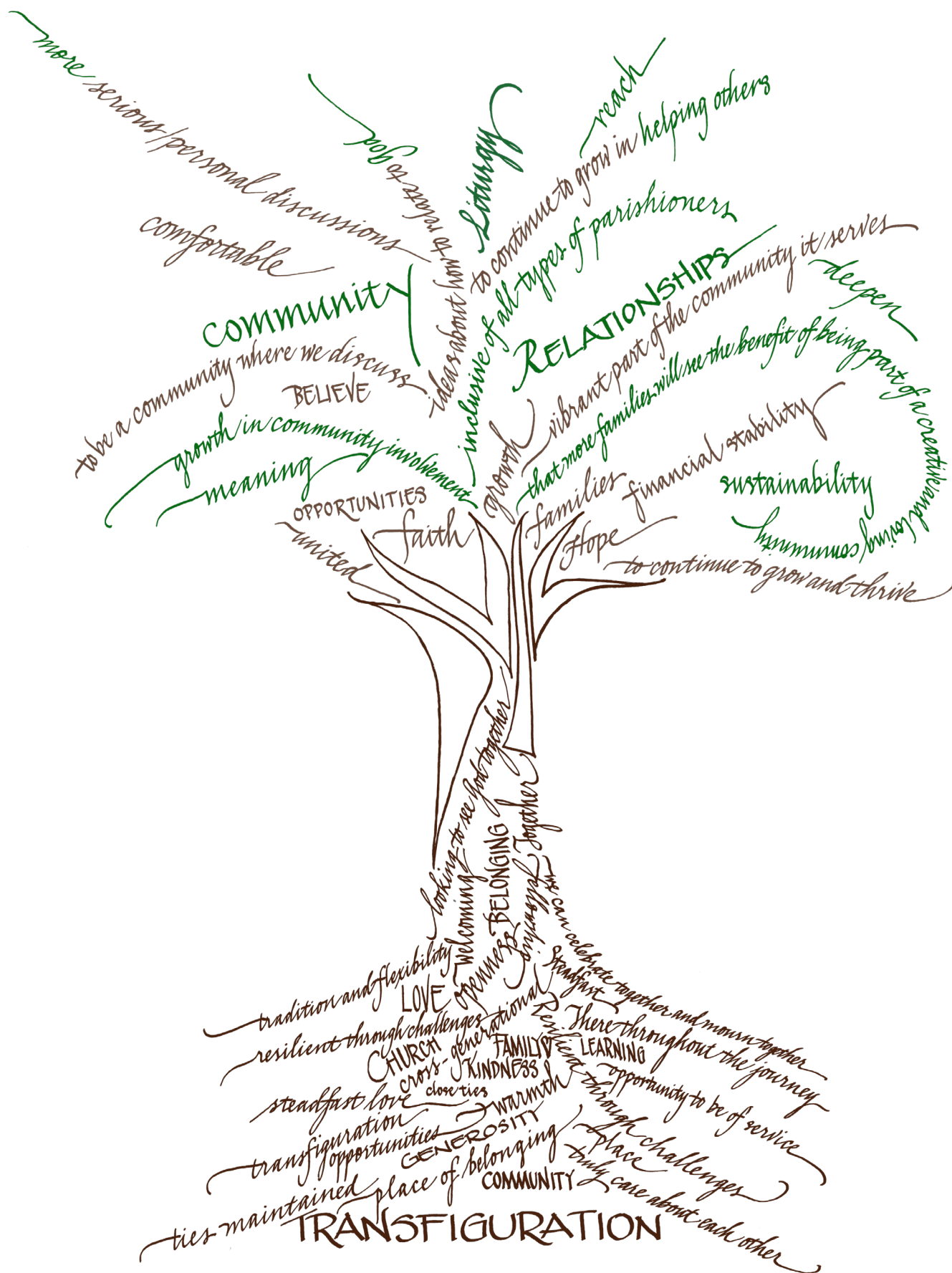




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THE JOURNEY

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2022





FROM THE PRIEST IN CHARGE

*Give them an inquiring and discerning heart,
the courage to will and to persevere,
a spirit to know and to love you,
and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.*

-Book of Common Prayer

Life at Transfiguration is embracing this harvest season! Our ministry teams have all met in the past week, we are welcoming newcomers who have joyfully decided to make Transfiguration their church home, we are preparing to welcome our new music director, and we are preparing for a holy Advent and joyful Christmas season!

Thank you to our stewardship time for bringing together a thoughtful stewardship season embracing the saints who have gone before us, those who are here, and hopes for those yet to come! Thank you to Noreen for a gorgeous reflection of our shared values!

Thank you to those of you who have prayerfully considered your 2023 and made a pledge. Thank you to those of you who were able to increase your pledge for new year.

All Saints Day gave us the opportunity to renew our Baptismal Vows as we proclaimed our support of the newly baptized. It was a beautiful reminder of our commitment to God and one another as we journey this life of faith together.

Thank you to all of you with inquiring and discerning hearts who share hospitality, care, and thoughtful conversations in this Spirit filled time!

Thank you,

Jennifer H.

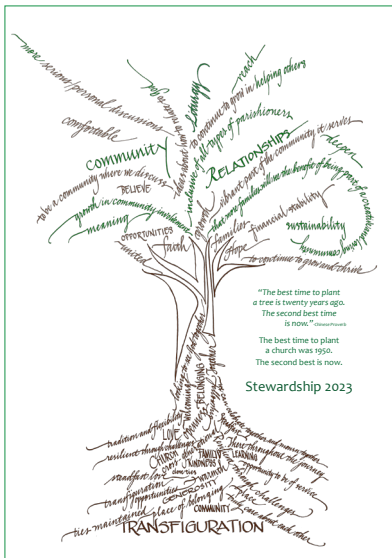




WELCOME TO DR. CYRIL DEACONOFF!

Cyril begins meeting with the staff for worship planning this week. His first Sunday with us will be December 11, 2022. Many will remember him warmly from his time as the Interim Director of Music in 2016.

Cyril brings with him a wealth of experience in composing, organ playing, choral leadership, and a variety of skills. He is looking forward to choir leadership and also inviting our younger members to join in. We look forward to getting to know one another in the months and years to come.



STEWARDSHIP INGATHERING

THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

We hope that all have received our Stewardship mailing and have enjoyed reflecting on Transfiguration's roots in the founding of this community all those years ago and the branches of hope for the future.

Please prayerfully consider your support for Transfiguration in 2023 and bring in your pledge cards this Sunday, November 20 and we will bless the gifts received and offer prayers as our Vestry considers planning and budget setting for the coming year.

MEES TIELENS TO BE ORDAINED AS A TRANSITIONAL DEACON SAT. DEC. 3, 3PM AT GRACE CATHDRAL



All are invited to show our support to Mees Tielens as he is ordained as a Transitional Deacon at the DioCal Ordinations on Saturday, December 3, 3pm at Grace Cathedral. *Livestream will also be available, watch for more details soon.*

Transfiguration is the sponsoring congregation for Mees on his journey toward priesthood. He has been a parishioner since 2016 and a volunteer staff member as our Associate for Digital Mission for a year or so before heading to seminary in Fall of 2020.

It will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate this occasion with Mees, Loel and Grace!

Mark your calendars! Those interested in attending can coordinate carpooling. More details to follow.





THE SEASON OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS



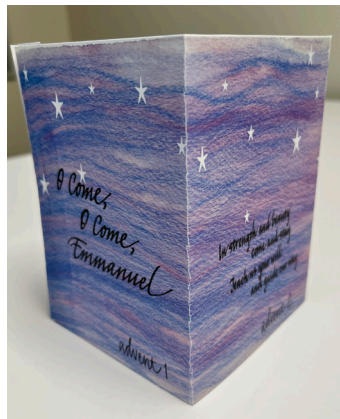
ADVENT WREATH MAKING!

Advent begins on **Sunday, November 27, 2022.**

Join us on that day for Wreath Making during Community of Wonder (C.O.W.) and Coffee Hour. We'll have fresh greenery, candles and all the supplies to make a table wreath to bring home.

We'll also have this year's Advent lantern available for all who wish to take one home.

Invite a friend to join in!



FIRST SUNDAY: DECEMBER 4 THE 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Join us for Gingerbread Cookie and House Decorating!

During Community of Wonder (C.O.W.) and during coffee hour we will gingerbread to decorate for everyone who wants to join in!

DECEMBER 11 THE 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We will welcome our Director of Music, Cyril Deaconoff.

DECEMBER 18 THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We'll have Advent Lessons and Carols during the 10:30 service.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

5PM CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

& JOYFUL NOISE EUCHARIST

10PM FESTIVAL EUCHARIST WITH ORGAN AND CHOIR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

10:30AM CHRISTMAS DAY EUCHARIST

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

10:30AM NEW YEARS DAY EUCHARIST

AND FIRST SUNDAY: PAJAMA DAY!

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH & FAMILIES!



FAITH LAB (YOUTH GROUP)

2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS

12:30 P.M.-2:00 P.M.

- 2ND SUNDAY- 5-12TH GRADERS
- 4TH SUNDAY- 9-12TH GRADERS

Join us for food, laughter, fun and connection!

Upcoming gatherings:

*This Sunday, November 20, 12:30-2pm
Dungeons & Dragons*

*Sunday, December 11, 12:30 - 2pm
All Youth grades 5-12*

COMMUNITY OF WONDER (C.O.W)

SUNDAYS AT 10:25AM IN THE
REDWOOD ROOM WITH REBECCA

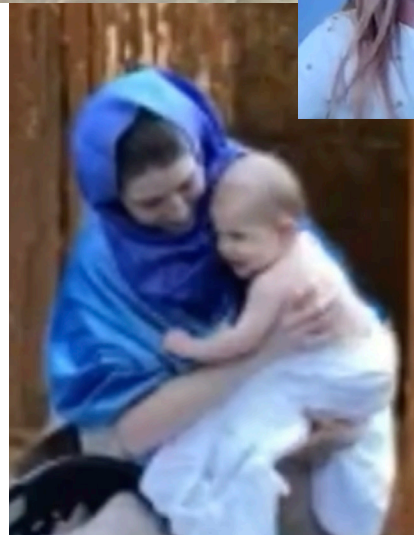
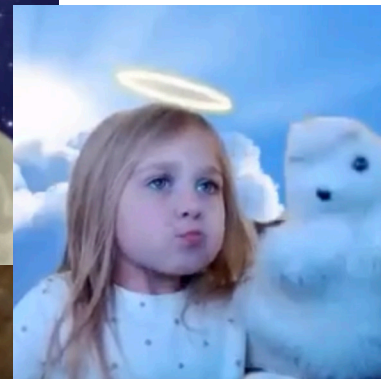
Community of Wonder (C.O.W.) is our children's program for elementary and middle schoolers, combining Bible stories and camp-like fun!

***COME HAVE SOME FUN!**

*Advent
Wreathmaking on
November 27th!*

*Gingerbread
decorating on
December 4th*

**Wear Pajamas
to Church on
January 1st!**



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!

CALLING ALL ANGELS, SHEEPS & SHEPHERDS!

Our Christmas Pageant will be on Christmas Eve, December 24 during the 5pm Joyful Noise Eucharist. Rehearsals will begin in December at Community of Wonder (C.O.W.).

Be on the look out for any additional rehearsal dates!



CARING FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

QUIET CARING

The Parish Care Committee (or PCC) may not be recognized by name, but you or someone you know at church has probably been the recipient of its quiet care. Formed in 1994 by Ruth Ciranni, Senior Warden at the time, the purpose of this group was to provide pastoral care while Senior Rector Philip Compton was very ill with cancer. What did the members of this committee do? They brought meals to those who were sick, those healing following surgery, families with a new baby at home. They sent cards to the sick, the bereaved, those celebrating a special occasion. They visited people in their homes; they brought communion. They provided the pastoral care that the Rector was unable to provide at the time, and that care extended to him and his family.

The ministry of the Parish Care Committee has continued since that time under the leadership of the Rector. You may recall being invited to donate jars of jam, teabags, and home-baked goodies that went into Thanksgiving baskets delivered to parishioners who were shut-in, ill, or bereaved. You may have received a card on the one-year anniversary of the death of a loved one or a poinsettia at Christmas. Your middle school or high school graduate may have received a note of congratulations from a member of the Parish Care Committee this past spring. If you've been ill, lost a loved one, or been somehow incapacitated at home, you've probably received a card or a meal or a visit from a member of the committee.

The PCC is not a "secret" committee, and it is open to new members. The information shared at our meetings is confidential because we want to preserve people's privacy, so you often will not be aware of what we are doing behind the scenes. We are quietly at work caring for those who might need a word of comfort or encouragement, or practical support in the form of a meal or a ride, or simply the presence of another human being. If you'd like to participate in this ministry of care – as a member of the PCC or on an ad-hoc basis - please contact me at garipatton@astound.net.

If you or someone you know at church could use some help, please contact Jennifer Hornbeck in the church office.

Current committee members are Bob Adams, Cathy Apsley, Priscilla Gilmore, Gill Hartford, Jennifer Hornbeck, Michele Maia, Helaina Titus, and Gari Patton. We are in the process of reviewing our purpose and how we might better serve our Transfiguration community in these changing times. Your input would be welcomed!

-Gari Patton

*Christ has no body now but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which
he looks compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which
he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which
he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands,
Yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes,
You are His body.
Christ has no body now on earth
but yours.*

-attributed to St. Teresa of Avila

SUPPORTING THE BROADER COMMUNITY



PEACE PANTRY FEEDS LOCAL FAMILIES

The Peace Pantry at Hillsdale High School (HHS) continues to distribute food weekly to more than 140 food-insecure Hillsdale families, thanks to staple foods from Second Harvest, produce from the school's community garden, and monetary donations from the community. The medical dangers of Covid may have abated in the past two and a half years, but the need for food has not.

In September of 2020 Joseph Villa mobilized the Transfig sourdough bread bakers (a popular activity early on in the pandemic when we were all stuck at home). A group of us met Friday mornings in the school parking lot to

pray over our baked offerings before they were shared with the families driving through to pick up a week's worth of food. With several



of our regular contributors having moved, there are now just two of us dropping off bread and cookies on Friday. If you feel moved to bake a loaf of bread, some muffins, or a batch of cookies, come on by any Friday between 7:45-8:15 to drop off your donation. Some lucky family will be very appreciative!

Monetary support is also welcomed. The HHS Foundation will need to raise \$80,000 during their December Holiday Giving Campaign to continue their current level of support of buying \$6,600 worth of cultural food staples and essential items each month from Mi Rancho Market. If you'd like to donate by mail, you can send a check made out to the Hillsdale High School Foundation to 63 Bovet Road, # 218, San Mateo, CA 94402, with "Peace Pantry" written on the memo line of your check. To make a contribution using a credit card or EFT, go to <https://hillsdalehsfoundation.org/be-a-donor/>. The HHS Foundation is a 501c3, so they will send you a Tax ID letter in recognition of your donation and for tax purposes. Every contribution, big or small, helps!

-Gari Patton

ADVENT GIVING TREE



It can be hard raising kids without family nearby, especially when little ones get sick. It's always the little things- a text message, a jar of soup, some oranges on the patio- that make me feel truly held by this community.

We can extend these small and meaningful gestures beyond Transfiguration and into our wider community by gathering together items for There With Care. There With Care supports families whose kids are going through major medical crises in our local hospitals. Their mission is to "help ease the burden of life's day-to-day obligations with compassion and care."

to learn more: <https://therewithcare.org>

Here are the "little things" we can collect in the coming weeks during Advent. Bring in your items for donation beginning on November 27. What a good opportunity to practice compassion and as we go about our own day-to-day obligations.

Parent Care Kit

(for days and nights at the hospital)

Notebook	Pens
Pocket tissues	Lip balm
Travel size lotion	Pack of Gum
Pack of mints	
Adult socks (gender neutral colors)	
Earplugs	Eye Mask
Stress ball or similar	

Baby Bath Time Kit

(for those first days at home)

Full size Baby Wash or Shampoo bottle
Full size Baby Lotion
Hooded Bath Towel

(Amazon Gift Cards can also be used for in-kind donations)

-Amanda Duquette



WAYS TO CONNECT @TRANSFIG

WEEKDAY MORNINGS:

MORNING MEDITATION - WEEKDAYS AT 8:30AM

A group gathers for meditation at 8:30am every Mon thru Fri on zoom. <https://zoom.us/j/6503418206> (password: 3900) All are welcome! Those who have participated have found it to be a wonderful way to begin the day. Questions? email: mmaia456@gmail.com

MORNING PRAYER - WEDNESDAYS AT 9AM

Every Wednesday morning at 9:00, a group gathers for Morning Prayer via the Transfig zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/6503418206> (password: 3900)

All are welcome! Questions? email: garipatton@astound.net

GOSPEL PREVIEW - WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30AM

Every Wednesday morning at 10:30, a group gathers for Gospel Preview bible study and lively conversation via the Transfiguration zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/6503418206> (password: 3900)

All are welcome! Questions? email: jennifer@transfig-sm.org



MEN'S RETREAT 2023

January 27-29@St. Dorothy's Rest

Men of Transfig, looking to get away?

Let us come together for fellowship, food, and fresh air (chainsaws potentially included) at the Transfiguration Men's Retreat on January 27th up in the redwoods of St. Dorothy's Rest. To those who have been before, sign up (and invite others)! For those who are considering joining us for the first time, welcome! St. Dorothy's Rest is an Episcopal camp and retreat center in the Sonoma redwoods where the men of Transfig gather annually to spend time together.

We will meet at St. Dorothy's for dinner on January 27th and depart Sunday morning. It is not required to stay both evenings. On Saturday morning we traditionally do a short service project for the camp, and this year's is looking good. I look forward to seeing you all! Ask Tim for details.

Watch for registration form link soon.

-Aidan Jobe Sea

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND



THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 20

The Last Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am Joyful Noise via zoom
<https://zoom.us/j/6503418206> password: 3900

10:30am Musical Eucharist at Transfiguration
with Livestream transfig-sm.org
with Community of Wonder (C.O.W.)
children/youth program during service
until Communion & coffee hour to follow

12:30-2:00pm Faith Lab: Dungeons & Dragons
(Redwood Room)

Monday, November 21

8:30am Morning Meditation via zoom
<https://zoom.us/j/6503418206> password: 3900

Tuesday, November 22

8:30am Morning Meditation via zoom
<https://zoom.us/j/6503418206> password: 3900

Wednesday, November 23

8:30am Morning Meditation via zoom
<https://zoom.us/j/6503418206> password: 3900

9:00am Morning Prayer via zoom
<https://zoom.us/j/6503418206> password: 3900

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving Day holiday - Parish Office closed

Friday, November 25

Day after Thanksgiving holiday - Parish Office closed

8:30am Morning Meditation via zoom
<https://zoom.us/j/6503418206> password: 3900

Saturday, November 26

Sunday, November 27

The First Sunday of Advent

9:00am Joyful Noise via zoom
<https://zoom.us/j/6503418206> password: 3900

10:30am Musical Eucharist at Transfiguration
with Livestream transfig-sm.org
Advent Wreath-making during Community
of Wonder (C.O.W.) children/youth
program & coffee hour

SAVE THE DATES!

FIRST SUNDAYS

On the first Sunday of each month we will have an opportunity for fellowship and building community. We invite anyone interested in helping to plan First Sundays to email office@transfig-sm.org.

- DECEMBER 4- GINGERBREAD COOKIE AND HOUSE DECORATING!
- JANUARY 1- PAJAMA DAY! IT'S NEW YEARS DAY - WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS TO CHURCH!

SATURDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE - DEC 24

5:00pm Christmas Pageant & Joyful
Noise Eucharist with livestream

10:00pm Festival Musical Eucharist with
livestream

SUNDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY - DEC 25

10:30am Christmas Day Eucharist

SUNDAY, NEW YEARS DAY - JAN 1

10:30am New Years Day Eucharist
First Sunday: Pajama Day!

RETREATS FOR 2023

Men's Retreat @ St. Dorothy's Rest

January 27-29 2023

Women's Retreat @ The Bishop's Ranch

February 24 - 26 2023

Parish Retreat @ The Bishop's Ranch

June 9 - 11 2023



VESTRY UPDATE

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Things are happening at Transfiguration!

The Vestry has been busy. I am very excited to share what we've been up to. If you have a chance, stop a Vestry member and ask them for more information!

We have reconvened our committees. Pre-pandemic, committees met regularly to help spread the work of supporting everything that goes on in our community. Now that more is happening, we are getting that support structure back in place.

Committee membership is not limited to Vestry members. If you are interested in getting more involved at church, we encourage you to reach out to a vestry member to find out how to join a committee. It is a great way to get to know a smaller group of people better and you will be contributing in a major way.

Site Committee: this committee is responsible for maintaining our buildings and grounds. They identify and respond to urgent needs but also keep an eye to maintenance and cost in hopes of avoiding those urgent needs. This committee meets on zoom the *first Monday of each month* and occasionally after church on a Sunday (when observing conditions on site is needed). Currently this committee is focused on the final touches of the capital campaign project and prioritizing needs that weren't addressed by that project. If you are someone who likes to work on projects, get bids and work with contractors, this is the committee for you!

Finance Committee: this committee cares for the financial foundation of Transfiguration by providing the congregation with financial transparency, overseeing a budget that includes managing our risk, paying down our loans, and ensuring the longevity of our community, and creating policy around bequests, space-use and other specialized income. Currently this committee meets the *second Wednesday of the month*, sometimes skipping months in the summer or other "slow" times.

Community Life Committee: there is so much going on with this committee that it has *four subcommittees*! This committee *meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month*. For 2 months, the sub-committees meet, then the

entire committee meets together in the 3rd month.

Fellowship: this sub-committee plans events beyond our Sunday morning services. Want to help bring back Oktoberfest, the Chili Cook Off, Grill on the Hill, Snow Day? This is the sub-committee for you.

Outreach and Social Justice: this sub-committee will support an outreach project this Advent! This group supports Sandwich Sunday, the Feeding of the 45,000 meal packing events, and the Peace Pantry. Do you love donation gathering sorting, distributing? Do you have ideas of organizations you'd like us to support?

Communications: this group supports the website, eblast, Journey (helpful for planning ahead), announcements, social media.

Parish Care: this amazing committee supports you and other members of our parish in times of need. Please read Gari Patton's article about this committee.

We hope you feel the energy that is building in our community and join us in fellowship.

-Jenn

NEW TREASURER, CHRIS VILLANIS

On November 16, 2022 the Vestry voted unanimously to elect Chris Villanis our next church treasurer. Thank you Chris for stepping forward! We look forward to working together!

MANY THANKS TO JOSEPH VILLA!

Thank you to Joseph Villa for his time as Church Treasurer! Thank you Joseph for caring for our church finances. You have navigated transitions, a pandemic, a capital campaign, and much more. We so appreciate all you have given to our church family! We wish your family well in your new adventures and look forward to seeing you and the whole Villa family when we next meet!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS FOR VESTRY, DEANERY & CONVENTION DELEGATES

It's time to consider how you might serve on the leadership of the church. There are three positions for three year terms on Vestry. Deanery/Convention delegates serve for one year terms. In 2023, deanery/convention delegates will have the opportunity to participate in the Bishop Search process and to vote for our next Bishop.

The Nominating Committee consists of the four outgoing Vestry members: Barbara Carlisle, Eric Johnson, Hilary McClure, and Gari Patton; and the priest. Please reach out to them if you feel called to serve!

LAY LEADERSHIP AT TRANSFIGURATION

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Skip Howie
Deanery Delegate



Aidan Jobe Sea
Deanery Delegate



Michele Maia
Deanery Delegate



Stacy Ryan
Deanery Delegate



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STAFF

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Community of Wonder Director: Rebecca Robinson
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Bookkeeper: Christine Semenza
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VESTRY LEADERSHIP

Senior Warden: Jennifer Robinson

Junior Warden: Christine Villanis

Clerk to the Vestry: Eric Johnson

Treasurer: Christine Villanis

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