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OF RENEWAL**

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by Kristen Hamilton,
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Breathing.

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Feel the breath rise and fall through the body, carrying life through its gentle movement through the seasons.

So necessary and vital.
So often nearly forgotten as we pass through our busy days.

Don't forget to breathe.

*And in pausing we can
find life and create space
for growth.*

When we notice our breath, we can pause. And in pausing we can find life and create space for growth.

brought together in form, song, and cadence, that we become unlike any other collective movement.

The gift of song is in its ability to pull together the potential for beauty, belief, and mystery. Singing together the poetry of the ancient grasping for the Divine is one of the most sacred acts we do together as a church community. As we meditate together on the words we sing, we breathe life with one another and with the saints of old.

Just as breath moves through our lungs in a gentle cycle, so too our sacred music moves us through our seasons of worship. It calls us from joy and into sorrow and from anticipation into the very breath of the Spirit moving among us.

The melodies we carry with us into our week are reminders for us to breathe. To keep breathing and to offer life to those we encounter along the way. ♫



by Rev. Dan Cranley,
Pastor & Priest-in-Charge



God in the midst of the busyness

We “the church” are a busy people! I am amazed at what has been accomplished by the community of the Church of Transfiguration over the past few months: new boilers, two new roofs, a large renovation project (Max Ross Room and Lady Chapel), a successful Community BBQ, and sensational Water’s Edge services on the hill.

We have accomplished so much, and God is in the midst of our accomplishments and our action, celebrating with us the great work done for the community and for the church. Busyness can be such a purposeful space at times; yet, at the same time, we must be aware how it can easily transition to a burdensome and heavy space.

Case in point: I am not a very good multi-tasker. I find it challenging when there are a number of things that need my attention all at once (I imagine many of you can relate to this feeling). I tend to put my head down and get things done, and then over time find myself in a place of exhaustion.

For a long time it was an unhealthy cycle; but, my experience has led me to a healthier and more productive space even at times of overwhelming busyness. I hear the voice of a

mentor saying to me, “When I look at all the tasks that need to be done, I take a second and ask myself, what is the one thing I need to do right now? What is the one thing?”

One step at a time we tackle the obstacles in front of us, remembering to take care of ourselves and to celebrate and be satisfied with our victories.

God’s presence is in the midst of the busyness, giving us the strength we need to perform the task while celebrating and rejoicing over us. When God is in the midst of our busyness, our job is to remember and practice that divine presence as we live and move.

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Season of Renewal

As the Ministry Team gathered to pray and pull together the Transfiguration calendar, we saw the Spirit ushering the church into a season of renewal. There are exciting plans developing for Transfig over the next few years that require each of us to play our part. But, holding close the value of holistic health (mind, body, spirit), we felt God leading us to offer the church community spaces to renew our souls and spiritual resources.

ZEPHANIAH 3 also reminds us of an important aspect of healthy living. “**God WILL QUIET YOU IN LOVE**” (verse 17). As we

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have come through a very busy summer, we rest in the space of quiet, where we can hear God’s still, small voice. This is not a passive place; rather, we actively listen and offer ourselves to God in the quietness. We continue to support and invest in God’s church while realizing that God’s healing and restoration is for us, too. That is good news: God’s blessings include you!

I am so excited to share this church calendar with you. It is full of events and ministries that are designed to feed your soul and offer you spaces of renewal and healing. Please, mark the dates in your calendar! I look forward to continuing to build trusting and affirming relationships with you as we allow God’s Spirit to work in us this year. ♣

On next spread:
The Transfig Church Calendar
Pull out and save!



Church of the Transfiguration

Calendar of Events

(October 2018 – April 2019)

OCTOBER

- 07** Sunday, October 7th @ 5pm:
Thanksgiving Agape Feast
- 28** Sunday, October 28th @ 10:30am & 5pm:
All Saints' Day Services

NOVEMBER

- 04** Sunday, November 4th @ 10:30am & 5pm:
All Souls' Day Services
- 13** Tuesday, November 13th @ 7:30pm:
Parish-Wide Meeting
- 16** Friday, November 16th @ 6:30pm:
Board Games Night
- 17** Saturday, November 17th @ 9am:
Christmas Cookie
Bake & Swap
- 18** Sunday, November 18th @ 12pm:
Book Club

DECEMBER

- 04** Tuesday, December 4th @ 7pm:
Women in the Bible & Compline
- 06** Thursday, December 6th @ 2pm:
BCP Service & Christmas Tea
- 07** Friday, December 7th @ 6:30pm:
Christmas in the Park
- 11** Tuesday, December 11th @ 7pm:
Women in the Bible & Compline
- 18** Tuesday, December 18th @ 7pm:
Women in the Bible & Compline

- 19** Wednesday, December 19th @ 7:30pm:
Quiet Christmas
- 24** Monday, December 24th @ 4pm:
Children's Christmas Service
- 24** Monday, December 24th @ 8pm:
Christmas Eve Vigil
- 25** Tuesday, December 25th @ 10:30am:
Christmas Day Service

Christmas

JANUARY 2019

- 15** Tuesday, January 15th @ 7pm:
Bible Study
- 18** Friday, January 18th @ 6:30pm:
Board Games Night
- 27** Sunday, January 27th @ 12pm:
Book Club

FEBRUARY

- 01** Friday, February 1st @ 7pm:
Volunteer Appreciation Night
- 16** Saturday, February 16th:
Out of the Cold
- 17** Sunday, February 17th @ 12pm:
Vestry Meeting
- 19** Tuesday, February 19th @ 7pm:
Bible Study

MARCH

- 05** Tuesday, March 5th @ 5-7pm:
Pancake Supper
- 06** Wednesday, March 6th @ 12pm:
Ash Wednesday Service (BCP) & Lunch
- 06** Wednesday, March 6th @ 7:30pm:
Ash Wednesday Service (BAS)
- 12** Tuesday, March 12th @ 7pm:
Spiritual Practices & Faith Formation
- 19** Tuesday, March 19th @ 7pm:
Bible Study *combined with*
Spiritual Practices & Faith Formation

APRIL

- 02** Tuesday, April 2nd @ 7pm:
Spiritual Practices & Faith Formation
- 09** Tuesday, April 9th @ 7pm:
Spiritual Practices & Faith Formation
- 11** Thursday, April 11th @ 2pm:
BCP Easter Service & Afternoon Tea
- 14** Sunday, April 14th @ 12pm:
Book Club
- 16** Tuesday, April 16th @ 7pm:
Spiritual Practices & Faith Formation
- 18** Thursday, April 18th @ 7:30pm:
Maundy Thursday
- 19** Friday, April 19th @ 12pm:
Good Friday
- 20** Saturday, April 20th @ 8pm:
Easter Vigil
- 21** Sunday, April 21st @ 10:30am & 5pm:
Easter Services

Easter



Looking good!

Here're some photos from our past year
- looking forward to what's next!



Reaping and Renewal

– an update from the Churchwardens

As we move through the season of reaping and renewal, the wardens would like to take a moment to thank the congregation for its ongoing support and to recognize what your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasures have meant to the life of our parish over the last few months. It has certainly been a busy and productive season of renewal for both our church building and the Corporation, and we are encouraged and inspired by the spirit of rejuvenation that is underway at Transfiguration.

We are pleased to report that the installation of our new HYDRONIC BOILERS was completed in early September. The new boilers will not only ensure that our church will be warm and comfortable throughout the cold winter months, but also will yield significant savings in our overall heating costs. The new system also has the capacity for remote monitoring, which will reduce both the volunteer labour and the financial costs associated with onsite troubleshooting, repair, and maintenance. The wardens extend particular thanks to Peter Fischer and Patrick Dugan, who provided supervision and guidance throughout this project.

This summer the warden team was also very busy with work on another significant, yet unanticipated, property-related project. An ice storm in April resulted in MAJOR FLOODING of both the Max Ross Room and the Chapel. Ministry staff, wardens, and other volunteers immediately sprung into action to contain the damage, and throughout the summer months we worked diligently with our insurance company and contractors to have the three flat roofs that cover these areas repaired. Work was completed in late August. Although this was at times a challenging process, the result is a beautifully restored Chapel and an end to frequent leaking as a result of ice and snow buildup on our flat roofs. We extend our deep gratitude

to Kamalini Dugan for coordinating many of the logistical details associated with this work.

As we look to the year ahead, the Corporation has begun to experiment with changes to our internal structure and meeting schedule in order to be more agile and responsive to emerging parish needs, and to reduce the load on the faithful volunteers who carry out the work of the Corporation. Our primary focus in the remaining quarter of 2018

will be on STEWARDSHIP and on re-establishing the financial health of our parish, and we look forward to working with all of you to help move us closer to the financial targets that we set to support the many vibrant and Spirit-led ministries of Transfiguration.

Once again, on behalf of the entire warden team, we thank each and every one of you for your contributions to the life of our parish. They are deeply appreciated.

Yours in Christ,

*Patti Ryan (Rector's Warden)
and Susan Lloyd (People's Warden)*

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Introductions can be awkward. I find that it's best to just get them over with so I can get to the part of actually getting to know people. We have to start somewhere, right? So...

Hi. I'm Deb. I'm Transfig's new Parish Missioner.

We can (and probably will) have a long conversation about what a "MISSIONER" is, but to clear some of that up: I was invited to Transfig to make connections and build relationships. This excites me, because I love people. I love my old friends, and I am excited by new ones. Relationships aren't always easy, but even difficulties in relationships can be really rewarding when they're worked out. And shared experiences bring people closer together, whether you are laughing or crying your way through them. And what is a church, if it isn't people laughing and crying together?

I wasn't raised Anglican, but one of the things that drew me to this tradition as I got older was the actual Eucharist. In the evangelical church we called it communion, and it didn't happen at every Sunday service. I love receiving (and serving!) the bread and the wine every Sunday – or anytime during the week – because it reminds me of my relationship with Christ. It reminds me that I belong to God, I have communion with God through Christ, and that God desires this relationship from me. I do not believe that I am somehow special and I am the only one that God desires nearness and relationship with. I believe that each of us is created to be loved by and to love God. That we are beautiful and desirable to God for a deep and meaningful relationship. This challenges me to look at those around me with love and with the understanding that God desires relationship with each of us. It helps me look for common ground among us on which to build my own relationship with people.

And so a natural pattern happens. As I draw nearer to God, I draw nearer to people. As I draw nearer to people, I am closer to God. As God draws nearer to you and I, we draw nearer to each other. The triangle becomes tighter. We become closer. We understand more about one other, you and I and God. We cannot claim to

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Introducing Deb

– our new Parish Missioner

have love or relationship with God without having some sort of relationship or love for one another.

And I do not believe this is limited to those within the Church. As we draw nearer to each other within the walls of our Church and draw nearer to God, who is everywhere, we need to consider our relationship to our neighbours outside of Transfig. To those that live in the houses that surround our church building, to those we buy groceries and fresh baked goods from, to those that walk their dogs to our grassy hill, and those who bring their toddlers to Little Lambs on Fridays. These are our neighbours, and the love God shares with us will help us draw nearer to them and share that love to those who may not know it.

This is a "job" that is not just mine as the official Parish Missioner; it is all of ours. I'm just here to remind you that God is near to you, and that you belong to a community of people who share God's love. As each of us grows more confident of God's love through the love we experience from one another, it will spill out into our communities at large. And I am so excited to watch this happen. Thank you for allowing me to be on this journey with you. ✝

YOU ARE WELCOME TOO!

At the Church of the Transfiguration we look forward to welcoming new people every Sunday and every day throughout the week. If you have been longing to connect – or reconnect – to God, or have been seeking the comfort and care of a loving community, you are most welcome to join us here. Sunday worship takes place at 10:30am and 5pm every week and Children's Ministry is always available for children aged two-seven. Make sure you stay for coffee afterwards, as we look forward to getting to know you better. Welcome!



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