

The Messenger

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On **Nov 5**, the Sunday after All Saints Day, we'll remember in worship those who have come before us - ancestors & family, friends & mentors, those who have bequeathed to us our living faith. **Please bring photos or keepsakes** from those whom you love but see no longer, or icons of saints significant to you, and place them around the communion table before worship begins. It's a way for us to truly feel ourselves in the midst of the great cloud of witnesses. This is also **a time to remember those who have died in the past year**. Please send me (rob@ectransfiguration.org) their names, that we might include them in our prayers.

Rob+

In Gathering of Pledges and Gifts

November 5 will also be **our Ingathering of pledges & gifts** for the coming year. All received pledge cards will be presented in prayer at the altar on All Saints Day. If you have not yet completed a pledge, please prayerfully consider making a commitment, no matter how small or large. Everyone's commitment to giving what you can of your treasure, time and talent will truly make a positive difference in not only meeting the needs of our church but also the ability to enhance and expand the many ministries of our beautiful church.

Tom



Pledge and Donations Online

Don't forget you can now send your pledge or other donations online. Go to <https://www.ectransfiguration.org/online-giving>. Use the form to choose recurring or one time donation. If you select recurring, then choose frequency and the way you wish to give: Credit Card, Debit Card, Google Pay, or ACH Bank Account. Please choose to help cover the processing costs.

We hope this secure online giving will be more convenient.



Inquirers' Class for Adults Lunch Included

I will offer an **Inquirers' Class** for adults on **Saturday, Nov 18**, from **10a - 3p**, lunch included. Please send a reservation to Rob (rob@ectransfiguration.org) by Wed Nov 15 for food and beverage planning, and for any handouts that may be needed. This will be a

brief overview of the history, theology, worship, practice, organization and secret sauce of the Episcopal Church, and it's a class I truly enjoy leading. There will be ample opportunities to ask questions. Your Rector-elect **John Roberts+** has asked me to offer this class, which will prepare those who wish to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church when the Bishop visits in July. The class is open to everyone. Child care can be arranged if requested well in advance. Thx!

Rob+

Crossing Cultures International

Our Senior Warden, Tom Scott invited his Minister friends from Tampa, Florida, who are traveling together with ministers in Crossing Cultures International. They wanted to experience Nature and Forest Therapy at Transfiguration Preserve.

David Nelson and David Narvaez from Tampa, Florida
Henry Ventura - The Phillipines
Frids Lumba - Indonesia
Vijay Kumar - India
Rmah YHanh- Vietnam
Sitha Dourng - Cambodia
Kittikun Meetang - Thailand
Somsay Inthisorn - Laos



They were amazed at our Spring House, the moss, and enjoyed learning the watershed,--how the springs here, joined at the Rocky Broad river to flow on to Lake Lure and then the Atlantic Ocean. They marveled at the many "beings" they collected, experiencing "texture gathering", and relaxed as they found their "sit spot" before the tea ceremony where they tasted the tea from the White Pine we harvested. They each left filled with gratitude and enjoyment of the preserve.

Mattie



Celebrations
Fellowship, Food, and Fun
Sunday Nov. 26 and Sunday Dec. 03



Sunday, November 26

Celebrating Fr. Rob Lundquist

Celebrating Father Robert Lundquist to express our Thanks and Appreciation for his five months of leadership, guidance, direction and support. And let us not forget the fresh changes he added to the liturgy. Father Rob has been a good Shepard during this interim time.

After the 10 am service we will celebrate in the parish hall with an autumn themed thanks and appreciation brunch.

Dawn M. - chili

Alice G. - pumpkin rolls

VOLUNTEERS: Support is needed for:

Pumpkin Bread

Pumpkin soup

Crusty bread

Hot apple cider

Or any other autumn themed foods.

Please contact Alice Garrard (alicegrrrd@gmail.com) to let her know what you will be bringing.

Thanks to ALL for your help and assistance in showing Father Rob our love and appreciation.

Sunday December 3

Happy Liturgical New Year
Celebrating New Beginnings
Welcoming Fr John Roberts and Family

Join the Church of the Transfiguration on December 3rd to not only celebrate our liturgical New Year but also to celebrate our new beginning with Father John Roberts. Following the 10 am service

We will all meet in the parish hall for a New Year themed catered reception to welcome Father John and his family. More details to follow.

PreEulogy Dinners

Our next Pre-eulogy gathering will be January 18, 2024, same place, same time. We will not meet in November or December. We thank all the ones this year who have shared some of their stories. All were enjoyed and appreciated. We encourage those of you who have been hesitant to share to come forward. We are a wonderful family blessed with love and the grace of God. You will be welcomed.

Carl

St Francis of Asisi Feast Day Blessing of the Animals

Twenty one two legged creations of God for God, also known as Christian Believers, presented their four legged family members, a loving source of companionship and pleasure to be blessed by Fr. Robert Lundquist at a Blessing of the Animals in the parking lot of our beautiful church. Not only did our beloved four legged family members receive the blessing, but some brought pictures of their favorite four legged family members that included dogs, cats, a rabbit and even a gerbil. A few presented some two legged and four legged “stuffed” representations. We were also blessed to have Sister Teresa Marie Martin from the Sisters of the Transfiguration join us for the Blessing of the Animals.

Tom



Backyard Sports

Backyard Sports is running at full throttle. We now have 43 kids registered and involved! We've had nice weather, great snacks from our snack warriors and terrific, committed volunteers to support these kids. We are playing soccer, dodgeball and starting some good old-fashioned kickball next Monday.

If your Monday rolls around and you want to enjoy local scenery, come join us at Morse Park and see where many of the 'Time, Talents and Treasures' of our church members and community volunteers are Making a Difference! Thank YOU!

Marily



M & M Day Trip to Waynesville

Your M & M (Mature & Motivated, Magical & Mischievous) contingency made their way to Waynesville to visit our dear friend (and forever Transfigurine), Barbara Mauldin, who was our tour guide for the day. We met her at her new beautiful church home, Grace Episcopal, enjoyed a wonderful tour, learned about their active outreach programs and fell in love with a “stray” cat that lives there during the day that is fed by several members as they prepare food for different ministries

We had a fabulous lunch at a small restaurant with an amazing menu, sitting outside, chatting and laughing with Barbara. Someone at a neighboring table commented that we were just having too much fun. After sharing a few desserts, we did a good job checking out many of the shops on the main street. It was a great getaway, a terrific reunion with a very special friend, a chance to explore Waynesville, and as always, another opportunity for us to spend time together.

Stay tuned for our next exciting M & M road trip! If you have an idea for an M & M road trip, please [contact Marily](#).



Ladies Movie Night

On October 21st a determined bunch of ladies braved horrendous traffic through Lake Lure and Chimney Rock to get to the church and watch a classic movie based on the book *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe*. We munched on snacks and watched this southern classic. We were delighted to have Frankie Pearson's friend Fran join us. In an interesting twist we learned that Fran had attended grammar and high school with Patricia Neal (who would later be known as Fannie Flagg)! Sandra recounted visiting the Whistle Stop Cafe in Juliette, GA. This was truly a wonderful time of fellowship with this great group of ladies!
Dawn



Coffee Hour Signup Now Online

Coffee Hour is a time for sharing refreshments and fellowship after the church service; it's not intended to be lunch. Pair up with another person, or if you choose to host alone, put your name in both host slots for a specific date. Plan to serve something sweet and something savory to about 30 people. Ideas include chips or veggies and dip, deviled eggs, fruit, banana bread, cookies, cake, or brownies. As coffee hour coordinator, I will email you detailed instructions for hosting; please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for providing this special shared time for our community. <https://takethemameal.com/GHCC0825>

Share us on FaceBook

If you are on **FaceBook** and see a story or announcement from Transfiguration, please **SHARE** it on your feed. This is how those things go viral! It's not enough to simply LIKE something, you've got to SHARE it for others to know what is happening in your world. Thanks!

Happy November Birthdays!

Alan MacNair 9, Marion Wilson 15, Kathy Boff 19



Happy November Anniversaries!

J and Carol Michael 14
Alan and Annie MacNair 24



Praying for those who have asked for our prayers and whom we know to be in need



Sam Thompson, Harriet Taylor, Linda Carter, Lynn Morehead, Gary Seymour, Linda Munson, Sandra Chalker, Steve Gale, Carol Michael, J Michael, Robert Taylor, Marion Wilson, Jeanette Auld, Theodore Fassett, Michael Webster, Erna Scherping, April Schick, Janet & Charles Gatch, Theresa Hinajosa, Heyward & Nancy Nettles, Bernice Liverett, Jennifer Whiteside, Scott and

Karen Meyers, Gracie Johnson Hutchinson, Harold Knipp, Tana Scheidt, Pam Keith, Cathie Dabrowski, Junior Lawter, Lew Thatcher, Tony Maulden, Michael Okpych, Malee Keller, Emily Wright, Chris Fisk, Toby VanEyll, Ellissa Doty, Jordan, Annica Rogers, Joan Meade, Skip Smoak, Bobby Lang, Amanda Cook, Eva Heatherly, Dorsa, Deborah Cress and Lauren Embrey

Please pray for our men and women in the military and those serving in other areas of conflict.

If you or someone you know would like prayers, contact Kathy so we can include them on our list.

Please pray for our Vestry and Church Leadership

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