



# ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## Dates to Remember:

### Church Service Times:

**St. Johns - 9:00 am**

**St. Andrews - 11:00 am**

### Vestry Meeting

**August 9th at 7:00 pm**

**St. Andrew's**

### Retirement Center Service

**Mondays at 10:30 am**



# A Voice in the Wilderness



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### Pastor's Pen Jami Anderson



One of the more difficult questions asked of every priest is how they should be addressed - "what shall we call you?" Although I write this with a smile, the question is a serious one and has been the subject of many discussions amongst the clergy. I find that every choice for a "title" as a priest is problematic. Consider for example - rector. The word means "ruler." That form of address flies in the face of the words of Jesus in Mark: "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you." The Reverend is another often used form of address and it refers to a person to be revered as holy, good, and sacred. Again, Jesus says, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone." And in book of Matthew Jesus says, "Call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father - the one in heaven." So, I absolutely reject a request to call me "Mother." Everyone has their own earthly mother and except for Tad, Betsy, Sarah, and Thomas - it is not me. So then, there is the possibility of calling me "Minister" and that means "servant" which captures part of what I am called to do. Yet all of you have the same calling - we are all servants of one another and of the entire creation. Serving is the work of the entire community. Even using the term "priest" is a variation of the Greek word "presbyter" which means elder and also "one who sacrifices." In as much as I preside at our communal celebrations and metaphorically receive our sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving, I am your priest. I often tell people to just call me "Jami" and avoid the use of any other title, yet even that form of address can be confusing. It tends to speak of the intimacy of a friend or family member. While that is not bad or hopefully inaccurate, there is more to my role in this

church community. So, for now I have settled on using the term "Pastor." Pastor Jami or Pastor Anderson both work as mostly comfortable forms of address. Pastor means "shepherd" and even that term can be confusing because Jesus is our only true shepherd. However, shepherds guide, care for, and nurture the sheep and that captures much of what I see as my place among you. I really see myself as the "sheep dog" working for the shepherd, so when you do call me Pastor Jami, try to imagine me as a sidekick of the true shepherd and then the title will be as good as it gets for now. Thanks be to God.



Pastor Jami

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Tanzania, Leanne Rellstab

We were guests for dinner one night at Msalato. The dinner included us, the faculty and administration, and the students that we sponsor with money from the grant from the Dioceses. This was a big celebration because it was how they showed us their appreciation for the sponsorships, plus, they got a second meal that day. This picture was taken earlier in the day, when we were in the kitchen where we saw dinner being prepared. Notice the live chickens on the floor, and woman chopping the cabbage.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!**

**there will be an after church 'Pot Luck' on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> to provide an opportunity for St Andrew's members to hear about the trip that Leanne, Patti and Phil made to Tanzania. Slides, good food, great conversation, etc. so everyone should MARK THEIR CALENDAR!**



**This is a picture of us, and two of the students that we sponsor at Msalato, with their wives. They have married student housing at Msalato, and this is in one of those houses. This house has one living room, and maybe two other rooms including the kitchen, for a family of 7.**

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July Vestry Meeting Minutes, Cheryl Essington

Present: Cheryl Essington, Dave Lankford, Mindy Seehafer, M.L. Baxley, Norm Pape, Ron Rhyne, Jordan Vana, Cody Saxton

The meeting was opened with prayer.

**Minutes of the last meeting:** ML moved to accept the minutes as presented, Jon seconded the motion and was passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jon moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Jordan seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

**Senior Warden:** Jami moved in on Thursday. The fence will be installed tomorrow at 5:30. Dave expressed thanks to all who stepped up and helped complete the Rectory for it's new inhabitants.

**Old Business:**

**1. Rectory:** Is looking good. On-going maintenance and work will be brought to the Vestry as we all get settled and budget allows.

**2. Capital Campaign:** About \$6,000 has been given, which is half of our required funds. We will continue the campaign and keep the congregation apprised of the needs and accomplishments done.

**New Business:**

**1. Trees:** We found five more dead trees on the lot that need to be removed. We are looking for someone who is capable of removing them with minimal damage. We will discuss options further at the next meeting. Cody will arrange for future spraying of remaining trees with Kay Malkowski.

**2. White Mini Van:** most likely needs a boost and has a flat tire. Cheryl also reminded the Vestry that there is a recall on the minivan which requiring a trip to Jackson or Rock Springs.

**Bishop's Visit:** Is currently set at Sept 3, 4, 5, which is Labor Day weekend. As Jami has not begun yet, and the requirements for his visit are lengthy, when Jami begins work, Cheryl will speak with her to make arrangements and report back to the Vestry. -----The Bishop consecration will be the end of July and several of our members are on various committees, etc that have worked to make the consecrations a grand event. As such for September 1, Norm will be leading Morning Prayer.

**Open Discussion:**

Cheryl gave her official notice of resignation effective August 31<sup>st</sup>. In order to pursue another job opportunity this fall, she hopes to have just over a month to work closely with Jami and prepare the office for a new makeover! Recognition for the services that Roy and Melinda have provided was discussed. The Vestry will look into purchasing each a stole. Jo will check into embroidery work and report back to the Vestry.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Essington- Secretary

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## Sprucing up the Rectory

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# AUGUST 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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St. John's Big Piney, Amy Bell



The congregation of St. John's would like to join with St. Andrew's in welcoming Jami and John Anderson! We're so happy they are here and look forward to getting to know them better. We are excited to be starting this new phase of our journey!

Our 4th of July pancake breakfast was a success again this year. We had a great turnout of community members prior to the parade, and the crew that worked the breakfast included members of all ages. We all had a blast working together and look forward to doing it again next year.

In other news, St. John's was happy to present the Sublette Center with a new Vitals Machine. This has been needed for quite some time and we were glad we could do something worthwhile for this valuable facility.

Have a great August, friends - see you at the fair!

:) Amy Bell

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**CAN YOU SPARE \$0.50 A DAY FOR THE VICARAGE?**

Over the past few weeks, St. Andrew's members have worked hard to get the vicarage ready for Jami and John. Things look GREAT and everyone who helped deserves a big thank you!

We still need about \$6,000 to meet our capital campaign goal. We estimate that the vicarage upgrades will cost approximately \$26,000. We've already received a number of generous pledges, as well as a \$13,500 matching grant from the Diocese toward this cost.

If you've pledged already, THANK YOU! If you haven't pledged, we hope you'll consider doing so today.

If everyone at St. Andrew's pledged \$0.50 per day from August 1<sup>st</sup> through the end of this year, we'd meet our goal. Fifty cents per day translates to just \$75—a great investment that provides a wonderful home for our new priest and her family.

Please contact Jordan Vana at [jordan\\_vana@hotmail.com](mailto:jordan_vana@hotmail.com) or 231-2636 to pledge today. Every gift matters and brings us one step closer to our goal!

