



ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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December 2009



Dates to Remember:

Church Service Times:

St. Johns - 9:00 am
St. Andrews - 11:00 am

Christmas Eve Service Times

St. Andrews - 5:00 pm
St. Johns - 7:00 pm
S. Andrews - 10:30 pm

ECW Event

Dec. 9th 6:00 to 8:00 pm
Katie McClure's House

Vestry Meeting

Dec. 14th at 7:00 pm
St. Andrew's

Retirement Center Service Mondays at 10:30 am

Christian Education

Dec. 2nd, 9th, & 16th

Wednesday School

3:15 to 5:00 pm

Adult Christian Ed.

5:45 to 7:00 pm

Youth Group (6th - 12th Grade)

7:00 to 8:00 pm

All take place at St. Andrew's

A Voice in the Wilderness



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Senior Warden's Report

Dave Lankford



First of all, I would like to wish everyone fantastic holidays, a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas! St. Andrews has been and is continuing to be busy and on track on many different fronts. First of all, the on-going search. A meeting to identify the needs and wants of the church was held on the 14th of November with more than 20 persons in attendance. Starting small and working up, we came up with the top goals and ideas that we as a group could identify. Top was the needs of the old and young. We recognized that the youth of the church is the future of the church, but that the needs of the older members could not be forgotten. Margaret Babcock, the diocese transition officer, assisted in this program and is scheduled to return on the 6th of December to finish writing our profile. This profile will then be sent out to find the priest that we need. We are on track, and I want to thank everyone for their input and help with this process.

Our Stewardship Campaign was completed in November with a potluck held last Sunday. I have to say that when I asked when the pledge cards are going to be sent out, I received information, that in the present situation, it was my responsibility to do that, so I apologize for the lateness of the cards, but they are out and it is important that you get these back to us as soon as possible. We, the Vestry, will be working on the budget for the next year at our next meeting, and we need to have your information, to develop a realistic budget. At this time our pledges are down by half and we need to have your pledge.

Cheryl has been working to schedule supply priests, and we have someone scheduled for nearly every Sunday through January. Each priest that we have had, brings new and exciting lessons to us, and I thank them for their time and effort.

Happy Holidays and we'll see you in church.

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Lessons and Carols

St. Andrew's will be hosting the Pinedale Community Choir's Lessons and Carols this year. The concert will take place Sunday, December 13 at 3 pm. A number of St. Andrew's members will be singing. Please join us for this lovely event.

It's free but a donation of food for the Food Basket would be appreciated.

If you would like to help with the reception afterwards, there are sign up sheets in the Undercroft for cookies, appetizers, beverages, set up and clean up.



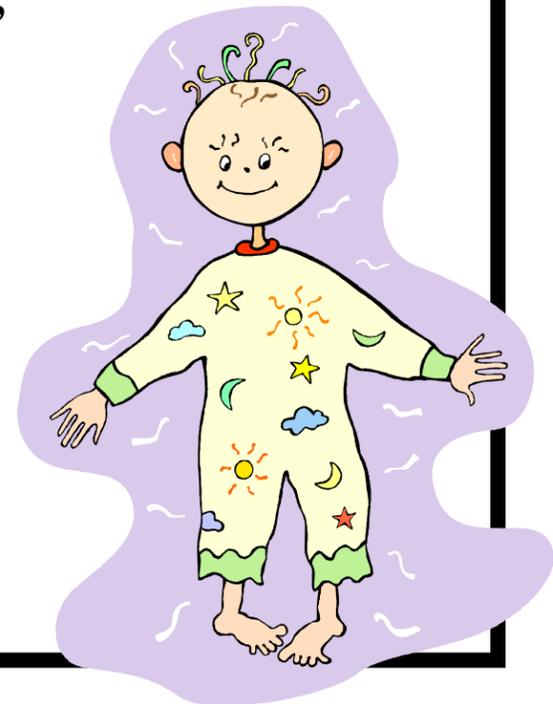
“Stephen Mnubi, to whom we are providing a scholarship to attend Msalato Theological College, will be coming to Virginia Theological College for the month of January 2010. We are inviting him to visit us in Pinedale and in Big Piney and participate in our church services. Some have suggested hosting a public meeting at the library also, but that is not yet decided. To pay for his airfare, the Tanzanian Connections Task Group decided to use the funds being collected in our Alcove offering...so PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY EACH SUNDAY...and we will gather the approximately \$600 that is needed☺

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ECW, Elizabeth Miller

The last year and a half has been so much fun in ECW!! I have really enjoyed getting to know and work with the ladies of St. Andrews but the time has come to pass the torch. If you or someone you know is interested in leading 2010 please let me know and I will help you get started.

It's pajama party time! Please join the ladies of St. Andrews on December 9th from 6-8 p.m. at Katie McClure's home for our next ECW Event. Come wearing your best pajamas and bring a breakfast dish to share (quiche, sausage casserole, cinnamon rolls, croissants, etc.). If you don't feel comfortable wearing your pajamas out, please join us in regular clothes for a relaxing evening. RSVP to Elizabeth at 612-270-1209 or email her at emiller@sub1.k12.wy.us to let us know if you will be joining us and what you will be bringing. Friends are of course welcome!!



ECW is in need of a treasurer. If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth Miller.

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November Vestry Meeting Minutes, Cheryl Essington

Vestry Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2008

Present: M.L. Baxley, Cheryl Essington, Katie McClure, Dave Lankford, Mindy Seehafer, Norm Pape, Jon Boroff, Jo Crandall, Cody Saxton,

Action items listed in red.

The meeting was opened in prayer.

Treasurer's Report: M.L. moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Norm seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Senior Warden: We are doing well with the search committee busy and things moving forward with good communications

Junior Warden: Jon will work to estimate a budget to update the vicarage and bring information to the next Vestry meeting.

Old Business:

1. Search Process: Margaret Babcock will be here on Saturday to lead the Appreciative Inquiry summit.

2. Stewardship: Cheryl will send out pledge cards this week

New Business:

1. ECW Account: Elizabeth has requested to close the account and reopen independent of the Vestry at a different bank due to difficulties in changing signers. The Vestry voted to add Elizabeth to the account, but not to close the account as the Vestry is still ultimately responsible as the ECW is running under the auspices of St. Andrew's.

2.

Discretionary Account: Dave Lankford will be responsible for any discretionary outreach money given. Any requests for monetary assistance from the congregation or community will be directed to him.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.
Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Cheryl Essington



DECEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
	6 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	8	9 ECW Event Katie McClure's 6-8:00 pm	10 Wednesday School 3:15 pm Adult Christian Ed 5:45 pm		12
	13 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am Vestry Mtg. 7:00 pm	15	16	17 Middle/High Youth 7:00 pm		19
	20 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Services 5:00 Pinedale 7:00 Big Piney 10:30 Pinedale	25	26
	27 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	29	30	31		

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Tanzania, Tom Davenport (part 3)

Information on Tanzania

Grant Request to the Foundation of the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming

Grant Part A2 – Grant funds will be used in several ways for two purposes.

First, grant funds will be used to support students studying to become priests and priests furthering their education in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika.

Scholarships: Priests in Tanzania are the *lifeline* to the villages, often the only person to have ever been to town. They must not only preach the *Good News* and do the pastoral care, but also they must teach the community about AIDS, about malaria, about clean water, and the value of sending their children to school. The now more than 20 women priests of DCT, all Msalato Theological College [MTC] graduates, provide a wonderful role model for the children and a new model for the traditionally all-male authority in the church and the family. The Bishop of the DCT, Bishop Mhogolo, is the only bishop in Tanzania who has ordained women priests. He is very much aware of the central role women have in regard to educating children, maintaining health, and acquiring an education. He is also very much aware that without a good honest priest in a village no project will be successful.

The key to educating and preparing priests is Msalato Theological College in Dodoma. Among the clergy and those wanting to be fulltime Christian workers in DCT, Msalato is called the "*doorway to heaven*". MTC offers a three-year Diploma in Applied Theology and a three-year Bachelor's in Theology degree, as well as a one-year secretarial course for both men and women. All courses are taught in English. For the theology diploma course a student must have completed Form IV in secondary school (grade 10.) For the degree course, a student must have either a Diploma in Applied Theology or a diploma showing completion of secondary school [grade 12]. Student capacity at MTC is 110, but enrollment is now 85 due to increased costs that preclude student enrollment. The cost of water, electricity, and internet service [and all those northern world amenities needed for MTC to compete in a shrinking world] is inordinately expensive. Currently \$2,735 per year scholarships are needed for four [4] Bachelors Degree students for three [3] years. In addition, \$800 per year scholarships are needed for thirteen [13] Diploma students for three [3] years. The one-year [1] cost for these scholarships is \$21,340. The total cost for three years is \$64,020.

Computers and computer support: In view of the dearth of books and libraries available to MTC students, students rely on the power of computers and the internet to gain worldwide access to theological information. All students must learn to type and are expected to type their essays and research papers. To improve their access from the current twelve [12] working desktop computers, the theology students and staff of 12 need forty [40] additional computers at a cost of \$27,423. They need an upgraded internet server, a storage server and a backup server at a cost of \$4,288. Finally they need locks, cables and asset tags to secure their computing equipment at a cost of \$2,485. The total cost of computing equipment and supplies is \$34,196.

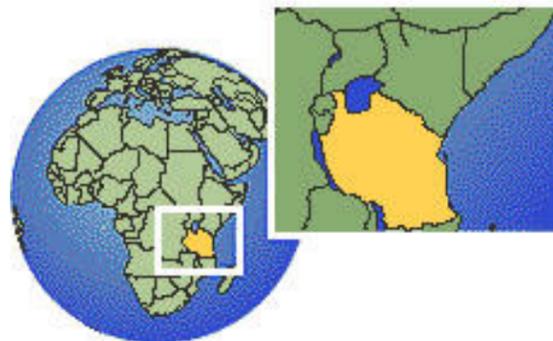
Mattresses: MTC is working hard to provide a healthy and minimally comfortable atmosphere for their students. The servant leadership philosophy behind this is that students who are well cared for will in turn care well for others. Using funds from TEC USA the school has completely renovated the women's dormitories and is now doing the men's. To match the one-hundred [100] new bunk beds, there is a need for mattresses costing \$25 each for a total cost of \$2,500.

Second, grant funds will be used to support primary school students [kindergarten through sixth grade] whose lives will be enriched by a Christian education.

Scholarships: Bishop Stanway Primary School in Dodoma offers primary education to boys and girls. The schools capacity is about 378 students. Of the 280 students currently enrolled, fifty-nine [59] are in need of \$280 per year scholarships. Although this seems like a modest sum, the average income in Tanzania is only about \$200 per year. Consequently, the parents of many children are unable to afford to send their children to school and those children are consigned to a life of abject poverty and the cycle repeats it's self. We are asking for support for fifty-nine [59] students at a total cost of \$16,250 per year or \$49,560 for three years.

Grant Part A3 – Project Personnel will be:

A *Karibu* Project Committee, consisting of the Reverend Wes Shields, two members of the vestry of St Andrew's, two members of the congregation of St. John the Baptist plus



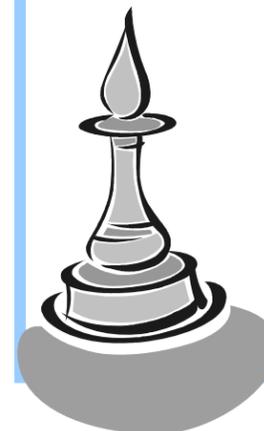
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THANK YOU TO FRED PETERSEN AND PETERSEN LANDSCAPING FOR THE MANY YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE TO ST. ANDREW'S !!!!! Fred and his crew have provided the lawn care and landscaping maintenance for over twenty years as a service to our church. We all want to offer our sincere thanks to him for "sharing his gifts" to keep St. Andrew's in the Pines the beautiful place that it is!!



Bishop Committee Report

The Bishop Search Committee has been hard at work and the list of candidates for the new Episcopal bishop of Wyoming will be announced on December 7th. If you want to be one of the first to know, go to wyomingbishopsearch.com on that date!



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Episcopal Relief and Development

At the Diocesan Convention, the Bishop appointed Joyce Corcoran to be the Diocesan Coordinator for Episcopal Relief & Development to the Diocese. St. Andrew's does not currently have a parish representative and is looking for someone to serve in this capacity!

The Vestry will be appointing someone at the next meeting. If you are interested, please contact Cheryl at the church.

Mary Lankford will be collecting donations for the Christmas Pointsettias, as memorials and honorariums, by December 20th. Her phone number is 367-4820.



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two other persons, will be selected to oversee the project.

At Msalato Theological College, the Principal [Dean] of the college will be the primary Overseer. The current head of the school, the Reverend Canon Moses Matonya, Principal, will be responsible for oversight for the Project. Rev. Matonya earned both his BTh and MTh in the UK. Both he and his wife, Ruth, spent 2006-7 in the US where he did a year of Clinical Pastoral Education at St. Francis Hospital in Columbus, GA. During that time he also worked 10 hours per week as a priest for St. Thomas Episcopal Church, so he is quite familiar with the American standards of transparency and accountability. He has served as Principal of MTC from 1998-2004 and from 2008 until the present. A second Overseer, reflecting an adjunct non-indigenous partner relationship, sanctioned and approved with the Diocese of Central Tanganyika, will be appointed with the joint approval of the *Karibu* Project Committee and DCT Bishop.

At Bishop Stanway Primary School, the Headmaster of the school will be the primary Overseer of the Project. The current Headmaster, since 2007, is Mr. Humphrey Mwihambi, who will be the responsible person. He holds a Diploma in Education and has been involved in childhood education since 1999. A second Overseer, reflecting an adjunct non-indigenous partner relationship, sanctioned and approved with the Diocese of Central Tanganyika, will be appointed with the joint approval of the *Karibu* Project Committee and DCT Bishop.

In addition, the Reverend Sandra McCann, MD, a TEC missionary who is Director of Communications and a faculty member for MTC, lives on the campus and will assist the Principal in oversight for any grant to MTC. She was Chief of Radiology at Hughston Orthopedic Hospital in Columbus, GA, prior to earning her Masters of Divinity Degree from Virginia Theology Seminary in 2003. She was ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Dodoma, Tanzania, by the Right Reverend Neil Alexander, Bishop of Atlanta, in June 2005. Rev. McCann was instrumental in mentoring friends who raised funds to travel to Dodoma where they taught at Msalato and Bishop Stanway for six weeks in 2008. They in turn communicated with the grant writer who asked the St. Andrew's vestry to donate funds to Msalato. When the vestry agreed, these friends then came to Pinedale, WY, and spoke of their experiences to both St. Andrew's and St. John the Baptist in Big Piney. This led to parishioners at St. John the Baptist donating scholarship funds to the Bishop Stanway Primary School.

Grant Part A4 – The Evaluation Process will be:

Overall Project - The *Karibu* Project Committee will be responsible for the disbursement of and accounting for funds, regular monitoring of each project, semiannual project evaluation and results reporting to the Episcopal Foundation of Wyoming.

At Msalato Theological College, the Principal [Dean] of the college will be the primary Overseer. The current head of the school, the Reverend Canon Moses Matonya, Principal, will be responsible regarding oversight for the Project including implementation of the scholarships, overseeing the computer equipment acquisition and installation, and purchasing the mattresses. A second Overseer, reflecting an adjunct non-indigenous partner relationship, sanctioned and approved with the Diocese of Central Tanganyika, will be appointed with the joint approval of the *Karibu* Project Committee and DCT bishop.

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The Principal of MTC and Headmaster of Bishop Stanway will be responsible for accounting of the fund use, for regularly monitoring each project, for semi-annual project evaluation and for reporting the same to the *Karibu* Project Committee.

Scholarship results will be evaluated by student based on several factors: Their academic performance, their progress towards degree or class completion, the Principal or Headmaster's assessment of the student's performance as well as a personal letter written by each scholarship student semi-annually to the *Karibu* Project Committee.

MTC computer equipment acquisition will be evaluated based upon on-time installation, improvement in availability for student and staff usage as well as improvements in security.

A one-time report by the MTC Principal on mattress acquisition will suffice.

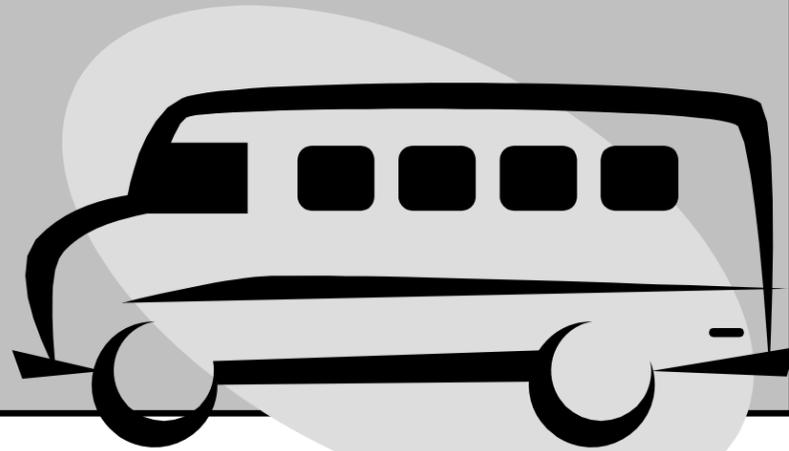
Reverend McCann will serve as our *on the ground eyes and ears* representative to ensure that our funds are used for the needs identified, to provide an independent assessment of progress and to assist us in project evaluation for MTC. The Chairman of the Board of Bishop Stanway, currently the Rev. Canon Moses Matonya, will serve as the observer for appropriate use of funds at Bishop Stanway.

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Christian Education & ECW, Elizabeth Miller

The Wednesday school kids are looking forward to singing for you on December 13th during 11 A.M. services. If your child attends Wednesday school, please have them wear nice clothes on that day.

There will not be Christian Ed on the 23rd or 30th. We will resume again on January 6th. We are still in need of someone to drive the van on Wednesdays. If you can spare 30 minutes during your Wednesday afternoon, please let us know!



Adult Christian Ed is wrapping up our study of the book of Romans and getting ready to start studying the book of Acts. If you are interested in joining us, please let Elizabeth know so that enough books can be ordered.



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St. John's Big Piney, Amy Bell

November 24, 2009

Hello from St. John's to our friends and neighbors at St. Andrew's! Here are some recent and ongoing events from our neck of the woods:

- **Church School:** Even though we got a late start this year, our youth program is stronger than ever. We have about 25 children from our Elementary Group and our Middle School Youth Group combined and it's great to see their enthusiasm each time we meet. We're meeting with the Elementary Groups on Tuesday after school and our Youth group meets every other Wednesday evening for a meal and a lesson.



- **Mustard Seed Grant:** We were blessed in receiving a Mustard Seed grant and are currently brainstorming ideas for community outreach. We're inviting our youth groups to brainstorm ideas, too, so that they're involved in the giving.

- **Spaghetti Dinner:** Our annual Spaghetti Dinner was well attended on Friday, Nov. 20. Youth and adults worked together to feed about 150 people; we were so pleased with the turnout!



- **Search Committee:** We found the summit we held with Margaret on 11/15 to be enlightening, informative, and energizing. We're excited about the direction St. John's is headed, and we are happy and thankful to be working together with our friends at St. Andrew's in this process. We were so pleased to see members of St. Andrews' family at Eucharist that morning as well!

As the holidays approach, we try to be ever mindful of our blessings and they are many. Peace!
~Amy Bell~