



ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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December 2010



Dates to Remember:

Sunday Church Service Times:

St. John's - 9:00 am

St. Andrew's - 11:00 am

Advent Taize Service

December 2nd at 7:00 pm

St. Andrew's

Community Choir Presents

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

December 12th at 3:00 pm

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church

Vestry Meeting

December 13th at 7:00 pm

St. Andrew's

Service of Solace

December 19th at 5:00 pm

St. Andrew's

Christmas Eve Services

December 24th

5:00 & 10:30 pm at St. Andrew's

7:30 pm at St. John's

Adult Bible Study

December 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

5:45 pm at St. Andrew's

Adult Forum

December 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd

6:30 pm at St. Andrew's

Sunday School (Ages 2-9)

December 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

10:45 at St. Andrew's

J2A & Rite 13

December 1st & 15th

6:30 to 8:00 pm at 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

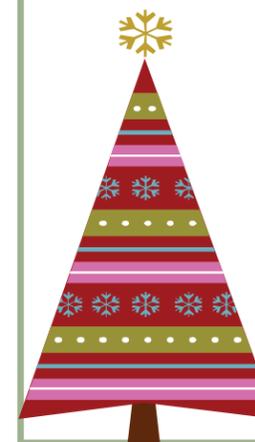


OUR LIGHT AND OUR SALVATION – Advent 2010

The Lord is always coming into our lives.

“We are called to be contemplatives, that is *see-ers*, men and women who see the coming of God. The Day of the Lord is indeed always coming. It is not a coming that will occur in some distant future, but a coming here and now among us. The Lord's coming is an ongoing event around us, between us, and within us. To become a contemplative, therefore, mean to throw off - or better, to peel off – the blindfolds that prevent us from *seeing* his coming in the midst of our own world, and prevent us from hearing his invitation for us to purify our hearts so that we might indeed recognize him as our Lord.

Happy are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Luke 12:37 Lord, you call us always and everywhere into your revealing light. Help us to see you, to know you, to love you and to imitate you in our lives. Amen.”
From the writings of Henri Nouwen

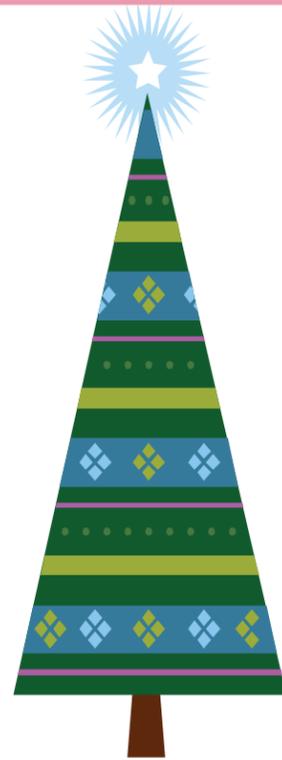


We are entering into the dark and cold months of the winter season. We are also entering the season of Advent. In these seasons, a light shining in the darkness is a gift to all who see it. Let the light in your life shine – blessing others and bringing hope. Take time to light the Advent candles on a wreath in your home and reflect on light in the world. There are Advent booklets made for each family that have simple home Advent services to do together each week. Ask for one from Pastor Jami or have your children receive one at Sunday School. “*This little light of mine – I'm going to let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*”

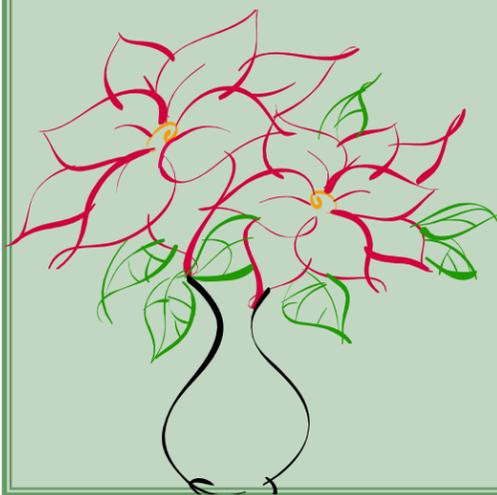
Thanks be to God.

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**The Community Choir Presents
A Festival of Lessons and Carols
December 12, 2010 at 3:00 pm
Our Lady of Peace
Catholic Church**



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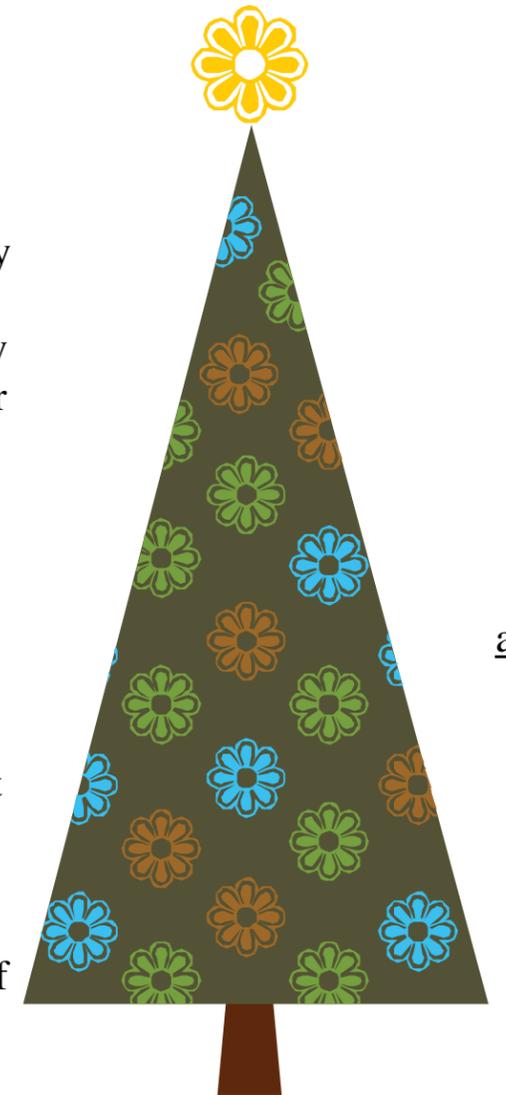
Christian Education

Sunday School is now in session – every Sunday morning. Children gather at 10:45 a.m. for music and stay in the basement for a lesson, craft and snack and join their parents during the Peace. This is for children 2-9 years of age. Please spread the word and offer volunteer help if you are interested. The Nursery is also still available during worship.

Rite 13 and J2A Youth groups are meeting every other Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. They have dinner and then break into age groups for lessons and fun. Last week there were 18 Middle School and High School kids at the church having a great time. Again, more are always welcome.

Wednesday School is being shared with the United Church of Christ this year. Elementary age children are picked up at the school with our church van and brought to the Community Church for about an hour of activities. If your child is interested in participating, talk to Pastor Jami or just show up on Wednesday at the UCC church.

Advent Adult Forum: Christian Spirituality in Global Context. This four week study will start on Wednesday, Dec. 1st at 6:30 p.m. We will meet upstairs in the sanctuary for the first meeting. We will review the rudimentary teachings of Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and Hinduism and discuss attitudes and approaches for entering into relationship with people of other faith traditions.



A Voice in the Wilderness

November Vestry Meeting Minutes, Cheryl Essington

Present: Dave Lankford, Rev. Jami Anderson, ML Baxley, Mindy Seehafer, Dick Tanner, Linda Tanner, Jordan Vana, Norm Pape and Cody Saxton

ML shared her formation story. Jordan agreed to share his formation story at the next Vestry meeting.

Jami opened the meeting with prayer.

Dave reviewed the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

Mindy gave the Treasurer's report. The Vestry reviewed the financial condition summary and operations report. Mindy reported that the petty cash fund has been reestablished. She pointed out two new line items in the operations report for rectory phone and rectory utilities. She reported that St. Andrew's did not receive any rental income for the nursery property in October 2010. She reported that St. Andrew's has spent \$33,188 on the rectory to date. After discussion, ML moved and Norm seconded approval of the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Dave introduced Beau Faler, who explained that she would like to lease the nursery property for her new nursery business. The Vestry discussed Beau's questions, including the status of the lease and when the property would be available, what condition the property is expected to be in after the current tenant vacates it, would any additional, non-permanent structures for a resale area be allowed, is there access to a bathroom or would a portable toilet be allowed, and the terms on which Beau offered to rent the property. The Vestry thanked Beau for her interest and discussed renting the nursery property to her after she left the meeting. After discussion, ML moved and Cody seconded authorizing the Junior and Senior Warden to lease the property to Beau for \$750/month when the current tenant vacates the property. The motion passed unanimously.

Dave gave the Senior Warden's report. Consecration speakers have been doing well. Norm will speak on November 14. Gail Randall and Donna Skinner are working on dinner for Consecration Sunday (November 21st). RSVP cards for Consecration Sunday dinner on November 21 will continue going out.

Pastor Jami gave the Rector's report. Middle and High School youth groups started on November 3 and went very well. Youth groups will continue meeting every other Wednesday. St. Andrew's will offer an adult christian education program beginning in December. Sunday school will begin on November 14. Jami was recently offered a chance to travel to the Holy Land as part of the Bishop's pilgrimage and has accepted. She will travel from January 27-February 3, 2011. Jami invited members of St. Andrew's and St. John's to discuss the state of the parish with her any time. Jami said that St. Andrew's will hold a Taize service as part of Advent on December 2 in the evening. Taize is a meditative prayer service that incorporates simple, repetitive song and chant, scripture readings, and periods of group silence in a setting of peace and soft light that fosters communion with God. Through Taizé, participants can worship in a community setting, yet remain open to the voice of God and discover the prayer within themselves. Christmas Eve services will be held at St. Andrew's at 5 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., and at St. John's at 7:30 p.m. The 10:30 p.m. service at St. Andrew's will begin with a half-hour of music, followed by service from 11-12 midnight. Regular services at St. Andrew's and St. John's will occur on December 26. No services will occur at either church on Christmas Day. Jami may participate in a pulpit exchange with Mary Caucutt from Cody on January 2, 2011.

The Vestry discussed an honorarium for Ann Willott as guest speaker for Consecration Sunday. After discussion, Jordan moved and Norm seconded paying Ann \$150. The motion passed unanimously.

The Vestry discussed the status of adding a sunroom to the rectory. Dave reported that Van Huffman is working on a cost estimate, which Dave will follow up on.

The Vestry discussed member's terms and nominations of potential new members. The Vestry agreed that Jordan, Ron Rhyne and Jon Boroff have served since 2007; that Norm, Dave and Katie McClure have served since 2008; and that Cody, ML and Jo Crandall have served since 2009. Vestry members will approach potential new members and nominate them at the December meeting. Jami explained that serving on the Vestry is a real honor and an important part of spiritual formation. She encouraged the nominations that would result in a balanced, representative Vestry.

The Vestry discussed placing an ad in the Sublette Examiner for St. Andrew's Thanksgiving day service at 11 a.m. on November 25. ML moved and Norm seconded placing the ad. The motion passed unanimously.

Mindy explained that Jami needed a credit card for church expenses. After discussion, ML moved and Cody seconded getting Jami a credit card for such expenses. The motion passed unanimously.

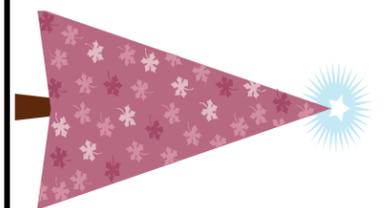
The Vestry approved ordering 150 Episcopal lapel/hat pins that will be available to anyone who attends Consecration Sunday on November 21.

Big Piney is still determining whether it would like to use the white van for its youth program. The Pinedale Community Church has asked about using St. Andrew's blue van for its Wednesday school program and the Vestry will follow up. Mindy reported that she had researched refinancing the mortgage on the Neely property. Mindy said that Wells Fargo could refinance the mortgage, but other area banks could or would not. Mindy advised staying in the current mortgage, which the Vestry agreed to do.

There being no other business, the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:35 p.m.



DECEMBER 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 J2A and Rite 13 6:30 to 8:00 pm Adult Forum 6:30 pm	2 Advent Taize Service 7:00 pm	3	4
5 Sunday School 10:45 to 11:30 am	6 Sublette Center 10:30 am Adult Bible Study 5:45 pm	7	8 Adult Forum 6:30pm	9	10	11
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19 Sunday School 10:45 to 11:30 am Service of Solace 5:00 pm	20 Sublette Center 10:30 am Adult Bible Study 5:45 pm	21	22 Adult Forum 6:30pm	23	24 Christmas Eve Services 5:00 & 10:30 pm at St. Andrew's 7:30 pm St. John's	25 No Services
26 Regularly Scheduled Services Sunday School 10:45 to 11:30 am	27 Sublette Center 10:30 am Adult Bible Study 5:45 pm	28	29 Pastor Jami In Cody	30	31	

**Happy Holidays
from your friends
at
St. John's!**



Do you have favorite holiday traditions at St. Andrew's? Please let Pastor Jami know of them so they can become part of our Advent and Christmas celebrations.



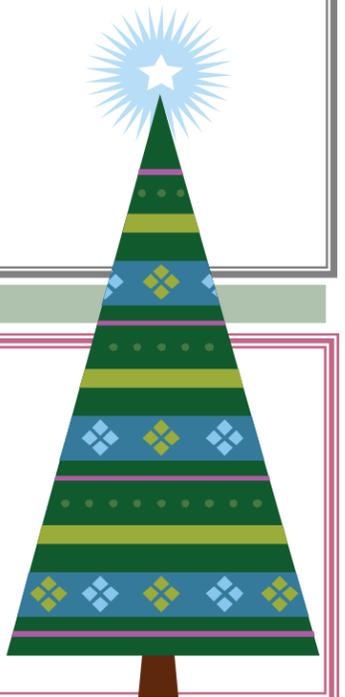
Want to send a note to Barb and Stuart?

Barbara and Stuart McKinley
4010 N. College Drive #214
Cheyenne, WY 82001
307-635-2023



Thank you to the Consecration Sunday Committee for a great Stewardship program this year. Each guest speaker, the meal and the consecration of our gifts were all done well. Even the fellowship and entertainment were pretty darn good. Now we can look forward to next year.

Is there any interest in starting a Prayer Group or Prayer Chain? If so, please tell Coralee Petersen or Pastor Jami.



There are Episcopal Relief & Development "Gifts in Kind" catalogs in the Narthex. Please take one and consider making "your presents felt."