



ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Dates to Remember:

Sunday Church Service Times:

St. John's - 9:00 am
St. Andrew's - 11:00 am

Vestry Meeting
February 14th at 7:00 pm
St. Andrew's

Vestry Retreat
February 26th
ML Baxley's Cabin

Sunday School (Ages 2-9)
February 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th
10:45 at St. Andrew's

J2A & Rite 13
February 2nd & 16th
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



On January 23rd, the day of our Annual Meeting, I spent some time reflecting on the many ways there are for us to be the church, for us to center on the gospel and share it with others. I based my reflections on four basic qualities necessary for a healthy church that the Rev. Dr. James Cooper wrote about in the summer issue of the Trinity News magazine. First, Rev. Cooper believes that human beings yearn for small-town life, or what he terms **"Intimacy and Simplicity."** I would say that we yearn for connections with others, for shared familiarity and I find that alive in our church community. We come together in shared worship, shared values, shared faith, shared work, and shared experiences. Together we have a shared story and we have individual stories to tell. I think that when we have camping outings, home or small group studies, 7@6 meals, even our timeline project – those times provide important connections and memories of togetherness and belonging. They feed and comfort us.



But people also want to be part of something larger than themselves. Rev. Cooper says that the church is a conduit to feelings of **"Splendor and Awe."** Splendor and awe can occur in different ways for each of us. For me, to take part in sharing the body and blood of Christ, to have us all fed, to watch everyone come down the aisle as the visible presence of Christ opens me up to the holy in our midst. I think worship is a dependable ritual of shared awe- we are always brought into a place bigger and more wondrous than being on our own. We have amazing resources in the Episcopal Church for different ways of worship. There are U2charists- making use of rock music, there are contemplative service, lay led services, jazz services, praise services, sung services, said service, prayer services without communion. I am willing to explore with you doing worship in different ways, in ways that move you into holy and close moments with God, but it needs to come to life because of people who help me bring it to life. So – talk to me, organize with me, offer ideas and willingness to participate. This can be a place of growth and new life.

Intimacy, splendor and awe are just for self-gratification unless we get out of the pews and go into the world, serving as the Body of Christ. **"Mission and Ministry"** mean that we have work to do on the other side of the church walls. What do we have the unique ability to address? What can we be doing to bring the kingdom of God to life? What relationships do we have with the least, the last, and the lost? Are their lonely people we can be feeding with fellowship and food? Are their parents that can use support, immigrants

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that can use tutoring, and an environment that we can help clean and protect? I ask you to continue reflecting on the world around us and seek to discern what great things we can do.

For **“Prophecy and Prayer”** are what will enable us to be open to doing mission and ministry. The prophetic voice can be heard in the words of scripture, in the preaching, in the discussion held during Christian education or other formation opportunities. The prophetic voice moves us out of our comfort zones. Our high school youth have begun to plan a pilgrimage that they will go on next year. They are exploring how they might grow spiritually, in community, in service, and in shared experiences. I think the process that they have started is a great model for all of us. Our faith will grow as we strive to integrate worldly and spiritual issues, as we are engaged in discernment about how to live God’s will. This mean we have to live in a tension filled not with certainty, but with faith – we have to live in a fellowship strengthened, bonded, and sustained by prayer and the Eucharist. And we should always expect miracles.

Thanks be to God.

Pastor Jami

OUR CONGREGATION’S HISTORY A Timeline of People and Events

Our Parish Timeline is a visual presentation of our celebrations, sadnesses, events, and memories of all of our years as the community of St. Andrew’s in the Pines. Through the sharing of memories and stories of parish life over the years, our congregation will be able to see the movement of the Holy Spirit in our midst. As with one’s personal faith journey, it is often only in hindsight that God’s movement in our lives can be seen. We will collect information about when different families joined the parish, what events were happening over the years, what rector’s served the church, how the congregation had fun together, who we remember as being a part of us. You are invited to place note cards with stories on the timeline, sign your name at the year when you joined St. Andrew’s, and tape up photos of people and events. Together we will learn more about who we are and have been and can be.

Senator John Barrasso has presented St. Andrew’s with a flag of the United States of America. This flag was flown over the United States Capitol on December 7, 2010 in celebration of the lighting of the “Forever West” Capitol Christmas Tree. The flag will replace the one currently in our sanctuary.



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Christian Education—Sunday School

Sunday School starts at 10:45 and runs through church service until the peace. Kids do music, read, crafts, and projects and a great time is had by all. All children ages 2-9 are welcome.



Coralee and Mary Jane teaching Sunday school



Mary Jane Kleven reading to the kids

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January Vestry Meeting Minutes, Jordan Vana

Vestry Meeting Minutes January 10, 2011

Present: Cody Saxton, John Gibson, Rev. Jami Anderson, Jo Crandall, Mindy Seehafer, Jon Boroff, Ron Rhyne, Jordan Vana, ML Baxley, Norm Pape

Vana shared his formation story.

The meeting opened with prayer. Boroff chaired the meeting.

Vestry reviewed the minutes from its December 13, 2010 meeting. After review, Rhyne moved and Saxton seconded approval of the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Seehafer presented the treasurer's report. Vestry reviewed financial condition summary through 2010 year-end. Vestry reviewed the operations report through 2010 year-end. Vestry reviewed the draft 2011 budget, updated from the December meeting to account for 2010 year-end income and expenses. After discussion, Vana moved and Rhyne seconded approval of the revised draft 2011 budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Boroff presented the junior warden's report. He updated Vestry on electrical problems that church has been experiencing. He said Rocky Mountain Power had evaluated the situation and agreed they were at fault. Vestry discussed seeking reimbursement from RMP. Boroff reported that the white van needed a new tire before offering it for sale. Boroff encouraged Vestry to talk with anyone who might be able to use the van before offering it for sale.

Jami presented the rector's report. She reminded Vestry that she will be on pilgrimage from January 25-February 4. Madeleine Murdock will oversee Morning Prayer while Jami is away. Jami then presented Vestry with a letter from Bishop Smylie to all Vestries in the Diocese regarding the Desposition Upon Renunciation of the Ministry and Declaration of Removal of Robert A. Eldan. Vestry reviewed the letter briefly. After review, Jami concluded her report by saying how pleased she was regarding 2011 pledges.

Vestry discussed old business. Boroff informed Vestry that there were no updates on regarding the nursery property lease Vestry discussed outstanding amounts owing under the lease and agreed to table further discussion pending a conversation with the senior warden. Vestry discussed new member nominations. Vestry discussed donations to the Pregnancy Resource Center and St. Thomas the Apostle Center, and tabled decisions on these donations until the new Vestry is seated.

Vestry discussed new business. Vestry discussed the Annual Meeting on January 23, 2011, including reports, how convention delegates will be elected, new vestry members, St. Andrew's timeline, and potluck afterwards. Jami will send a phone tree reminder regarding the meeting and potluck. Vestry discussed rearranging the choir area and holding a retreat in February.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan Vana



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 J2A and Rite 13 6:30 to 8:00 pm	3	4	5
6 Sunday School 10:45 to 11:30 am	7 Sublette Center 10:30 am	8	9	10	11	12
13 Sunday School 10:45 to 11:30 am	14 Sublette Center 10:30 am Vestry Mtg. - 7:00 pm	15	16 J2A and Rite 13 6:30 to 8:00 pm	17	18	19
20 Sunday School 10:45 to 11:30 am	21 Sublette Center 10:30 am	22	23	24	25	26 Vestry Retreat
27 Sunday School 10:45 to 11:30 am Annual Meeting After church	28 Sublette Center 10:30 am					

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Betty Golden, Episcopal Relief & Development

The Wyoming Diocese is challenging each church member to purchase at least one mosquito net for \$12.00. This is an inexpensive, yet effective way to prevent malaria. I encourage you all to pick up the catalog in the narthex and browse through it. There are many other items to choose from in addition to purchasing your net. If you want to purchase a gift for someone, this is a great place to look. There are some wonderful coffees and teas from Central America and Africa. As Christians, we are called to serve others, and helping poverty stricken countries through our donations provides education and creates economic support to communities. So grab a catalog or go online to www.er-d.org/giftsforlife. Let me know when you make your purchase as we are keeping a count from each church in the diocese.



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Music Notes, Coralee Petersen

I love the focus of Epiphany: Christ coming to EVERYONE as the light to the world, and enabling us to be bearers of the light, too. It is a theme to which we try to be true as we plan music for the services and for the choir.

I am always looking for feedback on the music: tell me what you like or don't like, let me in on what your favorite hymns are, or if you have heard music elsewhere that we could perhaps use, or whatever else you might want to share.

Thanks to those who made it possible for me to be out of town on Jan 23rd: pianist Marilyn Huffman, "interim" choir director Barb Wise, and cantor Jeanne Raney - plus the faithful choir members helping sing the hymns.

Coralee Petersen



Welcome and Thank You

At the Annual Meeting of St. Andrew's in the Pines several members were elected to serve on our Vestry. Dave Lankford returns as Senior Warden and Cody Saxton is our new Junior Warden. Tim Crawford and Sarah Hixson were elected to fill vacated one year terms on the Vestry. Lisa Rhyne will fill a two year term and Jon Gibson, Sheryl Boroff and Angie Thomas were elected to three year terms. The new vestry will gather on Feb. 26th at ML Baxley's cabin up the Green River for an all day planning retreat. Please welcome and thank them for their service.

Thanks and appreciation are also given to Jordan Vana, Ron Rhyne, and Katie McClure for their years serving on our Vestry.

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St. John's Big Piney, Amy Bell

St. John's kids' programs are up and running again this new year; we look forward to growing and sharing together in the months to come. Members of our congregation are enjoying the Via Media classes as well and we look forward to getting together each month for study and fellowship. We hope our friends at St. Andrew's are having a wonderful winter!

Peace! Amy Bell.



Stewardship Luncheon

In case you don't recognize "The Uncalled Four", they are Jami Anderson, Gail Randall, Randy Belton, and Stuart Thompson.

If you missed it, I would encourage you to get the stewardship luncheon on your calendar for this year—they may make another appearance!



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Mad Murdock, Memorial Board

MEMORIAL BOARD UPDATE

We would like to update the memorial plaques at the back of the Church. Wes Shields' service should be added to the priests' board. The names presently on the large board are as follows: Marion Boroff, Jerry Cantlin, Shorty Cantlin, Dorothy Clementsen, Dude Clementsen, Virginia Davenport, Evelyn Fitch, Stewart Fitch, Caroline Grassell, Tom Heydt, Bob Jackson, Pat Jackson, Ed Jafferis, Lorraine Johnson, Max McReynolds, Pete McReynolds, Don Meyer, Barbara Jean Rahm, Sid Reynolds, Amelie Ritchmond, Howard Smith, Maxine Smith, Ralph Stevens, G.D.Thompson, Joy Thompson, Marlene Wise, Marie Ziegler, Right Reverend Ziegler.

Please let Madeleine Murdock know if you wish to have the name/s of loved ones placed on the plaque. Cost: \$25 payable to St. Andrew's in the Pines. Also, if you have knowledge of any names that were submitted and paid for which have NOT been added to the board, please let Mad know.

MORNING PRAYER

".....whenever two or three are gathered....." That's us right now, two of us getting together on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:00 AM at the church to do Morning Prayer together. I am pretty sure God's promise to be "in the midst of us" would hold even if there were more than three! So please feel free to join us.

Betty Golden and Coralee Petersen



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Tanzania, Tom Davenport

At today's Annual meeting, a brief financial report on our outreach to Tanzania was provided to those present. This report is for those of you who were not there.

That part of our outreach which is funded by the Foundation for the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming, and provided via St. Andrews and St. John the Baptist, is known as **Karibu [Swahili for "Welcome, come on in"]**. The foundation trustees granted our request for \$50,000 in 2009 and in 2010. Funds totaling over \$21,300 have been used each year to fund scholarships and support to twenty-one students at Msalato Theological College [MTC] studying to become Anglican priests. Additional funding of over \$12,000 was used to fund the acquisition of computer equipment at MTC each year. And each year \$16,250 was used to fund scholarships to Bishop Stanway Primary School [BSPS] for fifty-nine students from kinder-garden through seventh grade. A third grant request for 2011 was submitted January 1st.

That part of our outreach which is funded by St. Andrews and St. John the Baptist has been known at the Tanzanian "Connections" Task Group. The total funds given or committed to be given from 2009-2011 by our churches total \$36,018. **St. Andrews total giving** will be \$29,361. Operating funds for the scholarship for Stephen Mnubi totals \$8,600. The Vestry allocated the \$12,000 "Mustard Seed" funds given us to Tanzania; of that amount \$4,567 was given to MTC for a printer subsystem. \$2,875 was used to fund the trip by Leanne Rellstab last summer and \$4,558 funds are still to be given. The \$2,661 gathered in our Alcove Collections have been used to buy bicycles for priests [\$1,009], fly Stephen Mnubi to Wyoming last January [\$774], fly Reverend Sandra McCann to Wyoming last October [\$411] and there is \$467 still unspent. St. Andrews administrative expenses were \$1,025 in 2009, \$1,478 in 2010 and are budgeted at \$1,600 in 2011. These expenses cover such items as the cost of supplies at Staples [paper, printer ribbons, copying, etc.], the Diocesan Convention to present the story of our outreach as well as professional support for our Karibu B'log. **St. Johns total giving** will be \$6,657. These provided scholarships to BSPS students [\$1,380 in 2009 and \$1,250 in 2010] as well as funds for malaria nets [\$1,027 in 2009 and \$1,000 in 2010]. There will be \$2,000 given in 2011.

Those in our churches now serving on these two projects include: Reverend Jami Anderson, Jo Crandall, Tom Davenport, Madeleine Murdock, Gail Randall, Leanne Rellstab, Kenna Tanner, Patti and Phil Washburn and Jordan Vana. We thank you for the opportunity to participate in this outreach as well as your support these past two and one-half years. It has been a wonderful blessing to us...and even more so to the people in the Anglican Diocese of Central Tanganyika. **They thank you with all their hearts!**



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Tanzania, Tom Davenport

To my friends at St Andrews Episcopal Church

On December 15, 2010, the Tanzanian Connections Task Group [TCTG] held its year-end meeting. I want to share with you the results of that gathering.

First, I thanked all St Andrews members who have served at different times on the task group. I am particularly thankful to Jordan Vana, Jo Crompton, Madeleine Murdock and Patti Washburn who have served ably and loyally since our founding. I also thanked Phil Washburn for his valuable advice and counsel and Dave Lankford for his consistent support.

During the two and one-half years of this effort, I have focused on two particular areas. The first has been securing and distributing funding from the Foundation of the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming for Msalato Theological College and Bishop Stanway Primary School [BSPS]. The second has been deciding on the use of St Andrews 'Mustard Seed' funds as well as gathering 'Alcove' and other funds for our outreach to the Anglican Diocese of Tanzania Central Tanganyika. We have been blessed in investing in the lives of others through these efforts as well as in visits from Stephen Mnubi and the Reverend Sandra McCann.

We reviewed the financial results of the use of local funds in our outreach.

We also reviewed the status of a new outreach to BSPS and construction assistance to the church in Zuzu, Tanzania. Patti and Leanne Rellstab recommended these following their trip this summer.

Finally, in discussing leadership of the TCTG going forward, I informed the group that: 1) I will continue the work of writing our third grant request to the Foundation in 1Q2011 and providing the required reports to the Foundation in January and July 2011 and 2) Another person(s) needs to be selected to be responsible for the activities of the TCTG in 2011.

This outreach has been a very rewarding undertaking for me. It has also been very demanding in terms of the time and effort involved. As you know, I spent the first half of the past year letting a broken ankle heal and the second half of the year trying to recuperate and 'catch up'. I am making progress, but I still have a long way to go. As one who lives alone, all the duties in my life fall on me. And at seventy-six years of age, I realize that I will never 'catch up' at my current pace. Consequently I must face reality...and shed work load where I can.

My sincere thanks to the members of St Andrews for your past support and your current understanding!

Tom Davenport

