



# ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Pinedale Confirmation Class**  
Feb. 1st and 15th at 7:00 pm - St. Andrew's
- 3rd to 5th Grade Wednesday School**  
Feb. 1st at 5:30 pm - St. Andrew's
- J2A and Rite 13 Youth Group**  
Feb. 8th at 6:30 pm - St. Andrew's
- Vestry Retreat**  
Feb. 11th, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm
- ECW Meeting**  
Feb. 12 after church during coffee hour
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**  
Feb. 21st at St. Andrew's
- Ash Wednesday Services**  
Feb. 22nd - 7:30 am, 12:15 pm, 7:00 pm  
St. Andrew's
- Evensong**  
Feb. 29th at 5:30 pm - St. Andrew's
- Adult Bible Study**  
Feb. 29th at 7:00 pm - St. Andrew's

### ONGOING:

- Sunday Church Service Times:**  
St. John's - 6:00 pm  
St. Andrew's - 9:00 am & 11:00 am
- Choir**  
Sundays at 10:00 am - St. Andrew's
- Wired Word**  
Sundays at 10:15 - St. Andrew's
- Sunday School**  
4 year olds to 4th grade  
Sundays at 11:00 am - St. Andrew's
- Retirement Center Service**  
Mondays at 10:30 am - Sublette Center
- Bible Study**  
Mondays at 5:45 pm - St. Andrew's
- Big Piney Tuesday School**  
Tuesdays at 3:30 pm - St. John's
- Men's Breakfast Group**  
Fridays at 7:00 am - Stockmen's Rest.

# A Voice in the Wilderness



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**Pastor's Pen**  
**Jami Anderson**



### PASTOR'S PEN

*“May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half truths, superficial relationships, so that you will live deep in your heart. May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you will work for justice, equity and peace. May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer....so that you will reach out your hand to comfort them and change their pain into joy. And may God bless you with the foolishness to think that you can make a difference in the world, so that you will do the things which others tell you cannot be done.”*

Some people still remember where they were and what they were doing when President Kennedy was assassinated. Many remember that same thing the morning the twin towers were attacked on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>. I also still remember where I was and what I was doing when I first heard the words of the above quote. I was on the phone visiting with a fellow grant writer during my Community Action years in Nebraska. Amy mentioned that she had found a great quote that she was using for her Christmas cards and then she read it to me. I was deeply touched and asked her to send it to me. I don't have a source or credit for this prayer or blessing but I appreciate it as much today as I did the first time I heard it. What an amazing way for each of us to live and what an incredible vision for us as the Church. I keep returning to the idea of our Mission and doing “something beautiful for God.” The above prayer comes at the same theme from a little different direction but always the intent is for us to stretch ourselves into a place of deeper caring and thoughtful and prayerful decision making, leading us into actions that bring life to others. The bulletin board is ready downstairs for some of your “foolish” ideas and our Annual Meeting is coming on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, where will talk together about our ministries as the “Body of Christ” in the world.  
Thanks be to God.  
Pastor Jami

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## Embracing Emergence Christianity

*Where do you believe God is leading?* Embracing Emergence Christianity is a six session Adult Education series that invites on a journey that may disturb us, may move us out of comfort zones and lead us into the new thing God is doing among us. Much like last year's Via Media series, each session begins with a short video that takes us into small group discussions. Phyllis Tickle, a participant in the Via Media discussions, leads the discussions and ideas shared in this fascinating study. Her enthusiasm for the globally changing culture of Christianity helps us focus on the times in which we live and the journey we are taking. She believes we are in a time of great upheaval similar to the Great Reformation in the 1500's.

This six session study will be our Lenten Study and held each Wednesday evening starting on February 29<sup>th</sup>. Times and more information coming closer to that date.

## VESTRY NEWS

Our newly elected Vestry Members for 2012 are: Senior Warden – Madeleine Murdock, Junior Warden – Cody Saxton and serving Three Year Terms – Sarah Hixson, Tim Crawford, and Aaron Arne. Thanks go to all of these people for their willingness to serve us in this ministry. The entire 11 member Vestry will gather on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> for an entire day retreat to be held at ML Baxley's cabin in the upper Green River. At that time they will be conducting a Mutual Ministry Review of the past year and making plans for the upcoming year. If you have anything you would like them to discuss, please let Pastor Jami know or tell one of the Vestry members.

If you would like to volunteer in the nursery, refreshment duty, or other ministry, please let Pastor Jami or Cheryl know and you will be added to the ROTA.

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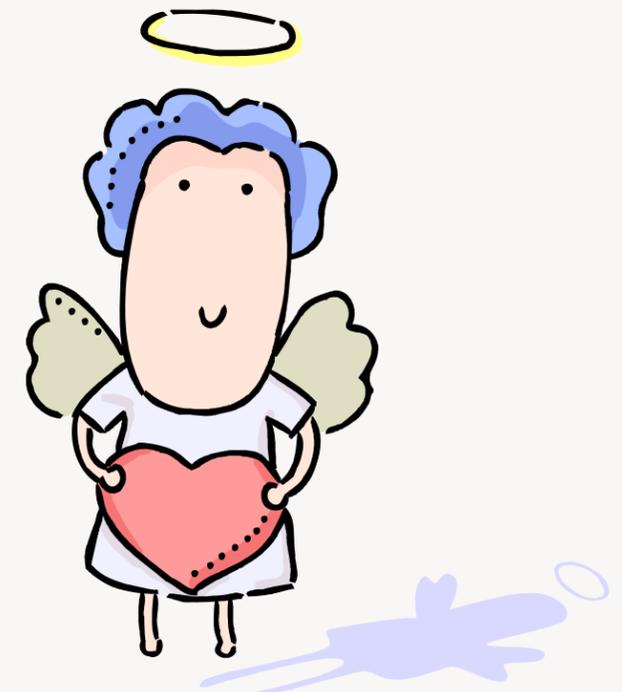
## Music Notes, Coralee Petersen

Many thanks to all those who helped make beautiful music for services in Advent and for the Christmas services: most especially to the choir - I so appreciate your faithfulness; to Sue Holz for sharing her flute with us as she played with the choir; to Hattie McKay for playing for the early service on Christmas Eve; and to Sarah Anderson for lending her beautiful voice to all the Christmas Eve services both here and in Big Piney.

Many of you know that I had surgery on my left hand the last week in December; I am so grateful to Hattie and Marilyn Huffman for covering services for 4 Sundays while I have been healing.

Choir has been on hiatus for January. We will resume rehearsals at 10:00 AM on February 5. Anyone who likes to sing is welcome to join us.

Coralee Petersen



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Every Sunday morning, Cheryl Essington, Jen Arne and Patty Washburn guide the children through simple versions of our weekly liturgy using stories, crafts, games and songs. Currently there are only three of us and we are in dire need of at least two more teachers. We welcome Sunday School teachers to teach as many or as few Sundays as your schedule allows, even ONE! If you would like to learn more or take a look at the curriculum, please call Cheryl Essington, 360-7780 or [cherylessinton@wyoming.com](mailto:cherylessinton@wyoming.com).



As those of you at Tom Davenport's presentation on his trip to Tanzania will recall, he announced that Tally Bandy and Jessie MacKay's Karimu Foundation gave money to five graduates of Msalato, including Stephen Mnubi, to purchase motor bikes. This is so that they have a means, other than walking, to cover their pastoral areas. Stephen's area covers an area with thirteen small churches radiating from Bugari, Tanzania.

Because we suspected that Stephen's salary of about \$30 per month would not cover the cost of petrol, we asked if the Diocese covered the cost. Stephen said that it did not. We then asked the Reverend Canon Moses Matonya, principal at Msalato, what the minimum cost might be. He supplied the information that based on today's prices, the petrol to fuel Stephen's bike would cost about \$100 per quarter for minimal usage.

The good news is that a St Andrews congregant has contributed the funds for 1Q2012. Now the TCTG asks that you make donations to the Alcove Collection to fund the cost of petrol for the 2Q2011 and beyond. Please give generously☺

Tanzanian Connections Task Group



There will be a ECW meeting during coffee hour on Sunday, Feb. 12. We will be discussing ideas for a fundraising dinner to held at the church for the Pinedale community. Proceeds will go towards purchasing round tables for the undercroft. Please bring your ideas and thinking hats!

**ECW MEETING**

## PANCAKE SUPPER

Shrove Tuesday/ Fat Tuesday/Marci Gras comes on February 21<sup>st</sup> this year. This is the last day before Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. Traditionally, on Shrove Tuesday people eat, drink, and be merry before entering into a season of sober repentance and penitence. ONCE AGAIN – our Middle School and High School Youth Groups will be serving a Pancake Supper at the church for everyone in the community. They will be assisted by the 3-5 Grade Sunday School class. Please mark the date on your calendar and make plans to invite others to this meal.



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## November Vestry Minutes, ML Baxley

St. Andrew's in the Pines  
Vestry Meeting  
November 21, 2011  
7:00 pm



**Attendance:** ML Baxley, Cody Saxton, Sarah Hixson, Norm Pape, Jo Crandall, Jami Anderson, Tim Crawford and Mindy Seehafer. (Absent – Dave Lankford, Sheryl Boroff, Lisa Rhyne, Angie Thomas and Jon Gibson.)

Jami Anderson started the meeting with a prayer from CREDO. Formation – What are you thankful for.

**Minutes of the last meeting:** Norm Pape moved to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2011, Sarah Hixson seconded the motion, and all were in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mindy reviewed the financial summary and operations reports. Tim Crawford moved to approve the financial reports as presented, Sarah Hixson seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

**Senior Warden:** No report this month.

**Junior Warden:** Cody has been busy with snow removal and changing light bulbs. He has been in contact with Sue Hanson on the house rental agreement. Cody will make sure the water bleeder on. The furnace at the rental house needed replacement of the thermostat. The expense was under \$500.00, Sue Hanson had it repaired.

**Rector's Report:** Jami has been busy with Confirmation classes. Last Saturday afternoon, Bishop Smylie Confirmed 21 members at St. John's in Big Piney. Jami has six students in the Adult Pinedale class as well as four students in the youth class. Classes should wrap up after Christmas.

Jami will take some time off starting the Monday after Christmas, she will be back to work the following Monday.

Jami spoke regarding newcomers to Church. She follows up contacting the people, after two or three contacts the Vestry members need to follow up. Perhaps start a hospitality committee. Start a newcomers section in the newsletter.

**Old Business:** Tim Crawford moved to start the Rectory Remodel project using the funds we currently have. Sarah Hixson seconded the motion, all Vestry members were in favor, motion carried.

**New Business:** ML spoke with Beau Faler regarding any interest she may have in moving her business to the nursery property. At this time Beau is not interested in moving her business.

Nominations for Vestry – Tim Crawford and Sarah Hixson are willing to remain on the Vestry; they will be put on the ballot for a three year term. Cody Saxton will continue as Junior Warden. Discussion took place for other nominations.

7 @ 6 Dinners sign up sheet will be put out in December.

Vestry members signed a letter to the Diocese for licensing ministries.

Gail Randall withdrew from the Deacon process.

On Consecration Sunday we received 33 pledge cards (22 of them were increases from last year). Of the 30 people present we received pledges totaling \$86,424.00. We can expect \$29,500 from congregation members who usually pledge that were absent. We can also expect \$28,000 from plate collections throughout the 2012 year. Our total anticipated income for 2012 is \$144,000.00.

Mindy will prepare a draft budget for 2012. Jami asked Vestry members to come prepared to the December meeting with new ideas for programs with youth and adults. The budget planning meeting date and time will be announced.

The Church Van insurance was tabled.

Advertising in the Sublette Examiner has increased in cost.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

# FEBRUARY 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10:00—Choir 10:15—Wired Word 5 11:00 Sunday School	Sublette Center 10:30 am Bible Study—5:45 pm 6	7	3-5 Grade Wednesday School—5:30 pm Confirmation Class 7:00 pm 1	2	Men's B-Fast—7:00 am 3	4
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