



ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Rector's Remarks Wes Shields



As I consider the close of the school year and our Christian Education program, I would like to talk about the importance of Christian Education outside of the church. I think we all have some understanding of the need for Sunday School, Bible Studies, and many other organized

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Dates to Remember:

Vestry Meeting
June 8th at 7:00 pm
St. Andrew's

Prayer Group
Tuesdays at 12:00 pm
St. Andrew's

Retirement Center Service
Mondays at 10:30 am



Senior Warden's Report Dave Lankford



Important decisions are in the making and the church of St. Andrew's has been asked to assist in that decision, but they have given us little time to do it. The Diocese of Wyoming is in the process of selecting a new Bishop and we have been asked for our input. This Sunday, Wes informed me that a packet had been recieved from the Search Committee, that they were seeking our thoughts but they had to be sent to them by the 10th of June. As the Senior Warden, I was asked to have a meeting so that everyone could give their concerns to the committee, but with the schedules that everyone has this time of the year, I asked Wes if I could have time during both services to talk about this, and Sunday, June 7th was selected. It would mean that he couldn't give a sermon, but he said that he thought he could pass on one Sunday.

They, the search committee, has laid out a very organized meeting lay out, some very good ideas, but basically, it comes down to 5 reflection questions:

1. What is currently working well in our dioceses?
2. What skills and abilities would you like our new bishop to possess?
3. What personal attributes would you like to see in our new bishop?
4. What are the challenges you see that the diocese needs to overcome to facilitate our spiritual journey?
5. What gets in the way of our overcoming those challenges?

I would like all of you to take a look at these questions and also to look beyond them to concerns that we have or have not had with the diocese.

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The Rector's Remarks (cont.), Wes Sheilds

Christian Education programs. What we sometimes forget is that the most important arena for Christian Education, for both children and adults, is outside of our church walls.

Most of us are very busy whether it is with our work, our children or grandchildren, school, or sports. We all have a lot on our plates and Christian Education is one among many things that competes for our time. The question is whether or not we want to make Christian Education a priority. The point of Christian Education is to build our relationship with God, both as individuals and as the Body of Christ. Building this kind of relationship takes time. Not an hour a week here and there, but some time each day. It's no different than our relationship with friends or family. If we only talk to someone once or twice a week, usually the relationship doesn't grow, and more often than not, the relationship actually becomes more distant. Our relationship with God requires the same time and energy that our human relationships require and we must find a way to create that time.

Spending time with God outside of church is part of the Great Commission. Taking the good news of Jesus Christ out of our church and into our homes and our everyday lives. We are called to focus not only on getting more people into church, but also to focus on getting more church back into our homes and our families. There is no more important grounds for Christian Education and formation than in our homes. The more of God we have in our homes, the more we will have in our church and our community. Please take the time to consider a few things that you and your family can do to make Christian Education a priority in your homes and in your lives. Take care and God bless.

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Christian Education, Elizabeth Miller

Christian Education for the year has come to a close!



We have had a great year full of wonderful stories and lessons. Thanks so much to all of the volunteers who have helped out all year. We couldn't have done it without you!!! Christian Education will start again on September 9th.



Think about joining us this fall!



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May Vestry Meeting Minutes, Cheryl Essington

Vestry Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2009

Present: Wes Shields, Jordan Vana, Dave Lankford, Cheryl Essington, M.L. Baxley, Jo Crandall, Sarah Hixson, Jon Boroff, Norm Pape, Cody Saxton

Action Items listed in Red

The meeting was opened in prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting: Dave moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting as presented, Norm seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: There was an error on January's report and modifications were explained. Jon moved to request Treasurer attend Vestry meetings to be available for any clarifications.

Sr. Warden's Report: Referred to agenda items.

Rector's Report: Big Piney is doing well. The new lock is on the downstairs door but the door does not close completely. **Dave will arrange for repairs.**

Old Business:

Directory: Working draft is complete. We will be collecting family/individual photos on Sundays prior to finalization.

Trees: Norm moved for immediate removal of infected trees from property, Jo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. **Jo will speak to Fred Petersen regarding possible replacement/memorial trees.**

Nursery Rental: Dave will speak with renters to clean up the property per the rental agreement.

New Business:

Van Repair: The minivan is in need of repair. Dave moved to make the repair; Jo seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Tanzania: The Diocese requires home Vestry to support grant request in addition to what is has financially given. Jordan moved to support the grant request; Jo seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mustard Seed: Dave move to pledge entire remaining amount of Mustard Seed money to be contributed to project in Tanzania. Norm seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Dave moved that the Advisory Committee would be responsible for handling payment of funds; Cody seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. **Dave will contact Tom Davenport.**

ROTA SIGN-UP AND INPUT NEEDED

- Cheryl will be editing the ROTA over the coming weeks and would like to add anyone that would be interested in joining the ranks. Please call the church if you are interested.
- A suggestion has been made to limit the number of ladies on coffee/cookie duty any given Sunday to 2 people instead of 3. Comments? Please let the church office know.
- Although this isn't an invitation to remove yourself, if you absolutely can't continue with a job you have on the ROTA, please let the church office know. Some folks are hanging out there without a partner!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	2 Prayer Hour 12-1:00pm	3	4	5	6
7	8 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am Vestry Mtg. 7:00 pm	9 Prayer Hour 12-1:00 pm	10	11	12	13
14	15 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	16 Prayer Hour 12-1:00 pm	17	18	19	20
21	22 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	23 Prayer Hour 12-1:00 pm	24	25	26	27
28	29 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	30 Prayer Hour 12-1:00pm				

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ECW, Elizabeth Miller

It's time to get all "greased" up for the next ECW event! Mark your calendars for the last week of June. Watch the announcements for details because it should be a blast!



*****REMEMBER***
SUMMER HOURS START
SUNDAY JUNE 7TH WITH
SERVICES MOVING TO
8:00 AM AND 9:00 AM**

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Music Notes, Coralee Petersen

As we head into the long season after Pentecost, called "Ordinary Time" by the church, our music changes. We have new service music (Gloria, Sanctus and Fraction Anthem) and the choir disbands for the summer. There are many thanks to people who helped us with the music through the "extra-ordinary times"! First and foremost, thanks to the choir for their faithfulness and support - my job would be a lonely one without their presence. Thanks to Candy Scott who played for our services on the 3rd and 10th of May. And thanks to our amazing young people here at St Andrew's who are stepping up to help with the music. Megan Grassell and Hattie McKay played for the entire service on May 17th, and all reports I have heard are that they did an great job!



They have made tremendous progress in their service playing skills since last fall, and I hope you will find an opportunity to let them know that you appreciate their commitment and hard work. Mary Margaret and Will Grassell have played preludes and postludes for us, and of course, our high school graduates, Mariah McKay and Morgan Holz, sang their farewells for us. Another graduating senior, Kathryn Konicek joined Morgan in singing the duet that they sang at the school music festival this

spring. We have been blessed to watch these young women grow up in our midst, and we wish them god-speed, and hope they will come share their new musical achievements with us on their vacations!



Please remember that if you have summer guests or family members who would be willing to share their musical gifts with us, I would love to hear from you. It is always a pleasure to have folks share in our musical offerings.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

The new church directory is coming out and if you would like to email a picture or send an updated picture, please email Jordan Vana at jordan_vana@hotmail.com

