



ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Dates to Remember:

Church Service Times:

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

World Communion Sunday

**Oct. 3rd, St. Andrew's
Community Church
Joins for Worship**

Blessing of the Animals

Oct. 3rd, 2:30 pm
St. Andrew's

Annual Diocesan Convention

Oct. 7-10th, Laramie, WY

Morning Prayer

Oct. 10th

St. John's/St. Andrew's

Vestry Meeting

October 11th at 7:00 pm
St. Andrew's

Sandra McCann, Guest Preacher

October 17th
St. Andrew's/St. John's

Adult Christian Ed

October 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th
5:45 pm
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



A few years ago I clipped out an article on the **6 Spiritual Needs of Americans**. It reports that after decades of research, George Gallup, Jr. lists that the top spiritual needs of people today are:

1. To believe that life is meaningful and has purpose.
2. To have a sense of community and deeper relationships.
3. To be appreciated and respected.
4. To be listened to.
5. To feel they are growing in faith.
6. To get practical help in developing a mature faith.

I think this list is significant and worthy of our attention. And when I read through this list, I say to myself; the church can offer that, the church can offer that, that is part of belonging to the church. In every instance, I am convicted that our faith, embodied in the church community is, in the words from our worship service, "the source of light and life." When what we teach, what we pray, what we sing; when how we interact with each other, how we encourage and challenge each other reflects God's love for us, we will be addressing every one of the 6 Spiritual Needs of Americans. This addresses the core of our being alive -and what a wonderful gift it is for us to offer to others.

As a priest and pastor, I seem to be bombarded with suggestions on how to "mold" or "model" the church. There is an emphasis on "my plan." What is my plan for this church? I was visiting with a priest friend on the phone last week and he asked me what my one year plan was for St. Andrew's and St. John's. Books and workshops are offered on "Creating the Missional Church", "Creating the Healing Church", "Creating the Inclusive Church". I've even attended a workshop on "How to Grow the Church"! While there is value in these programs and books, I just don't like to think that way! Instead, I

return again and again to the list of Spiritual Needs. This is what I wish to offer to all of you and what I hope you offer to others also. At this point in time, my emphasis is to **listen to you, to get to know you, to appreciate and respect you**. I would like to spend the next several months conscientiously visiting with all of you. I would like to visit you in your homes or at your place of work. I would like to join with you on fun outings - skiing, boating, parties. I would like to hear your faith stories. I would like to hear from you practical ideas for faith development. What would help your faith mature? Would you like organized study groups, potlucks with programs, dinners in each others homes, Lenten studies? Mostly though, always and together, I hope we model and share with each other, the "source of light and life." Then we will be meeting our spiritual needs and those of others.

Thanks be to God.
Pastor Jami



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Dave Lankford, Sr. Warden



As Senior Warden, needless to say, the job has gotten easier. Conversations and meeting with Rev. Jami, have been exciting and informational. Attempting to make plans for the upcoming time are on going and if anyone has desires or wishes please let them be known.

The big thing that we have to start thinking about is the stewardship program. We have done this several different ways over the years, so if you have an idea of what you prefer, let me know. Also the vestry has given permission of the taking down of the five dead trees that we have and Jon and I will be

working on that.

It's been a great year and I hope that with the start of a new era at St. Andrew's everyone finds something to get involve in. The more that you put in, the more you get out.

Dave

Diocesan Convention

Episcopalians from around the state will once again gather in Laramie. This time it will be for the yearly Diocesan Convention. The convention begins on Thursday, October 7th with registration at the Hilton Garden Inn at 3:00 p.m. followed by Evensong at St. Matthew's Cathedral. Bishop John Smylie will give his first address to the convention delegates, clergy and guests on Friday morning. The theme for this convention is "Fulfilling Prophecies, Dreams and Vision." A good portion of the convention will be spent on strategic planning. Paul Gordan Chandler, a missionary in Egypt will be the key note speaker and Patrick Evans returns to the state to give workshops on music and to provide the music for the weekend. The Cathedral Home for Children will host a breakfast on Saturday morning on their campus, followed by a business meeting. The convention will culminate with service at St. Matthew's on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Convention delegates from St. Andrew's are Gail Randall and Mary Lankford. Dick and Linda Tanner will represent St. John the Baptist. Members of the Tanzanian Connection group will also be presenting information about our outreach program during the weekend.

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Youth Education, Pastor Jami Anderson

Parents and other interested adults met on Sunday afternoon, September 19th to discuss youth education programs for this school year. The first meeting focused on children from birth to 5th grade. There appeared to be interest in starting a Sunday School or Children's Chapel program on Sunday mornings. The timing would be from 10:45 until the Peace during the service, approximately 11:30, at which time the children would join their families for the Liturgy of the Table, or Communion portion of the worship service. A discussion was held about using the Godly Play model for the class, which involves storytelling, art response, and snacks. Depending on the response of adult volunteers there might be two age levels, with age appropriate teaching materials. If not, the priority would be offering instruction geared to the younger children – ages 2-6, as parents felt that this was a hard age for children to remain still during the entire worship service held upstairs.

There did not seem to be much energy for continuing the Wednesday School class. At this time Coralee Petersen has offered to do some music with the children and Patty Washburn has volunteered to help on an occasional basis. No one has offered to plan or coordinate the program. A few ideas are possible at this time. One is to let the program lie "fallow" this year and reassess next year. Another is to promote the Wednesday School program being started at the Pinedale Community Church and have our youth participate in it. Another is to wait during this next month to see if anyone feels led to step into the Coordinator's position. If the Sunday morning program gets underway geared toward the younger children, the Wednesday School program could involve mainly the 9-10 children in the 7-11 age group, which needn't be as big an undertaking as last year.

Parents of our older youth – 6th grade through 12th grade talked enthusiastically about returning to the Rite 13 and Journey to Adulthood programs. The kids would gather on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for dinner, play some games or have fellowship time, and then break into their Middle School and High School classes for lessons. Michelle Costello has offered to coordinate the meals. Leanne Rellstab has offered to assist with the Pilgrimage, an important part of the program, and Randy Belton has offered to be one of the leaders. One more male and two female leaders are needed to get these classes started.

This is a summary of what was discussed. If anyone would like to offer help or make suggestions, please contact Pastor Jami as soon as possible.



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Music Notes, Coralee Petersen



A short reminder that choir is meeting regularly at 10:00 AM Sunday mornings. If you like to sing, please come join us.

Also, thanks go to Susan Holz for playing and to Jami and John's daughter, Sarah for singing at Jami's installation service. What a treat to hear Sarah sing! And thanks to the choir for coming together so quickly to sing at the service on September 12th with the bishop.

If you have a favorite hymn that you would like to hear, or any other input regarding the music, I would love to hear from you!

Coralee Petersen

September Vestry Meeting Minutes, Cheryl Essington

Vestry Meeting Minutes September 13th, 2010

Present: Cheryl Essington, Jami Anderson, Mindy Seehafer, Dick and Linda Tanner, Jo Crandall, Cody Saxton, Dave Lankford, Jordan Vana, ML Baxley, Norm Pape

Jami shared her faith story with the Vestry to begin the meeting. Dave will share next month.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

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

Treasurer's Report: Jordan moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Cody seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Senior Warden: Tree removal is once again an issue. The trees on the east side of the building are tricky as they need to be removed with consideration to the neighboring cabin, Main Street and the power lines.

Rector's Report: Jami expressed her gratitude to all who helped make the Bishop's visit and her Installation service beautiful. She reminded everyone of the upcoming parent meeting on the 19th to discuss youth Christian Education. She will work with Cally to update the website and is working with Cheryl to update the membership lists/directory

Old Business:

- Capital Campaign:** Sam will send out a reminder to those who pledged but have not yet sent in funds.
- Trees:** 5 trees need to be removed from the property. Norm moved to allow Dave and Jon to make arrangements; ML seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- Phone Tree:** Jordan recommended an online phone tree service for an introductory period to see if it meets our needs. Jo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Signage: Jordan has arranged a new sign reading 11:00 service time.

New Business:

- Audit Report:** A big thanks to Gail Grubb and ML for completing the Audit Report for Vestry review.
 - Secretarial Position:** Cheryl and Jami have worked out an option for her to work from home and reducing her Vestry, newsletter duties. Jordan moved, ML seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Jordan volunteered to be Clerk of the Vestry and the Vestry unanimously approved.
 - Renunciation letter:** Jami shared with the Vestry the Bishop's letter that the priest in Sheridan has renounced his Priesthood and will no longer serve the Episcopal Church.
 - Lease at Nursery:** An interested party to rent the nursery property, has contacted us. As the current renter has violated the lease agreement and has repeatedly failed to pay his rent, Jordan moved that Dave and Jon will look into terminating lease. Cody seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Stewardship:** Sam has sent the pledge summaries out. Cheryl and Jami will put together a packet for this year.

Open Discussion:

Blessing of the Animals will be at 2:30 on October 3rd
Diocesan Convention will be October 7-10, and that Sunday will be Morning Prayer.
October 17th Sandra McCann will be our guest and speak about Tanzania

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Essington- Secretary

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
World Communion Sunday Annual Blessing of the Animals 2:30 pm	Sublette Center 10:30 am Adult Bible Study 5:45 pm			Diocesan Convention Laramie, WY	1	2
10 Last day of Convention Morning Prayer	11 Sublette Center 10:30 am Adult Bible Study 5:45 pm Vestry Mtg. 7:00 pm	12	13	14	15	16
17 Sandra McCann Guest Preacher	18 Sublette Center 10:30 am Adult Bible Study 5:45 pm	19	20	21	22	23
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St. John's Big Piney, Amy Bell

St. John's after school program and youth group both kicked off a new year in September! The youth group welcomes middle school kids; they met early in September for sweet & sour chicken and games. The after school program began a new year on September 21; we welcomed an excited group of children from grades 1-5. Pastor Jami joined us for pizza and games; we ended the class with "Sacred Space," a time for reflection and prayer as a group at the altar. We are thankful to be able to take advantage of her wealth of ideas and



knowledge. We're also spreading the word to welcome any kindergarteners who may not know about our program. In other news, we are beginning our Mustard Seed project and will share the particulars in the near future. We will also feed the community on Friday, November 5th; that is the date of our annual Community Spaghetti dinner. It is always a fun time and a great fundraiser, and we welcome our friends from Pinedale to join us.

Happy Autumn!



WANTED

ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS. WE ARE REORGANIZING, REVIVING, AND INVITING NEW PEOPLE TO JOIN IN THIS VERY SPECIAL MINISTRY.

If you are interested in joining or helping out, please talk with Pastor Jami or Mary Lankford.

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Tanzania, Tom Davenport



“St. Andrews and St John the Baptist welcome the Reverend Sandy McCann who will visit our churches on October 17th. Reverend McCann will share with us her story of the people of the Diocese of Central Tanganyika, their aspirations, their faith and their appreciation for the support provided by our churches and the Foundation of the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming”.

The Reverend Sandra McCann, M.D., retired from her position as Chief of Radiology at Hughston Orthopedic Hospital in Columbus, GA, in 1999. Following her graduation from Virginia Theological Seminary with a Masters of Divinity degree in 2003, Sandra and her husband, Martin, became appointed missionaries of the Episcopal Church of USA. After eight months of training in mission work in Africa, Sandra returned home in October 2004, to be ordained a Deacon in the Diocese of Atlanta in her home parish of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Columbus, GA. During those initial *internship* months, Sandra very much enjoyed teaching liturgy and homiletics at St. Philip's Theological College in Maseno, Kenya. This helped prepare her for their permanent assignment in November of 2004 to Dodoma, Tanzania, where she is a member of the staff of Msalato Theological College. Dodoma is the capital of Tanzania and is located in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika where the Right Rev. Mdimi Mhogolo is the bishop. Sandra was ordained to the priesthood by the Right Reverend Neil Alexander, Bishop of Atlanta, in the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Dodoma in June 2005. Since 2007, Sandra has decreased her teaching load to act as the Communications Director and Chaplain of the college.

Martin McCann, M.D., is a pathologist who practiced in community hospitals for 25 years, retiring in 1999 from his position as Chief of Pathology of St. Francis Hospital in Columbus, GA. His primary interests are laboratory improvement and the use of fine needle aspiration for diagnosing infections and tumors. In November 2004, Martin set up a histopathology laboratory in the Mackay House Anglican Mission Clinic in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika. One day per week he consults and teaches at the Mvumi Anglican Mission Hospital about 30 kilometers outside of Dodoma. In addition to teaching in the schools for medical technicians and clinical officers at the hospital, he teaches the HIV/AIDS courses at Msalato Theological College.