



ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Pastor's Pen
Jami Anderson



Things Episcopal: The Vestry

The *work* of the Vestry is crucial to the life of the congregation. Vestry members are elected to provide a special ministry of leadership. They have oversight of financial administration, human resources responsibilities, and some property management, but most importantly, they are asked to apply their baptismal vows in the life of the church, bringing prayer, wisdom, discernment, reflection, and insights into ensuring that we all are able to fully live our ministries within this body of Christ.

The Vestry at St. Andrew's in the Pines has agreed upon the following "Vestry Expectations":

- Pray
- Be Confidential
- Be present at church events
- Be on time for meetings
- Work to make meetings efficient and productive
- Provide feedback for the group and the Rector
- Deal with church issues through the Rector and the Vestry
- Respect each other's values and opinions
- Keep an open mind and be progressive in our thinking.

Our Vestry is composed of nine members serving three year terms, rotating off three members each year. A Senior Warden and a Junior Warden are elected each year, with the opportunity to serve for three years in a row. These eleven members meet monthly on Monday evenings, along with the Rector, who by Canon Law is the Chairperson of

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Dates to Remember:

Sunday Church Service Times:
St. John's - 6:00 pm

St. Andrew's - 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Church Camp-Out

Sept. 10th & 11th

New Fork Lake Campground

Sunday School

4 year olds to 4th grade

10:45 am at St. Andrew's

Sept. 18th & 25th

Choir

10:00 am at St. Andrew's

Sept. 18th and 25th

Retirement Center Service

Mondays at 10:30 am

Lectionary Study

Mondays at 5:45 pm

St. Andrew's

Men's Breakfast Group

Fridays at 7:00 am

Stockmen's Restaurant

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the Vestry.

St. Andrew's current Vestry is a wonderful group of people that represent the different ages and interests of the congregation. They are dedicated and active. Since the time of their first Retreat together in February, this Vestry has sponsored a Family Night, an Easter Brunch, the creation of Gift Bags for Newcomers, a Garage Sale, and the upcoming Church Camp-out. In addition they have plans for a hike to Sacred Rim, and the 7@6 dinners starting this fall. They have been faithful in reading articles about their roles and ideas for the church. They are deepening their relationship with God and with each other by sharing their individual faith stories for start each meeting. When the Bishop met with us a few weeks ago, he was very complimentary on the openness, enthusiasm, and thoughtfulness of this group of people. I agree with Bishop Smylie wholeheartedly and commend them to all of you with thankfulness and appreciation.

Thanks be to God.
Pastor Jami

Dear Lord,

So far today am I doing all right? I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, nor self-indulgent. I have not whined, complained, cursed, or eaten any chocolate.

I have charged nothing on my credit card. But, I will be getting out of bed in a minute, and I think that I will really need your help then.



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Service Times

Worship Times at St. Andrew's in the Pines

The Vestry has voted to maintain our Summer worship times of 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. through the month of September. This is due in part to consideration of the Labor Day weekend and our church camp-out the next weekend, which will have only one service at 10:00 at the campground. Then, **starting October 2nd**, we will have services of Holy Eucharist at **9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

Much discussion and thought went into making the decision to continue with two worship services. The following were points considered:

Reasons for One service on Sunday

A full sanctuary provides more energy and gives a better "feel" to worship Vestry members and everyone loses contact with some people depending upon which service they attend.

The sense of family and knowing everyone diminishes with two services. Music enhances the message and prayers.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharist) is our main celebration for us together as the Body of Christ.

Reasons for Two services on Sunday

A preference for a quiet, low key service.

A preference for a service with no music.

A preference for an early service to allow for other Sunday activities.

Pleasing "morning" and "not morning" people.

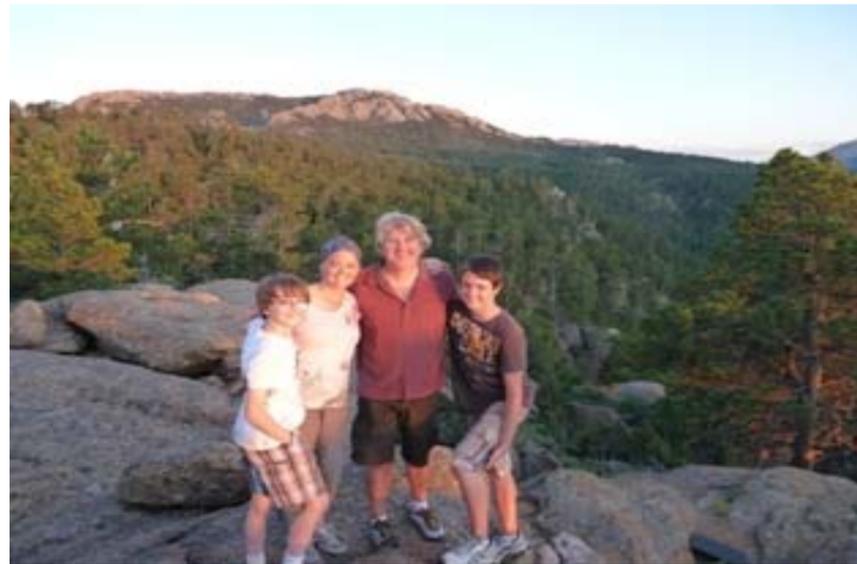
An over-crowded sanctuary will make people uncomfortable and some may stop attending.

In the end, two other considerations influenced the decision: 1. Having two services is a form of Hospitality – offering choices. 2. Having two services is a vision for growth and filling the sanctuary at both service times.

The Vestry is always interested in hearing from each of you, whether the two times are pleasing or perturbing, whether you have other ideas, whether you wish to congratulate them on a job well done.

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St. John's, Amy Bell



The Bells went to family camp in July! Our family of 4 ventured to Esterbrook to attend our beautiful Wyoming Wilderness/HR Camp. The weekend was a great family experience, and we enjoyed meeting other family campers from around the state. Camp activities included hiking, a ropes course, swimming,

rock climbing, and crafts. The staff of enthusiastic young people kept the families busy, but we all had a bit of quiet time together as well. Evening activities included s'mores and singing around a campfire but only after we hiked to a rustic outdoor chapel to take in a breathtaking sunset. We all agreed the food and fellowship made the camp even better, but we particularly enjoyed the outdoor Eucharist we celebrated before we left Sunday morning. We encourage other families to take advantage of this special place - please contact us if you have any questions about attending, and maybe we'll see you there next year!



Breakfast and the Bishop

Men's Breakfast Group on Fridays at 7:00 am at the Stockman's.



Thank you to everyone who helped make Bishop Smylie's visit a pleasant one. He appeared to enjoy every moment of his day and 1/2 with us. Special thanks are extended to the clean-up crew that gathered on the Thursday evening prior to the visit: Cody Saxton, John Anderson, Coralee Peterson and Mesa and Aspen, George and Harriet Port, Pastor Jami, Erik Kleven.



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July Vestry Minutes, ML Baxley

Attendance: Dave Lankford, Cody Saxton, Norm Pape, Mindy Seehafer, Angie Thomas, Tim Crawford, Sheryl Boroff, Jo Crandall, Pastor Jami
Absent: M.L. Baxley, Lisa Rhyne, Sarah Hixson, Jon Gibson

Dave started the meeting with an opening prayer.

Corrections were made for the June minutes. The first correction was the mortgage payment will be \$2835.52 per month if funds were available in a motion by Tim Crawford. The payment for the next 5 years will be \$1082.68 if funds were not available due to the current low interest rate. The junior warden report included Jon Boroff as assisting with the nursery property fencing repairs. Credo as mentioned in the Rector's report should be one e and Gail Randall has two ll's in her name. A motion has been moved, seconded, and approved by the vestry to submit a Sargent grant for construction work at the rectory. Jami mentioned a statewide letter has been received from the diocese on the spelling of the Bishop's name, Smylie not Smiley. Norm made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections. Tim seconded the motion which was then approved.



Treasurer's Report: Mindy presented the financial condition summary and the operation report. Tim moved to approve the financial reports, Cody seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion carried. Mindy will bring an average plate collection breakdown per month from previous years for the next meeting.

Senior Warden: Dave reported that he had dropped the van price to \$1800.00. The Sargent grant was submitted for matching funds for the rectory. Word should be received by Sept. 1, 2011 whether the grant was approved. The goal for our church is to raise \$10,000 in cash and \$5,000.00 in kind with an estimated cost of 31,000.00

Junior Warden: Cody reported Rocky Mountain power had completed their work. Kay Malkowski had sprayed the church trees and the rectory trees would be sprayed in the near future. David Klaren is working on the church sign which will soon be completed. Tim volunteered to seal the gutters in silicone. Pinedale Gas is installing new lines which will involve some trenching on the church property. John Anderson and Tim will look into establishing a charge account for St. Andrew's at Pinedale Lumber.

Rector's Report: Jami asked the vestry members what they thought of the agenda and Vestry Paper readings sent prior to the meeting. A discussion was held by members on the Caring For Each Other papers. We reviewed our goal which is "Celebrating Christ in Community." The Vestry Papers could be emailed to members.

Old Business: Jami reported on the Parish Directory. 10-15 families have not taken photos with Blushing Crow studio for the directory. Those remaining families or individuals will make arrangements with Tara. The Garage Sale was tabled until later as ML was absent. The church picnic was postponed due to the Ranch Mass being held July 31st at the Murdock Ranch. The church campout is scheduled for the second weekend of September at the New Fork campground area. The Sacred Rim hike will be postponed to a further date due to scheduling conflicts and hungry skeeters. Angi and Jo received a 7@6 folder full of information concerning organizing the dinners for later in the fall.

New Business: The Bishop will visit on August 13-14th. He would like to meet with the vestry on Saturday afternoon. The vestry decided to call this meeting our August meeting. A letter will be sent to the Bishop with options available. He is welcome to attend the community wide Land Trust picnic with a vestry member and a potluck could be planned following the Sunday services which he will conduct. The policies concerning the weddings and marriages of non-parishioners was discussed. The current policy of \$150.00 for church use and additional \$50 for a cleaning deposit was maintained. The current guidelines for church weddings will stay the same. The executive council from the Wyoming Diocese sent a directive concerning a 9/11 Resolution. The resolution states the weekend of Sept. 10 and 11, 2011 will commemorate the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks and should be remembered with acts of prayer, service and healing for communities. Jami will host a prayer with the Labyrinth at the library Sunday the 11th. Gail Randall is required to have a psych evaluation prior to completion of her deacon work. Mindy mentioned \$690.00 was left in the "other worship" fund which could cover the expense of the psych evaluation. Tim made a motion with Jo seconding the motion to cover the cost. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Wanted: Someone willing to take photos at church activities and post photos on our Web Page and Facebook site. If you are willing to do so – please let Pastor Jami or Cheryl

Essington know and we will set you up as a Site Administrator! Thanks

HAPPINESS IS FROM GOD

"God designed the human machine to run on Himself. He Himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other. That is why it is just no good asking God to make us happy in our own way. God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself because it is not there. There is no such thing."

...C.S. Lewis
Mere Christianity



SEPTEMBER 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Sunday School resumes September 18th!!

This year, in addition to the 4-7 year olds, we have a second group for 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades!



Both classes will begin at 10:45. We are asking each family to bring a snack for 20 twice during the year, and volunteer to help one Sunday of your choice.

Anyone interested in helping with Sunday School this fall, either regularly or just occasionally, please contact Cheryl Essington at cherylessington@wyoming.com or the church office at 367-2674.

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Music Notes, Coralee Petersen

Wow! It is time for choir to begin again! We will start meeting on September 18 at 10:00 AM. Any and all who like to sing are welcome to join us - no auditions!

Since I missed the August newsletter, I would like to thank all who turned out to practice and sing with the choir at the Ranch Mass. It is always fun to get together mid summer, and we appreciate those who join with us for the occasion. Many thanks to Fred Petersen, Jordan Vana, George Port, John Anderson, Barbara Ford, Lora Grinestaff, Betty Golden, Marilyn Huffman, Jeanne Raney, Lois Decker, and Phyllis Corbisier .

Special thanks to Marilyn Huffman for playing at church

August 21, and also for joining with Betty Golden to cover August 15, and 22 at the Sublette Center.

Coralee Petersen



BEER, BIBLES, & BBQ

Another Chance!!

Calling all Young People

Let's get together for Beer, Bibles,
and BBQ (BBBBQ II)

Paul Andrews will host a barbecue for young people (ages 21 to 45ish) at his house (310 Cole Avenue) on August 31st at 6:00 p.m. Food and drinks will be provided. Please join us for an informal get-together to celebrate summer with St. Andrew's friends! RSVP to Jami at St. Andrew's at 367-2674.

ALL CHURCH CAMP-OUT

September 10&11 are the dates for our Church camping adventure at New Fork Lake Campground. Members are welcome to arrive any time on Saturday afternoon and set up their tent or camper at the Large Group site. Dinner that evening will be from food brought by each individual or family, with a grill available for shared cooking. An after dinner snack will be provided by the church. Musicians are invited to bring their instruments for music and singing during the evening. Breakfast will again be a "make your own" situation. A service of Holy Eucharist will begin at 10:00 a.m.



Everyone is welcome to come out for any part of the weekend, including camping there on Friday evening if you choose. Join us for dinner, the campfire, the breakfast, and/or the Worship service. It is advised that you bring your own folding chair for the worship service portion of the weekend. Who can begin to imagine what fun we might have together!?!?!?