

a voice in the wilderness

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1 John 5:13 *I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.*

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IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Vestry Meeting

May 14, 2012

7:00 pm

Attendance: Madeleine Murdock, Cody Saxton, Mindy Seehafer, ML Baxley, Sheryl Boroff, Jami Anderson, Angie Thomas, Jo Crandall, Aaron Arne. (Absent – Tim Crawford, Lisa Rhyme, Sarah Hixson, Jon Gibson.)

Formation/Faith Story – Madeleine Murdock. No volunteers for next month.

Pastor Jami shared a prayer from CREDO.

Minutes of the last meeting: Jo Crandall moved to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2012 meeting as presented; Sheryl Boroff seconded the motion, and all were in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Mindy reviewed the financial summary and operations reports. She also discussed the possible increase of the employee dishonesty bond coverage; we currently have \$25,000. Cody Saxton moved to keep the coverage at 25,000, Madeleine Murdock seconded the motion. All members were in favor of this and the motion carried. We will ask someone other than Mindy to start doing the bank reconciliation. Sheryl Boroff moved to approve the financial reports as presented, ML Baxley seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried. A \$14,560.00 bill was received from Van Huffman. Van has donated his contractor's fee. The trim and flooring should be complete by May 16, 2012 and roofing will be the next project. Mindy will mail out statements this week.

Senior Warden: Madeleine commented on how nice the Mother's Day brunch was and thanked all who assisted. Thanks go out to Cody Saxton for how nice the lawn looks.

Junior Warden: Cody spoke with Sue Hanson and a semi-annual walk through will be done at the Neely rental along with asking the renters if anything needs attention or repair. Cody obtained a lock for the storage shed, Jami has this. Cody spoke with Van regarding the electrical at the Rectory as well as venting the attic. A new vacuum was purchased. Cody is getting prices for service of the furnace as well as lawn care.

Rector's Report: Jami discussed Rector Forums between services with worship, property/finances and outreach being the topics. July 1, 2012 the Youth Pilgrimage will be off to Omaha, Nebraska. From Omaha they will proceed on to Rock Island, Illinois. On July 3 they will head to Indianapolis, Indiana. July 5 & 6 they will be present at the Convention with different topics daily. Next is a road trip back to Pinedale arriving by July 8, 2012. Morning Prayer will take place both Sundays Pastor Jami is absent.

Old Business: The Rectory remodel – If funding is left over, the outside will need painted along with the trim. Jami was asked to pick out the color. The storage unit is ready; Cody and Aaron are in charge of the unit. Jo, Aaron, Madeleine and Jami went to St. Johns in Jackson to learn more about Stephen Ministry. There are currently 35 Stephen Ministers with 15 active. It is a listening Ministry and training is about 50 hours. There is a confidential bond between the care receiver and their Minister. Care receivers receive Ministry from two weeks up to two years depending on the situation. This is a big undertaking. The next training is the end of July with sign up ending in June. Two volunteers will be asked to go.

Possible options were discussed for the Neely nursery property.

New Business: Recommendations for a Vestry replacement for Tim Crawford were discussed. Jami will make contacts.

Service times will change June 1. Madeleine Murdock moved to change the summer service schedule to 8:00 am and 10:00 am. ML Baxley seconded the motion, all members present were in favor and the motion carried.

Pastor Jami reviewed the calendar.

ML Baxley will organize the food concession for the PFAC in the park on June 30 and put a request for volunteers in the newsletter.

The JZA fund will have \$4,000.00 withdrawn for the St. Andrews Youth Pilgrimage.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58PM Jami closed with prayer.

\$8,083.46 has been collected so far towards the \$10,000.00 needed to remodel the Rectory (5/13/12).

The mortgage balance at the nursery property is \$218,666.35 as of 4/30/12.

MUSIC NOTES

Thanks to all of you who asked about my hand surgery and wished me a speedy recovery. My hand is doing well (still some work to be done at physical therapy) and I am back to playing for church. Many thanks to Hattie McKay and Marilyn Huffman for playing for services in the meanwhile.

CALLING ALL SINGERS!

Ranch mass is July 22 at Barb and Norm Pape's ranch. The choir will meet on Friday evening, July 20, at 5:30 at my house to practice and have a picnic. This is always a fun time, and we are excited to have anyone who likes to sing come join with us. We will gather again to go over things Sunday AM, one hour before the service starts. There will be no recruitment for permanent membership in the choir! Give me a call and let me know if you plan to join us :

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Coralee Petersen

Farmer's Market update by Sukey Hohl

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the ECW Farmer's Market stall. We raised \$1000.00 over 4 weeks and were able to pay off the last of the Rectory Remodel Fund! Special thanks to Mary Thompson for making our booth the prettiest. We plan to bring back the Farmer's Market at the end of August. We'll keep you posted. Next up--pie sale!

Rectory Remodel

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• Many thanks to all who contributed to the Rectory
• Remodel project, especially the ECW for the final
• \$400 donation that completed the goal. Our \$10,000
• matching cash contribution has been reached! Our
• \$5,000 donated labor amount is close. Combined with
• the \$18,000 grant from the
• Sargent Fund, the rectory is looking good.

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• Those who have contributed labor to the project are:
• Ron Rhyne and Dave Hohl for preparing the site. Gail
• Grubb and ML Baxley for interior painting. Jay
• Harnack, Barb Ford, Sarah Hixson, Erik Kleven, Sheryl
• and Jon Boroff, Paul Andrew's for outside painting.
• Van Huffman for the entire room addition/remodel.

• The roof still will be replaced before winter and Aaron
• Arne has volunteered to coordinate that project.
• Please let him know if you would be able to help.

PASTOR'S PEN

What Makes Us Christians: Faith, Practice, or Community?

When I think about my many years of being part of a church, whether the Christian Science congregation of my youth or the past 35 years in the Episcopal Church, I find it interesting to consider what has most influenced my identity as a Christian. Is it from what I have read, or observed or practiced or experienced? All of those factors weave together. I have grown in my faith by watching and participating in the practice of that faith with the community around me.

I was first attracted to the church from attending services with my mother and observing her faithfulness. Then I began reading and reflecting on my own. I learned from the books I found in the library at the church. I learned from the silence of worship and the silence of being in the church by myself. I learned from the people who came to worship and visited with each other and sometimes with me!

I learned from service projects, work projects, camps, retreats, and study groups. I have learned from being part of small groups – groups for discussions, study, prayer, and fun. I learn from taking classes and from taking trips. I watch those who are willing to assume leadership positions in the church and those who witness to their faith. My life has been filled with saints – those found in stories and books, those who practice their faith in front of me and around me.

Many are the times that I don't even recognize that I am learning, although I often think of myself as being molded, formed, and changed by what I hear, think, say, and do. And while some of this process seems solitary, I realize that most of my faith has grown because of the community surrounding me. There are those who are channels for God's love in quiet but extraordinary ways, there are those who struggle and remain faithful, there are those whose lonely and lost spirits reinforce in me what foundation I wish to have in my life.

All of us are witnesses and examples for each other. We learn our faith, practice our faith, and form the community of Christ.

Thanks be to God,

Pastor Jami

Sunday School Coordinator

There is a paid position this year for a Sunday School Coordinator. This person would receive \$30 a week for approximately two hours of work each week. Responsibilities are to recruit and schedule Sunday School teachers for each week, to order the teaching materials, to promote the Sunday School, and to schedule Safeguarding God's Children training. If interested please talk with Pastor Jami.

PIES! PIES! PIES!

It's almost time! Rendezvous is just around the corner. The St. Andrew's pie sale has been a part of Rendezvous for about 50 years - originally, I have been told, serving pieces of pie next to the Community Church's homemade ice cream concession. Then there came the years of selling pieces of pie out of a little camper parked on Pine Street. Then with the new church and the expansion of the street activity during Rendezvous, we started having the pie sale in the undercroft. One year, folks began to ask if they could buy a whole pie, and the whole operation escalated! Within a couple years, our sales became almost exclusively whole pies, with folks lined up for the opening at 9:00 AM, with pies sold out by the Parade at 11:00!

As we participate in the evolvment of this tradition, there are a few of us who enjoy the camaraderie of making pies together. We will meet at my house on Friday, July 13, to create several kinds of pie for this year's sale. I will have all the ingredients assembled to make 60 pies. If you would like to join us, just give me a call. I will be starting at 8:00 AM, and others will come when they can and stay as long as they can. You do not need to be a "pie baker " to be part of this - we kind of set up an assembly line, and there are plenty of things that you can help with, even if you are not a pastry chef!

Hoping to hear from some of you out there!

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