

a voice in the
wilderness

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But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:7

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Sam Harnack

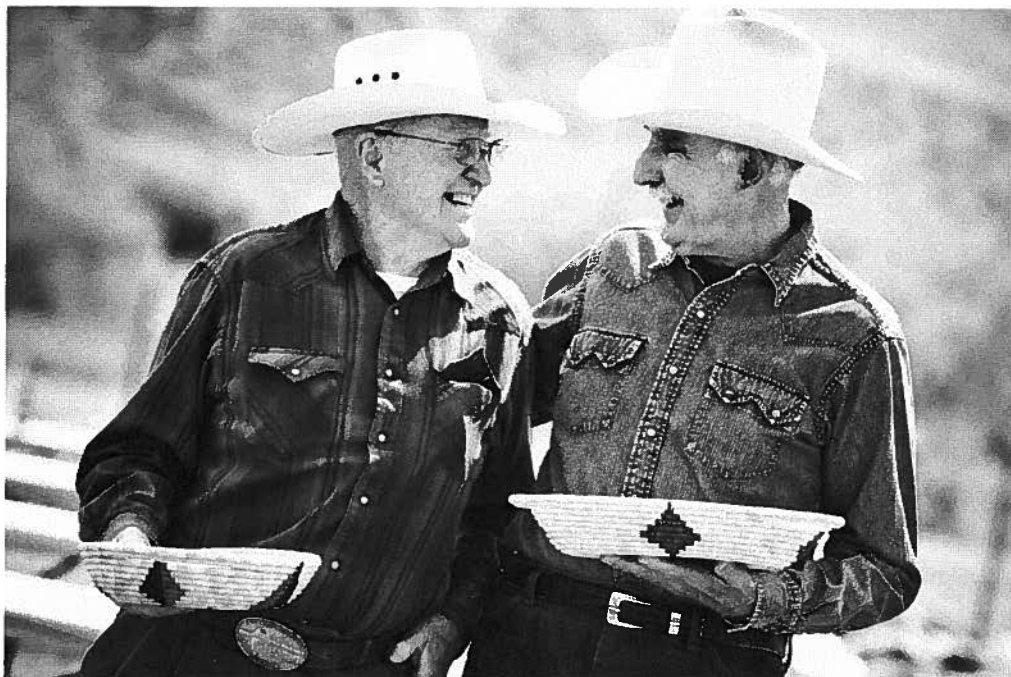


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Thanks to all of you who have donated to the match grant, the rectory remodeling is approximately 50% complete. The sunroom has been enclosed with large windows on the south side and the tile installed for the new wood stove by Van Huffman and helper. The rest of the flooring will soon follow. Much of the electrical work has been done. In the spirit of providing labor, Gail Grubb and ML Baxley donated their time and talent to paint the new room.

A local grant of \$2,500.00 was used to purchase the wood-burning stove.

* An \$18,000.00 grant was secured from the Diocese for the remodeling work with the understanding that St. Andrew's would raise \$10,000.00 cash and donate labor equivalent to \$5000.00. Through generous donations, just over \$7000.00 has been raised. Now the bills are due for the work already accomplished, so we need to come up with the remaining \$3,000.00 cash to pay for the remainder of the work.

* If you can volunteer some of your time, the outside of the sunroom will need a coat of paint, and the rectory must be re-roofed. Do you have a head for heights?

The ECW Dinner which was supposed to take place has been postponed until sometime in June when the weather is hopefully better and we can take advantage of our beautiful grounds. If you have any ideas on a special dinner for that time of year or if you would like to help in some way, please let me know. We are going ahead with the gourmet food basket raffle also, so please keep those donations coming.

Pastor's Pen

"Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

John 20:28-29

All men and women hunger for God. The hunger may be covered over or misunderstood, but it is always there. Every one of us longs to cry, 'My Lord and my God' and be filled with something – comfort, an answer, assurance, direction, rest, healing. Instead, our cry – our longing is too often drowned by doubts, independence, defiance, or by routines that dull us into accepting mediocrity. How sad for all of us and how far this is from living with the fullness and delight of being God's creations. May I encourage us to talk about God with each other – to name God's names, to look for God's presence, to talk about God's possibilities in our life. We can do this for each other. We can do this by not being afraid to speak aloud about God with others and also by taking time to sincerely pray so that we have something to say about God when we do speak. We can ask questions about God with each other – we can do it at church Coffee Hours, at Christian Education programs, and in conversation wherever we find ourselves together. Or you can always come by and visit with me – I love to talk about God! Then, I think-

"That

As God's love inspires us

To work in the power of his Spirit,

Alive with resurrection life,

Following his way,

Experiencing his mercy,

Overflowing with joy,

We too may become blessings." Anneke Kaai

Thanks be to God.

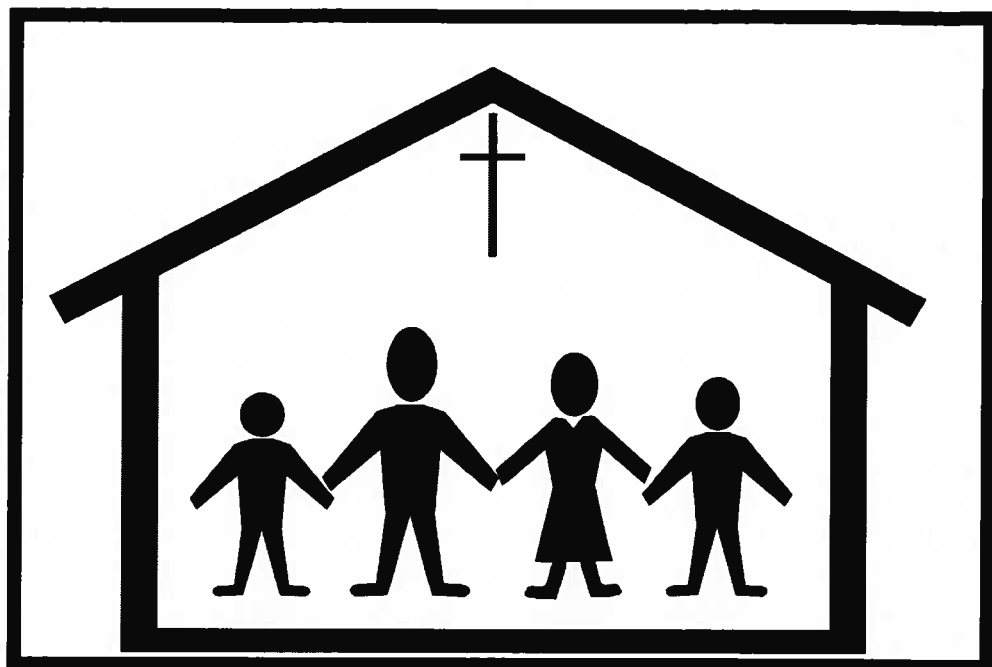
Pastor Jami

*Be careful. Continue strong in the faith.
Have courage and be strong. Do everything in love.
1 Corinthians 16:13-14*

REVIVAL IN BIG PINEY!

Save the evenings of June 4 & 5. The Rev. Ernesto Medina is visiting, preaching, and teaching at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church on those days. A Vacation Bible School will be held during the day on Monday and Tuesday. The evenings will be lessons and fun and inter-generational activities for the entire family. Everyone at St. Andrew's is invited to join with the St. John's folks for these spiritually enriching events.

The Rev. Ernesto Medina is one of the featured priests in the Via Media education series used last year for Adult Education. He also is the Editor of "Awake My Soul" and creator of the Authority of Generations lessons. He served as Dean of the Cathedral in Los Angeles before moving to Omaha, Nebraska to experience church in the "heartland." There he became friends with Pastor Jami and John and they want Ernesto to experience church in the "wild lands" of Wyoming! He is an energetic and talented teacher and priest so please make plans to attend his presentations on June 4th and 5th.



Meet our Newcomers

Meet the Mack family!

Christopher, Danyale, Danley (8), and Bradley (6) are originally from Elba, Alabama. The family moved to Pinedale last fall when Christopher's position with Shell became permanent. Legos, video games, and American Girl dolls are favorites at the Mack house, and they really enjoy hanging out as a family and spending time at home, especially in this cold weather! Frequent trips to Denver also provide some relaxation and fun. They are also very excited to visit family and bask in the warm weather when they take a long vacation to Alabama this summer. For now, they're settling into Pinedale life and enjoying the beauty of the area!

If anyone is interested in volunteering in the nursery, refreshment duty or another ministry, please let Jami or Cheryl know and you will be added to the ROTA.

Thank you!



Music Notes

Thanks go out to so many people for their help with the music for Holy Week and Easter. Thanks to Marilyn Huffman for playing for Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday, thanks to Barb Wise for helping with choir practice, thanks to Jeanne Raney for being our cantor at the Easter vigil, thanks to Gus Holz for playing his trumpet on Easter Sunday and to his mom Sue for joining the choir that morning. Most of all thanks to the faithful choir members: Jeanne Raney, Lora Grinestaff, Betty Golden, Madeleine Murdock, Marilyn Huffman, Barb Wise, and Fred Petersen. John Anderson and Sue Holz with her flute joined us for Tom's memorial service helping to make the music special. We are pleased to welcome back Lois Decker after her escape to warmer climes.

During my bout with the flu, I managed to miss Holy Humor Sunday and Marilyn and Barb and the choir made the fun music happen.

May 27th will be the choir's last Sunday before the summer break. We will convene once during the summer, for the ranch mass - let me know if you would like to be contacted to join us for that. It is always a fun time - we have a picnic and rehearsal and always have some of our "summer folks" join us.

Coralee

GOOD-BYES

Tim Crawford is now working at the airport in Jackson Hole and won't be around Pinedale much over the next few months.

Yvonne Primanis and sons Martin and Nicholas have moved back to Austin, Texas. They have lived there before and Yvonne's sister also lives in Austin.

Gail Randall is engaged to Jim Toth and has begun classes to be received as a Roman Catholic. They plan to marry late spring this year.

God's Masterpiece is Mother

- Herbert Farnham

God took the
fragrance of a
flower...

The majesty of a
tree...

The gentleness of
morning dew...

The calm of a quiet
sea...

The beauty of the
twilight hour...

The soul of a starry
night...

The laughter of a
rippling brook...

The grace of a bird
in flight...

Then God fashioned
from these things

A creation like no
other,

And when his
masterpiece was
through

He called it simply –
Mother.

May 2012

SUN MON TUE WED THUR FRI SAT

			6:30 pm Stephen Ministries Polluck in Jackson Hole		7 am - Men's Breakfast Group @ Stockman's	
10 am - Choir 10:30 am - Wired Word	10:30 am - Sublette Center	10:30 am - St. Johns in Big Piney	6:30 pm - Youth Group		7 am - Men's Breakfast Group @ Stockman's Rite 13 Retreat	
11 am - Sunday School, Confirmation and Re- ception, Bishop Vernon Strickland officiating						
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