

a voice in the
wilderness

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And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

- 2 Corinthians 9:8

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IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PASTOR'S PEN

A couple of weekends ago I traveled on Friday to Laramie, Wyoming with seven of our youth to attend a Diocesan Youth Event. Ana Cuprill graciously loaned me her van so that all eight of us could be together and in those cozy conditions we began to form community of a new sort. Two of the girls were from St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church in Big Piney and none of the seven knew each other very well or at all. I certainly had not spent much time around fifth and sixth graders in many years. I have to say, despite the level of noise that at times was near overwhelming, most of the time I was smiling or laughing to myself. I loved hearing what they thought was funny, what music they liked, what stories they told, what questions they asked of each other. I was impressed with their fun and exuberant spirits.

Then we arrived in Laramie right at dinnertime and walked into the Canterbury House to meet 25 youth and four other adults. Here now was new community on an even grander scale. But within minutes those 32 kids were having fun, playing games, eating, sleeping, struggling with the toilets, and experiencing new relationships. Imagine basically a one room slumber party for all of us - no escaping to "adult" quarters! We all found ourselves helping, working, following, cooperating, and worshipping before bed. Next morning we worked together cleaning the grounds outside and inside and those kids worked! Worked and had fun. Then there was the excitement of walking across the UW campus and watching the CSU-UW football game. At the start of the entire event Tristan English, one of the leaders, had told the kids to separate from their friends and meet others and at the game to sit with new people. A couple of our kids were nervous about that but by game time all seven of our kids were visiting with others and moving about without needing their local friends by their side. In their immense enthusiasm, they managed to get our group featured on the Jumbotron camera twice!

As we began our return home on Sunday morning, stopping in a parking lot in Rawlins to worship together, I started to reflect on how different their daily lives were from this weekend. The time had been fun, but it had also been a time free from competition, judgment, a need to measure up. We had shared in communal obedience and respect, shared responsibilities and few demands. Cooperation and adaptation had been the norm and it had worked together for good.

On the stairwell at the church are the statements some of you have made about Why We Exist as a church. Many state that we all need each other - that we can't or wouldn't do "it" on our own. We need time to refocus, restore, reform, renew, reflect, and realize the importance of love and our gifts and what we can share. In all of this we are witnesses to the world about us.

The 37 of us were very visible witnesses to each other and to the crowds we walked by and through. We stuck together, we had fun, and we supported each other. That I think might be the salvation of our world. It is in communities of support that we can be both visible and actual. Our choices and decisions model how to live without destruction and how to care for what is important. We model how to share, how to pray together, how to accept differences, how to look to a bigger picture, how to delight and how to grow. In a world full of greed, confusion, apathy and pain, we can still celebrate the love of God and the gift of life. Much of what we do is neither dramatic nor momentous, but our enjoyment of life in relationships of openness and caring are small steps taken to create the Kingdom of God on earth.

Thanks be to God.

Pastor Jami



Looking for a daily meditation? Look no further: Forward Day By Day is the place for your daily prayer and meditation. Just go to:

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prayer.forwardmovement.org/forward-day-by-day.php

to see what's in store for each day. You can see motivational Christian books for purchase at their parent site ForwardMovement.org

Take a look!



If you would like to volunteer in the nursery, for refreshment duty, or another ministry, please let Pastor Jami or Betty know and you will be added to the ROTA. Thank you!

Stewardship

Our annual Stewardship drive will be culminating in a potluck dinner November 17 following church. We will have one church service this day at 10:00am – please note the change. Thank you for being patient with us and hopefully learning a little bit about Stewardship in this process.

You will be able to fill out a pledge card on November 17th and place it in the offering plate, or mail it to St. Andrews in the Pines P.O. Box 847 Pinedale. Determining the amount of your annual pledge is between you and God. St. Andrews encourages proportional giving, as a guideline. There is a chart below which might help you. The traditional tithe is 10% of your annual income. If you cannot pledge 10%, pledge a lower percentage and consider increasing your pledge next year. Pledges or contributions can be paid as a single gift, or in installments throughout the year: weekly, monthly or quarterly.

Wouldn't it be nice if we could increase our programming and outreach funds this year? Again, thank you for participating in our Stewardship drive this fall.

- Sue

Proportional Giving chart

Annual Income	1%	3%	5%	7%	10%	15%
\$10,000	\$100	\$300	\$500	\$700	\$1,000	\$1,500
\$15,000	\$150	\$450	\$750	\$1,050	\$1,500	\$2,250
\$20,000	\$200	\$600	\$1,000	\$1,400	\$2,000	\$3,000
\$30,000	\$300	\$900	\$1,500	\$2,100	\$3,000	\$4,500
\$40,000	\$400	\$1,200	\$2,000	\$2,800	\$4,000	\$6,000
\$50,000	\$500	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$7,500
\$75,000	\$750	\$2,250	\$3,750	\$5,250	\$7,500	\$11,250
\$100,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$7,000	\$10,000	\$15,000
\$150,000	\$1,500	\$4,500	\$7,500	\$10,500	\$15,000	\$22,500
\$200,000	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$14,000	\$20,000	\$30,000
\$250,000	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$12,500	\$17,500	\$25,000	\$37,500

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Will be November 17th. There will be only **ONE WORSHIP SERVICE** that day – at 10:00 a.m. with a Potluck lunch to follow. Here is your chance to come together as one family. For those who bewail and wish we still only had one worship service, we will all be together. For those who delight in having the two services – here is your chance to reconnect with the folks that go to the different service from you. Let us gather in Holy Fellowship!

Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATION NEWS & NOTES



We had 7 youth and Pastor Jami attend the Diocesan Youth Event in Laramie

Thank You Hostesses!

A big thank you to Sheryl Boroff and Angie Thomas for hosting at Newcomer's Gathering at the Boroff ranch on Friday, Oct. 25th! The Octoberfest evening was fun with 8 newcomers and various vestry members attending.

ACOLYTE TRAINING

The Fall training has taken place and 16 enthusiastic youth are ready and willing to serve as Acolytes in this church. They will be officially commissioned on November 17th at our ONE service that day at 10:00. Many thanks go to Stuart Thompson for helping with the training and for updating their crosses each year.



Summer Lunch Feeding Program

The Vestry has approved the submission of a grant application to The Wyoming Community Foundation for funds to buy food this summer to provide lunches during June through August.

There are no school lunches during these months and the program will target through flyers the children that qualify for free and reduced lunches at school. The project is a cooperative effort with the Pinedale Community Church and the Sublette County Library. Meals will be served at the UCC church between 12-1 on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The library will refer children and will provide book reading on occasion. As this program continues to develop we will need at least two volunteers each day to serve the meal and organize the kids to help clean-up. If you are interested in helping, please talk with Pastor Jami. This idea is a trial to help determine need and interest. Who knows how many kids we might be feeding this summer? Our grant application asks merely for the funds to cover purchasing the food- the rest is up to us – promotion, hospitality, cooking, storing, cleaning, organizing, menu writing. We can use help!

For what
thanksgiving can
we return to God
for you, for all the
joy that we feel for
your sake before
our God

1 Thessalonians 3:9

Women's Pilgrimage

– The Holy Land and Beyond –

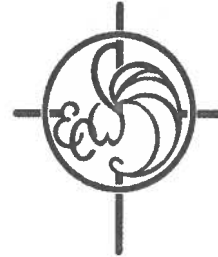
Mary Page Jones, wife of former Bishop Bob Jones, and Kathi McDonald and Patricia Merchant will lead a trip to the Holy Land in April of 2014. There is more information on the Events bulletin board in the basement. For more detailed information, you may call Mary Page at 307-272-8641.

PLEASE NOTE!

Stewardship Sunday, November 17

Service will be at 10:00AM **ONLY**

Potluck Brunch to follow



ECW NEWS

Don't tell God you have a big
PROBLEM
tell your problem you have a big
GOD.

The ECW meeting has been postponed until Nov. 10 after the 11:00 service. Hope you can make it! We will be discussing the Christmas Party and our charitable giving.

- Sukey

CHURCH EXPENSE REPORT

Did you know the monthly expenses for our church run \$11,566.14?

This is how that amount breaks down:

- Building Expenses including utilities, insurance and maintenance: \$636.79/month
- Clergy Expenses including salary, pension, continuing education, health insurance, rectory telephone and utilities: \$7031.78/month
- Office Expenses including copier rental, payroll/payroll taxes, postage, supplies and telephone: \$1156.28/month
- Program Expenses including adult education, music/music education, newsletter and youth: \$357.42/month
- Worship Expenses including advertising, altar/sanctuary, flowers, publications: \$257.76/month
- Diocese Assessment \$2126.11/ month

Total: \$11,566.14/month or \$138,793.68/year

St. Andrew's in the Pines Vestry Meeting

September 16, 2013 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Sheryl Boroff

Attendance: Van Huffman, Sarah Hixson, Angie Thomas, Jami Anderson, Sheryl Boroff, Phil Washburn, Jeanne Raney, Aaron Arne, Sue Holz

Absent: Cody Saxton, Jay Harnack and Barbara Wise

Formation- The formation discussion for the vestry meeting was the expectations for a priest and vestry expectations.

The senior warden opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes: The July minutes were unanimously approved by vestry members attending the August meeting which was the Safeguarding Children training.

Treasurers Report: Julie Maxam was absent. The July and August treasurer's reports were reviewed by vestry members. Jeanne Raney made a motion to approve the reports with clarification of a few questions. Phil Washburn made an amendment to the motion to review not approve the minutes pending questions answered. Sue Holz seconded the motion. The amendment to the motion passed.

Senior Warden: Van Huffman reported the outside basement door has new keys. A discussion was held on the distribution of the keys.

Junior Warden: Junior warden Cody Saxton was absent so no report was given.

Rector Report: Jami reported Phyllis Corbisier sent a \$250.00 memorial check in memory of David Corbisier. The financial audit is due in October. Jami reported Michelle Costello volunteered to chair the photo directory project. The pictures are scheduled to be taken in November for the directory. Jami has been staining the rectory fence.

Old Business: Team assignments were given. The stewardship committee reported Stewardship Sunday is scheduled for November 17th with the pledge driving starting October 13th. Sue and Jeanne informed members of stewardship campaign ideas. Van reported from the building committee. He reported on a drainage issue and will report back on options to solve the drainage problem. Sheryl and Angie will discuss hosting a future event for newcomers and will provide more newcomer bags. Sarah Hixson from the hospitality committee reported on the church campout event.

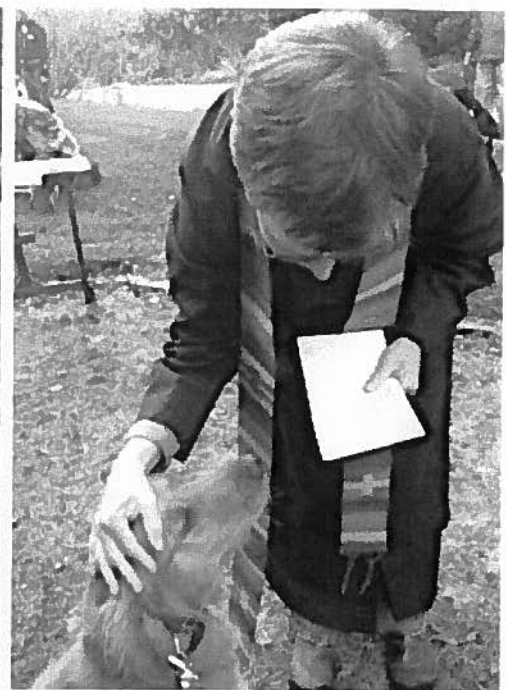
The Outreach Tithe amount for the month is \$157.00. Jami reviewed the criteria for tuition scholarships for the afterschool 4-H program. Sheryl Boroff made a motion to use the \$157.00 tithe amount for assistance towards tuition scholarships for the afterschool program. Phil Washburn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The issue of carpet repair was tabled. Phil reported no new information on the highway signage.

New Business: A fall cleanup is needed for the church building and grounds. Van will confer with Cody to schedule a date in October or early November for a clean up day. Bud Decker will be celebrating his 95th birthday on September 28th. Vestry members discussed options to celebrate Bud. Van will talk to Fred Petersen on landscapes options needed. Ideas were talked over to honor Bud as well as using the \$250.00 amount Phyllis donated in honor of Dave. Jami distributed information on a summer lunch program which would be conducted with the UCC Church. The program is in the initial planning stage. A positive response was received from the vestry members. Barbara Wise sent the vestry members a letter of resignation. Members are asked to consider ideas for replacement vestry members for the upcoming year replacing those whose terms are over and Barb's term.

Open Discussion: A discussion was held on ideas to enable church services to be heard with sound system options discussed. Upcoming events were announced including education options for all ages and the diocesan convention scheduled for October 4th through the 6th. The delegates attending the convention are Sukey Hohl and Betty Golden.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm. The next meeting will be October 21, 2013.

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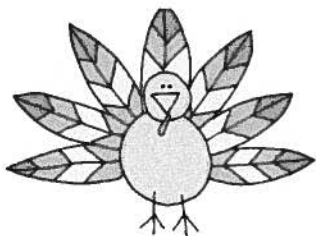


The Annual Blessing of the Pets had a good turn out with some wonderful dogs and their owners this year, despite the nasty weather!

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NOTHING YOU CONFESS COULD MAKE ME LOVE YOU LESS.

— JESUS



November Calendar

ONGOING

Sunday Church Service Times

St. John's - 5:00 pm

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

Retirement Center Service

Mondays at 10:30 am

Sublette Center

Noon Day Prayer

Tuesdays - 12:00 pm

Evening Prayer

Wednesdays - 5:30 pm

Men's Breakfast Group

Fridays at 7:00 am @ Stockman's

- November 3 All Saints Day
Daylight Savings Time change
Galatians Bible Study 10:15 - 10:45am
- November 5 Noon Day Prayer (ALL TUESDAYS)
- November 6 Wednesday School @ 4:00pm
Evening Prayer @ 5:30pm (ALL WED'S)
6:30 J2A and Rite 13 Youth Groups
- November 10 Galatians Study 10:15am
- Nov. 11, 12, 13 Parish Directory Photos taken
- November 17 Stewardship Sunday
ONE SERVICE @ 10:00am
Acolyte Commissioning and Potluck
- November 18 Vestry at 7:00pm
- November 20 Wednesday School and Youth Groups
- November 24 Galatians Study @ 10:15
- November 28 Thanksgiving Day



Photo Directory Reminder

Please remember that Lifetouch and Michele Costello have set up Nov. 11, 12, & 13 as the dates that photos will be taken of our church families. Also note that we can invite other family and friends to have to have their pictures taken and EVERYONE receives a FREE 8X10 portrait. If you have not set up your appointment, please call the church or contact Michelle at mlcighcostello@gmail.com.

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