



FEBRUARY 2025

SUMMARY OF THE JANUARY 19TH ANNUAL MEETING

We have a lot to ponder and discuss as a congregation, as our rector of six and a half years, the Rev. Melinda Bobo, is on a 3-month sabbatical, after which she will not be returning. She was here for the average time an Episcopal priest spends at a parish, and we wish her all the best for the future.

The Annual Meeting Packet is filled with good information about what is going on at St. Andrew's as well as financial reports. Print copies are available (narthex) as well as the PDF that was sent out via email to everyone on our email list. If you need a copy, please contact me.

Our main discussion centered on: Where is St. Andrew's headed? Erin Hastey facilitated this discussion, and gave everyone present a chance to speak. Vestry leaders emphasized that leadership would be working with people trained in transition, including Erin and diocesan staff, but also maintaining autonomy as we find the right path. We can use the next year of transition in a positive, forward-thinking way with fresh ideas that fits our church community. Vestry members stated that they are committed to transparency and good communication every step of the way.

Some ideas from our discussion for including parishioners' ideas and concerns:

- Have a monthly meeting, perhaps the 2nd Sunday at coffee hour, for Vestry to share progress and next steps being taken to decide on whether a new rector, priest in charge, or other clergy would be an appropriate solution to the vacancy

- Worship Team meets monthly and plans the coverage for worship; this could perhaps combine with the communication meeting
- Newsletter articles each month about next steps

If any parishioner would like an in-depth conversation about this transition, please contact a Vestry member. They are listed in every bulletin and in the newsletter, too. If you're not on the email list for the newsletter, there are print copies in the narthex each month. Let me know if you need to be on either the email or snail mail list!

Our Vestry meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month @ 5:30 pm, downstairs in the church. All are welcome to attend.

Committee Reports: The reports are available in the annual report packet, but a few items were brought up for discussion and celebration.

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Timeless by Andrea Paulsen

- Andrea Paulsen has agreed to be Summer Lunch Coordinator.
- Dave Hohl has agreed to help with the Rectory refresh, as he has good experience with construction projects of all kinds. He'll be taking a fresh look at the scope of the project.
- It was agreed that we would table the rummage sale for one year and concentrate on the pie sale. We will not be collecting and storing rummage for at least this year.

Treasurer's Report and 2025 Budget: The 2025 budget shows an excess of \$43,961, which will put us in very good position to be searching for a new clergy person. The budget was approved by both the Vestry and the Annual Meeting.

Vestry Election: Kelley Pearson is stepping down as Senior Warden but will continue on Vestry. Sarah Hixson and Teresa Lindenmeier terms have ended. Gifts were presented to them. Sarah Hixson is willing to serve again as Junior Warden. (A change in the Diocesan canons means that vestry members no longer have wait a year between terms.) Sarah Hixson was elected to serve a 3 year term, expiring 2028. The Vestry will have seven members instead of eight since no qualified candidate volunteered to run for the empty seat left by Teresa. This is within canonical guidelines, especially for a congregation of our current size. In the absence of a priest, the Vestry will elect the new Senior Warden at the February meeting.

Election of Delegates to Diocesan Convention: Madeleine Murdock and Julia Cook were elected as delegates and Erin Hastey and Julie Belton as alternates.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

Feb 2: Holy Eucharist. Priest: Rev. Pam Glasser, Lector: LJ DeGraffenreid, Eucharistic Minister: Meganne Acres

Feb 9 Service of Ante-Communion Worship Leader: Sukey Hohl, Lector: Clay Cundall, Worship Leader meeting after church.

Feb 16: Service of Morning Prayer. Lector: Open Opportunity. Worship Leader: Open Opportunity

Feb 23: Service of Ante-Communion Lector: Open Opportunity, Worship Leader: Open Opportunity



Playground by Andrea Paulsen

THE VESTRY

ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES VESTRY

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Kelley Pearson	Sr. Warden	(307) 231-2394	okelley.pearson@gmail.com	2026
Erin Hastey		(608) 228-897	erinhastey@gmail.com	2027
Sukey Hohl	Secretary	(307) 231-3030	sukeybook@gmail.com	2027
Sarah Hixson	Junior Warden	(307) 231-9666	sarahmi5@wyoming.com	2028
Joni Mack	Treasurer	(307) 690-0669	joni@ravenscrowne.com	

THE FEBRUARY VESTRY MEETING is on Monday, February 10 in person and by Zoom at 5:30 pm in the Undercroft.

WANTED: your photos of life and worship at St. Andrew's and also newsy items—What's going on in your life that you would like to share with the St. Andrew's in the Pines Community? Send your articles, photos, and news items to Sukey Hohl, sukeybook@gmail.com.

FAT TUESDAY: we're trying something new—actually something old! Instead of Mardi Gras we're going back to the traditional pancake supper this Lent. If you would like to help, please let a Vestry member know.

MINISTRY FAIR!

We have sign-up sheets downstairs for our numerous ministries. Here's a summary of how we'll move forward using your talents:

FLOWER GUILD: Teresa Lindenmeier and Laura Shell are looking for help with altar flowers— if you sign up to help, they'll let you know when they will work on flowers at the altar and the Easter flowers and lilies. We'll be sending an email about remembering loved ones with an Easter lily gift. Contact: Laura (619)339-9840 or lbshellr949@gmail.com.

WORSHIP: if you are interested in being to be a worship leader, lector, usher, acolyte, coffee hour host or altar guild, sign up or let Meganne Acres know your interest by emailing bacog2day@gmail.com or standrewspinedale@gmail.com.

MUSIC: please contact Joni Mack if you'd like to hear something particular in a service, or if you'd like to play an instrument or lead singing. We can schedule you! A guitar choir is one idea, and would be very welcome. Please join the music ministry! Contact: Joni (307)690-0669 or shapeshifter2913@gmail.com.

MEALS FOR MEMBERS: If you'd like to help anyone in the church needing a meal, sign up and also consider becoming the coordinator for this. It's not an onerous task, it just takes a few phone calls when you're informed that a member needs some meals during convalescence or grief. If you would step forward (even sharing with another member) it would be so helpful. Send a message to standrewspinedale@gmail.com.

SOCIAL EVENTS: next up, Mardi Gras party March 4 with a festive Pancake Supper. Contact: St. Andrew's at standrewspinedale@gmail.com.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Sign up to help with Christian Education for all ages. Last year, Erin Hasteley headed up The KEEP program by studying the Psalms and also a fun Advent study using the story of How the Grinch Stole Christmas. Contact: Erin (608)228-8972 or erinhasteley@gmail.com.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM: As we get close to June, there will be schedules developed with the other churches involved, as each one takes a week in rotation

to be the coordinators. We are excited and honored that Andrea Paulsen will be our new coordinator. We'll let you know when you can choose your days and tasks.

Contact: standrewspinedale@gmail.com

COMMUNICATIONS: you can help reach out to members and the community. Facebook/social media and help sending birthday & get well cards to members: contact Jocelyn Moore (307)749-2422 or kelddale@wyoming.com; contact Madeleine Murdock (307) 231-6326 or madeleinstan@hotmail.com; prayer chain (new!) Lauren McKeever public-relations@sweetsage.com

IDEAS: some new thoughts have emerged about programs and offerings. Sewing and knitting classes, exploring spiritual gifts, trash pick-up, picnics, campouts and more outdoor worship were just a few of the thoughts that have bubbled up. Have an idea and want to head it up? Write it down!

GETTING TO KNOW: JULIE BELTON

How long have you been attending St. Andrew's?

I have been a member of St. Andrew's for almost 26 years. Rev. Mary Caucutt had a very strong influence on our decision to become a part of the St. Andrew's family. In 2000, Randy and my children were all baptized Episcopalian. I was confirmed.

Short Bio: I was born in California and moved to Wyoming when I started high school. I joined the Navy to "get away" from Wyoming in 1984. While on deployment in the Philippines I met Randy (a Marine). We married in San Diego in 1988. When Randy retired in 1995, we rediscovered Wyoming's wholesome environment to raise our children. We have 4 adult children and 8 beautifully adventurous grandchildren. I have been providing childcare for 33 years; 25 years in Pinedale. It was a job I could take with me when Randy changed duty stations. We also own Rebel Carquest Auto Parts.



What are your hobbies, interests? Honestly, I have been so active in my family's lives that there are only a couple; AND, they revolve around my family. I enjoy riding my snowmachine with Randy and my son, Aaron. I really enjoy following my daughter Becca and grandson Eli around the country to watch him play hockey. I have become a traveler to visit my daughter Shaina, and son, Chad in Florida. I get to spend time with 5 of my 8 grandchildren at one time. My interests revolve around spending quality time with my children and grandchildren. It makes me the happiest!

Favorite Bible Verse: This may be a little generic, but I find solace in The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12). I have confidence knowing that nothing happens without God's knowledge and care. Hard times are not a sign that God has forgotten us.

WORSHIP UPDATE FROM MEGANNE ACRES

As the season of Epiphany continues, we are seeing the new rhythms of worship services for St. Andrew's unfold. We have options for lay lead Morning Prayer and Ante-Communion and in February we will host our first supply priest, Rev. Pamela Glasser. Our conversations will continue about the needs of St. Andrew's as we move forward, and it is good to know these terms that will be part of the discussions.

Supply Priest: a clergy person from the Diocese of Wyoming who travels to Pinedale to preside over a Sunday Holy Eucharist.

Supply Priest Plus: a clergy person from the Diocese of Wyoming who travels to Pinedale to preside over a Sunday Holy Eucharist but also offers additional time and ministry gifts to St. Andrew's.

St. Andrew's will compensate for each service provided, round trip mileage and provide either a motel room or parish hospitality for lodging. If we enter Supply Priest Plus agreements the compensation and details of ministry are by mutual agreement between the Supply Priest and St. Andrew's.

Parish Hospitality: Supply Priest is hosted by a parishioner in their home should the clergy need to arrive the night before our service. If a clergy person is more comfortable in a hotel, then a parishioner might host them for dinner. For those who are interested in offering parish hospitality, an information form will be available in the narthex later in February and in the March newsletter.

Discerning Supply Priest Plus Ministry: In the narthex is a questionnaire. If you have already filled out a previous one, **please do so again** as the new one has been updated with great ideas from our congregation and the new one is more date specific and asks for priority preferences. If you are someplace warm, email me at bacogzday@yahoo.com and I'll send it to you for your input.

Schedule for Supply Priests

February 2nd Supply Priest - Rev. Pamela Glasser from Dubois

March 2nd – March 9th Supply Priest Plus – Rev. Mary Caucutt from Cody

- Two Services of Sunday Holy Eucharist and 1 midweek - Ash Wednesday March 5th
Up to six hours of Supply Priest Plus ministry: details to be discerned.

April 13th – April 20th HOLY WEEK Supply Priest Plus – Rev. Mary Caucutt

- Two Services of Sunday Holy Eucharist and one clergy-led Holy Week service. Up to six hours of Supply Priest Plus ministry: details to be discerned.

May 11th Supply Priest - Rev. Pamela Glasser

WELCOME REV. PAM GLASSER

Reverend Pamela Glasser was ordained into the Episcopal priesthood on August 31, 2024 at St. Thomas EC in Dubois, Wyoming. Hailing originally from Detroit, Michigan, she had been raised in the Roman Catholic faith, having also carried Jewish roots through her immigrant ancestry. Pamela holds a bachelor's degree in K-12 all music education from Wayne State University, Detroit campus.



Her Master's degree in horn performance was earned from Rice University in Houston, Texas. Post graduate studies, well over 100 hours, include foreign language, field science, world religion, education and psychology fields.

Many changes in her life redirected Pamela into a deep spiritual search during the past ten years. She entered the Education for Ministry Program of Sewanee and completed the four-year basic program, then continued mentor training and served one year as a volunteer co-mentor. She was encouraged by mentors to enter our Wyoming Episcopal Diocese IONA program and discernment progressed in the three years of study that led to her Transitional Deacon ordination in June 2023 and the subsequent Priesthood ordination.

Pilgrimage experiences include "The Footsteps of St. Paul" in Greece, Holy Land and Palestinian perspectives, and a Tanzanian service trip. Now, acting as a supply priest for our Diocese, Pamela is enjoying serving and meeting congregations in

the western half of our diocese.

Rev. Pam enjoys spiritually-based poets and science fiction/fantasy writers and believes they can provide many inspirations toward a Jesus Christ-based life.

Favorite poets: Rabindrinath Tagore, William Blake, Kahlil Gibran, Favorite sci-fi: "Star Trek" (all the series), Favorite fantasy literature: C.S. Lewis' *Narnia* series and J.R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*, Honorable mentions: a little known sci-fi trilogy by C.S. Lewis: *Out of the Silent Planet*, "*Perelandra*" and *That Hideous Strength*.

Somehow, the poetry and the story lines of such works always have led me to greatly appreciate our humanity striving toward true Christian justice and morality which our faith requires of us." Rev. Pam Glasser

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 9 am Holy Eucharist	3	4 7 pm Marijuana Anonymous	5 5:30 pm Veterans Talking to Veterans and First Responders	6 7 pm Narcotics Anonymous	7	8 7 pm Narcotics Anonymous
9 9 am Ante-Communion Worship Leader mtg.	10 5:30 pm Vestry	11 7 pm Marijuana Anonymous	12 5:30 pm Veterans Talking to Veterans and First Responders	13 7 pm Narcotics Anonymous	14 	15 7 pm Narcotics Anonymous
16 9 am Morning Prayer, Vestry Update	17 President's Day	18 7 pm Marijuana Anonymous	19 5:30 pm Veterans Talking to Veterans and First Responders	20 7 pm Narcotics Anonymous	21	22 7 pm Narcotics Anonymous
23 9 am Ante-Communion	24	25 7 pm Marijuana Anonymous	26 5:30 pm Veterans/ 1st Responders 10 am Newsletter deadline	27 7 pm Narcotics Anonymous	28	7 pm Narcotics Anonymous

THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU AT ST. ANDREWS!

It's a truism that "to get more out of life, put more into life." In other words, sitting on the sidelines as a spectator - watching - is never as rewarding as being on the field or the court or in the corral or wherever, taking part, fully engaged in the activity.

This holds true for our church life as well. An easy way to be involved is by volunteering for a task, no matter how small. You can light the candles on the altar before service starts, then extinguish these afterward. Hand out worship bulletins before the service and say hello to people coming in the door. No ecclesiastical collar or permission needed - just a heart for other people, to help them feel welcome and cherished for joining us. Just do it, as the saying goes.

Another easy avenue is serving as a member of the Altar Guild. Once a month, you arrive 30 minutes early to set up for worship. In the quiet sanctuary, it will be just you and usually Joni, limbering up her fingers, running through the songs we'll sing that morning. Preparing for worship, you step into the small room on the left before the inside double doors. There you'll fill one glass carafe with wine, another with water, then gather the bread and/or wafers to place on a silver tray. These items for worship, along with the candelabras, silver chalice and napkin, are placed on a wheeled cart and moved to the front of the sanctuary.

The cotton cover on the altar is removed, folded and laid on the cart. Then the candelabras are placed on the front altar and wall shelves, then the carafes, and silver tray with bread are laid on the wooden table behind the altar. Moving the cart to the back, only one thing is left - place the offering plate on the table just inside the right door. It takes about 15 minutes to complete all of this, leaving time for quiet contemplation if wanted. After the service, the process is reversed, the glass items rinsed and cleaned, and everything put away neat and tidy. This can be done right after the service or after you go downstairs to enjoy fellowship.

While Altar Guild duties are done quietly and reverently behind the scenes, this simple yet profound role prepares our church family for worship. If you'd like to try the Altar Guild, let Joni Mack know, so a brief training session can be arranged. You'll be paired with an experienced Altar Guild member to gain confidence, then can go solo when you're comfortable. It will enrich your life to be plugged into the Altar Guild or other volunteer opportunities at St. Andrews!

By Jocelyn Moore

St. Andrew's in the Pines Vestry
NOTES

December 9, 2024

In attendance: Kelley Pearson, Erin Hastey, Joni Mack, Julie Belton, Sarah Hixson, and Teresa Lindenmeier. Via Zoom, Sandy Cenac

1. Called to Order 5:36pm
2. Affirmation of the Church's Mission
3. Minutes for November 11, 2024 – Kelly Moved to accept / Julie seconded – motion carried.
4. Business
 - a. Visioning/Dream - ongoing
 - b. Community Thanksgiving Dinner report – Erin reminded all that Andrea spoke at church on Sunday. The next time St. Andrews will be the hosts will be approximately three years from now. Kelly discussed the Master copy of the annual schedule of Church Events, and making sure we contact the other churches in August to start the discussion and organization of the event.
 - c. Worship plan for December and beyond

Rev. Randy covered December 1: vote to pay the \$125 supply priest fee – Randy would like the money to go into the Outreach Discretionary Account. Further discussion about the account. Close the old account and put it into Randy's own Discretionary Account. Erin will email Jessica letting her know that we'd like to return those funds to Randy, as they were donations to him, that he put in that account. If there is an issue that he will still be able to access. He may want to get gift cards to be able to hand out to people he interacts with, who are in need. Teresa Moved to pay / Kelley seconded – motion carried.

Supply priest update – We have a list from the Diocese. One is from Dubois, but has a transportation issue. Sarah asked if we could go get her. Joni has budgeted enough for us to have a supply priest once a month. Kelley suggested we talk to the Diocese if we get into a bind. Worship plan for December, Joni and Meganne have figured out the services for the month.

- d. Mental Health Grant discussion – Joni spoke with Randy. There was a collaborative grant (\$50,000) from March of 2023. There is \$7,000 left. Joni is looking into getting letters from other churches by the end of December, or could also try again with the next quarter. Further discussion regarding the Boulder Roll and the Coalition Funds. Boulder Roll is a 501-C3. The Coalition is not, which is why St. Andrews houses their money. Decision was made to table the grant talk until January's Vestry meeting.
 - e. Ratification of email decisions: Grant for Feed the Hungry (application made 11.21.24) – Grant is \$5,000 – discussion about applying for the grant, ratifying our email vote. Check to be presented to the Food Basket. Kelley moved / Sarah seconded, Erin abstained since she serves on the Board, motion carried. Discussion about presenting a check at the Board meeting this upcoming Thursday, December 12th and who could be available that day to join in the picture. Starbucks stock sale (11.26.24) - total in money market account is now \$8,160.46 – Joni spoke about the sale having gone through. The money almost doubled from the original donation.
 - f. Rectory renovation Grant status Letter from vestry in support of application – signed by all present. Joni said the grant is ready to go and there are funds to match. Further discussion about the Rectory and that we need to identify expectations when we have our next rector, that there needs to be a walk-through, at least annually.
 - g. Update and Strategic Planning. Change signers on bank accounts – Discussion about removing Melinda from our accounts – Julie Moved / Kelley seconded – motion carried. Sandy had to leave, signed off from Zoom. Discussion that someone else be added. Erin moved that Sarah Hixson be a signer. Julie seconded – motion carried. Church cell phone – Joni took the phone from Flor since the questions that would come up, Joni was having to answer anyway. Joni is checking the messages twice a day. Further discussion for the strategic planning. Would we need to keep the phone at all – yes, was the answer to whether to keep the cell phone. Joni will keep it until the next Vestry meeting in January and give some feedback as to the calls she needs to field.
5. Treasurer's Report and Outreach – Report on CDs:
\$15,000 Operating funds purchased 11.1.23 - matures 2.1.25 (4.91%)
\$22,220.56 Building Funds purchased 9.11.24 – matures 6.11.25 (4.47%)
\$10,450 Operating funds purchased 10.23.24 – matures 7.23.25 (4.02%)
Meganne Acres suggestion to use open offering Christmas Eve for school lunches in arrears – discussion and vote - Kelley suggests that we wait until after the offering to know what there is to work with. Outreach for November \$203.64; the total fund is \$379.85 as of 12.6.242025 Budget Draft: Randy is going to help with the Feed the Hungry grant. Joni said that expenses have been lower than expected. That people often wait until December 30th to pay their annual pledge. There was discussion about Melinda's HSA as to how much, Joni has a call into Jessica to get clarification. Erin moved to accept the Financial Report / Sarah seconded – motion carried. Discussion about the 2025 budget. Still more work needed on it. What was provided is only a draft. Erin suggested combining funds from the Youth, Adult Education, and Church School into one "Christian Education" line item.
6. Miscellaneous. Discussion about this upcoming year's Annual Meeting. Decided to hold on January 19th. Next Newsletter – announce the annual meeting and discussion about the need for a Senior Warden and additional Vestry member since Teresa's term is up 2025. Decided that candidates must submit their names no later than January 15th.
 7. Closing Prayer: A Prayer of St. Chrysostom
 8. Adjourned at 7:17pm

Treasurer's Report for Year End 2024**Joni Mack, Treasurer**

If you would like to sit down and have a detailed explanation of our finances, please be in touch. I'm glad to do that.

Thank you, everyone for your generous support of St. Andrew's ministries.

Current Assets	As of December 31, 2024
Operating fund balance	11,959.34
Memorial fund	2,064.43
Savings	34,537.33
Building fund	922.60
Priest Discretionary	528.31
Associate Priest Discretionary	331.99
Suicide Prevention Fund	19,400.46
Dedicated Funds Checking Account	6,838.91
ECW Checking Account	70.49
Total Current Assets	76,653.86
CD – 9 month	10,450
CD – 15 month	15,000
CD – building fund (matures June 2025)	22,220.56
Total CDs	47,670.56
Dedicated Funds	
Mental Health Grant	4,575.58
Outreach Fund	879.85
Summer Lunch	11,533.94
Youth	885.81
Total Dedicated Funds	17,875.18
Total Revenue for the year	138,168
Total Expenses for the year	103,995
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	34,173

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Lynda Leeper	2/3
Kelley Pearson	2/10
Charlease Elzenga	1/18
Donna Skinner	2/20
Susie Blaha	2/21
Jo Crandall	2/25