

# You're Invited on a Christian Journey in Sublette County, WY

Welcome to St. Andrew's in the Pines and St. John the Baptist's Episcopal Churches



Above Fremont Lake up the road to Elkhart Park

**“Watch yer topknot” is the traditional departure reminder between mountain men of the early 1800’s. It is this heritage of the mountain men who were the original explorers of this area that continues to this day. Sublette County is named after the mountain man William Sublette. Many other places, mountains, lakes, and towns in this part of Wyoming bear the names of others. Bridger, Fremont, Sublette, Bonneville, Colter, Hoback, and Johnston are but a few of the names.**

**The mountain men lived in a harsh world where independence and the willingness to help fellow mountain men were not just enviable traits, but absolute necessities. It is this independence and commitment to mutual and community assistance as well as embracing Christian ideals that the Episcopal Churches of Sublette County, Wyoming present through this profile of ourselves, our churches, and our area. We hope that we can find the right partner to join us on our spiritual journey.**

## A PROFILE OF SUBLETTE COUNTY

St. Andrew's is located in Pinedale and St. John's is located in Big Piney, both of which are in Sublette County in western Wyoming, approximately 150 miles southeast of Yellowstone National Park. This rural setting has approximately 7,000 residents and is over 80% public lands. Sublette County is as large as Rhode Island or Delaware in size. In our mountain valley, which averages around 7,000 feet above sea level, winter comes early and spring comes late. Summer days are the best you will ever experience and we treat them like gold. Gardening is only

for the creative soul as on average there are only 26 frost free days in a year, non consecutive. Pinedale, the county seat, has approximately 1,800 residents. Forty miles to the southwest lies Big Piney and its companion Marbleton, which have approximately 1,500 residents.

Rivers, streams, and 1,300 plus lakes, the wildlife and the towering mountains truly make Sublette County a unique destination. The county is flanked by three mountain ranges: the Wind River, Gros Ventre and Wyoming ranges. Elk, mule deer,

antelope, wolves, moose, grizzly, black bear, big horn sheep and many other wildlife species call our county home.

Historically, the towns in the county were the commercial hubs for the local large cattle ranches. Today they support both the ranching community and the people who work in the large natural gas fields located here. Pinedale and Big Piney have excellent medical clinics and doctors. Both communities boast first rate library facilities. Pinedale also has an exceptional fitness center with an Olympic sized pool. There is an indoor

ice skating rink that supports ice hockey and figure skating. There is also a 2 screen movie theatre located in Pinedale. Twenty minutes from Pinedale is White Pine Ski Hill and lodge. The two school districts in the county are well regarded and appropriately funded and we enjoy a healthy and robust rivalry. New facilities are being built to accommodate growth. The communities enjoy cultural activities sponsored by the Pinedale Fine Arts Council.

Sublette County is a long way from large towns or cities and the conveniences they offer.



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## Compensation Information

Base salary—\$45,000 + vicarage comparable rent value—\$12,960 =  
Total yearly compensation—\$57, 960

\$30,000—budgeted for family of four health insurance

\$5,000—maximum moving expenses

\$4,190—yearly mileage allowance budgeted

\$250—towards continuing education budgeted for a year

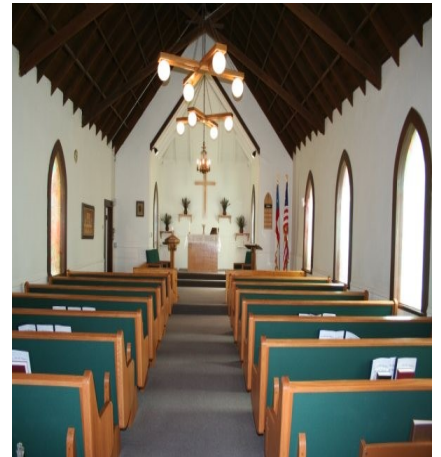
30 days paid vacation yearly

St. John's and St. Andrew's paths have traditionally paralleled one another; we have each had our own identity and our own goals but only recently have we shared a rector and have begun to converge as more closely related congregations. It's been a pleasure to get to know our neighbors to the north a bit better through this search process and we look forward to continued fellowship, communication, and camaraderie with St. Andrew's.



## St. John's Goals

- Develop a desire to do God's work daily.
- Community involvement through outreach.
- Continue to grow as a church family.
- Grow in faith thru intergenerational programs.



Christian education, community outreach, and fellowship in Christ are at the heart of St. John the Baptist congregation in Big Piney, Wyoming. The community St. John's serves is comprised of three towns, Big Piney (the location of the church), Marbleton, and LaBarge. The combined population of the area is about 2,000 people. We are fortunate to worship in a lovely historic church building and we enjoy a friendly, welcoming congregation representing all aspects of life in Sublette County.

Big Piney is a remote community with an interesting mix of residents. From ranchers to employees of our local energy fields, from educators to members of law enforcement, from laborers to medical professionals and entrepreneurs, from retirees to young children, our congregation is comprised of an eclectic mixture of members who are united in our faith and fellowship. We seek to learn and grow together and we share a positive outlook and a healthy sense of humor. We welcome anyone who enters and we're eager to help anyone who is in need.

**St. John's mission is to grow together in our faith while seeking to help and inspire others through outreach and through our example. We strive to provide a welcoming, thought provoking experience while valuing fellowship and spiritual growth in Christ.**



Our outreach programs include a thriving, enthusiastic group of young people of both elementary and middle school ages. These children represent many local families who don't attend our church and we are pleased that our programs and instructors are so trusted within our community. We also are actively involved in support of local charities as well as Christian programs and education in Tanzania.

We welcome worshippers from all faiths who seek fellowship and a relationship with Christ. We look forward to finding a priest who can inspire and teach young and old alike as our congregation continues to grow and develop.



## St. Andrew's Goals

- Maintain a joyous, harmonious church family.
- Deepen our intergenerational activities.
- Grow stewardship & strengthen communication.
- Encourage our individual roles in the church.



St. Andrew's congregation is composed of a large number of community leaders. The church building itself sits on Pine St. which is the main street in Pinedale, on the banks of Pine Creek. In the past the church has used Pine Creek for baptisms in the summer months, while other times of the year it would be considered torture.

Since our community is very outdoor oriented and ranch life influenced our church schedule reflects this. In the summer we have a Ranch Mass, a Sunday service held at a local ranch owned by a member of the congregation and a church campout last summer was at the New Fork Lake Group Camp Ground. The blessing of the animals, and a number of events are held outside. As you can see an appreciation of the outdoors and the cycles of the season are important to us.

Another important emphasis of our church is the community minded and giving orientation that we have. We are proud to point out our policy of an open door, unlocked building. We are a sanctuary for those people who need a place to stay a night out of the cold. The Sheriff's office sends people to stay in the church if they find they are out of resources and have no place to stay. Furthermore, we have helped the local food bank, the SAFV Task Force (Sexual Assault and Family Violence) and the local Hospice effort. Members of our church hold weekly services for the elderly at the Sublette Center, the local nursing home. Our congregation started and now participates in a community Thanksgiving Dinner which is open to anyone needing a place to go to have a great meal and fellowship for the holiday.

We are a congregation that enjoys the company of each other. It is this friendship and respect that allows us to have the ability to give and gift to ourselves, our community, and to all of God's people. We regard this respect for one another and our outreach efforts as an integration of our collective directive to "Love one another".

Another priority is to find someone who is comfortable with the intellectual levels of our church, yet can communicate in a comfortable and informal approach to human relationships and our relationship with Christianity and our Episcopal heritage. We are searching for someone to partner with us on our collective spiritual journey in Christ as we worship together and are a part of the larger community in Wyoming.

The congregation is composed of people of all ages. We need a partner to help us educate and orient our young people in the life of our Episcopal Church as giving Christian people in our community. Likewise we have a number of professional people who would like to be intellectually challenged to participate more in the church and our congregation. We also have a number of people who are growing older every day. These people need to be supported and nurtured as well. We appreciate everyone, regardless of age and require a rector who will support the needs of all these age groups.

One challenge that we are facing in our community is a slow down in population growth. Also within our church community we need to work on communication within the church and motivating members to follow through on their commitments to serve the church and to even commit or volunteer. These are issues that a person who walks with us on our journey will help us to face.

### Mission Statement:

**St. Andrew's strives to provide a welcoming, diverse and intergenerational fellowship of worshippers, united in the Anglican tradition, serving the body of Christ, and committed to personal responsibility in our ministry.**

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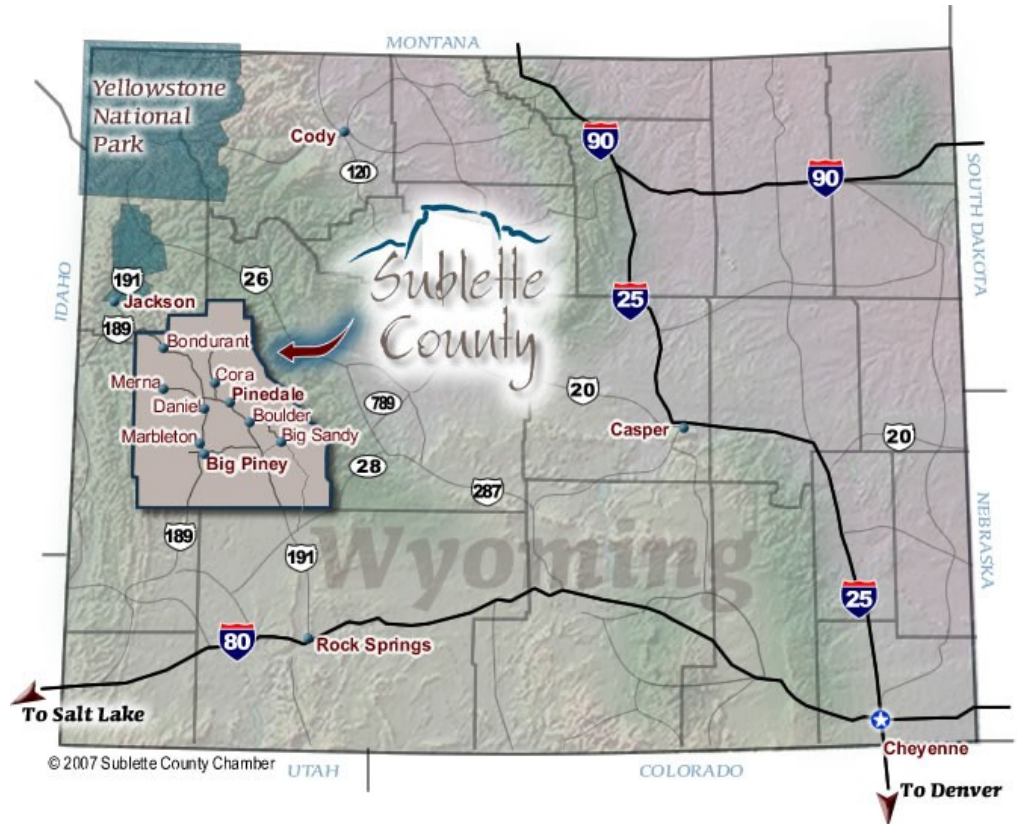
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Here is a great website for information regarding Sublette County—  
[www.Sublettechamber.com](http://www.Sublettechamber.com)

## Sublette County Profile Cont.



Jackson Hole located about 80 miles north has a hospital, K-mart, national supermarkets and a small airport. Rock Springs located to the south about 100 miles has a Wal-mart, Home Depot, a small mall, hospital and airport. The larger cities are Salt Lake City, UT and Idaho Falls, ID. They are about a 3-4 hour drive.

If you are a family or person who loves to hike, backpack, boat, bike, sail, hunt, fish, photograph, ski (downhill and Nordic), snowmachine, ride ATVs, camp, or/and ride horses this is a wonderful place to be!



### FUN FACTS

- The 1970's film **Jeremiah Johnson** is based on a Wyoming Mountain Man named **Liver Eating Johnston**.
- The highest mountain in Wyoming is **Gannett Peak—13,804 feet** located in the **Wind River Range**.
- **Gros Ventre** is pronounced **grow vaant**.