

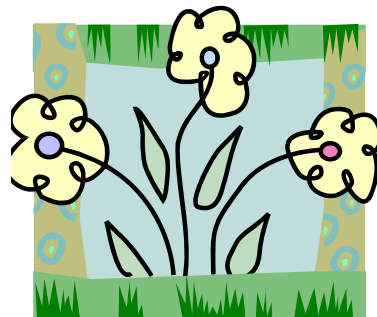


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A Voice in the Wilderness



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Pastor's Pen
Jami Anderson



Confirmation, Reception, Reaffirmation and things Episcopal

These words are found on page 412 in The Book of Common Prayer – “In the course of their Christian Development, those baptized at an early age are expected, when they are ready and have been duly prepared, to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and to receive the laying on of hands by their bishop.” This moment of “mature public affirmation” is called Confirmation in the Episcopal Church. It has been awhile since we have had a time of confirmation with the bishop at either St. Andrew in the Pines or at St. John the Baptist's. This fall I would like to begin Confirmation classes at both churches, with classes starting in early September in Big Piney in order to be ready for Bishop Smylie's visitation on November 19-20. Because of the summer visit by Bishop Smylie to St. Andrew's, we will have their confirmation service whenever we can schedule a visit from either Canon Vern Strickland or Bishop Smylie.

Typically, confirmation classes, or lessons about the Christian faith and the church, are offered to youth from age 12 and up and to adults who have never been confirmed and wish to do so. In addition, at the same service, the

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Dates to Remember:

Sunday Church Service Times:
St. John's - 6:00 pm
St. Andrew's - 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Safeguarding God's Children
Aug. 1st from 6:00 to 9:00 pm
Sublette County Library

Photo Retakes
Aug. 10th-15th
By appt. only

Vestry Meeting
Aug. 13th from 3-5 pm
St. Andrew's

Bishop's Visit
Aug 13th-14th

Potluck Lunch
Aug. 14th after 10:00 am service

Pastor Jami on vacation
Aug. 17th-19th

Church Garage Sale
Aug. 20th at 8:00 am
St. Andrew's

Sunday School Meeting
Aug. 22nd at 5:00 pm
St. Andrew's

Tanzanian Sunday
Aug. 28th

Clergy Conference
Aug. 28-Aug. 30th

BBBBQ II
Aug. 31st at 6:00 pm
310 Cole Ave.

Via Media
Aug. 7, 14, 21 at 7:00 pm
St. John's

Men's Breakfast Group
Fridays at 7:00 am
Stockmen's Restaurant

Retirement Center Service
Mondays at 10:30 am

Lectionary Study
Mondays at 5:45 pm (NOT Aug. 1st)
St. Andrew's

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bishop will receive adults into the Episcopal Church that wish to be “received into the fellowship of this Communion. And those who desire to reaffirm their faith commitment may do so during the same service.

These three options – confirmation, reception, and reaffirmation- are part of the rituals that mark our faith journey in the Episcopal Church. They are not required in order to be part of this church community or to be considered a member of the church. They are options, options that facilitate deeper exploration of one’s faith and the theological teachings of Anglicanism, the foundations of the Episcopal Church.

I intend to offer separate classes for youth and adults because of a comfort level with the types of questions and discussions that might occur within the different age groups. I will use a variety of materials with the youth, including some of the Via Media lessons. I will use a wonderful book called “The Anglican Vision” for the adults. Everyone is invited to participate in these classes whether they wish to go through the formal ceremony with the bishop or not. Some churches call the adult “confirmation” classes – Inquirer’s Classes because they offer an opportunity for asking questions about Episcopalianism and for learning more about our doctrine and sacraments and spirituality. In addition, my husband John is exploring offering a book study this fall on the book, “American Grace – How Religion Unites and Divides.” This will give two adult education offerings in the fall. Sunday School classes this fall will include two age groups – youngsters up to Third Grade and a 3-4th grade group. Cheryl Essington has offered to coordinate that program and our Wednesday evening Youth Groups will continue much the same as last year. That’s it for now with “Things Episcopalian” in Pinedale and Big Piney, Wyoming!

Thanks be to God!

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Tanzania

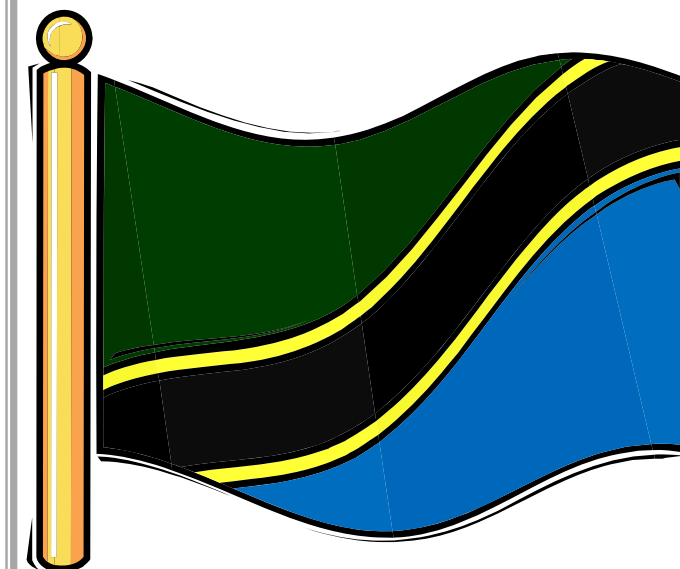
Tanzanian Connections

Tom Davenport is traveling to Tanzania for a visit in September. He will renew our relationship with Stephen Mnubi and the people of Msalato Theological College and Bishop Stanway School. He will personally deliver the soccer balls purchased by the St. John the Baptist Youth Group and visit the small church being built at Zuzu. Most importantly, Tom will deepen the bond we have developed with these people and these schools. Together we will send Tom off with our prayers and bonds of friendship during a Tanzanian Celebration at worship on August 28th.

I am thrilled that Tom Davenport is going to Tanzania to visit Msalato Episcopal Seminary, Bishop Stanway Primary School and Zuzu Episcopal Church. It is fitting for Tom to see first hand the precious gifts our Church and The Foundation have given.

I only wish I could be there to watch Tom as he meets the folks and children at the Schools and at Zuzu! They will shower him with love and gratitude Swahili style!

God speed to you Tom!
Patty



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St. John's, Amy Bell

Big Piney enjoyed a wonderful turnout for our annual 4th of July Pancake Breakfast. We fed over 200 hungry friends and neighbors and were done in plenty of time to enjoy the parade. Thank you to all of our volunteers who showed up to decorate, serve, cook, and clean up. A special thank you goes to Dave Lankford for driving over to join the pancake flipping crew!

The sign up sheet for services is working well; we encourage anyone who would like to take a week to email St. John's at stjohnepiscopal@hotmail.com with the week they'd like to take. Responsibilities include weekly cleaning as well as reading and chalice bearing for the service. It is a great way to show support for our services and fellowship for one another. Dick & Kenna Tanner are doing a wonderful job of taking care of the church grounds this summer, too - they do such a nice job and we appreciate them for taking on this responsibility. We'd also like to thank Marilyn Vickrey for her donation of a lovely paschal candle. This is a touching addition to our altar dressings and we appreciate her thoughtful generosity.

Many of our youth are involved in 4-H and we hope they have a fulfilling experience at the Sublette County Fair! We are all trying to stretch as much summer as we can out of the next several weeks; it seems the new school year is rapidly approaching!

Peace!
Amy Bell



Breakfast and the Bishop

Men's
Breakfast
Group on
Fridays at
7:00 am at
the
Stockman's.



Bishop Smylie Visits

Our Bishop will visit us on the weekend of August 13 & 14th. He will meet with the Vestry on Saturday afternoon and probably join us at the Wyoming Land Trust picnic that evening for a time of fellowship and open conversations.



He will preside and preach at both worship services on Sunday morning and we will have a church Potluck Lunch following the 10:00 service. This is his annual visit and it offers us an opportunity to share with him how we live as the "Body of Christ" in Pinedale, Wyoming.

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June Vestry Minutes, ML Baxley

Attendance: Dave Lankford, Cody Saxton, Norm Pape, ML Baxley, Mindy Seehafer, Angie Thomas, Sarah Hixson, Lisa Rhyne, Sheryl Boroff, Tim Crawford, Jon Gibson (absent), Susan Gulbrandson, John Anderson and Jami Anderson.

Sarah Hixson started the meeting with formation; Jami will ask Jon Gibson to share next month.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting: Tim Crawford moved to approve the minutes from May 16, 2011, Cody Saxton seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Cody Saxton moved to approve the financial reports as presented, Tim Crawford seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Mindy Seehafer and Susan Gulbrandson discussed the mortgage loan for the Nursery property. The note will be renewed at the principal balance of \$222,172.03 for the next five years at 3.25% interest. The payment for the next 5 years will be \$1,082.68. The interest rate will adjust every five years to the Wall Street prime. Tim Crawford moved to keep the mortgage payment at \$2,835.52 if there were funds available, Sarah Hixson seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Senior Warden: Dave met with St. Johns to discuss service times.

Junior Warden: Cody reported that John Anderson, Tim Crawford and Jon Boroff repaired the fence at the Nursery property.

John Anderson requested to close off the back of the car port for storage use. He would like to install a gutter over the sliding glass doors at the Rectory. Sarah Hixson moved for the Church to provide materials for the gutter project, Angie Thomas seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried. Tim Crawford offered to help.

Rector's Report: Jami stated the Vestry received a letter from Credo stating she attended and behaved well.

Delegates to the convention are Gail Randall and Patty Washburn. Tim Crawford volunteered to be an alternate. Sarah Hixson moved to approve Tim as the alternate, Cody Saxton seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Old Business: July 16, 2011 will be the BBQ for the 21 – 40 age group at the McKee-Vana residence.

Mike Key installed the new computer.

About thirty families still need photos for the new directory.

New Business: Cody will hang a sign for the summer service hours.

ML will organize a garage sale in August. Please bring your best junk (no clothes) to raise money for the Sun Room addition to the Rectory.

July 31 is the Church picnic at Sandy Beach.

Bishop Smylie will be in Pinedale on August 14, 2011. Tim Crawford moved to have the Ranch Mass on August 14, Sarah Hixson seconded the motion, all were in favor. Jami will make arrangements.

The white mini van should be sold. Kelly Blue Book price is \$2,250.00. Tim moved to sell the van, Sarah Hixson seconded the motion, all were in favor with the proceeds to go to the Sun Room addition at the Rectory, motion carried.

Sheryl Boroff will write about the Rendezvous Pie sales in the newsletter.

Sheryl Boroff moved to cancel the second phone line in the basement and add a wireless connection, Sarah Hixson seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

ML Baxley moved to apply for the Sargent Grant, Cody Saxton seconded the motion, all were in favor, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM with the Lord's Prayer.



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Wanted: Someone willing to take photos at church activities and post photos on our Web Page and Facebook site. If you are willing to do so – please let Pastor Jami or Cheryl Essington know and we will set you up as a Site Administrator! Thanks

The Flannel Board stories that are being told on Sunday mornings come from work done by Coralee Peterson many years ago. She personally wrote the stories and cut out all of the flannel pieces to illustrate these Bible stories. For years the Flannel Board was a regular part of Children's Chapel on Sunday mornings.

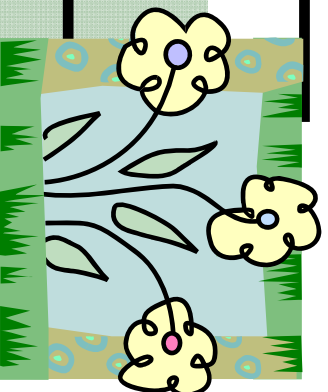


Thank you to all who make our Ranch Mass a wonderful event. Special thanks to Madeleine Murdock for offering the site, to Coralee for organizing a Choir, and to Jordan Vana who coordinated the tables and chairs crew.

Many thanks go to Tara Bolgiano for giving her time and taking such great photos for our new Parish Directory. If you have not had your picture taken and wish to be included in the Directory, please contact Tara directly at Blushing Crow studio to arrange a time for your photo. We hope to have this project completed late this fall.



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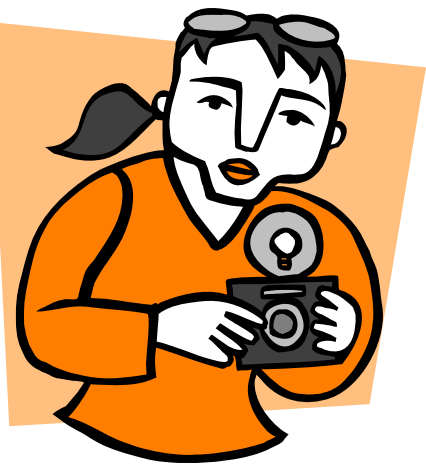


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Sublette Center 10:30 am 1 Safeguarding God's Children 6-9 pm	2	3	4	5 Men's Breakfast Group 7:00 am Stockman's	6 Bishop's Visit Thru the 14th Vestry Mtg. 3-5 pm
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Anyone interested in helping with Sunday School this fall, either regularly or just occasionally, please contact Cheryl Essington at cherylessington@wyoming.com or the church office at 367-2674. If you are interested, please join us Aug 22 at 5p.m. for a brief organizational meeting.

Safeguarding God's Children training will be held at the library August 1st from 6-9 p.m. This is required by the Church Insurance company every two years for anyone who works with children within the church and is a great resource to prevent sexual abuse in our church and our community.



Final chance to have your photo taken by Tara Bolgiano of Blushing Crow Studios. Tara will be available Aug 10-15 by appointment only. To schedule please call the church at 367-2674 or contact Tara at 307-200-1161.

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EYE REPORT by Erik Kleven

I had the great opportunity of going to the Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) at Bethel University in Minnesota. EYE was held from Wednesday, June 22nd to Sunday, June 26th. Both at



night and in the morning we went to the Great Hall for either worship or to listen to a speaker. There was a band playing both morning and night. The band got everyone involved in singing Christian music. The Rt. Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton, Bishop of Maryland, spoke during evening worship on June 24th and was talking about a lady during worship who interrupted the service

by saying, "Alleluia!" and everyone turned around and stared at her! He used to be in the Baptist church and he got us up and moving. I attended a session called "If You Really Knew Me" and learned that you don't really know the person before you talk with them; your stereotypes are not always correct and could be the exact opposite. I recommend EYE to all youth who are eligible in 2014 to attend EYE.

BEER, BIBLES, & BBQ

Another Chance!!

Calling all Young People

Let's get together for Beer, Bibles,
and BBQ (BBBBQ II)

Paul Andrews will host a barbecue for young people (ages 21 to 45ish) at his house (310 Cole Avenue) on August 31st at 6:00 p.m. Food and drinks will be provided. Please join us for an informal get-together to celebrate summer with St. Andrew's friends! RSVP to Jami at St. Andrew's at 367-2674.

Garage Sale

Proceeds to benefit the Sun Room remodel at the Rectory.

August 20, 2011; 8:00 am; please bring your best junk! No clothes. Deliveries accepted to the basement Friday (August 19). If you need items picked up, please call ML 367-6806 and leave a message before August 19.

Save the Date

Church
Camp-out at
New Fork Lake
large group
Campsite
September
10-11.
Worship service Sunday
morning at the
Campground.