



ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wired Word
Dec. 4th & 11th at 10:15 am at St. Andrew's

ECW Christmas Party
Dec. 5th at 6:00 pm

Pinedale Confirmation Class
Dec. 7th at 7:00 pm - St. Andrew's

Lectionary Study
Dec. 12th at 5:45 pm - St. Andrew's

Inquirer's Class
Dec. 12th at 7:00 pm - St. Andrew's

Taize Service
Dec. 14th at 7:00 pm - St. Andrew's

Christmas Pageant
Dec. 18th at 11:00 am service - St. Andrew's

Vestry Mtg.
Dec. 19th at 7:00 pm - St. Andrew's

Pinedale Youth Group (J2A & Rite 13)
Dec. 21st at 6:30 pm - St. Andrew's

Service of Solace
Dec. 22nd at 7:00 pm - St. Andrew's

Christmas Eve Services
5:30 pm at St. Andrew's
8:00 pm at St. John's
10:30 pm at St. Andrew's

Evening Prayer
Dec. 25th at 5:30 pm - St. Andrew's

ONGOING:

Sunday Church Service Times:
St. John's - 6:00 pm
St. Andrew's - 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Choir
Sundays at 10:00 am - St. Andrew's

Sunday School
4 year olds to 4th grade
Sundays at 11:00 am - St. Andrew's

Retirement Center Service
Mondays at 10:30 am - Sublette Center

Big Piney Tuesday School
Tuesdays at 3:30 pm - St. John's

Men's Breakfast Group
Fridays at 7:00 am - Stockmen's Rest.

A Voice in the Wilderness



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Pastor's Pen
Jami Anderson



PRAYER, FEAR, And OUR POWER

*Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.
It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us.*

*We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented and fabulous?
Actually, who are you NOT to be?
You are a child of God.
Your playing small doesn't serve the world.
There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you.
We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.
It's not just in some of us; it's in EVERYONE!*

*And as we let our own light shine,
We unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.
As we are liberated from our own fear,
Our presence automatically liberates others!*

We are entering into the dark and cold months of the winter season. We are also entering the season of Advent. In these seasons, a light shining in the darkness is a gift to all who see it. Let the light in your life shine - blessing others and bringing hope. The meditation/poem was quoted by Nelson Mandela in his 1994 Inaugural Speech.

Thanks be to God.
Pastor Jami

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No Sunday School Christmas Day or New Years Day!

Would you like to make a donation to the Christmas Poinsettias? Please contact Mary Lankford at 367-4820.



There will be a New Youth group starting up on Weds. nights for those of you in **grades 3-5**. Ages 8-11. Our first meeting will be **Nov. 30th**. We will meet at 5:30- 7 which will include staying for dinner @ 6:30. Please join us for this exciting new group. Welcome to bring a friend to join you if you like.

Music Notes

Advent is my favorite liturgical season. Truly observed, it is the perfect antidote to the Christmas craziness that begins a bit earlier in the world around us each year. It is a season of quietness, of waiting, of preparing. Many years ago, when I was quite new to the Episcopal church, a priest pointed out to me that there are three distinct ways we look forward to Jesus coming. The first is to the celebration of the arrival of the historical Jesus in that stall in Bethlehem 2000 years ago. Another is looking forward to the second coming of Jesus in great glory, and yet another is preparing for the coming of Jesus daily in our hearts. It is this last aspect that has come to be the most meaningful to me. I get the same warm fuzzy feelings about the baby in the manger as everyone else, but it is mostly nostalgia. And I frankly don't relate well to the "end times" stuff. But Jesus with me, in me every day, taking time to cultivate a heart that is open to his love - that is something that touches me.

So, what does all this have to do with "Music Notes"? Not much, really except that it colors my musical choices for the season, and it seemed like a good chance to share it.

The choir is working hard on music for the service of carols before the late service Christmas Eve. There will also be some congregational singing and some instrumental music. I hope you will be there at 10:30 Christmas Eve, taking time to be quiet, to wait, and to prepare, making your heart open to the love of God.

Coralee Petersen



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A Service of Solace.

Have you ever had a Christmas season in your life when you were hurting? Feeling distinctly “un-jingle bell-y”? Wondering where the face of God was in all of this? On Thursday evening, December 22 at 7:00 PM, we will have a Service of Solace. There will be prayers, scripture, candle lighting and simple Taize music. If you have suffered the loss of a loved one or the loss of health, or are grappling with divorce, serious illness, or altered economic circumstances, or if you don't even know why, but are feeling low, this service is for you. It is an opportunity to offer your sorrow to God. For all the rest of you whose lives seem to be perking along just now without too many difficulties, this is your opportunity to come and pray with and for the members of your church family and your community who need your support. Tell your friends in the community about this service, and bring them along.

Taize Service

Our advent Taize service, **We Await His Coming**, will be Wednesday, Dec 14 at 7:00 PM.. Taize is a quiet, contemplative approach to worship which originated at the Taize community in France. The community was started in 1940 during the war and was a place of refuge. It became a destination for pilgrimages by young people after the war, and the simple repetitive structure of the music evolved. Our service is short; lasting 20-25 minutes. Come join us for a quiet spiritual interlude in the busy-ness of holiday preparations.

COMING SOON!!!! CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!

The Sunday School Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 18th during the 11:00 service.

Practices will be held during church school on the two Sundays previous to the program, December 4th and December 11th. We will plan to have a dress rehearsal upstairs on Saturday, December 17th.



We are excited to once again have the children perform the beloved story of Christ's birth and hope that all the children will be able to participate. More information to follow soon. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the church school teachers.

Sukey Hohl and Marilyn Huffman

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

News from St. John's~

We were happy to welcome the Bishop this month and are so thankful that we had such a nice large group for confirmation, reaffirmation, and reception (20 in all!). The service was all that we'd hoped it would be and we have Rev. Jami to thank for giving us the direction and instruction that led to this wonderful event. We shared a potluck feast after the service and enjoyed every minute the Bishop and Mrs. Smylie spent with us. We look forward to this season of Advent with a renewed sense of purpose and joy as we celebrate the season. Happy Holidays to our friends at St. Andrew's!



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October Vestry Minutes, ML Baxley

St. Andrew's in the Pines
 Vestry Meeting
 October 17, 2011
 7:00 pm



Attendance: Dave Lankford, ML Baxley, Cody Saxton, Sheryl Boroff, Sarah Hixson, Norm Pape, Lisa Rhyne, Angie Thomas, Jo Crandall, Jami Anderson, Jon Gibson, and Mindy Seehafer. (Absent – Tim Crawford)

All Vestry members shared their current events. Dave Lankford read a CRE-DO prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting: Norm Pape moved to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2011, Sarah Hixson seconded the motion, and all were in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Mindy reviewed the financial reports. Jo Crandall moved to approve the financial reports as presented, Sheryl Boroff seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Senior Warden: Dave will make a board to help raise money for the Rectory sunroom construction.

Junior Warden: Sue Hanson requests an addendum to lease agreement be signed, it was reviewed. There might be problems with the furnace in the rental house. John Anderson spoke with Cody about getting a wood stove for the Rectory. The Blaze King guardian was recommended.

Rector's Report: Jami has met with over 100 people in the last week through other Church activities.

Old Business: The Rectory remodel and wood stove were discussed. The stewardship program was reviewed.

New Business: Vestry members are encouraged to speak with congregation members for ideas on how to use the Nursery property and get other thoughts on how to move the Church forward. Think about nominations for Vestry members at the Annual meeting. The Vestry ministries list was reviewed. The sign displaying the service times has been broken. ML will check with a friend on replacing or repairing the sign. Jo Crandall will start up the 7 @ 6 dinners soon with a sign up sheet.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10:00—Choir 10:15—Wired Word 11:00 Sunday School	Sublette Center 10:30 am ECW Party—6:00 pm	6	Confirmation Class 7:00 to 8:00 pm	8	Men's B-Fast—7:00 am	10
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Pastor Jami on Vacation						

