



# ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## Dates to Remember:

**Church Service Times:**  
**St. Johns - 9:00 am**  
**St. Andrews - 11:00 am**

**Vestry Meeting**  
**Feb. 8th at 7:00 pm**  
**St. Andrew's**

**Retirement Center Service**  
**Mondays at 10:30 am**

**Christian Education**  
**Feb. 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th**  
**Wednesday School**  
**3:15 to 5:00 pm**  
**Adult Christian Ed.**  
**5:45 to 7:00 pm**  
**Youth Group (6th - 12th Grade)**  
**7:00 to 8:00 pm**  
**All take place at St. Andrew's**

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### Senior Warden's Report Dave Lankford



First of all, I would like to thank everyone who attended the Annual Meeting last Sunday. The group was large and the enthusiasm was great. We talked about the work that was done this last year and I hope goals that we have for the next. The search committee was introduced and their work on the process of getting a new priest has been outstanding. Our profile has been submitted and the search is on. The annual budget was presented and after questions was approved for the next year. Copies of the budget are available.

Looking down the road, problems have been found at the vicarage. What was thought to be bleeder running under the house was found to be plumbing problems. Water has been spraying on the supports and rotting has occurred. Settling has happened in the center of the house and the bath room. First action is to fix the plumbing which has been done. Second, work under the floor has to begin. Cost on this has not been established, but we know that a fund raiser is going to have to be done to get these repairs done. More information as we get it.

Thanks to every one for your support and all of the hard work that you have been doing.

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A thank you to the congregation for supporting the African Team Ministries. In December we collected over \$800.00 which is used to provide income for those who create the items as well as support health and education activities for their communities.



St. Matthew's in Laramie has instituted a program called L3: Living Learning and Leadership. During the spring semester, students attending LCCC, UW or WyoTech will be chosen as part of their Mustard Seed project. In turn for joining the congregation for regular worship, reaching out to other students and working in their assigned area, they receive a \$600 stipend. This is a great way to develop leadership skills, make new relationships with Christ and others and put interests and education to work in practical ways, and get some extra cash! If you will be in Laramie this semester or know of a student who will be and are interested, the application can be found on the bulletin board downstairs, contact the church office 367-2674 or St. Matthew's directly at 742-6608.

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## January Vestry Meeting Minutes, Cheryl Essington

Vestry Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2010

Present: Cheryl Essington, Mindy Seehafer, M.L. Baxley, Katie McClure, Dave Lankford, Dick & Linda Tanner, Ron Rhyne, Norm Pape, Jon Boroff, Cody Saxton

Action items listed in Red.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

**Minutes of the last meeting:** Dave moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting, M.L. seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report was corrected to reflect a change in the November statement. Katie moved to accept the report; M.L. seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Senior Warden:** Dave explained that the vestry had worked hard on creating a budget for the annual meeting. He received one call this month for financial aide from the discretionary account.

### Old Business:

- 1. Search Process:** Katie reported that the committee was meeting the next day to complete the profile.
- 2. Vicarage:** There is no solid estimate for repairs on the vicarage, and we may need to look at a stewardship campaign to cover the repairs.

### New Business:

- 1. Convention Delegates:** Sukey Hohl and Gail Randall have submitted their names for consideration.
- 2. Annual Audit:** M.L. and Gail Randall will complete the annual audit again this year.
- 3. Parochial Report:** Cheryl will be working with Sam and Mindy to compile the Parochial Report for Vestry approval next month.
- 4. St. Matthew's Mustard Seed:** St. Matthew's in Laramie has used their Mustard Seed money to create a program for students attending school in Laramie to be a part of their congregation, participate in outreach, learn leadership skills and earn some extra money. Any student can apply using the form on the bulletin board downstairs, or by contacting St. Matthew's directly.

### Open Discussion:

There will be a potluck after the service on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January to provide an opportunity for the congregation to meet with Bishop Caldwell during his final visit to St. Andrew's.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Essington- Secretary



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On Ash Wednesday, ashes will be available all day at the church. Also, a short liturgy and instructions on what to do will be present. This can be done individually or with a friend.



## SEARCH COMMITTEE WORK CONTINUES

Your search committee has been working to finalize the parish profiles and thanks to Katie McClure the piece has photos of the area, the churches, and some of the people and kids that make our churches special integrated into it. When it is complete we will make sure that we have copies to distribute to both churches. We hope that you will share the pride that we have in our work product. Most importantly we hope that it will attract a high quality candidate that will join us on our spiritual journey.

The search committee has been working to develop questions that will probe a candidate's ability to work with us and our goals. We will request that the candidates respond to these questions in writing. This process will help us measure a person's ability to fit in with us and us with him/her. It will also allow us to narrow our choices of potential candidates.

Let me take this opportunity to explain the product that the committee has to finalize. Margaret has led us through a process that identifies our goals, our hopes, our fears and what we would like to see as some of the qualities we will look for in our new rector. This process results in a very short paragraph (330 characters maximum) for both St Andrews and St. John, and 4 very brief goal statements. The short paragraph looks and reads like a newspaper ad because of the size constraints. This along with budget information goes into a database page that the national Episcopal Church runs and is available to all priests that might be looking for a new assignment. In addition to this, we have been writing a profile of the Episcopal Churches in Sublette County. This is a much longer piece and is not limited by space. It is in this piece that we can present ourselves and our area. This is the piece that we will share with everybody very shortly.

Margaret indicates that there are already some people that are interested in the position. At this point we know nothing about them; furthermore we need to complete our narrative profile so the candidates have some idea who we are, and where we live. Our available position is not for someone who has no idea of the who, what, where, why of our churches.

I went to church at St. John the Baptist a couple of Sundays ago since I had never met Amy Bell who beautifully contributed the narrative on the Big Piney congregation and is on the search committee with Dick, Linda and Kenna Tanner. For those of you who have never been there, it is lovely church with a wonderful congregation. I would hope that our two congregations can find events and opportunities to work and be together much more in the future.

Your search committee is proud of what we have accomplished and we look forward to the steps that we will take in the near future. As always, if you have questions please contact one of us. We absolutely are committed to representing both congregations in the most transparent way we possibly can.

Written by Tim Crawford

# FEBRUARY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am Vestry Mtg. 7:00 pm	9	10	11 Wednesday School 3:15 pm Adult Christian Ed 5:45 pm		13
14	15 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	16	17	18 Middle/High Youth 7:00 pm		20
21	22 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	23	24	25	26	27
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## St. John's Big Piney, Amy Bell

### Note from St. John's:

Hello to our partners in Pinedale! We've been busy since Christmas with two baptisms (welcome Hobie and Hays!) and renewal of our vestry. We've also been brainstorming ideas for our Mustard Seed project and have come up with some creative and interesting ideas. We hope to decide in the next few weeks how to best use our resources and we look forward to involving our growing congregation in making a difference in the lives of others. We are on the Lenten soup supper schedule again this year and look forward to serving our community on March 10th (Beef Barley - we'd like to welcome all of our St. Andrew's neighbors to join us for soup supper, too -more information to come next month!) Church school and youth group continue to be a highlight of our week, and we look forward to our breakfast and service with Bishop Caldwell on the 31st. We were pleased to have Tim Crawford join us for our Jan. 17 service, too - it was great for those of us on the search committee, especially, to meet him in person. We appreciate his knowledge and enthusiasm, and we look forward to continue working with him and all of the Pinedale reps in the future. Although we have a great deal of work to do, the people on the committee as a whole (including Margaret), are a pleasure to work with and we find ourselves laughing at some point during every meeting, which seems to be a good sign! We're thankful for our blessings and to be moving forward as a congregation, and we look forward to what our search will bring us in the weeks and months to come. Peace!

Amy Bell



**Christian Education is back in full swing after the first of the year!!! Kids at Wednesday School have been learning about Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Esau, and Joseph. They have learned a lot about Abraham and his descendants and continue to increase their knowledge every week. We are just beginning to learn about Moses and his impact on the world. At Youth Group, the kids have been learning about different parts of the Episcopal Church including the Book of Common Prayer, the Hymnal and most importantly the Bible. St. Andrew's has a great group of young people and I enjoy learning from and working with each and every one on a weekly basis. Adult Christian Ed finished up the fall study of the Book of Romans and now has moved on to the Book of Acts. This is a great group of people on Wednesday night and we continue to grow spiritually each week. If you or someone you know is interested in joining us on Wednesday nights, please contact Elizabeth for more information.**



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## Tanzania, Tom Davenport

### Objective =

The original purpose of our St A's funded outreach, and the Foundation of the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming funded outreach, is to make 'Christian Connections'; connections across continents and oceans...connections linking individuals...person to person...youth to youth...and adult with adult. These connections will be forged by building personal relationships between the people of the DCT and the people of St Andrews. Because of the need the TCTG has had since summer 2009 for 'first hand' knowledge of the many needs in the DCT, the TCTG decided that we should use a portion of the "Mustard Seed" funds provided to St A's by the Diocese [and allocated to the TCTG by the St Andrews vestry] to fund the airfare for one or two volunteers [about \$2,250 for each ticket] to visit TZ this summer; their purpose is build relationships and to gather 'first hand' knowledge. Because of a broken ankle, I will not be able to make the trip in 2010 as planned.

### Proposal =

During late December and January 2010 a call for volunteers is being made to the St A's congregation. Once volunteers have expressed interest to the TCTG, they will be given a copy of the Tanzania Volunteer Selection Process. A briefing on St A's involvement to date with the DCT will be provided to prospective volunteers. Questions will be entertained and answers given up to/through the February TCTG interview of volunteers.

One or two persons will ultimately be selected by the TCTG from volunteers of the St A's congregation to travel to Tanzania. Upon these volunteers return to Pinedale, they will serve with the TCTG for a pre-determined period [probably several years] to help decide which 'Project Ideas' should receive the benefit of prioritized investments made by St A's going forward. The insight of these persons will also help inform our decisions regarding the grant request we will make to the Foundation of the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming. Volunteers must commit to serving actively on the TCTG upon their return from Tanzania.

The trip to Tanzania and the effort involved in gathering information and intelligence will be hard. Those who volunteer to travel to the DCT for St A's will incur several 'costs' for the benefit of the St A's congregation. Firstly, there is the cost of personal time; probably two weeks of 'vacation' time. This trip will NOT be a vacation. Secondly, there will be the physical cost of travel; about thirty-six hours of air and land travel between Pinedale and Dodoma both going and returning. If you have ever made such a trip you will understand what is meant. In addition, there will be the physical cost of living in third world conditions in TZ. Furthermore, there will be the personal cost of one's own expenses beyond the airfare. There will also be the cost of listening to, understanding, evaluating and reporting back to the TCTG the many 'Project Possibilities' they encounter. Finally, there will be the ongoing responsibility to serve on the TCTG for several years; an additional cost in time and talent.

### Process =

The TCTG will contact each volunteer, arrange a briefing on our Tanzanian efforts to date and ask for a one-page document explaining why they want to travel to Tanzania to explore 'Project Possibilities'. The TCTG will review the paper(s) submitted by the volunteers as an 'ice breaking' introduction to conducting an interview with each prospective volunteer.

The TCTG will rank each prospective volunteer's 'Project Possibilities' from "1" [highest] to "X" [lowest]. The prospects be rank ordered by the highest numbers [lowest numerical scores] and the one, or two, with the highest numerical ranking of "Project Possibilities" scores being a factor in the selection process. The volunteers willingness to serve for an extended period of time on the TCTG and their enthusiasm for our Tanzanian outreach will be the other factors considered.



If we have more volunteers than the number of persons whose airfare we can underwrite, those not selected for funding of this years travel will be invited to serve with the TCTG and given priority for selection for subsequent years travel assistance.