



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
March 8th at 7:00 pm
St. Andrew's

Retirement Center Service
Mondays at 10:30 am

Christian Education
March 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

In the world of the Senior Warden, this has been a great month. Not to say things aren't happening, just the opposite, everything is going on. The search committee has reached the point where they are looking at profiles and answers from questions that they have sent out. Last number I have at this time is that we have seven priests interested in our position. This is unprecedented in past experiences. The search committee is looking to drop that number and present their choices to the vestry. At that time we will try to make arrangements to get them here to preach and meet the congregation.

The supply priests have been doing an excellent job and I want to thank each and everyone of them for helping us.

No new news on the vicarage, still letting it dry out in the crawl space.

One problem that I have had brought to my attention is that St. Andrew's has a neighbor living in the little red house to the east this winter. It appears that during our services, some folks might be parking in her parking space. It would be appreciated if that area could be kept clear.

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Annual Meeting Minutes, Cheryl Essington

Annual Meeting Minutes, January 24, 2010

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Senior Warden: Dave Lankford reviewed St. Andrew's accomplishments with the Mustard Seed money, our partnership with St. John's in Big Piney, and updated the congregation on the search process.

Treasurer's Report: Mindy presented the budget as approved by the Vestry. Tim Crawford moved to accept the budget as presented, Sheryl seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Junior Warden: Jon Boroff expressed his thanks to the people who have given of themselves to keep up the church grounds, especially Fred Petersen. He also thanked Dave Lankford for his job well done as Senior Warden during this interim time.

New Business:

Delegate election-Bishop and Convention: Sukey Hohl and Gail Randall were on the ballot, Coralee Petersen, Betty Golden and Mary Lankford were nominated and paper ballots were distributed.

Delegates for Bishop Selection were tallied as follows:

1. Sukey Hohl
 2. Gail Randall
- Alternate-Coralee Petersen

Delegates for Convention were tallied as follows:

- Mary Lankford
Gail Randall
Alternate-Betty Golden

Open Discussion: Questions regarding the defaulted rental income were discussed and more information will be provided to the congregation after the Vestry has a chance to look more closely at past payments and agreements.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Essington- Secretary

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February Vestry Meeting Minutes, Cheryl Essington

Vestry Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2010

Present: Cheryl Essington, Mindy Seehafer, M.L. Baxley, Dave Lankford, Norm Pape, Jon Boroff, Cody Saxton, Jordan Vana

Action items listed in Red.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

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

Treasurer's Report: Mindy presented the corrected December report and Jordan moved to accept the corrected report, Jon seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Jon moved to accept the January Treasurer's Report, Norm seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Senior Warden: Dave reviewed the annual meeting, and Stephen's visit as well as the Bishop's visit. During the officers meeting, the Bishop explained that St. Andrew's might be able to apply for grant money to help repair the rectory. Also Dave noted that Sue Eversull donated a large portion of the dinner that she prepared for the Officer's executive meeting with the Bishop; Cheryl will send a thank you.

Old Business:

1. **Search Process:** Katie reported that there are 6 applications and resumes so far and we will be accepting applications until February 26th. Margaret Babcock will be here March 7th for the next Search Committee meeting.
2. **Vicarage:** We are anticipating an estimate for rectory repairs.

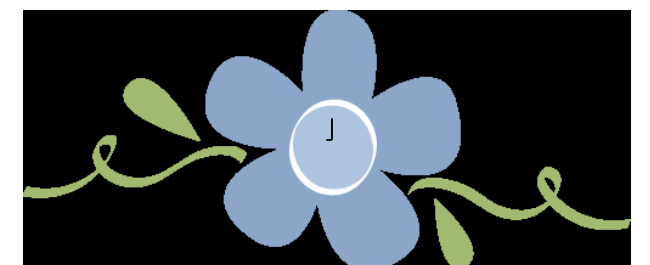
New Business:

1. **Walkabout:** February 26th with the luncheon for the Bishop candidates.
2. **Parochial Report:** Cheryl and Mindy presented the Parochial Report for approval. Jordan moved for approval, Jon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
3. **Payroll:** There is an error in Cheryl's hourly wage. Jordan moved to adjust her wage to the agreed \$11.50 per hour, Jon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **ECW:** Sheryl Boroff has asked the Vestry to approve to close the Wells Fargo account, and reopen at a different bank. Norm moved to allow Sheryl to move the ECW accounts, M.L. seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Open Discussion:

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Essington- Secretary



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"St. Andrew's needs volunteers to help celebrate Easter Vigil this year! Vigil will take place from 7 PM on Thursday, April 1 until 7 AM on Friday, April 2 in the church nursery. Volunteers can sign up for one-hour (or more!) slots by contacting Jordan Vana at 231-2636 or jordan_vana@hotmail.com. Slots are first come, first served, so sign up now to be a part of this peaceful, spiritual celebration!"



SEARCH COMMITTEE-UPDATE

The search committee hopes all of you have seen and approve of the church profiles that we completed. Copies were brought to both churches last Sunday. We now have 6 candidates for our position. As part of the process, we have given all candidates 4 questions that spring from our stated goals as presented on the profile. We have asked that their responses be sent back to Margaret by 2/22/2010. When we have those, your search committee will take the responses, the personal profile (done on the national church system), and their resume and we will go over them. From that, we will invite some of the candidates to come and see us on a Sunday service so we all can experience them. The committee will then submit a recommendation to the vestry and hopefully we will have a new person coming to Sublette County shortly thereafter.

I can tell you that the information we already have about these candidates is impressive. They are a diverse and talented group. They are all from west of the Mississippi River and have excellent and varied backgrounds and experiences. The search committee will be facing tough decisions, but it is our pleasure to fulfill this duty. Please keep in mind that the committee will not tell you much about specifics until we are ready to do so. We would ask that you realize that we (both the committee and the congregations) do not want to risk somebody's position by having someone here asking someone there a question that will undermine a career. So if we seem a bit guarded, it is because we are.

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
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28	29 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	30	31 Spring Break!			

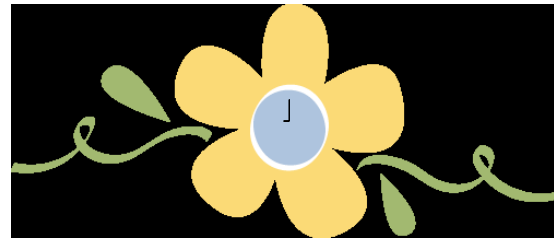
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St. John's Big Piney, Amy Bell

News from St. John's~

Hello to all – we hope you've had a wonderful February. Although the groundhog saw his shadow, we're still optimistic that Spring is on its way! St. John's is also happy to announce that it's official – we've elected our first vestry in recent memory! Here's what else is going on at our end of the county:

- Our community's Lenten soup suppers are once again very well attended. St. John's will provide soup supper on March 10 from 5-6:30 at the Community Congregational Church. We'd love to have our neighbors from Pinedale join us for a hearty meal of Beef Barley soup and fellowship.
- Our church school and youth groups continue to be well attended, fun, spiritual experiences for our kids. The younger kids are once again raising money for mosquito nets for children in Tanzania. They raised over \$1000 last year simply collecting change in Pringles cans and their goal is to top that this year. They've been promised a pizza party for raising \$500 and their enthusiasm for helping others is contagious and heartwarming. The middle school youth group has been discussing the importance of character and friendship, and they are in the planning stages of some exciting adventures this spring and summer.
- The Search continues and we join our Pinedale partners in anticipating this final part of our journey as we look forward to meeting and worshipping with the candidates. We trust that God is guiding the hearts and minds of both congregations and candidates alike as we near the end of this process. Though the search has been a time consuming endeavor for all of us serving on the committee, it's been a pleasant, relatively painless one and I think we'd all agree that we're better for it.
- We are narrowing down our options for our Mustard Seed grant at this time, too. Our congregation has had several terrific ideas and we're looking forward to making a positive difference in our world while including our youth in the process. We'll keep you posted!



God's peace to you and yours as we reflect during this season of Lent and at the same time anticipate Spring and the possibilities it brings us this year!

~St. John's/Amy Bell~

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Leanne Rellstab's Letter of Application for Tanzania

Why I should be selected to go to Tanzania

Leanne Rellstab

When I first heard the announcement in church about this opportunity, my reaction was "I could do this...I should do this." And while we all have lofty ideas that come and go, this one isn't leaving me. This is a real opportunity to serve St. Andrews, and more importantly, really make a huge difference in other people's lives. After my visit with Tom, I was even more excited, and more convinced that I could do what the Tanzanian Connections Task Group wanted. I am in complete agreement about why you want to send someone to Tanzania, and what you hope to gain from their experiences. I also commend you for your selection process. You defiantly need to insure that you are spending your money on the right person, and that he/she will be able to fulfill your requests. I am available to go at any time. I do have some preferences, but I can make any of the suggested times work for me. My only obligations at the present are to my family (which are all encompassing), but they can make this work for me. Doug is currently home, and Mariah will be home in May to help care for Hattie, Jamie, and Jack. It is safe to say that I am a professional volunteer. I have volunteered for countless hours of service work in my community. The list includes the Chamber of Commerce, The Recycling Center (built the current building), The IRMPSSDR (Chairman the first three years of the race), six years on the Tourism Board, Girl Scout Leader, Ice Arena Board Member, and so much more. The Tanzania project falls in line with what I am best at, and most qualified to do. Currently, I am on the board and a member of Tip Top Search and Rescue. I am also the Leader of a High school/ Middle School Girl Scout Troop. So I am in a position to add another organization to my volunteer schedule. When I join a group, I stay committed to them. The two year commitment to TCTG is not a problem. Also, my tendency is not to sit on the sidelines, but to jump in with both feet. If I were involved with the TCTG, it would be fantastic to be able to visit the Dodoma area. I have been a member of St. Andrews for over 15 years, and I would like to be more involved. This is an area of our church mission that I find exciting. I am a very responsible and sensible person. I am observant, and well organized. You can trust me. I am good at listening to what people need, and I take direction well. Therefore, I will be able to do what you ask of me. I am not afraid to speak up. As a result, I will give you an honest opinion about what I find in Tanzania. Also, it is not easy to travel in Africa, and what you might see may not be the most pleasant of scenes. I can handle this with no problem. I read on a tourist website that Dodoma was "imminently miserable." This sounds intriguing to me. I also can travel comfortably with the barest of necessities, and in bad conditions. Most importantly, I think that I have life experiences that make me a good candidate for the job. When I was in High School, my church youth group went on two week work trips every summer. We went to Kentucky and painted a blind woman's house. We went to Fort Totten Indian Reservation and worked on their school. I even traveled to Haiti and worked in an orphanage/hospital. This has given me a sense of what a church can do for other people in the world, and what other people truly need. (As a sideline, I would love to see this type of program available to the youth of St. Andrews.) I also spent six months traveling in Africa. I was 22, broke, just out of college, and my eyes were wide open. This was not a safari type excursion. I went by myself, and met other travelers along the way. We traveled by train, lorry, van, and foot, just trying to make the journey. I visited Egypt, the Sudan, Central African Republic, Cameroon, Nigeria, Niger, and Algeria. I spent many nights in small villages, having tea with the local people, or just trying to find something to eat. I learned a lot, to say the least. I came away with an understanding of African culture, an idea of how many of these people live, what is important to them, and what some of their limitations are. I think that I can enter Tanzania with a strong and valuable background that will help immensely with this mission. I would love the opportunity to return as an older adult, and to compare my attitudes, and beliefs. Admittedly though, I may also be biased towards mosquito nets. When I returned from Africa, I had black water malaria, and came within hours of dying. Malaria is real. Malaria is preventable. Malaria is curable. By the way, I am cured, and going back does not scare me. Between my history of volunteering, my previous experiences on church missions, and traveling through Africa, this opportunity speaks to me. I would be honored if I were chosen to go to Tanzania for the Tanzanian Connections Task Group.

