



ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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A Voice in the Wilderness



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The Rector's Remarks Wes Shields



November is upon us and that means that it is now time for our Stewardship Campaign. We will be kicking things off on Sunday October 26 and finishing on Sunday November 16. We will be having a pot luck dinner and celebration after church on the sixteenth. Each of you will be receiving a packet that includes, a pledge card and a letter from the Vestry . We ask that you fill the pledge card out as soon as possible and return it to the church or put it in the offering plate.

I know that some of you may be getting tired of hearing me talk about this subject or seeing me write about it, but I truly believe it's important to our faith. One of the things that I keep hearing over and over again is that, somebody has to give money to the church for us to keep the lights on and to have a service every Sunday morning. Obviously this is true, but I want us to get away from this line of thinking. I want us to start realizing that it is important to give money to the church for our own spiritual well being and for the church to spread the Kingdom of God.

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Dates to Remember:

Vestry Meeting
Nov. 10th at 7:00 pm
St. Andrew's

Nov. 5th, 12th, & 19th
Wednesday School
3:00 to 5:00 pm
Youth Group (6th - 12th Grade)
7:00 to 8:00 pm
Adult Christian Ed.
5:45 to 6:45 pm
All take place at St. Andrew's

Stewardship Sundays
Nov. 2nd, 9th, & 16th
Potluck on the 16th after late service



Music Selection Group
Thursdays at 11:00 am
St. Andrew's

Prayer Group
Tuesdays at 12:00 pm
St. Andrew's

Retirement Center Service
Mondays at 10:30 am



Senior Warden's Report Dave Lankford

A week ago last Saturday, using the excuse of having to go Elk hunting, the bride, my brother , son Gary, and I, went to the Upper Green. Hunting was serious in the morning with Gary until about 10, when we went back to the truck to wake up the wife. Gathering her up, we decided to load up the four wheelers and go for a ride. We traveled the usual roads, but ended up on a trail that I had never been on before. We followed it down a long draw and ended up in a park, bigger than I thought possible. It was beautiful, quakies on one side, timber on the other, and willows throughout the bottom, stretching out for over a mile. What threw me off, was in my mind, of what I knew of the country, there wasn't enough room for this park to be where it was. My point is that no matter how well you know an area, something new will come up and surprise you, sort of like going to church.

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Let me begin with giving for own spiritual well being. You've heard me say it before and you'll hear it again. Giving of ourselves, in time, talent, and money, is absolutely vital to our spiritual lives. To hold back any of these things, means that they have power over our lives. If we say we are too busy to give our time to the Lord through service, worship, study, or prayer, then we are saying that all of those other things that occupy our time are more important. If we say that we are too tired to give of our talents, then we are saying that all of those other things that make us too tired are more important than the Lord. If we say that we can't afford to give our money for the spread of the Kingdom of God, then we are saying that all of those other things we spend our money on are more important. If there are things in our lives that make us unable to return thanks to God, then those things have power over our spiritual lives. For where you treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Luke 12:34)

The second reason that I mentioned for giving is for the spread of the Kingdom of God. Giving to the church is about more than keeping the lights on and the doors open. It's about our desire to share God's love and forgiveness with the world around us. Jesus left us with the great commission which says, Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19) This is our mission as the body of Christ. This is our calling. Obviously money, in and of itself, is not the answer to this calling, but it can certainly help us to do the things that God is calling us to do. Let me give you a simple example. We have started a Wednesday School program and we have grown from 9 kids to 25 kids. For this program to happen we have to buy snacks, supplies, pay for the van, and so forth. Now that is a simple example right here in our parish. There are also many opportunities to spread the kingdom of God around the world. As a church community we are being blessed with some exciting opportunities to grow, and this stewardship campaign will hopefully be a step in that direction.

As a community of believers we can do so much more than just pay the light bills and keep the doors open. I am truly excited about the possibilities that lie ahead of us and I ask that each of you take this opportunity to help facilitate that growth. Please take the time to consider what you are willing to do for this stewardship campaign.

Thanksgiving



Pinedale Community UCC hosts Thanksgiving Day this year

Worship at 10:30 AM (followed by coffee and treats)

Thanksgiving Dinner at 12:30 PM - free and open to anyone. Bring your family and share Thanksgiving with your friends and neighbors and newcomers to our community.

If you would like to help with the dinner in any way - dollars or bringing food or serving, call Lynn Grassell, who is our St Andrew's connection, or Deb McClellan who is the Community church contact:

Lynn Grassell 367-8000

Deb McClellan 537-3146

The Community Church is located at 113 S. Maybell Ave.

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Christian Education, Elizabeth Miller

HAYRACK RIDES

At the McClure's

Thank s so much to Sam and Katie McClure for inviting both the Youth Group and Wednesday School kids to their house in Oc-



tober! We had an amazing time. We got to take a hayrack ride, play Pass the Pumpkin, go on a Treasure Hunt in the dark and enjoy tasty snacks. Thanks for all that you did to make our visit a great one!!!



We are looking forward to helping with the Haunting of the PAC, our Halloween scavenger hunt and "spooky service" outside, a November Service Project, and Dill Pickle Night!

African Team Ministries



Sunday, November 16th, handmade crafts from Kenya will be available for sale downstairs after church. This is a fundraiser to help ministries for churches in Kenya. Great opportunity to buy a unique gift for someone special for Christmas!

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October Vestry Minutes, Cheryl Essington

Vestry Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2008

Present: Wes Shields, Tom Davenport, Donna Skinner, Dave Lankford, Katie McClure, Cheryl Essington, Norm Pape

Action items listed in red.

The meeting was opened in prayer.

Treasurer's Report: Dave moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, Katie seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Senior Warden: Stewardship campaign will kickoff October 26 and conclude Nov. 16th with a potluck.

Rector's Report: Big Piney has a few representatives that would like to attend next month's Vestry meeting.

Old Business:

1. Potluck Schedule. There will be a potluck celebration Nov 16th to conclude the Stewardship campaign, and Donna will schedule potlucks every 6 weeks through May.

New Business:

- 1. International Outreach:** Tom Davenport gave a special presentation. Tom and Dave Lankford will research financial aspects and report to Vestry.
- 2. Mustard Seed Packet:** Wes explained the Mustard Seed Mission and how it affects St. Andrew's. The Vestry will take packet home and bring suggestions back to next meeting.
- 3. Nursery:** Dave will investigate fair market value on the Nursery rental.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Cheryl Essington

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Stewardship Sunday	3 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	4 Prayer Hour 12-1:00 pm	5	6 Wednesday School 3:15 pm Adult Christian Ed 5:45 pm Middle/High Youth 7:00 pm	7	8
9 Stewardship Sunday	10 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am Vestry Mtg. 7:00 pm	11 Prayer Hour 12-1:00 pm	12	13	14	15
16 Stewardship Sunday and Potluck	17 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	18 Prayer Hour 12-1:00 pm	19	20	21	22
23	24 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	25 Prayer Hour 12-1:00pm	26	27	28	29
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Stewardship Drive, Katie McClure

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Stewardship Campaign 2008
BLESSED BY GOD TO BE A BLESSING!

We will be kicking off our 2008 Stewardship Campaign on October 26, 2008! We would like to invite you to join us on the following Sundays to be a part of our church community in this very important time in the church calendar year. You can mail in your pledge card or bring it on one of these Sundays.

- October 26—Stewardship Kick-off - Senior Warden Dave Lankford, - vestry report, Macy McClure and Katie McClure—Stewardship in our lives!
- November 2—Elizabeth Miller—Christian Education Sermon, Gail Grubb—Mission and Outreach Sermon
- November 9—Father Wes Shields—Our Blessings
- November 16—CELEBRATE OUR BLESSINGS—MAKE SURE YOUR PLEDGE CARD IS TURNED IN -pledge card blessing and devotion, POTLUCK—after second service!! Bring a dish to share, or just come and join in the fellowship.

All this excitement and work is accepted by your vestry, but it can only be continued by your support of; ideas, time and because of the time of the year, your donations. **IT MAKES OUR JOB OF COMPILING A BUDGET MUCH EASIER WHEN WE KNOW WHAT THE CONGREGATION HAS PLEDGED!** Please join with us in our stewardship campaign!

Please enter your email if you wish to receive pledge updates through email—

Please check here if you are interested in Automatic Withdrawal Payments.

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Stewardship 2008

I/We pledge For the work of God in the community and for the increase of God's kingdom: \$ _____ weekly/monthly/annually. (circle one)

Signature _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" Matthew 6:21

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October 22, 2008



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Wednesday School Newsletter

Leaves Falling!

Two weeks ago, we placed the name of everyone who attends Wednesday School or Youth Group on a leaf outside the sanctuary. We then asked members of the congregation to pray for that person throughout the year. The leaves have all been taken!



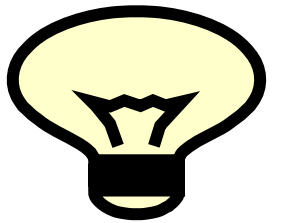
No Wednesday School

Just a quick reminder that there will NOT be school the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. It is the 26th of November

VOLUNTEERS

We are always looking for people to help out. If you know you are available to be a substitute teacher, driver, or snack helper, please let me know!

Please let me know if you have any questions!!!!



Candles

I am looking for old candles for an activity for YOUTH GROUP next Wednesday. If you have any that we could use, please drop them off at the church sometime this week.

Used Light Bulbs

We are looking for burnt out (not broken) light bulbs for a Christmas project. When you are changing light bulbs, please think of us! There is a brown box downstairs that they can be dropped in to!!

What we have been working on:

- Adam and Eve
- Noah's Ark
- The Garden of Eden
- Basic Bible Knowledge
- Tower of Babel
- New Songs
- The Creation Story

Christmas Pageant

Our Christmas Pageant is coming up very quickly. We will be practicing during Wednesday School for the most part. Please watch for more details in the next couple weeks!!! If you know right now that you don't want your child to participate, please let me know ASAP!!!

Snacks

Many of you have asked about bringing snacks for Wednesday school. While we usually provide snacks for everyone, we would gladly welcome anything that you would like to bring. It could be something that we would need to eat right away or something that we could store for later on. We are always in need of small glasses, drink mix, small plates, and napkins.

Pick-Up is at 5 pm! Please help us transition by being on time to pick up your student!!!!