



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

Nov. 1st
Daylight Savings Time starts

Vestry Meeting
Nov. 9th at 7:00 pm
St. Andrew's

ECW Event
Nov. 13th 6:00 pm to
Nov. 14th to 2:00 pm
White Pine

"AP" Summit
Nov. 14th at 9:00 am
St. Andrew's
(lunch provided)

"AP" Summit
Nov. 15th after 9:00 am service
St. John's

Stewardship Conclusion and Potluck
Nov. 22nd after church
St. Andrew's

Retirement Center Service
Mondays at 10:30 am

Christian Education
Nov. 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th
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



My report this month is about steps. Many steps have to be taken, at this time, to select a new priest. But I feel we have made quite a few of them this month. The first was making the decision whether we were going with supply priests or an interim priest to help us with the search process, and to take care of the needs of the church. Once these options were made known to us, an interim priest, Len Evans, was contacted and brought in to preach and to meet with the vestry. After his service, his presentation to the vestry and with input from the congregation, it was decided that the supply priests road was the best fit for our needs. So in effect, our search process has started in full.

The vestry, at our last meeting, selected a committee that would lead our search. The committee is Katie McClure, Gail Grubb, Gail Randall, Randy Belton, Tim Crawford, Mad Murdock, Elizabeth Miller, and Amy Bell from Big Piney. I would like to thank each of them for agreeing to take on this responsibility, and I would like to thank everyone else that volunteered. Because of our decision to go ahead with the search, Margaret Babcock, Transition Officer for the Diocese of Wyoming, was here on the 25th of October to provide our service and to meet with the search committee to get them started.

Cheryl Essington, (Congratulations on her new baby), is scheduling priests for as many Sundays as she can. Morning Prayer will be held on the Sundays no priests are available.

This last Sunday, I gave a short update on the search process, and advised everyone that Stewardship month would begin in November. Presentations will be made throughout November with pledge cards being due on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. I talked about ending our program for this year. Notices will be sent out by Sam McClure on the status of this year's pledge. We are a little behind and do need to catch up. One of the things that the diocese will be looking at is our budget. We have to be able to show that we can support a new priest when one is hired. We also will have additional costs associated with hiring a new priest, such as, moving expenses, interview expenses, etc.

Any questions or comments, please contact me. God bless.

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Search Committee, Katie McClure

The search committee for a new rector has been chosen! On the committee are the following people: Tim Crawford, Madeline Murdock, Katie McClure, Gail Randall, Gail Grubb, Randy Belton, Elizabeth Miller, and Dick Tanner (Big Piney). The committee has met with Rev. Margaret Babcock who is the representative from the Wyoming Diocese that will be guiding us through our search process. The search committee is a group of people chosen by the vestry to help the church in its search for a new rector. They will meet with Rev. Margaret and provide leadership for the church in this process.

The first big step in the process is to hold an “Appreciative Inquiry (AI)” summit. This is where the entire congregation and key leaders of the church participate in describing the best of our past; imagining our future and begin to get a handle on resources, both those present and those needed. This information will be put into a church profile which gets sent out to prospective candidates. So as you can see it is very important that we have as many people as possible participate so that we can come up with a complete compilation of information! The “AI” Summit for Pinedale will be held at St. Andrews on Saturday, November 14 starting at 9:00 a.m. The vestry will provide lunch. The Big Piney Summit will be held at St. Johns on Sunday, November 15 after the church service. We will meet as a whole congregation and break up into small groups for discussion. Please come and be a part of this exciting time in our church. We value your opinions, questions and comments so come join in! We need to hear from young – young at heart – new members- old members – tall members – short members, those that can sing, those that can’t – anyone who likes to eat and anyone who is excited for the future that God is calling us!

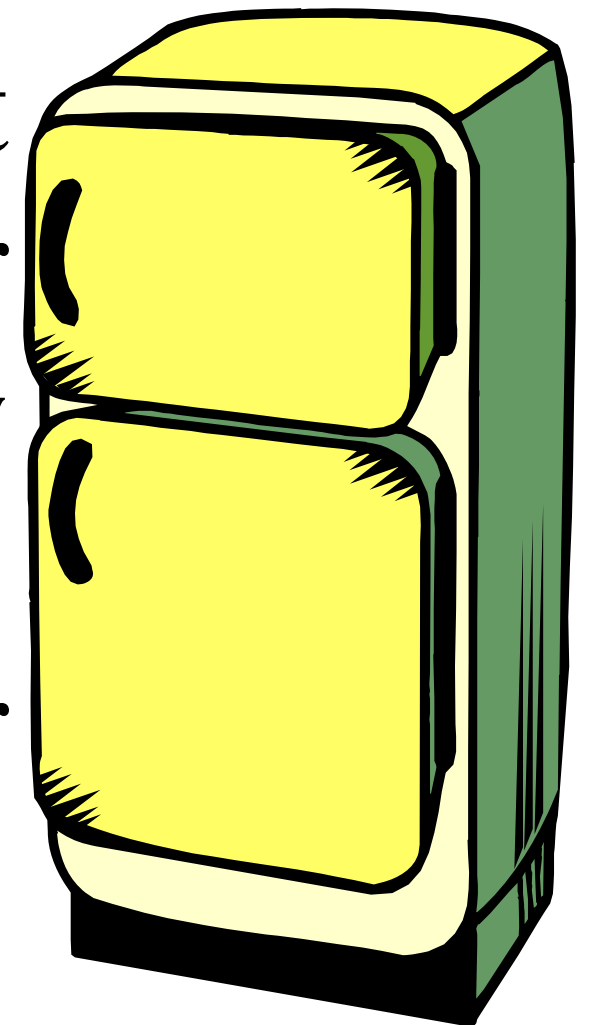
If you have any questions or comments please contact a member of the search committee.

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Special Vestry Meeting, Cheryl Essington

- October 18, 2009 -12:30 pm
- Attendance: Dave Lankford, Cody Saxton, Kenna & Linda Tanner, Jordan Vana, Jo Crandall, Norm Pape, ML Baxley, Cheryl Essington, Len Evans, Madeline Murdock, Gail Grubb, and Gale Randall.
- Dave Lankford started the meeting explaining an interim Priest; he introduced Len Evans who also described an interim Priest's duty. This included finding out what is unique about the congregation. The identity of the congregation and it's leadership. The congregations' relationship with the Diocese along with the relationship with Big Piney. Len also described how an interim allows one authority.
- Another avenue to travel would be an interim consultant who leads a congregation thru the search process.
- Len Evans, if chose would be paid \$32,000. Cap on pension for a retired Priest.
- Dave and all present thanked Len for his travels and service, and he started back to Salt Lake City. The Vestry members and Search Committee discussed pros and cons of an interim Priest.
- Jordan moved to retain supply clergy and the assistance of Margaret Babcock, Jo seconded the motion. Five members were in favor of the motion, one member was against. The motion carried.
- The meeting adjourned.

Thank you, Pat
Coleman, for
the new
"Flower Fridge"
for the Altar
Guild!



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October Vestry Meeting Minutes, Cheryl Essington

October 11, 2009 - 7:00 pm

Attendance: Mindi Seehafer, Dave Lankford, Amy Bell, Cody Saxton, Dick Tanner, Jordan Vana, Jon Boroff, Jo Crandall, Katie McClure, Norm Pape, and ML Baxley.

Dick Tanner started the meeting with prayer.

Jordan moved to approve the minutes from the September meeting, Jon seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Katie made a motion to move \$1,000.00 from the operating bank account to the Vicar's Discretionary account. Jon seconded the motion; all members were in favor, the motion carried. Jo moved to approve the Operations Report, Norm seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Katie moved to change the \$15,000.00 to \$5,000.00 in the Wind & Wings grant (2009 budget proposed 10/09); Jordan seconded the motion, all were in favor, the motion carried.

Mindi presented a bill from Pinedale Natural Gas for new renters. It was decided that Jon would pass the bill onto the new renters for payment; they were in the rental property during the dates on the bill.

Old Business:

Jordan has asked Elizabeth about the status of the Wind and Wings grant. The grant was not applied for again. It is believed to be a one time grant; Jordan will verify this. If we can apply for the grant we will.

Senior Warden:

Dave reported that St. Andrews in the Pines will be included in the 2010 Historic Episcopal Churches Engagement Calendar. This is a project Wes had been working on.

The community chose St. Andrews in the Pines as "Best Place to Worship", this was sponsored by Green River Valley Land Trust, Sublette Examiner, Sublette County and the Chamber of Commerce.

Dick Tanner praised the power point presentation that Sukey Hohl presented at the Conference. He was excited to hear about all the different ways the Mustard Seed money was used through out the State. Hundred of people welcomed back St. Johns in Big Piney. There will be photos on the Dioceses web site shortly.

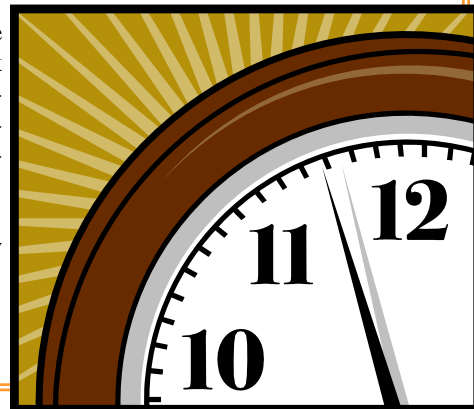
Jordan moved, Cody seconded to obtain a second credit card for Elizabeth Miller to use when purchasing supplies for the church educational programs. All members were in favor, motion passed. Jordan moved and Jon seconded to set the limit on the credit card at \$1,000.00. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

The Vestry members chose the following individuals to be asked to the search committee: Gail Grubb, Gale Randall, Randy Belton, Tim Crawford, Elizabeth Miller, Madeline Murdock, Katie McClure, and one member from Big Piney. The Big Piney member will be Amy Bell, Kenna Tanner, or Dick Tanner. Jordan moved to have these people form the Search Committee, Jo seconded the motion, all members were in favor. The motion carried.

The Stewardship Campaign will soon be underway. We will ask Sam to mail out pledge summary's within the next two weeks. Dave will speak on October 25; Sam will speak on 11/1 to start off the Stewardship campaign. On 11/8 Elizabeth Miller will speak regarding Stewardship and the youth program. On 11/15 Tom Davenport will speak regarding Tanzania. To end the Stewardship campaign, Katie McClure will speak with a potluck following the service. Out pledges are currently \$30,000 less than we budgeted for.

New Vestry members – Dave asked expiring Vestry Members to remain on the Vestry until the search process is completed.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 9:00 pm.



NOVEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Service at Congregational Church 10:30 am	2 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	3	4	5	6 ECW Event White Pine 6:00 pm Fri. to 2:00 pm Sat.	7 "A" Summit 9:00 am St. Andrew's
8 "A" Summit After 9:00 am service St. John's	9 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am Vestry Mtg. 7:00 pm	10	11	12	13	14
15 Stewardship Conclusion & Potluck	16 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	17	18	19	20 Wednesday School 3:15 pm Adult Christian Ed 5:45 pm Middle/High Youth 7:00 pm	21
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Tanzania, Tom Davenport (part 2)

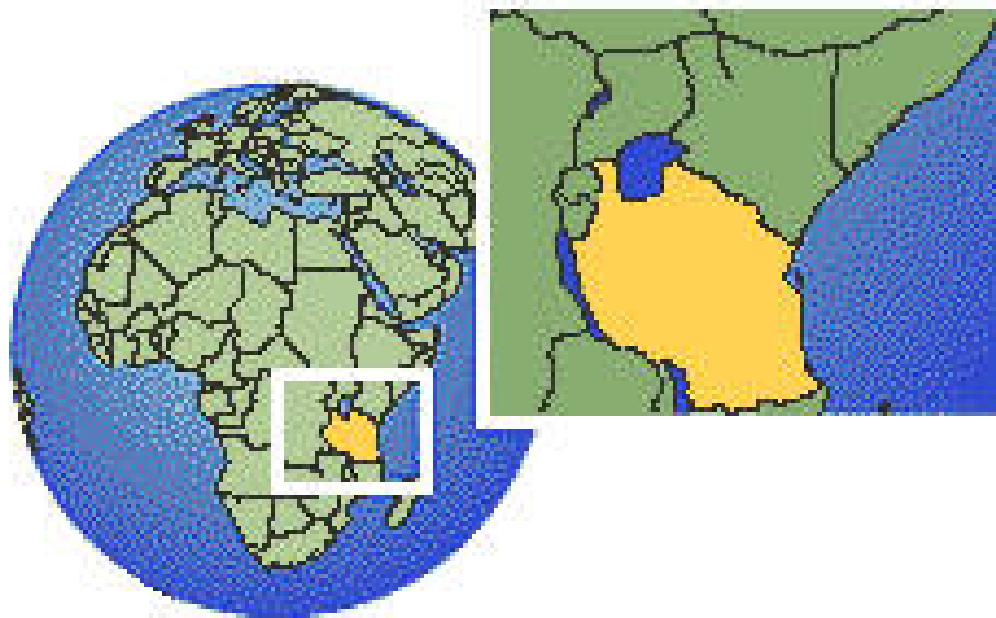
Information on Tanzania

Grant Request to the Foundation of the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming

Executive Summary for the Trustees of the Episcopal Foundation of Wyoming – Collaboration between the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church of Tanzania was underscored in February, 2007, at a meeting of the Anglican Primates in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, where the Millennium Development Goals [MDG] were discussed. In order for the then new Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori to learn how the goals of eliminating poverty and disease were being addressed at the grassroots level, Bishop Mdimi Mhogolo of the Diocese of Central Tanganyika [DCT] invited seven Episcopal American missionaries to personally meet and discuss their work in the province with her. Mhogolo first explained that attaining even the basic necessities of life are very big challenges for people in his diocese, *“and yet in that context they know God's presence. God is there helping them, encouraging them”*.

Jefferts Schori, who was visiting Tanzania for the first time, said after the meeting that *“the Anglican Communion is alive and well in this kind of partnership level on the ground. I think we need to be grounded. We need to remember what our mission is and where and how we're called to live out the gospel in this world”*. The Episcopal Church [TEC] and the Anglican Church of Tanzania [ACT] have many historic ties through companion diocesan relationships, missionary work, and development projects. Mhogolo has stated both publicly and in a written brief that DCT would continue to welcome friends and partners in mission from TEC.

Former radiologist, the Rev. Sandra McCann, M.D. and her husband, Martin, also an M.D., are Episcopal missionaries from the Diocese of Atlanta who began working for Bishop Mhogolo in DCT in 2004. The Rev. McCann is both the Director of Communications and a teacher at Msalato Theological College [MTC], the first Anglican school in Tanzania to offer a Bachelors of Theology degree. Rev. McCann said: *“We feel*



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Music Notes, Coralee Petersen

This really won't be about music, mostly. I do want to say that I am glad to be back playing for services. There was a time a few weeks ago when I was not sure that would happen. Also, there will be no choir for awhile - I simply do not have the energy. I am grateful for the healing that has come my way, but it will be a long haul. The doctor says at least a year to totally recover.



I want to use this opportunity to thank all the people who have reached out to Fred and me during this time: bringing food, sending cards, cleaning our house, doing our laundry, taking our recyclables, sitting with me when I was at the end of my rope, driving me to physical therapy, phoning to see how I was doing, praying for us, and heaven knows what I have forgotten to mention. Please know how very much all your support has meant to us. It has reminded us just what it means to be part of St Andrew's church family.

Coralee Petersen

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Christopher James Essington was born 10-12-09 at 1:23 p.m. at 7 lbs.

We are all doing very well and have been given a clean bill of health. Thank you all for your continued prayers and support during this difficult pregnancy! We really appreciate it.

The Essington's

St. John the Baptist participated at the Annual Convention in Casper recently and renewed our Baptismal Vows, "I will with God's help". With many well wishes and prayers, St. John's was officially recognized as a mission church in the Diocese of Wyoming. We now begin a new journey in our growing relationship with God.

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like the luckiest people in the world to be working in this diocese. I think God really directed us here". Martin operates a Histopathology Laboratory at the Anglican Health Centre in Dodoma and teaches at Mvumi Anglican Mission Hospital and at MTC. Ms. Leslie Steffensen returned to teach at Msalato Theological College immediately after graduation from Virginia Theological Seminary [VTS] in 2006. After first visiting Tanzania while on a mission trip with VTS, she decided, along with her husband, Kirk, and their three young children, to work as missionaries for a year. ***When it comes down to it, it's parish-to-parish, church-to-church, people-to-people. What it really comes down to is the personal relationships.*** Kirk says his time in Tanzania has made him realize just how wealthy America is, both financially and mentally. *"I've realized just what \$50 can do in this context. I could spend that at home on a video game for the children, but that's way more than a month's salary here"*, he said. ***But it's important for money to go to the right place, otherwise it won't see its way to the people who really need it. As Leslie said, the church-to-church, person-to-person ties are really what are critical in getting the help where it needs to go.***

Quotes excerpted from a 2007 Episcopal News Service article.]

"Stephen Mnubi, to whom we are providing a scholarship to attend Msalato Theological College, will be coming to Virginia Theological College for the month of January 2010. We are inviting him to visit us in Pinedale and in Big Piney and participate in our church services. Some have suggested hosting a public meeting at the library also, but that is not yet decided. To pay for his airfare, the Tanzanian Connections Task Group decided to use the funds being collected in our Alcove offering...so PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY EACH SUNDAY...and we will gather the approximately \$600 that is needed☺

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Christian Education & ECW, Elizabeth Miller

At Wednesday School and Youth Group the students have been learning about the stories of the Creation, Adam and Eve, Noah, and Abraham & Sarah. We have been working on different ways to Praise God and pray to God including saying "Thanks Be To God!!!"



Youth Group had a fabulous time during our annual scavenger hunt- racing around town! The smiles on the faces in the pictures say it all!

ECW will be hosting a retreat at White Pine Ski Area November 13th-14th. It will go from 6pm on the 13th through 2pm on November 14th. If you are interested in attending, please contact Gail Randall or Elizabeth Miller



ECW is in need of a treasurer. If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth Miller.



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From the Diocese of Maryland

<http://www.ang-md.org/press/2009-04-30-flu-statement.php>

We have heard from some in our diocese of health concerns as we face a potential pandemic. In an effort to encourage confidence during this time, we want to offer these guidelines for contact during worship and especially around the Holy Eucharist.

Go to Church!

- As long as you are feeling well, continue to worship as usual. Take the normal precautions if you or a family member is ill (ie. stay home).

The Passing of the Peace:

- A handshake is not mandated by the Church, and is discouraged during this time.
- Continue to verbally share the Peace of our Lord. Making eye contact, slightly bowing your head, or a friendly wave are good substitutes for the traditional handshake or hug.

The Holy Eucharist:

- It is not sacramentally necessary to receive "in both kinds" – both the bread and the wine – in order to make a full communion. A worshipper's individual health needs may preclude taking either the bread or the wine, and the provision of non-wheat wafers for those who are allergic to wheat is encouraged.
- The Common Cup – Medical experts agree that the danger of transmitting communicable diseases by sharing the chalice is negligible. History has borne this out and we still highly encourage this ancient liturgical practice.
- Chalice bearers – be sure to wipe the rim of the cup and turn it after every person is served.
- Intinction (dipping the bread into the cup), however, poses a greater potential threat, especially when the bread is handled with unwashed hands. Therefore, we discourage this practice during this period. No fingers in the cup!
- Clergy – be sure to wash your hands, and consider using an anti- bacterial gel before the administration of communion.