

A Voice in the Wilderness



ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OCTOBER 2007

The Rector's Remarks

Wes Shields



Fall is upon us and our various church programs are started once again. I want to remind everyone that we will be having the Blessing of the Animals on October 10th at 5:15 and the "Hitchhiker's Guide to the Episcopal Church" on the evening of October 19th and the morning of the 20th. Please let me know if you intend to come to the Hitchhiker's workshop in Big Piney.

One of the issues that many of you have asked about from time to time is what is going on with the consecration of Gay bishops and the blessing of unions. The House of Bishops has just met in New Orleans and they have published the following statement:

A summary of the statement from the House of Bishops meeting in New Orleans:

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Senior Warden's Report Gail Grubb

I recently had an opportunity to escape to the Abbey at Walsenburg, Virginia Dale Colorado. I was a little more prepared with the creature comforts for this stay than I was last time. I did have a supply of Diet Pepsi and snacks. We had signed up for a guided weekend, "Drawing Closer to God". The basic theory of this being, anyone can draw if they will allow their hands to draw what they see and not what their minds think they see. Of course what we actually see is Gods creation and if we draw it as it is it will be beautiful. Of course this may take some practice especially for those of us who

have problems disengaging their minds. But after some instruction, and practice I actually did a pretty good job. The area around the Abbey provides abounding opportunities to choose your attack! Something simple, or an entire rock mountain. Aside from the time spent in the outdoors creating masterpieces, I spent a lot of quiet time, resting my busy mind and body. The time I spend in church with the nuns is so comforting, peaceful and renewing. Their life style reminds me that most of the people I know and love live with tremendous excess in their lives. The meals are plain but filling, the room accommodations are modest and sparse, but the quiet and peace are plentiful. So if you are looking for a place to go to get away from it all, to spend quiet time with God and surround yourself with people who love Jesus, give any retreat Abbey a try. It works for me.

Respectfully

Gail Grubb

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Rector's Remarks (cont.)

We reconfirm that resolution B033 of General Convention 2006 (The Election of Bishops) calls upon bishops with jurisdiction and Standing Committees "to exercise restraint by not consenting to the consecration of any candidate to the episcopate whose manner of life presents a challenge to the wider church and will lead to further strains on communion."

- We pledge as a body not to authorize public rites for the blessing of same-sex unions.
- We commend our Presiding Bishop's plan for Episcopal visitors.
- We deplore incursions into our jurisdictions by uninvited bishops and call for them to end.
- We support the Presiding Bishop in seeking communion-wide consultation in a manner that is in accord with our Constitution and Canons.
- We call for increasing implementation of the listening process across the Communion and for a report on its progress to Lambeth 2008.
- We support the Archbishop of Canterbury in his expressed desire to explore ways for the Bishop of New Hampshire to participate in the Lambeth Conference.
- We call for unequivocal and active commitment to the civil rights, safety, and dignity of gay and lesbian persons.

Read it all as well as links to other comments at:

<http://episcopalcafe.com/lead>

I thought this might interest some of you and if you have questions about what this means or would like to discuss this as a group, please let me know. I look forward to seeing all of you soon and God Bless.

ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS NEEDED!!

The Altar Guild is looking for new members. If you are interested in this fulfilling, "behind the scenes" ministry, please contact Pat Coleman at 367-4143 or Mary Lankford at 367-4820.

Thanks for your help!

Pat Coleman



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Retirement Center Service 10:45 am	2 Prayer Hour 12-1:00 pm	3 Blessing of the Animals 5:15 pm	4 Wednesday School 3:15 pm Middle/High Youth 7:00 pm	5 Wednesday School 3:15 pm Adult Christian Ed 5:45 pm Middle/High Youth 7:00 pm	6 Hitchhiker's Guide Time to be announced
7 Vestry Mtg. 7:00 pm	8 Retirement Center Service 10:45 am	9 Prayer Hour 12-1:00 pm	10 Blessing of the Animals 5:15 pm	11 Wednesday School 3:15 pm Adult Christian Ed 5:45 pm Middle/High Youth 7:00 pm	12 Hitchhiker's Guide Time to be announced	13 Hitchhiker's Guide Time to be announced
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September Vestry Minutes, Cheryl Essington

Vestry Meeting
September 10, 2007

Present: Wes, Gail Grubb, Barb Wise, Dave Lankford, Jordan Vana, Cheryl Essington, Jon Boroff, Roz Leslie, Donna Skinner, Shane Costello

Action items listed in Red.

The meeting was opened in prayer.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Gail moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting; Roz seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Jon moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Jordan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Senior Warden: Gail is still waiting for an update on the grants.

Rector's Report: SAFV has asked Wes to network with other churches and their leaders. Big Piney has both children and adult programs that mirror our Christian Education. Wes encouraged the Vestry to attend the Hitchhiker's Guide to the Episcopal Church October 19th and 20th.

Junior Warden: Jon and Van Huffman sprayed the building and the railing has yet to be done.

New Business:

1. Planning for Adult Christian Education. The Vestry discussed ways to educate St. Andrew's on the importance of ministry in our own lives and ways to approach the congregation. Barb and Wes brought several suggestions to create more commitment and ways to acknowledge those who already serve. **Jordan will draft a letter to the congregation and submit for Vestry approval at the next meeting.**

Open Discussion: Barb will bring information to the Vestry to investigate a microphone system for the next meeting. Cleaning of the Church was discussed. Cheryl will contact the vacuum crew to see if they are still coming.

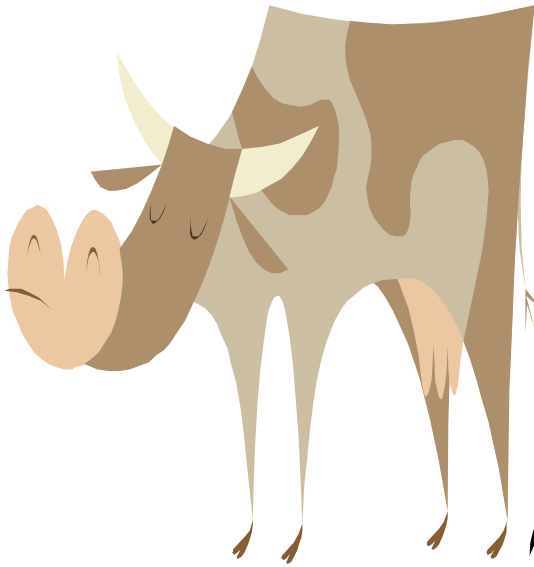
Cheryl will contact Cally about the website.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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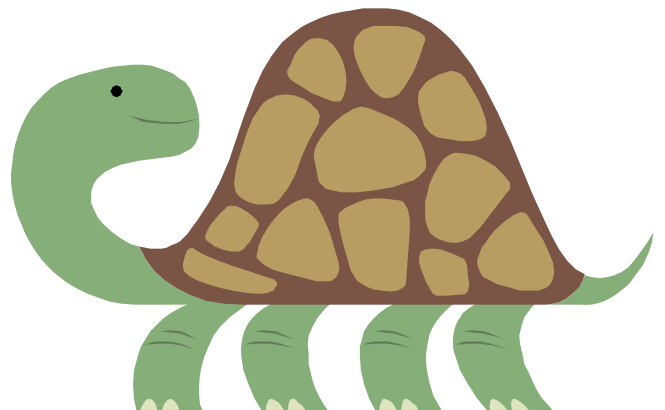
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS!

**Brings your horses, bring
your cats, bring your dogs,
bring whatever
you have and
have it blessed!**



**The Bless-
ing of the Animals**

**will be
held on
the lawn at the church
on Oct.
10th at
5:15 pm.**



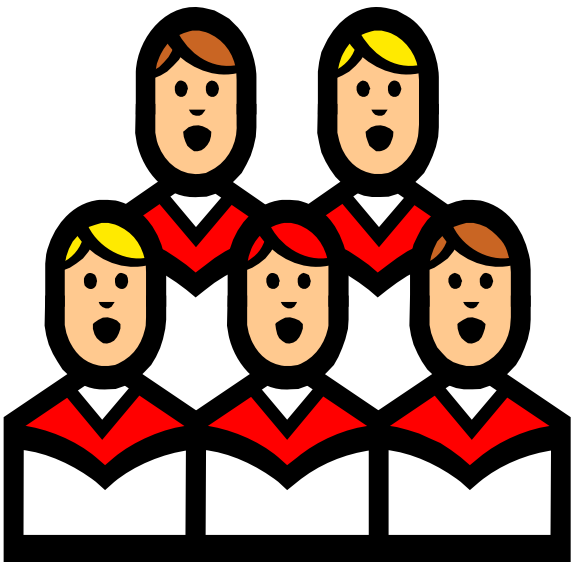
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Thanksgiving

We are talking about a Thanksgiving Day worship service again. We will be inviting other churches to help plan, execute, and possibly even host the service. Help with the planning would be welcome. Also, it has been proposed that there is a need for a free, open to anyone, community meal on Thanksgiving. This can only happen with willing organizers, donations, workers and participants. Could you consider making this your family's Thanksgiving Day meal? Call the office and let Wes or Cheryl know if you would like to be involved in either of these Thanksgiving Day projects.



CALLING ALL SINGERS



Community Choir will begin rehearsing in October for the annual Christmas season presentation of the Festival of Lessons and Carols. Watch for further info, or call Sukey Hohl at 367-2078 or 367-4114 if you would like to be on the calling list.

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Music Notes

Coralee Petersen

Choir has begun our fall season. During the last few Sundays in September we met after church so we could prepare some music for the bishop's visitation. Now that our service schedule has changed to the later services, we will be meeting at 10:00 AM Sunday mornings. Anyone who likes to sing is welcome to join us; you can do that seasonally, too. From time to time, I will announce that we are preparing for a specific event (like the bishop's visitation) and you can join us for short term projects. So you can consider joining us occasionally, shaping the length of your commitment to what works for you. Also, remember that individual musical offerings, instrumental or vocal, adults or children, members or guests, are always welcome; please let me know if you have a musical gift to share and we will schedule a time for you to be part of our worship. Thanks to Ryan McKee for playing piano for prelude and postlude one Sunday.

Special thanks go to those who have taken time to help plan our service music and choose the hymns we sing: Roz Leslie, Barb Wise, Marilyn Huffman, Lois Decker, and Donna Skinner. We meet at 11:00 AM on Tuesdays at the church and anyone interested is welcome to join us or talk to one of us about your preferences, favorite hymns, etc.

Coralee Petersen



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Dates to Remember:

Vestry Meeting
Oct. 8th, 7:00 pm
St. Andrew's

Blessing of the Animals
Church Lawn
Oct. 10th, 5:15 pm

Adult Christian
Oct. 10th, 17th, & 24th
5:45 pm, St. Andrew's

Hitchhiker's Guide to the
Episcopal Church
Evening of Oct. 19th
Morning of Oct. 20th

Service times change to
9:00 am and 11:00 am
For fall and winter
Starting Oct. 7th

Wednesday School
Every Wed. in Oct.
Please pick-up kids no later than
5:00 pm at the church

Middle & High School
Youth Group
Every Wed. in Oct.
7:00 pm, St. Andrew's

