



## ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### Senior Warden's Report Dave Lankford

St. Andrews is in full change mode. We all had the opportunity to say good-bye to Wes, Laura, and Emma, we know that they will be missed, but the time is now to start the process of looking for a new priest.

The Vestry met with Margaret Babcock from the Diocese on the 14th of September and she laid out to us that the usual time to hire a new priest is one year. We have been fortunate in the past that it hasn't been as long, but realistically we have to plan for that. The diocese is going through the process of selecting a new Bishop and frankly we don't know how that will affect us. During the search process, Margaret gave us two options for interim solutions. Support priests, who we book week by week, filling in with morning prayer, or an interim priest that we would sign a contract with for up to a year that would give us someone 3 weeks a month to take care of the congregation. The vestry opted at this time to go with the support option, and start the search process immediately. So we will be scheduling the support priests thru Cheryl in the office. I have talked with an interim priest in Utah who is coming on the 18th of October to give us the benefits of going that way. All the information that we can get will help in the decision.

As we are going ahead with the search process, a search committee is the first order of business. I would like anyone who would be interested in serving on that committee to contact me by the 4th of October (367-4820). The vestry will establish the committee on the 12th of October and Margaret will be back to meet with them on the 25th of October. We would like the meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> of Oct. to occur after our service on Sunday. The search committee will be the lead group in finding our new priest.

October 4th, a priest could not be found because of the Diocesan Convention, but seeing as how things usually work out, Rev. Carol White of the Congregational Church contacted me and invited us to a World Communion service at her church. The service should be very similar to ours and she has asked that if you have any clothes from where your family might have emigrated from you wear them and/or you bring bread from that country or region for communion. The service will be at 10.30 a.m. at the Congregational Church.

Services for October and the remainder of the year have been altered a little. Using support priests, it seems that it works best that they come into town on the Saturday before the services, perform services at 9 o'clock in Big Piney and 11 o'clock in Pinedale, which then gives them the opportunity to drive home in the afternoon. So, we will be going back to one service in Pinedale.

Change is in the works, we as the vestry will do everything possible to keep you informed, but remember if you have a question please call one of the members. God Bless.

### Dates to Remember:

**Service at  
Congregational Church  
Oct. 4th at 10:30 am**

**Vestry Meeting  
Oct. 12th at 7:00 pm  
St. Andrew's**

**ECW Event  
Cinderella  
Oct. 14th at 7:00 pm  
Pinedale Auditorium**

**Len Evans will lead service  
Possible Interim Priest  
Oct. 18th at 11:00 am  
St. Andrew's**

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

**Christian Education  
Oct. 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th  
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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## Overview of Search Process:

- Put together Search Committee of 6-9 people representing different aspects of congregational life (one liaison from vestry, usually Sr. Warden). Mandate: Recommend 1-3 candidates to the vestry.
- If deciding on Interim Pastor—vestry interviews and writes letter of agreement.
- Create two profiles of St. Andrew's ideal candidate: one for the national Church Deployment Office, which helps match clergy looking for new positions with ministry opportunities in the parishes, diocesan offices, and church-related organizations (Margaret will help with this), and one that St. Andrew's sends directly to interested candidates"
- Gather potential names (resumes and CDO profiles will all go to the Bishop's office).
- Bishop forwards acceptable names to Search Committee to process.
- Search Committee may 1) choose up to 5 candidates to visit and then bring in 2-3 of these to visit congregation and vestry OR 2)bring in 2-3 candidates to worship and actively interview with steering committee and vestry. In both cases, these candidates must also meet with the Bishop.
- Vestry decides which candidate to call and consults with Bishop about the choice.
- Vestry extends the call and move new rector and family.

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## Bishop Search Update as of Aug. 27, 2009

### All Quiet on the Western Front... But Busy, Busy Behind the Scenes!

The Wyoming Bishop Search and Transition Committees met face-to-face earlier this month in Casper for two days of training and planning facilitated by our national church consultant Suzanne Foucault.

#### *Report from Linda Anderson, Search Committee chairwoman ~*

The process of discernment and the role of the bishop was a primary focus of the Search Committee's meeting. The education sub-committee has been teaching the committee as a whole about these important topics, and at the Casper meeting we spent time in prayer and conversation, particularly about the criteria for discerning the next bishop for Wyoming. With guidance from our consultant, Search members carefully studied the Diocesan Profile to consider more fully what Wyoming Episcopalians said about their vision and aspirations for our diocese. We listened for the voice of the Diocese as spoken by you in the Profile comments. From this, we gleaned eight critical criteria for screening bishop applicants. Applicants' essay responses, resumes, Church Deployment Office files, telephone interviews and references will be viewed with an eye toward how each connects the critical criteria.

Clergy wishing to be considered for the episcopate in Wyoming must submit their applications by the August 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. The Search committee will meet in person twice during September for further training on evaluating applicant essays, CDO files, resumes and letters of reference. We'll also be trained on how to conduct reference checks and telephone interviews.

The entire Search committee has met every week by phone for the past several months. The time we have spent together in person and on the phone has bonded us into a cohesive group. We don't always agree, but have with God's grace been able reach common decision. The committee appreciates your ongoing prayers and support. The next few months will be especially important as we begin discernment for the slate of candidates and we ask for your continued prayers.

#### *Report from John Peacock, Transition Committee co-chairman ~*

Transitions Committee members also participated in the recent meeting at Casper. We especially appreciated having our consultant, Suzanne Foucault, on site with us and the great meals provided by Cindy King and Pamela RW Kandt.

At the top of our current To-Do list is planning for the Saturday evening dinner at Diocesan Convention in Casper. We spent a good deal of time brainstorming the farewell celebration for Bishop Bruce Caldwell and all we'll say at this point is October 3<sup>rd</sup> will be an evening you won't want to miss or will soon forget!

The Transition Committee is largely responsible for organizing the walk abouts with the bishop candidates, the electing convention for the new bishop and the consecration service for the bishop-elect. At our recent meeting, we reviewed what has and has not worked well in the past and then envisioned what an ideal event for Wyoming would look like in 2010. Our committee will soon begin monthly conference calls as planning for these important events moves into high gear. We are honored to be trusted with these tasks and ask for your prayers and God's guidance as we go about our work.

**Questions on the process or our work?** Please contact Linda Anderson, Search Committee chairwoman (307-388-0883 / anderson\_linda\_@hotmail.com); Cindy King, Transition Committee co-chair (307-259-2023 / cindylking@juno.com); or John Peacock, Transition Committee co-chair (307-631-8914 / mettenheim@msn.com)



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## September Vestry Meeting Minutes, Cheryl Essington

Vestry Meeting Minutes  
September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Present: M.L. Baxley, Cheryl Essington, Margaret Babcock, Dick and Kenda Tanner, Jordan Vana, Dave Lankford, Marilyn Huffman, Mindy Seehafer, Ron Rhyne, Katie McClure, Jon Boroff, Jo Crandall, Cody Saxton

Action items listed in red.

The meeting was opened in prayer.

**Treasurer's Report:** **Katie will check on Wind and Wings money received for 2009, while Jordan will check with E. Miller to see if she has applied for that grant.** There is an outstanding Pinedale Natural Gas bill for a lag in between renters. Jo moved to pay the entire bill, Jon seconded and the motion passed unanimously. **Dave will authorize Mindy to pay bills.** Jordan moved to open create Karibu savings account, Dave seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Wes will need to be removed and Jordan added as a signer for the accounts. Jordan moved, Jon seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Jordan moved to pay full Pension for Wes for the month of September, M.L. seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### Old Business:

**Audit:** Audit is complete, thank you to Gail Grubb, M.L. Baxley, and Barb Pape

### New Business:

**1. Transition:** The Vestry discussed the options available during the next few months. Jordan moved to invite a possible interim priest to interview, Jon seconded and the motion passed with Ron opposed. **Dave will contact Len Evans for interview.** A search committee needs to be formed; we will advertise that anyone interested needs to contact Dave by Oct 4<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Letter regarding lawn maintenance.** Fred Petersen has resigned as lawn maintenance. **Jordan will draft a letter of appreciation for the work he has done.**

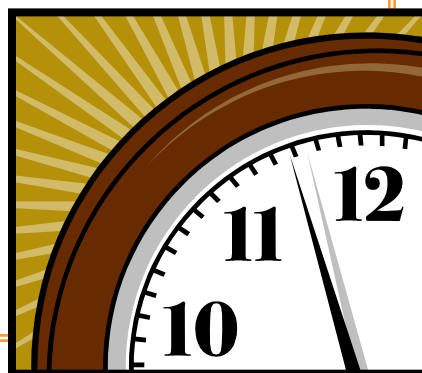
**3. Letter regarding credit card for procurement.** The Vestry will research the best way to enable E. Miller to order Christian Ed supplies, church supplies, fuel for the church van, etc. and decide at the next meeting.

**4. Search Process:** The search process was handed out and posted on the bulletin board. We will have supply clergy for the next few weeks until the Vestry has a chance to meet with Len Evans. We will change to one service October 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00.

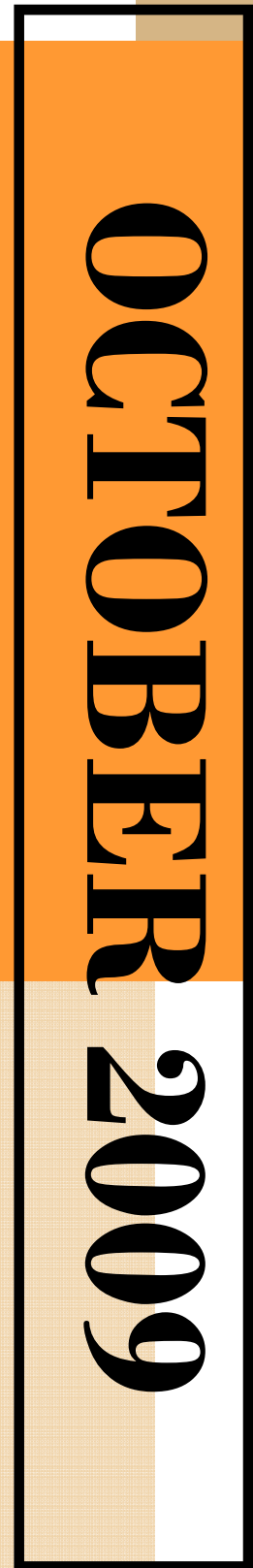
**5. Cheryl's Hours:** Cheryl will continue working approximately 10 hours per week coming into the office Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:00-10:00 and as otherwise needed.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Cheryl Essington



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Service at Congregational Church 10:30 am	5 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	6 ECW—Cinderella Pinedale-Auditorium 7:00 pm	7	8 Wednesday School 3:15 pm Adult Christian Ed 5:45 pm Middle/High Youth 7:00 pm	2	3
11 Possible Interim Priest here to lead the service - Len Evans	12 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am Vestry Mtg. 7:00 pm	13	14	16	17	
18	19 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Retirement Center Service 10:30 am	27	28	29	30	31



## “New” News about Tanzania...

Our Tanzanian Connections Task Group is pleased to announce that this week St. Andrews in the Pines received a check for **\$50,000** from the Foundation for the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming!

The check is the Foundation’s response to a grant request submitted in June requesting funds to provide scholarships for Tanzanians who are studying to become priests at Msalato Theological College, scholarships for children at the Bishop Stanway Primary School and computing equipment to expand MTC’s limited current capability.

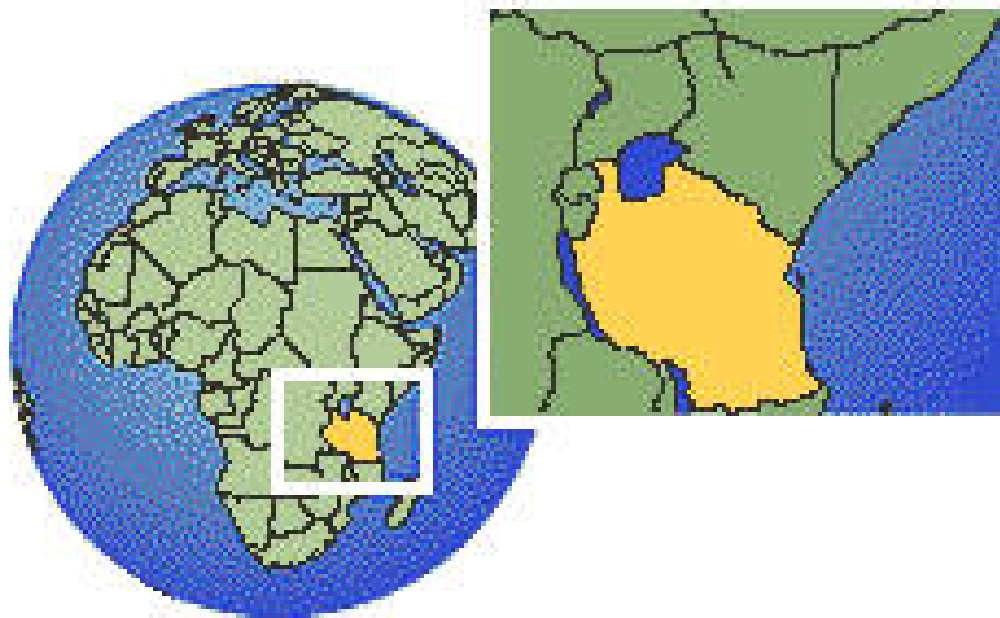
The response from our friends in Tanzania was **“HALLELUJAH/ALELUYA”**.

Members of the TCTG are Jo Crandall, Tom Davenport, Lynn Grassell, Gail Grubb, Katie McClure, Jocelyn Moore, Gail Randall, Madeleine Murdock, Patti Washburn, Wes Shields and Jordan Vana.

A *Karibu* [Swahili for ‘Welcome, Come on In’] Project Committee has been established to be responsible for the disbursement of and accounting for funds, regular monitoring of each project, semiannual project evaluation and results reporting to the Episcopal Foundation of Wyoming.

Members of the KPC are Jo Crandall, Tom Davenport, Madeleine Murdock, Kenna Tanner and Jordan Vana. While the rector Search Committee does its work, Dave Lankford will serve as an ex-officio member.

Over the next few months there will be a series of articles to provide additional information about Tanzania, the people, the grant request, as well as new activities by the TCTG and the KPC. Please “Tune In”!



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**Thank you to everyone who has provided food for Fred and Coralee Petersen. Dishes from meals can be found downstairs for retrieval!**

**Big Piney has invited the Pinedale congregation to join their official reception back into the Diocese at the Casper Convention on Sunday, October 4th.**

**Congratulations!**

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**DON'T FORGET!**

**Starting in October, the service time for Pinedale will move to 11:00 pm (except for Oct. 4th when we will meet at 10:30 at the Congregational Church for a joint service)!! Big Piney service time will be 9:00 am.**



**Don't FORGET!**

**If you are interested in serving on the search committee, please call Dave Lankford by Oct. 4th to nominate yourself!**

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Excerpt from email to Tom Davenport from Sandra McCann, Communications Director, Msalato Theological College upon receipt of the grant from the Diocese of Wyoming:

**“I was just writing to Tally and Jessie that it is too bad you couldn't be here to receive all the blessings that I have--to see the faces, smiles, tears when the students learn that their fees will be paid or what remains of them. They really can't believe it! I have just seen the last of the 21 out the door. I have taken all their pix and they are all to hand me a letter to hand carry to the states so I will mail pix and letters once I am home. One woman from Kenya who had paid all but 240,000 said: Teacher, All I have to depend on is my husband and I am going to call him right now. She is from Kenya and they had been saving for years for her to come, but still were about \$200 US short. Many Kenyans come here because it is so much cheaper and we have a good reputation.”**

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Christian Education, Elizabeth Miller

-Christian Ed at St. Andrew's is back in full swing. On Wednesdays we have between 25 and 35 people attending the three different groups.

-Do you have 30 minutes to spare on Wednesday afternoons? We are in need of a van driver from 3:00-3:30. This person would be responsible for picking up kids from school and driving them to the church. If this is something you could help with on a permanent or part-time basis, please let Elizabeth know!

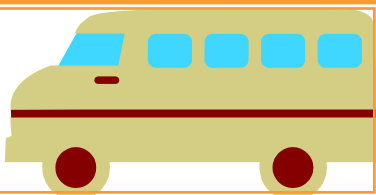
-If you or someone you know is interested in joining a Christian Ed Group, please contact Elizabeth @ 367-4261. Wednesday School is for anyone from Age 4- 5th Grade (3:15pm- 5:00pm). Youth Group is for anyone from 6th-12th Grade (7pm-8pm).

-Adult Christian Ed is for everyone over 12th grade. :-) Adult Christian Ed is studying the book of Romans this fall. We'd love to have you join us (5:45-7pm).

-If you have not filled out an information sheet (yellow or blue), please grab one off of the bulletin board downstairs and return it to church as soon as possible.

-This year, we are asking that everyone who attends Wednesday School bring a snack once a semester. Please watch the notes home from Wednesday School for more information with specific dates.

**Van Driver Needed!!!!**



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ECW, Elizabeth Miller

**-Thanks to everyone who brought items for our swap! We had a great time on Friday night rooting through everything! On Saturday ECW raised \$451.00 in donations.**

**- Our next ECW event will be October 14th at 7pm. We will be meeting a few minutes before that at the Pinedale Auditorium to attend the PFAC event Cinderella, performed by the State Street Ballet of Santa Barbara.**

**-If you have an idea for an ECW event, please let Elizabeth know! 367-4261 home**