



MAY 2026

Engage in the Bishop Search Process:

The Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming has begun a search for a new bishop. The search process and election will shape the future of our diocese (and thus our parish) for years to come, so I encourage you to engage in the process at every opportunity.

Why does our engagement matter? In a diocese as large as Wyoming, it can seem that the bishop's ministry doesn't impact us in Pinedale. While that's understandable given the distances, it's simply not true. The bishop of a diocese sets the vision, tone, and approaches to change that affect how we worship; how we form, attract, and retain clergy; how we interact with nearby parishes; and how we live out our baptismal vows in local communities and in the state as a whole.

In a time of significant church-wide clergy shortages, demographic shifts, and economic challenges (especially in rural communities), our needs and our successes express what God is already doing in our midst and what God longs for us in the future. When the needs and successes of each parish are shared, the bishop and diocesan leadership can see patterns in God's activity in Wyoming and respond faithfully and creatively.

A bishop serves as the chief pastor of all of the parishes in the diocese and is the "pastor to pastors," so the spiritual wellness of clergy, parishes, and parishioners depends in part on the pastoral care and guidance of the bishop. Believe me, priests and deacons need a pastor too, particularly one who can be accessible, caring, flexible, and wise!

Soon, listening sessions facilitated by the bishop search committee will begin across the diocese. One will be held in Pinedale, mostly likely in May. There will be online options for those who can't attend in person. The information gathered at these sessions will be used to create a profile of the diocese to attract candidates to the process.

The most important contribution to the process is something we can all do: pray. Prayer invites the Holy Spirit into the process and keeps us open to God's will for us. Please pray for the Bishop Search Committee and Transition Committees in their hard and holy work; for priests across the church who are

discerning a call to be a bishop; and for Bishop Todd and our diocesan leadership as they continue to lead and serve.

Pray not just once, but throughout the entire process, for which the timeline is already set! The election of the next bishop will take place at a special convention on Saturday, May 15, 2027, and Presiding Bishop Sean W. Rowe will ordain our new bishop on Saturday, October 9, 2027—a celebration to cap the 2027 Diocesan Annual Convention. I and the St. Andrew's convention delegates next year will vote to elect the new bishop.

A prayer for our bishop search has been created for personal and congregational use:

Gracious God, whose Son our Lord Jesus Christ came not to be served but to serve: Bless and sustain all those who have been appointed and commissioned to carry out the work of the search for the next Bishop of the Diocese of Wyoming: the members of the Search Committee, the Transition Committee, the Standing Committee, and all who guide this process; that they may be faithful in prayer, diligent in discernment, and attentive to the needs of your people across this diocese; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

I will be sharing updates on the process as it unfolds, and you can also follow along on the Diocese of Wyoming website at www.episcopalwy.org/bishop-search.

**Blessings,
Leeann+**



Fast Forward by Andrea Paulsen

May ROTA

| Type of Service | 10-May | 17-May | 24-May | 31-May | 7-Jun |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Ante Communion | Eucharist | Eucharist | Ante Communion | Eucahrist |
| | 10:00 AM | 10:00 AM | 10:00 AM | 10:00 AM | 10:00 AM |
| Altar | Joni | Jocelyn | Mary | Jen | Kendra |
| Worship Leader | Erin | Rev. Mary Caucutt | Rev. Mary Caucutt | Sukey | Rev. Leeann Culbreath |
| Acolyte | | | Sarah Julie | | |
| Chalice | | Sukey | Sarah Julie | N/A | Madeleine |
| Greeter/Plate | Julie | Peggy | Madeleine | Madeleine | Erin |
| Lector | Julie | Susan | Sandy | Erin | Sandy |
| Coffee Hour | Julie | Joni | Sukey | Jen | Sandy |

If you are unable to serve or fulfill the duties assigned, please make arrangements to switch dates or ask someone to serve. For assistance, please call Julie Belton at 307) 231-1856 to help.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|-------------------|------|
| Mark Pearson | 5/1 |
| Julie Belton | 5/12 |
| Barb Pape | 5/14 |
| Erin Hastey | 5/15 |
| Mary Kay Zakotnik | 5/25 |

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES IN MAY

| | |
|---------|--|
| May 6. | Sublette Center Service, 10 am |
| May 11. | Vestry Meeting |
| May 20 | Sublette Center Service, 10 am |
| May 24 | Day of Pentecost—remember to wear red! |
| May 27 | Newsletter Deadline |

ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES VESTRY

| Name | Office | Phone | Email | Term Ends |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| Julie Belton | Clerk | (307) 231-1856 | real125c@outlook.com | 2026 |
| Sandy Cenac | | (985) 860-8037 | SandyCenac@gmail.com | 2026 |
| Kelley Pearson | | (307) 231-2394 | okelley.pearson@gmail.com | 2026 |
| Erin Hastey | | (608) 228-897 | erinhastey@gmail.co | 2027 |
| Sukey Hohl | Senior Warden | (307) 231-3030 | sukeybook@gmail.com | 2027 |
| Sarah Hixson | Junior Warden | (307) 231-9666 | sarahmi5@wyoming.com | 2028 |
| Joni Mack | Treasurer | (307) 690-0669 | joni@ravenscrowne.com | |



Sarah Hixson and Julie Belton have volunteered to be adult acolytes.

The Vestry and Rev. Leeann have approved the following job description :

RECTOR POSITION DESCRIPTION

It is important for a congregation and its clergy to have a clear shared understanding of the duties of the priest within their context. Absolving, consecrating, and blessing are the only duties which are unique to the priest and cannot (within the traditions of the Episcopal Church) be assumed by the lay order. For our general purposes, duties often under the purview of the priest include:

- Study and prayer
- Sermon preparation
- Worship services (plan and oversee)
- Instruction for all ages (including stewardship of finances, gifts, and Creation)
- Pastoral care/counseling
- Hospital and home visits
- Preparation for sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage)
- Administrative functions (including staff supervision and maintaining all registers)
- Outreach and evangelism
- Community involvement
- Denominational involvement
- Church meetings
- Building Oversight (use of church buildings & furnishings by parish and outside groups)

Expectations:

As Rector of St. Andrew's, she shall:

- Be competent in her preaching and teaching.
- Modify her leadership style to fit the current needs of the church; to match her leadership style to a group's competence for a task, its maturity in faith and practice, and its level of commitment.
- Nurture the church's life and ministry through an Anglican theology and a commitment to the core mission of the church, which is renewing people in their primary missional task and equipping them for their apostolate in the world.
- Demonstrate congruence between her belief and behavior, and between the public and private dimensions of life, while coping with the typical stages of a relationship between clergy and lay leaders.
- As a priest, understand and be comfortable with being both symbol and person.
- Have a disciplined spiritual life that includes daily prayer and study of the Scriptures, regular continuing education, and the stewardship of personal health.
- **Scheduled office hours for Reverend Culbreath:** the congregation needs to have regular office hours during which to engage with their rector. A minimum of two days for a total of 6 hours would be ideal.
- **Rectory walk-through or social time:** Reverend Culbreath will make available the rectory twice a year for either a walk-through with the vestry, and/or a social time with either the vestry or the congregation. This is an opportunity to be aware of any issues with the house, and to ensure that its upkeep is current.
- Preparation for sacramental rites and training laity in licensed ministries.
- Perform weddings, funerals and other rites.

Responsibilities

In addition to the responsibilities of a priest found in the ordination rite in the Book of Common Prayer and in the Episcopal church current canons, she will provide specific leadership in helping the parishioners of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church toward proclaiming the Gospel, serving the lost and left-out, and being excellent stewards of our gifts from God as she equips the congregation to invite, welcome, and incorporate new persons in their common life.

Her work includes not only the ministries of this mission, but also ministry in the community, the Diocese and the wider church and world.

Treasurer's Report for May 2025 Newsletter

Joni Mack

Finances for March, approved at the April Vestry meeting. If you would like to sit down and have a detailed explanation of our finances, please be in touch. I'm glad to do that.

Thank you, everyone for your generous support of St. Andrew's ministries.

| Assets | Balances as of March 31, 2026 |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Bank Accounts | |
| Operating checking | 4,082.06 |
| ECW checking | 83.49 |
| Priest Discretionary checking | 528.31 |
| Youth Mental Health Fund checking (formerly Suicide Prevention) | 2,832.77 |
| Summer Lunch checking | 14,412.70 |
| Total | 21,939.33 |
| Savings and Certificates of Deposit | |
| Savings Account, which includes: | |
| - Priest Associate fund 331.99 | 39,135.43 |
| CDs, 3 separate instruments, all maturing in 2026 | 86,381.11 |
| Building savings | 336.28 |
| Total Assets | 147,419.93 |
| Dedicated Funds Checking Account, including | 35,307.94 |
| Adult mental health fund | 32,752.97 |
| Outreach Fund | 2,554.97 |
| Total Revenue for March: pledge, open offering and interest income | 12,418 |
| Total Expenses for March | (11,281) |
| Excess of Revenue over Expenses | 1,137 |

St. Andrew's in the Pines Vestry Minutes
March 9, 2026

1. **Call to Order:** 5:31 pm. Present: Rev. Leeann Culbreath, Sukey Hohl, Senior Warden, Joni Mack, Treasurer, Julie Belton, Clerk, Erin Hastey, and Sandy Cenac and Kelley Pearson and Sarah Hixson via Zoom.
2. **Reflection:** Rev. Culbreath led the Vestry in a short spiritual exercise.
3. **February Meeting Minutes:** Erin moved to have the February minutes accepted as presented, Julie seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **Rectory Report:** Rev. Leeann thanked everyone for helping her feel welcome and get settled. She has already been out and about, introducing herself to the community. She plans to meet one on one with each member of the Vestry and to have small group gatherings with members of St. Andrew's to meet people on a more personal level. She will be gone in May and for a couple of weeks in September.
5. **Treasurer's Report/2026 Budget:** Joni has completed the grant reports for the Love Thy Neighbor grant and has started the Rectory grant. Nothing of note in this month's financials, all is on course. She is still working with Rev. Leeann on the complications of rector salary, benefits, and taxation issues, but they are closing in on the final numbers. When numbers are finalized, we will finalize the 2026 budget.
6. **Rector's Job Description:** The Vestry and Rev. Leeann reviewed the current draft and made a few additions. We will finalize at next month's meeting after Rev. Leeann has more time under her belt.
7. **Outreach.** We currently have \$2507 in outreach funds. It was not as hard a winter as anticipated so we will look for other causes needing funding.
8. **Motion to Approve Rector Housing Allowance:** Kelley moved and Sukey seconded to approve a resolution (attached) designating the Rector Housing Allowance subject to finalizing the numbers, when finalized it will be approved by email vote.
9. **Executive Session:** The Vestry went into Executive Session from 6:25 pm to 6:29 pm.
10. **Miscellaneous**
 - A. **Church Phone:** The church cellphone is not receiving calls or texts and is not holding a charge. Rev. Leeann will take it to Union Cellular to see if it can be repaired, and if not, replace it.
 - B. **Church Office Door:** Dave Hohl has found an appropriate door with a window sold by Pinedale Lumber. The door and framing both need to be replaced because newer doors are a different thickness. Joni will contact Josh Beck about doing the work of replacing it.
 - C. **Administrative Assistant:** Rev. Leeann will put an ad on Pinedale Online.
 - D. **Vestry Retreat:** Because of Easter, various Vestry members' travel plans, and Rev. Leeann being gone in May, the Vestry Retreat is postponed to early June. We may have it at the Hohl cabin at Sweetwater Gap.

10. Closing Prayer

11. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.



Confab by Andrea Paulsen



Getting to Know: Albert Culbreath

How long have you been attending St. Andrew's?

Have been attending in person or by Zoom when I can since Feb 1, 2026.

Short Bio: Born in 1959 in Hartselle, AL, grew up the son of teachers on a small farm. I played basketball and baseball through high school and two years of junior college baseball. Our family spent a lot of time outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping. I took up the banjo when I was 14. Attended Roane State Community College, (Harriman, TN), Auburn University (two degrees), and N.C. State University (Ph.D.). Was a founding member of *Thunder Hollow* bluegrass band in Harriman, a member of *In Caboots* bluegrass band at Auburn, and a member of the *Wake County Ramblers* band in Raleigh. I have been a plant pathologist with the University of Georgia since 1989. I work primarily with diseases of peanut. My primary appointment is research, but I teach Introductory Plant Pathology and Plant Disease

Diagnosis and Management. I have published almost 250 journal articles on peanut disease control, and am working on the third edition of the *Compendium of Peanut Diseases*. I met Leeann at a mutual friend's wedding. (I don't have time to tell the story here, but I will on my next visit if Leeann doesn't beat me to it. I was smitten. We "fell in love", I proposed in Yellowstone NP, Leeann said "yes" and moved from Montana to Georgia. We got married, and we have two sons, Zeke (21) and Abe (19). Somewhere along in there I became a clergy spouse, and that has brought even more adventure! Attended primarily a Baptist church in my early decades, switched to being a "Deep Water Methodist." and eventually, an "adjunct Episcopalian.

Where would you like to visit? Nepal, the Philippines, Alaska.

What historical figure do you most admire? Likely because I've recently been reading about him, and I was given a piece of tile from the former U.S. Embassy in Phnom Penh, but here of late, likely, Prince Sisowath Sirik Matak, of Cambodia, who declined an offer of refuge in the U.S. and stayed, knowing he faced certain execution. Also, James Butler Bonham.

Who is your favorite writer? Jesse Stuart is an agrarian poet, story and novel writer from Kentucky. My English Teacher Mother got me hooked on him in junior high school. Also, Bailey White, Janisse Ray, Carl Hiaasen, and Tony Hillerman.

What are your hobbies, interests? Numerous ones, but the most serious are music (I play banjo, guitar, fiddle, and write corny country songs), spoonerisms, reading, fishing, hunting, gardening, writing. Love to cook. I love to visit new places but hate airports and what it often takes to get there. I am an *Andy Griffith Show* nut. I love watching the old shows, and am Presiding Otis (although I don't drink) of the "Never Hit Yer Grandma with a Great Big Stick" Chapter of the Andy Griffith Show Rerun Watcher's Club. Sooo, if you hear me say "shazaam" instead of "amen" or "allelujah" you know why.

What's on your bucket list? Have one of my songs recorded by an artist I admire. Publish a novel. Learn American Sign Language.

What do you love most about Sublette County? Based on still limited experience, the people, the natural beauty, and the library.

Tell us about your family: My Father is 96 and still lives in the house I grew up in just outside the city limits of Hartselle, AL. My Mother died a few years back. I have one brother (Brian) and sister in law (Rita) who live across the garden from my Father. My wife is (among many other things) an Episcopal Priest, great singer, and sinfully good cook. Our son Zeke lives in Tifton, attending Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College studying crop and soil Science, and our younger (albeit taller) son Abe is studying Guitar at Berklee College of Music in Boston. They both are avid outdoorsmen, but Zeke is as passionate about hunting and fishing as Abe is about the guitar. We have one dog, who is primarily Leeann's dog, and she keeps the rhinoceroses chased away.

Favorite Bible verse: James 1:27 and Matthew 25:40, but I do often quote or paraphrase the last part of 2 Kings 2:24....

Favorite spiritual leader:**** Rev. Will Campbell, Minister, activist, writer, advocate for the downtrodden, discriminated, forgotten. Recommend his books, especially *Brother to a Dragonfly* and *Forty Acres and a Goat*. He was a member of a community country music band, named "The MFs"... because they all had Massey Ferguson tractors. Bishop Emeritus Michael Curry and Rev. Becca Stevens are favorites as well.

*****Besides Leeann Culbreath**

Favorite memory/story about St. Andrew's: Walking ten miles (well... a quarter mile anyway) in the snow at 3 o'clock in the morning to take my turn at the The Watch vigil.

MEET KAYLEY GILLITZER



Kayley is our new Administrative Assistant. She and her family moved to Pinedale from Alaska about a year ago. Her husband David is managing the Two Rivers Fishing Co. and their daughter Hadley is three-years-old. She is very excited about this new opportunity. The job is just a few hours a week but you may run into her in the Undercroft, so please give her a warm welcome.

I SPY

STEWARDSHIP DISTINCTION

April 2026

Laura Shell



We are excited to honor another St. Andrew's member with this season's I SPY Stewardship Distinction. As a reminder, the I SPY Stewardship Distinction is not an award, nor is it a competition. It is simply an accolade for a person or persons who are caught red-handed faithfully sharing God's good gifts with others. This distinction is an opportunity for us to raise some praise for someone's gifts or service, and to show our appreciation.

This quarter, we honor Laura Shell. Laura is a cradle Episcopalian, who joined us from California when she moved to Pinedale to be close to her daughter. Laura is a dedicated member of both the St. Andrew's choir and Community Choir and she and her daughter Teresa are responsible for our beautiful altar flowers. Laura attends church faithfully every week and makes the effort to also come to social events and special services.

She is always cheerful, social and welcoming to new faces. We are fortunate to have her as part of the St. Andrew's family. Please join us in giving thanks and praise to God for Laura Shell and affirming her ministry.



St. Andrew's in the Pines
Episcopal Church
Pinedale, Wyoming



Left: Beautiful altar for the Tenebrae Service. Top right: Mother Leeann made her justly famous cinnamon rolls for Easter Brunch. Bottom Left: Bishop Todd with Leeann's dog Brookie. Bottom right: Mother Leeann presented Laura Shell with a I Spy Stewardship Distinction gift on April 20.

St. Andrew's in the Pines
Episcopal Church
PO Box 847

Place
Stamp

