



**FEBRUARY 2026**

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**Dear Friends,**

Have you ever felt like you would like to help out more at church, but didn't feel sure what you could do? Here are some duties that do not require any special training or licenses.

**Greeter/Plate**

This involves getting to church a little early so you can greet folks as they enter the door, give them a service bulletin and answer any questions. If there are guests or newcomers, introduce yourself, get their names, and make them feel welcome. Answer any questions and tell them what to expect. During the service, you will pass the plate, and if it is a communion service, you will also bring up the bread and wine:

**Morning Prayer or Ante-Communion:** Pay close attention to the service leaflet. At the start of the offertory hymn, go to the back and get the collection plate. Pass it around both sides of the church working from the front to the back. When done, stand at the back and wait for the Doxology (Praise God to Whom All Blessings Flow) and slowly walk up to the altar and hand it to the officiant. Bow to the altar before you turn around.

**Eucharist:** At the very beginning of the offertory hymn, take the bread and wine up to the priest. You can have someone accompany you if you want. The priest will take the bread and wine and hand you the collection plate(s). Proceed as above.

**Coffee Hour Duty**

Bring a snack of your choice—it doesn't have to be fancy or homemade or even sweet! Come early. If you have something you want to keep warm, there is a warm setting on the wall ovens. Put out plates, napkins and silverware if necessary. Check the fridge and freezer to see if there are any useful leftovers. Empty the dishwasher, if needed. Put out coffee cups, spoons, sugar and cream, etc. Put water in the electric kettle. Prep the coffee—we use the big pot for 20 plus Sundays (usually communion Sundays), and the Mr. Coffee type for smaller attendance days. Get them

ready, but don't start them, because the coffee will get too strong and burnt tasting over an hour. For the big pot, the best time is during the Peace and for the little one you can start it when you come downstairs. You may want to come downstairs just before the last hymn if you still have a lot to do. The Coffee Hour person is responsible for starting the dishwasher if it is near full (communion glasses go in the silverware holder and making sure everything is put away and tidy before leaving. Sometimes someone is willing to do it for you.

**Lector**

The Lector reads the first two readings and the psalm. The officiant reads the Gospel. Then the Lector comes back for the Prayers of the People. It's best to practice the readings beforehand. Then you can ask someone or look up pronunciations on the Internet if needed. The readings are available in the service leaflet found on the weekly emails, which generally come out on Friday or printed copies are usually at the church by Saturday.

If you are interested in trying out any of the above ministries, Julie Belton does the Rota, which appears in the monthly newsletter and shows who is scheduled for what. She would be glad to fix you up with a coach for your first time!

**Sukey Hohl, Senior Warden**



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# Getting to Know: Laura Shell



**How long have you been attending St. Andrew's:** since 2022. I like the warm and welcoming people.

**Short Bio:** I was born in Greeley, Colorado. My family moved to Wichita, Kansas when I was tiny and I grew up there, a cradle Episcopalian. My teenage years were spent almost entirely at church—children's choir, then adult choir, EYC (Episcopal Youth Community,) etc. In EYC, we drove down to Arizona and did volunteer work at the Navaho Reservation. I was married at 18. My husband and I moved to San Rafael, California. After we were divorced, I moved with baby Teresa to Hawaii, where my parents were living. Then we all moved to San Diego, California and stayed. We were members of All Saints Episcopal Church for many years. Then I came to Pinedale to be near Teresa and Troy.

**Interests:** Crafts, watercolor painting and singing.

**Favorite author:** Lee Child

**Favorite Bible Verse:** Psalm 23:

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want*

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

## ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES VESTRY

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Sukey Hohl	Senior Warden	(307) 231-3030	sukeybook@gmail.com	2027
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Joni Mack	Treasurer	(307) 690-0669	joni@ravenscrowne.com	

**SUBLETTE CENTER WITH ASPEN GROVE SERVICES:** There will be an Ash Wednesday Service on February 18 at 12:15 pm with Rev. Mary Caucutt.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES** will be held at St. Andrew's at 5:30 pm, February 18, Rev. Mary Caucutt presiding.

**PHOTO DIRECTORY:** Sukey has been working to get everyone's photos and information correct so that we will have an accurate photo directory. If you don't think she has a photo of you or you haven't reviewed your contact information, please do that ASAP.

**REMODELED RECTORY BLESSING:** Rev. Mary Caucutt will lead us in a house blessing for our shiny new Rectory on Fat Tuesday, February 17th, at 5 pm at the Rectory. Pizza will be served. The address is 143 W. North St. at the corner of N. Franklin and W. North.

**FEBRUARY VESTRY MEETING** will be on February 9 at 5:30 pm in the Undercroft.

**BISHOP SEARCH:** On January 6, 2026, Standing Committee President, the Rev. Camie Dewey, announced the official beginning of our search process for the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming. Applications are open to serve on the Search Committee and the Transition Committee. Please go to the Diocesan website, [episcopalwy.org](http://episcopalwy.org) for further information.

**THE 2026 ANNUAL MEETING** took place on January 18th. The 2025 Meeting Summary, various ministry reports and the 2026 Budget were made available and discussed. Lauren McKeever and Sarah Hixson were elected as 2026 Convention Delegates with Erin Hastey and Julie Belton as alternates.



*Rev. Mary Caucutt retells the Gospel reading to Ryatt Lankford and Opal Cross on Sunday, January 11.  
Photo by Sandy Cenac.*

# February ROTA

	1-Feb	8-Feb	15-Feb	18-Feb
Type of Service	<b>Eucharist</b> Potluck 10:00 AM	<b>Morning Prayer</b> 10:00 AM	<b>Eucharist</b> 10:00 AM	<b>Euucharist</b> Ash Wednesday 12:15 PM / 5:30 PM Sublette Center / St. Andrews
Altar	Kendra Cross	Jocelyn Moore	Mary Lankford	Joni Mack
Worship Leader	Rev. Leeann Culbreath	Madeleine Murdock	Rev. Mary Caucutt	Rev. Mary Caucutt
Chalice	Sarah Hixson Madeleine Murdock	N/A	Julie Belton	Joni Mack / Julie Belton
Greeter/Plate	Sukey Hohl	Laura Shell	Julie Belton	/Erin Haste
Lector	Sandy Cenac	Jocelyn Moore	Susan Brannen	Susan Brannen/ Erin Haste
Coffee Hour	Julie Belton	Sandy Cenac	Julie Belton	

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.

*To the St. Andrew's in the Pines Community/Family,*



*Thank you for the donation of \$500 from the Love Thy Neighbor grant which helped to pay three families' overdue daycare fees. But St. Andrew's positive, caring assistance goes beyond the monetary donation. St. Andrews support of The REAL Center/Mountain Sprouts has created numerous meaningful experiences for the school aged children. Therefore, your generosity is touching the hearts of many, not just mine. Again, words cannot express the impact this donation will make. Thank you. I'm also happy to say that REAL Center/Mountain Sprouts is now officially a non-profit institution.*

*Julie Belton*

**St. Andrew's in the Pines Vestry Minutes**  
**December 8, 2025**

1. **Opening Prayer**
2. **Call to Order:** 5:36 pm. Present: Sukey Hohl, Senior Warden, Joni Mack, Treasurer, Julie Belton, Clerk, Sarah Hixson, Junior Warden, Kelley Pearson, Erin Hastey and Sandy Cenac via Zoom.
3. **November Meeting Minutes:** Erin moved to have the November Minutes accepted as presented, Kelley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **Rectory Update:** Joni reported that the bathrooms and flooring are done. The interior painting needs to be finished and the kitchen cabinets put in. Then it will be done except for the last small items and a thorough clean. Mary and Casey toured it and were very impressed. We will have some kind of blessing/event when it is completely finished.
5. **Treasurer's Report/Grants/Fundraising:** Kelley moved and Julie seconded that we take \$60,000 from savings and invest it in a six to nine month CD in order to earn some interest. Motion passed unanimously. Kelley moved to approve the Treasurer's report and Sarah seconded. Motion passed unanimously. We then discussed the draft 2026 budget that Joni had prepared. It's a guessing game at this point since we don't know when we will have a new rector and how many family members this person may have (which affects how much we pay for health insurance.) The budget includes an administrative assistant for the new rector. We made a few adjustments to be sure we were covered no matter what the employee expense turns out to be and still have a small excess.
6. **Stewardship.** We are still receiving pledges and will have a better idea of where we stand at the end of the year.
7. **Transition/Search.** Our rector search advertisement is now live and open until March 1.
8. **Preparation/Refresh:** New website is finished and live, pew cards are now out, prayer chain emails have started and photo directory is in progress.
9. **Miscellaneous**
  - A. **Flor:** our current admin person will continue to do light duties until we hire a new administrative assistant for the new rector.
  - B. **New Laptop:** We purchased a new church laptop on Black Friday since the (very) old could no longer handle Zoom video.
  - C. **Annual Meeting:** will be on January 18. Sukey reminded everyone that traditionally St. Andrew's does not elect new vestry members when we are in transition. Each ministry coordinator will need to submit a report before then.
  - D. **Outreach for the Holidays:** We went over the traditional year end giving that the ECW did using the money from the Rendezvous yard sale to fund these donations to our orphan in Honduras, Karibu, and Thistle Farms. The Love Thy Neighbor grant will cover SAFV. We are being conservative with St. Andrew's outreach funds as we foresee there will be a strong need in the coming months.
  - E. **Sublette Center:** Our twice monthly services are slowly growing. We are providing a Christmas Tea event this Wednesday.
  - F. **Laundry Ministry:** We are still looking for a laundromat to coordinate with in Big Piney and Clean Wash in Pinedale is for sale.
  - G. **Vestry Retreat:** Rev. Mary Caucutt will lead a Vestry Retreat on January 11, 2026.
  - H. **Rev. Mary Caucutt's 2026 Schedule:** Mary will be with St. Andrew's January 11 - 18, and then for Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, and for Holy Week.
10. **Closing Prayer**
11. **Meeting adjourned at 6: 45 pm.**

**Treasurer’s Report for February 2025 Newsletter**

**Joni Mack**

Here are the end of year reports, after the Vestry approved and the Annual Meeting reviewed. 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.

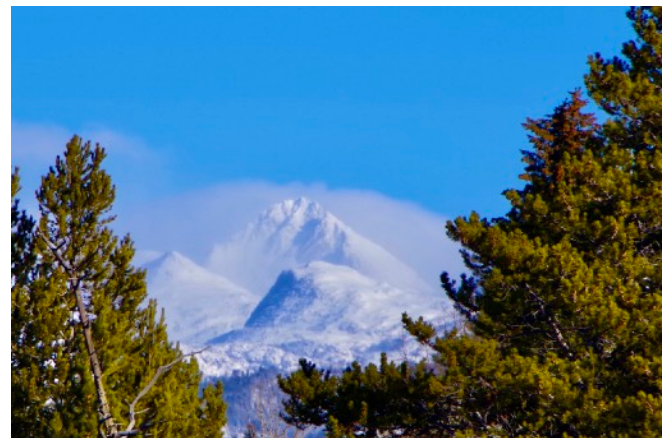
Thank you, everyone for your generous support of St. Andrew’s ministries.

<b>Assets</b>	Balances as of December 31, 2025
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
Operating checking	4,815.26
ECW checking	83.49
Priest Discretionary checking	528.31
Youth Mental Health Fund checking (formerly Suicide Prevention)	7,047.77
Summer Lunch checking	15,412.70
Total	<b>27,887.53</b>
<b>Savings and Certificates of Deposit</b>	
Savings Account, which includes:	
- Priest Associate fund 331.99	39,133.71
CDs, 3 separate instruments, all maturing in 2026	86,381.11
Building savings (see rectory remodel detail on page 15)	14,365.52
Total Assets	<b>139,880.34</b>
<b>Dedicated Funds Checking Account, including</b>	<b>40,431.66</b>
Adult mental health fund	35,192.97
Outreach Fund	4,352.88
Christian Education, including youth	885.81
Total Revenue for the year: pledge, open offering and interest income	<b>118,324.99</b>
Total Expenses for the year	<b>( 61,509.95)</b>
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	<b>56,815.04</b>

<b>St. Andrews Pinedale</b>	
<b>Budget 2026</b>	
<b>Revenue</b>	
Pledge Income	105,000
Open Offering Income	12,000
Bank Interest	1,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>118,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Church Utilities	4,100
Insurance	3,700
Maintenance	1,250
Clergy SECA	3,000
Clergy Salary	37,500
Clergy Pension	9,990
Clergy HSA	4,800
Health Insurance	22,500
Rector Search	5,000
Supply Clergy	1,500
Supply Plus	750
Cell Phone	360
Rectory Utilities	4,000
Copier	200
Admin Asst/Bookkeeping	8,000
Payroll Taxes	750
Postage	700
Supplies	300
Other Office	250
Card Ministry	150
Newsletter	1,000
Worship-Advertising	100
Worship-Altar/Sanctuary	450
Worship-Flowers	(737)
Worship-Publications	275
Worship Other	50
Diocesan Assessment	11,000
Diocesan Convention	750
Zoom	212
Operating Other	50
1.5% operating to Outreach	2,000
Laundry min	350
Christian Education	(1,070)
Parish Fellowship	(97)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>125,634</b>
<b>Excess (Deficit) of Revenue over Expenses</b>	<b>(7,634)</b>



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**Rector Candidate Visit  
Sunday, Feb. 1 at 10 am**

The Rev. Leeann Culbreath and her husband, Albert, will be joining us for a visit next Sunday, where she will celebrate and preach. Afterwards, there will be an informal potluck brunch so everyone may have a chance to get to know her.

