



MARCH 2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Dear Friends,

Things are happening! We have started to work with the Diocese on the transition process. Jessica Reynolds, the Diocesan Canon of Transitions will be visiting with the Vestry in April. We will also be doing an anonymous Congregational Vitality Assessment survey provided by the Diocese. This will be made available to our regularly attending members.

The Vestry is offering updates on the transition process once a month on the Sunday after Vestry meetings (which are the second Monday of the month.) And remember Vestry members are always happy to hear from you and to answer your questions. But please be patient—the Vestry meets once a month, which can seem slow and cumbersome, but it does mean that we have time to thoughtful, prayerful, and do our research!

We are also proceeding forward with evaluating the state of the Rectory and coming up with funds via our own savings and Diocesan grants for needed renovations to make sure the house is sound and in good repair.

The Worship Team with the leadership of Meganne Acres have been planning great Sunday

services and insuring that so far we have Communion scheduled at least once a month. We will have the Rev. Mary Caucutt, former rector of St. Andrew's, here for two Sunday services this month and she will be back for Holy Week! Many thanks to those of us are serving as worship leaders, greeters, lectors, choir members, *et cetera*.

And a big thank you to everyone who is working to keep us going and flourishing during this time. We have suffered no loss in Sunday attendance. As we move ahead we will be looking back and looking forward as we discern what's next for St. Andrew's in the Pines.

Be thinking—what is your vision for the future of St. Andrew's in the Pines? What do we want to keep from the past? What do we want to embrace in the future? How do we make our church sustainable? We want to hear from you!

Wishing You a Holy Lent,

Sukey Hohl
Senior Warden



Trumpeter Treat by Andrea Paulsen



GETTING TO KNOW: ERIN HASTEY

How long have you been attending St. Andrew's? My husband, Rafael, and I started attending after we moved to Pinedale in May of 2022.

Where would you like to visit? I've been on the outskirts of Washington, DC multiple times for work, but I've never actually seen the sites, and I'd like to do that sometime.

Who is your favorite writer? I wrote my master's thesis on the *imago Dei* in John Milton's *Paradise Lost*, so Milton is definitely a favorite. I love his audacity. I'm also a Swiftie, so I love Taylor Swift's songwriting.

What do you love most about Sublette County? I love the seasonality. There's so much to do and enjoy any time of year.

Short Bio: I grew up in the Yuba-Sutter area in northern California. I was raised in a United Methodist church, but bounced around other protestant denominations in high school, college, and early grad school. College took me to the University of Montana in Missoula where I met Rafael and lived at Emmaus Campus Ministry. After college, I lived in northern Germany for a year as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant, and then did my MA at the University of Chicago. Rafael and I got married in the fall of 2016 and I moved to Madison, Wisconsin, where he was in his second year of medical residency. While in Madison, we were members of the downtown First United Methodist Church, and I got my doctorate in education.

Tell us about your family: At home, it's Rafael and me, two dogs, some barn cats, and three BLM mustang geldings.

Favorite Bible Verse: I'll follow the lectionary model and offer verses from the Old Testament, New Testament, and Gospel:

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. *Isaiah 6:1*

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. *Romans 8:18*

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. *John 10:10*

MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 2: Holy Eucharist - Rev. Mary Caucutt, **Lector:** LJ DeGraffenreid, **Eucharistic Minister:** Meganne Acres, **Illuminator:** Madeleine Murdock

March 5: Ash Wednesday, Sublette Center 12:15pm: **Lector/Communion Assistant:** Sukey Hohl
St. Andrew's 5:30pm: **Lector:** Clay Cundall, **Eucharistic Minister:** Open Opportunity

March 9: Holy Eucharist, Rev. Mary Caucutt, **Lector:** Clay Cundall, **Eucharistic Minister:** Julie Belton

March 16: Service of Ante-Communion, **Lector:** Open Opportunity, **Worship Leader:** Sukey Hohl

March 23: Morning Prayer, **Lector:** Erin Hastey, **Worship Leader:** Open Opportunity

March 30: Service of Ante-Communion, **Lector:** Sandy Cenac, **Worship Leader:** Meganne Acres



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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

						1 7 pm Narcotics Anonymous
2 9 am Holy Eucharist with Rev. Mary Caucutt	3	4 Pancake Supper 5:30 pm	5 Ash Wednesday Services: 2:15 Sublette Center 5:30 St. A's 5:30 pm Veterans Talking to Veterans and First Responders	6 7 pm Narcotics Anonymous	7	8 7 pm Narcotics Anonymous
9 9 am Holy Eucharist with Rev. Mary Caucutt	10 5:30 Vestry Meeting	11 7 pm Marijuana Anonymous	12 5:30 pm Veterans Talking to Veterans and First Responders	13 7 pm Narcotics Anonymous	14	15 7 pm Narcotics Anonymous
16 9 am Ante (Before) Communion, Vestry Update	17  St. Patrick's Day	18 7 pm Marijuana Anonymous	19 5:30 pm Veterans Talking to Veterans and First Responders	20 7 pm Narcotics Anonymous	21	22 7 pm Narcotics Anonymous
23 9 am Morning Prayer	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 9 am Ante (Before) Communion	31 Newsletter Deadline at 5 pm	7 pm Marijuana Anonymous	5:30 pm Veterans Talking to Veterans and First Responders	7 pm Narcotics Anonymous		7 pm Narcotics Anonymous

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LENT WORSHIP NEWS BY MEGANNE ACRES

During the February 23rd worship service, our congregation had an opportunity to reflect. Via our scripture readings and using guided questions, Erin Hastey helped us consider the possibilities of St. Andrew's as our transition continues. For me, the inquiry of *"what do you think we need to lay to rest at St. Andrew's to make way for resurrection and new life?"* was especially rich to consider. This question was prefaced with Paul's reminder in 1 Corinthians 15 that resurrection requires death.

Although this question was used in the framework of our discernment, ancient Christians observed a season of penitence, fasting and letting go as they prepared for the Paschal Feast. Eventually, this season included the imitation of Christ's fasting in the wilderness for 40 days and grew especially important for converts to the faith who were preparing for baptism and those guilty of notorious sins who were being restored to the Christian assembly. Now, as people of the same resurrection of Christ, we too have an invitation to release and seek restoration through Jesus, daily and especially during the season of Lent.

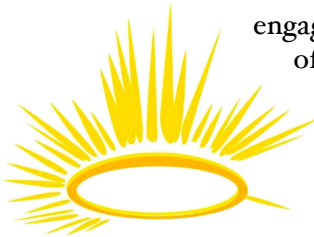
Our Book of Common Prayer (BCP) invites all "to observe a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance, by prayer fasting, self-denial and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word" (BCP, p.265) The focus of our worship services will move us to a heightened awareness of our own sin and death with penitential posture and lead us to recognize a wilderness with temptations and distractions that God will assist us to withstand.

Individually, the invitation from the BCP allows for creativity and unique responses and discipline as the Holy Spirit leads. Corporately, we will let go of "Alleluia" in our liturgies and be primarily guided by Form IV of the Prayers of the People, which offers more silence.

Though we know the rest of God's plan, the intention is to be present as we take this journey of Lent together: letting go, making space with Jesus as our ever present companion, helping us find the path to less of us and more of God - leading us to humility and Holy Week, where the empty tomb, the cross and our Savior are waiting with a message: Come to Life!!

LENT MADNESS

Lent Madness began in 2010 as the brainchild of the Rev. Tim Schenck. In seeking a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the men and women comprising the Church's Calendar of Saints, Tim came up with this unique Lenten devotion.



The format is straightforward: 32 saints are placed into a tournament-like single elimination bracket. Each pairing remains open for a set period of time and people vote for their favorite saint. 16 saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo.

Later, Lent Madness partnered with Forward Movement the primary Episcopal Church publisher to create a website and broaden the number of people involved. In last year's bracket, Andrew the Fisherman made it to the Faithful Four and Julian of Norwich attained the Golden Halo!

We at St. Andrew's are invited to participate - Simply grab your official guide, the Saintly Scorecard, featuring the biographies of all 32 saints for 2025. Enjoy and be inspired as we learn about the faithful and thank God for their ministries. For more information than you think is possible or to vote, go to www.lentmadness.org. Watch for the Lent Madness Bracket to appear somewhere in the church!!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Parishioner and Artist, Teresa Lindenmeier created incredible carved images of Christ as He made His way through the streets of Jerusalem on Good Friday. Those images are each hung in our sanctuary and during Lent, we are invited to make this same pilgrimage with Jesus: stopping to listen to scripture, to wait in silence and pray. Also in the sanctuary, a service from the Book of Occasional Services, called Way of the Cross, will be available daily except during Sunday worship for private devotions, using this liturgy and Teresa's representations. Traditionally, St. Andrew's will also lead this service publicly following the Liturgy of Good Friday. Please refer to our weekly announcements to be aware of other building use and tread lightly if you enter the church during Lent. Someone may be following the footsteps of Christ!!

St. Andrew's in the Pines Vestry Minutes
January 13, 2025

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting started at 5:30. Present: Sarah Hixson (Junior Warden), Joni Mack (Treasurer) and regular Vestry members Sandy Cenac, Sukey Hohl (Secretary), Teresa Lindenmeier, and Julie Belton as well as guests Father Randy Belton and Meganne Acres. In the absence of Kelley Pearson, Senior Warden, Sarah Hixson, Junior Warden, led the meeting.
2. **Affirmation:** Guest Meganne Acres led us in extemporary prayer.
3. **Minutes:** Julie moved to accept the December Minutes, Joni seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Business** (in order to accommodate our two visitors first, the agenda was rearranged and modified)
 - a. Visioning / Dream
 - b. **Report from Meganne Acres, Worship Team Leader:** Meganne Acres addressed the Vestry on supply priests, supply plus priests and a schedule and proposed budget for the next few months. She explained what supply priests do and what "supply plus" priests are willing to do. We are aiming to have a priest for communion at least once a month with occasional "supply plus" priests to meet with the vestry and worship team, do home communions, and instruct and give guidance on various topics to leadership and the parish at large as we transition to our next stage. Randy mentioned that he is available to help, especially for unscheduled events such as funerals. He also offered to consecrate our wine if needed. It was agreed that the budget would be adjusted allow us to pay for "supply plus" services and increase the supply priest stipend from \$125 to \$150.
 - c. **Associate Priest Discretionary Fund Discussion:** The Diocesan Office has advised us that the Associate Priest Fund must remain within our church budget. Since this money was gifted to Father Randy at his ordination, Kelley had suggested we put the funds in our Outreach Fund so the Outreach Committee can disburse funds to Randy for him to distribute in the course of his duties. Teresa moved and Sandy seconded to move the \$331.99 to Outreach. Julie abstained. Motion passed unanimously. Joni moved and Teresa seconded to make a gift in honor of Randy of \$125 to Outreach also, since Diocesan regulations do not allow us to pay him the Supply Priest stipend. Julie abstained. Motion passed unanimously.
 - d. **Mental Health Grant:** Joni presented a draft letter to be signed by the St. Andrew's Vestry. St. Hubert the Hunter, Bondurant and St. John the Baptist, Big Piney will also provide letters so that all of Sublette County's mental health needs will be covered by the grant. Once we have letters from all three vestries, Joni has volunteered to do the grant application to the Diocesan Foundation. This is a renewal of a previous grant. Sarah moved and Teresa seconded to apply for the grant. Motion passed unanimously. The Vestry signed the letter.
 - e. **Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting will take place after the service on January 19. We will have a potluck prior to the meeting itself. We will elect delegates and new vestry members, review end of year financials and the 2025 budget, and discuss what the parish envisions for the future of St. Andrew's in the Pines.
 - f. **Rectory Project:** Dave Hohl has volunteered to serve as point person for the Rectory refresh and is already digging his teeth into the project.
 - g. **Narcotics Anonymous Request** to use the Undercroft on Saturday, February 22, 10 am to 3 pm: this request was approved via email between vestry meetings.
 - h. **Leadership Changeover Update:** Sarah Hixson and Father Randy will be our new cosigners on all our bank accounts along with Joni Mack, Treasurer. The Senior and Junior Wardens met with Rev. Melinda to complete the Covenant of Separation. The signed document is now on file, and includes a reimbursement plan to St. Andrew's of Melinda's 2024 overpayment of HSA funds, which were mis-stated as \$6400 (family deductible) when it should have been \$3200 (single deductible.)
5. **Treasurer's Report and Outreach:** Outreach for December was \$205.22, the total as of January 7 was \$1085.08. Vestry approved the 2025 Budget, changing the draft budget by adding \$6000 for supply plus priest services. Theresa moved and Julie seconded to pass the 2025 Budget as amended. Julie moved, Sarah seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Teresa moved, Sukey seconded to transfer the Christmas Eve open offering of \$336.00 to Outreach. All three motions passed unanimously.
6. **Closing Prayer**
7. **Meeting Adjourned:** at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Sukey Hohl, Secretary

Treasurer's Report for March newsletter**Joni Mack, Treasurer**

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.

Current Assets	As of January 31, 2025
Operating fund balance	5,107.09
Memorial fund	2,064.43
Savings	52,539.66
Building fund	922.60
Priest Discretionary	528.31
Suicide Prevention Fund	19,400.46
Dedicated Funds Checking Account	7,487.12
ECW Checking Account	70.49
Total Current Assets	88,120.16
Edward Jones investment account (building fund)	8,231.56
CD – 9 month	10,450.00
CD – 15 month (due 2.1.25)	15,931.11
CD – building fund (matures June 2025)	22,220.56
Total CDs and Investments	56,833.23
Dedicated Funds	
Mental Health Grant	4,575.58
Outreach Fund	1,838.77
Summer Lunch	11,533.94
Youth	885.81
Total Dedicated Funds	18,834.1
Total Revenue for January 2025	20,935.31
Total Expenses for January 2025	10,460.47
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	10,474.84

WELCOME REV. MARY CAUCUTT



My name is Mary and I am so excited to be with you all this spring. Some of you may remember me from the years I was rector in Pinedale, some of you I have yet to meet. I am hoping to be a resource to you in worship and in areas of your common life where you wish to call on me.

I was in my twenties when I first came to Wyoming to serve as vicar at St. Andrew's in the Pines. The congregation welcomed me, gave me leadership authority, forgave me, and formed me. It was in Pinedale that I met my husband Casey Horton, a cradle Episcopalian who was living in Jackson. We were married at St. Andrew's.

We left Pinedale for a job in the big city of Boston. God's hand was in this move, painful though it was. I finally conceived and carried to term our daughter Miriam. Casey took advantage of the world's best neurosurgeons to treat his brain cancer.

As soon as we were able, we packed up the shop and headed to Cody where I have served as rector for eighteen years. I retired in the fall of 2024 after 31 years of parish ministry. Casey continues to hone his bridge game; a practice he began to keep his mind sharp. Our daughter is a sophomore at Oberlin College. We all enjoy the beauty of the land in Wyoming and the closeness of community we have found. When I grow up, I want to be a spiritual guide for people in our powerful landscape of wilderness. My own spiritual path strengthened and deepened during a retreat where I completed the 30 Exercises of Ignatius in silence.

During my time in Wyoming, I have served on the Standing Committee and the Foundation Board and currently serve as Region I representative to Diocesan Council. I had the opportunity to be on the final slate for bishop in Montana and Oregon. Throughout my priesthood I have been an advocate for mutual or baptismal ministry. This has led me to enjoy forming and teaching others for ministries in the church and for faithful discipleship in the world. When I realized I needed a little help to be more effective in forming faith leaders for a challenging and changing world, I undertook a doctoral program in Congregational Ministry and Leadership.

I hope to return to Pinedale this spring as a partner and friend sharing gifts from my journey while receiving gifts from yours.



The Rev. Pamela Glasser, from Dubois, joined us on February 2nd and will be back in May. Thank you, Pamela!

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UPCOMING DATES IN MARCH

- March 2:** Instructive Holy Eucharist with Rev. Mary Caucutt and Choir, 9am
March 4: Pancake Supper at 5:30
March 5: Ash Wednesday services, 12:15, Sublette Center and 5:30 St. Andrew's
March 9: Holy Eucharist with Rev. Mary Caucutt, 9 am
March 10: Vestry Meeting at 5:30
March 16: Service of Ante (before) Communion, 9 am
March 23: Service of Morning Prayer, 9 am
March 30: Service of Ante (before) Communion, 9 am
March 31: Newsletter deadline at 5 pm (note day change!)

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Joni Mack	3/3
Sarah Hixson	3/5
Teresa Lindenmeier	3/6
Nancy Norris Lutje	3/11
Lily Cenac	3/15



PANCAKE SUPPER!

Mardi Gras theme! This fun evening celebrates the end of the Epiphany season, before the beginning of Lent.

Takes place Fat Tuesday, March 4, at 5:30 pm. If you would like to volunteer, contact Sukey Hohl.