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Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
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“New” Beginnings” Experience of Wyoming

A weekend program that offers healing and renewal to divorced, widowed and separated men and women.

Father Jim Shumard is participating as a spiritual director.


7 pm Friday until 4 pm Sunday Scholarships available!!!

No one turned away due to cost of the weekend.

For information contact a team member:
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The Wilsons Light Others’ Candles

They have 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and why wouldn’t they? Together they raised seven children, six girls and one boy. They were both single parents when they met in Casper and married. They blended families in 1969: five of the children were under five years old. Rich gives her credit and Claudia praises him. That is probably why they are celebrating their fiftieth anniversary this year. As a team their life experiences enabled them to bring up a healthy, loving, large family. Claudia spent her childhood in Denver and when her Mother died in 1958, she and her three siblings were split up in different families. In 1963 she moved to Casper and attended Casper College.

Rich grew up in Casper. His father was a business man and owned a tire shop on Willow and McKinley. He was an only child and helped his father in the shop and on a ranch. He is a self-taught diesel mechanic, and early in their marriage he traveled to mining towns and the family sometimes moved with him. They lived in Glenrock, and Pinehaven (north of Moorcroft).

It was during their stay in Glenrock that they realized they didn’t fit into either of their childhood churches and decided to visit Jug Branjord’s small Episcopal church. Claudia said that they felt like they were enveloped by love the moment they walked in the building. When they moved back to Casper, they joined St. Mark’s.

Rich has served on the building committee, as treasurer and has taught Sunday school over the years. He also is a Eucharistic visitor to Poplar Center. In addition, he has been a member of the Alpine Ski Team, has volunteered for the Troopers board and with the Casper Boxing Club. For over forty years, he has collected old parts and made “new” bikes for children and adults in the community. He has been a lover of “wheels” and still bikes (motorcycles), though not as much as in the past.

Claudia managed the family while serving as Mayor in Glenrock and in Pinehaven. She served as 8 years on the City Council and two years as Mayor in Glenrock. At St. Mark’s, she is the Altar Guild director, is a member of the Fellowship Committee, has served as an acolyte, a pre-school board member and as the office secretary.

Their philosophy of life is simple: Be examples. Claudia remembered the saying, “blowing out others candles doesn’t make yours any brighter.” Anyone meeting either one of them at church on Sunday morning will feel welcome at St. Mark’s. They light up the church and the community.

Audrey Cotherman
“It is well with my soul.” Some people say we do out-reach to feel good and I agree and that’s not a bad thing.

As I approach the courtyard in the library diapers are being handed out; laundry vouchers are being handed out; goody bags are being handed out; fresh food from the Salvation Army is being handed out. There are three vehicles plus the bus parked right near the grass under the trees with four different lines with people laughing and talking and asking for prayers and sharing their stories.

I get excited about that just as I get excited about our Sunday worship in our various Christian Education programs. To me that’s what church is about also. We are doing church at the library. You can call it a fresh expression or an old expression but the smiles on our members’ faces and the smiles and concerns on the visitors’ and guests’ faces speak community. They speak the kingdom of God. May God continue to bless our ministry at the library.

Fr. Jim

Heart to Hands Ministry

We received a grant from Walmart for $2500 +5% discount when we buy things, plus we’re going be able to take some weekends to raise funds in the parking lot.

AT THE WESTSIDE WALMART, OCTOBER 12TH FROM 2-4 PM.
The youth group that washes dishes together, stays together.

Youth group discussion

The choir… a dedicated group of people.

The Watters wedding, a true ranch wedding
October Schedules

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

October 6th, 2019

Acolytes: Isabel Brown
Altar Guild: Jan Schicketanz & Cheryl Nickerson
Lector: Vickie Jasmann-2nd Lesson, Lyn George- Prayers 1,
Kurt Gilbert-Prayers 2
Coffee: Volunteers
Goodies: Sandi Aeilts & Volunteers
Tellers: Vicki Jasmann & Neil Zespy
Ushers: Sandi Aeilts & Paula Freekersen
WL: Kathy Morton, John Kerns, Claudia Wilson
Verger: Jacob Hernandez

LESSONS
Lamentations 1:1-6
Lamentations 3:19-26
Psalm 137 or
Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Psalm 37:1-10
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 13th, 2019

Acolytes: Addy Harris
Altar Guild: Elizabeth Jennings & Kim McAtee
Lector: Sue Blevins-2nd Lesson, Pam Lesino- Prayers 1,
Margie Roberts-Prayers 2
Coffee: Bill & Kathy Mortimer
Goodies: Kathy Mortimer & Edie Bennett
Tellers: Steve Johnson & Neil Zespy
Ushers: Gary & Lyn George
HP: Steve Johnson
WL: Laurie Reese, Steve Johnson, Nancy Johnson
Claudia Wilson-Chalice
Verger: Nancy Johnson

LESSONS
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Psalm 66:1-11 or
2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

October 20th, 2019

Acolytes: Abby Miller
Altar Guild: Dyann Durst & Claudia Wilson
Lector: Lyn George-2nd Lesson, Jane Clemmons-Prayers 1
Bobby Kittinger-Prayers 2
Coffee: Fellowship Committee & Volunteers (Harvest Potluck)
Goodies: Volunteers
Tellers: Traute Gilbert & Sandy Aeilts
Ushers: Volunteers
HP: Susan Massey
WL: Clint Hernandez, Bob Tanner &
Nancy Engstrom
Verger: Isabel Brown

LESSONS
Jeremiah 31:27-34
Psalm 119:97-104 or
Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 27th, 2019

Acolytes: Emma Muir
Altar Guild: Sandi Aeilts & Claudia Wilson
Lector: Bobby Kittinger-2nd Lesson, Sue Blevins-Prayers 1,
Pam Lesino-Prayers 2
Coffee: Volunteers
Goodies: Joyce Jones & Sandy Aeilts
Tellers: Dick Lindsey & Nancy Engstrom
Ushers: Sandi Aeilts & Volunteers
HP: Donna Mathern
WL: Susan Massey, Dick Lindsey & Pat Patton
Verger: Lea Miller

LESSONS
Joel 2:23-32
Psalm 65 or
Sirach 35:12-17
or Jeremiah 14:7-10,19-22
Psalm 84:1-6
2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18
Luke 18:9-14
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Common Themes

- Outdoor contemplative area
- Be aware and welcome newcomers
- Marketing

Worship

- Make service more accessible to newcomers
- Outdoor worship (prayer walk, seasonal stations)
- Fresh Expressions
- Education within the worship service
- Tablets and bulletins
- Train greeters and ushers, engage new

Outreach

- Discontinue food closet (many others serving this need)
- Publicize outreach within our congregation and worship
- Gather data about effectiveness (is it measurable?)
- Plant something on vacant lots (trees, long term)

Invitation

- Must invite to grow due to aging membership
- Form focus groups with youth
- Develop marketing-campaign
- What makes us different from other churches?
  - Strength based
  - Democracy
  - Everyone welcome
- Outreach
  - Brochures for preschool
  - Stand-alone preschool
  - Text message app
  - College outreach
  - Financial Peace University
  - 30 second message to invite but not overwhelm
  - Outdoor contemplative area

Welcome

- Greeters a plus (continue asking newbies to participate)
- Curb appeal a plus
- Establish welcoming committee
- Use informational cards
- Be deliberate in Eucharistic invitations
- Verify all doors unlocked for activities
- Invite those unchurched attending funerals
- Market and install a prayer/meditation garden
- Free small library with spiritual information
- Welcoming new entrance
- Vestry- introduce, welcome, and invite to meetings
- We are all greeters

“Visioning Work Day,” September 7, 2019
Would anyone want this ping pong table or carts on wheels at the church?

Yes & No, 3rd Saturdays of the month, 8:30 am breakfast, discussion following. Saturday, October 19th discussion will be “Suffering.”

“Basic Episcopal Basics” October 20 at 10:30 am., Next topic will be on our church polity.

“A Scriptural Journey”- Tuesdays at 10:30 am (Lectionary Based)

“Obedience”- Point and Counterpoint – Wednesdays at 11 am

The congregation is invited for the installation of the new Daughters of the King at 6 pm on Friday, ALL SAINTS DAY, November 1st.

Lost and Found
Thin gold wedding band found outside of the church. Please call 234-0831 to claim it.
Sunday Service, September 29th, “Ball & Chain”

We provided bus / taxi service for this WY group’s nonprofit.

The Rector stopping by on his bike to see Susan & Morris. Had pie with ice cream on top. Hint.

Boy scouts & others preparing for Diaper Day.

Our children’s chapel exercising their creativity.
Some of our own under the direction of Father Jim are putting on the cemetery tour.

Stuff The Bus

Saturday, October 12th at Walmart West from 2-6 pm. Come help us fill the bus for our ministry.

Of Things To Come
September Vestry Highlights

- Rev. Lara Gilbert has been hired as a part-time Assisting Priest for St. Mark’s!!! We are so happy to have you, Lara!
- An architect has been hired to design the new entryway!
- The September 7 retreat was well attended. Three items which were mentioned in each of four small groups for serious consideration were: 1.) Establish a contemplative-meditation area outside on one of the donated lots, which shall include some green area and landscaping 2.) Be more aware of and welcoming to newcomers 3.) “Marketing,” by sharing the benefits of St. Mark’s and the Episcopal Church, including our youth and families of the preschool students.
- Next Vestry meeting will be held Monday, October 21 at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome! Thank you to Bonnie Brown and Nancy Johnson for joining us as guests in September!

Announcements

1. Please keep the quarters coming for our Laundry Ministry
2. You’re invited to Bach’s Lunch Concerts every Wednesday at 12:15
3. We need more greeters to welcome people before each service.
4. Please contact the office for any directory updates.
5. If you need a ride to church please call the office 234-0831.

FUNNY CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS!!!!

The sermon this morning: “Jesus Walks on the Water.” the sermon tonight: “Searching For Jesus!”

Ladies, don’t forget the rummage sale. It’s a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands!!

Don’t let worry kill you off—let the Church help

Meals & Receptions

The meals and receptions committee now is preparing soup and cookies which will be placed in the kitchen freezers to be delivered to people who’ve gotten out of the hospital and to people who may not be able to make it to church very often. Contact Joyce Jones 307-265-4760, if you’re interested in joining in making soup and cookies.