

# Round-up of Roaring Good News...

by Harper Lee, Lionkeeper

The **Sign of The Lion** Loves You...and in that spirit, the store is up and ready to help you find that perfect little something for someone special! Inspirational reading and signs, ERD T Shirts (the Robin Williams' ones), Cross Road Creation Card Packets, jewelry, and more! Plus you can order your very own Rich Wilson custom-made religious yard art! These beautifully made crosses are made from all recycled materials! We are open every Sunday before and after the 10:00 service and will have a special opening from 5:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, for your convenience. Come in Feb. 7 and get \$1 off any purchase. We'd love to see you!



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Please bring your old **palms and palm crosses** to the office so we can use them in preparation for Ash Wednesday.

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**Urgent Reminder:** When meeting at the church or on weekends, please lock the kitchen door once your group is inside — do not assume another group is coming in behind you and leave it open. All group leaders have keys so if someone is running late, they can ring the doorbell or use a cell phone to call and be let in. This is the time of year that, due to winter weather, we have more homeless people looking for shelter at night and it is too easy to slip in unnoticed. We cannot afford to leave our doors unlocked, so your cooperation is much needed.



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By Steve Kurtz, Pastoral Care committee

St. Mark's needs more hospital visitors. **Hospital visitors** visit Episcopalians at Wyoming Medical Center, talk with them and pray for them and assure them that the St. Mark's community is supporting them. We provide a much-needed short respite from the loneliness and uncertainty of being in the hospital. Visitors are trained by the WMC chaplains and current hospital visitors. Each visitor visits once or twice a month, typically for an hour or so. I have found this ministry to be a blessing for those whom we visit and a personal growth experience for me. I have seen the power of prayer in this ministry. Please contact me at 237-9384 or the Church office at 234-0831 for more information.

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The **Scholastic Book Fair** to benefit the library & supplies of St. Mark's Day School begins Thursday, Feb. 9 and be open after services on Sunday, Feb. 12.

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The Rev. Warren Murphy will read and sign copies of his recent publication, **On Sacred Ground: A Religious and Spiritual History of Wyoming** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4 at Wind City Books located at 152 S. Center St. in Casper. The new book tells the story of how faith groups and churches played a significant role in shaping Wyoming's colorful history. The Wyoming Association of Churches and the Thomas the Apostle Retreat Center in Cody will share all proceeds from the book's sale. Reviews, comments and further information can be found at the book's website, [www.onsacredgroundbook.com](http://www.onsacredgroundbook.com).

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# THE LION'S ROAR

January 30 — February 12, 2012

**ST. MARK'S — INTO CHRIST ~ OUT TO SERVE**

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**  
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**Sunday Eucharist:** 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
**Wednesday:** Healing Service 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday:** Morning Prayer 7:30 a.m.

**Priest:** Rev. Philip S. Major  
**Parish Administrator:** Cindy King  
**Newsletter:** Pamela RW Kandt  
**Website:** Clint Hernandez

**ST. MARK'S OFFICE:** (307) 234-0831  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday  
9:00 a.m.-Noon Friday

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**ST. MARK'S VESTRY:** *Sr Warden-Jane Clemmons, Jr Warden-Jane Cassel, Nancy Johnson, Julie Gross, Traute Gilbert, Gwen Colgrove, Pat Hrnicek, Melissa Hyde, Jeff Harmsen, Clint Hernandez, Laurie Reese, Mark McAtee, Ian Gilbert-youth rep*

*You are Invited — Bring Family & Friends!*



**VALENTINE'S  
ICE CREAM SOCIAL**



**6-8 pm ~ Sunday, Feb. 12**  
*Games & Treats - Fun for all ages*

## We celebrate a new year of ideas & faithful service

### Annual Meeting Results

I am most grateful for the energy, faithfulness and ideas that our members brought to our Annual Meeting this past Sunday. We are especially grateful to everyone who was willing to be considered as a candidate for any number of elected positions.

### NEWS from our RECTOR

The results of our elections were: **Treasurer** – Kathy Nickerson  
**Foundation Board** – Greg Brown, Carl Closs, Randall Harris, Steve Johnson and Joanne Tanner  
**Diocesan Convention Representative** – Kim McAtee (3 year term), Alternates: Traute Gilbert, Claudia Wilson & Cindy King. (The other delegates serving are Thad Hunter and Sandi Aeilts.)  
Youth Delegate – Ian Gilbert (also serves as ex-officio member of the vestry)  
Youth Alternate: Kayla Hyde. **Vestry** – 3 year terms: Jane Clemmons, Julie Gross, Mark McAtee & Laurie Reese

Our new 2012 vestry met after the conclusion of our Annual Meeting. Among other business, Jane Clemmons was confirmed as our Senior Warden, Jane Cassel was elected as our Junior Warden and Gwen Colgrove as Clerk.

These are very important leadership positions in our church. When you have the opportunity please take a moment to thank these people for their service to St. Mark's Church!

### The Way Forward

I am especially glad that each of our parish initiative discussions generated so many ideas and that so many of you were willing to commit yourselves to support these "new beginnings". This is what I hope to see happen with these initiatives in the coming months:

1. The results of each discussion will remain posted in our Parish Hall for the next two weeks. Please take a few minutes to look at the results and add your name to any activities you are willing to support with your time and energy.
2. Our vestry will use these results to guide our work on church programs in the coming year. Given the interest expressed in each area, I hope we take steps to help St. Mark's Church grow using ideas generated in each of the four groups.
3. About 30 people participated in the "Stronger Welcome" initiative. One of this

group's main ideas was to form a new, permanent ministry team to support this effort. If you are interested in supporting this new ministry please express your ideas and interest by attending an organizational meeting next Sunday, Feb. 5 from 9-9:45 a.m. or by contacting me directly.

With thanksgiving for the movement of the Holy Spirit in this place, *Fr. Philip +*

### Thank You!

We give special thanks to all who made our Annual Meeting fun & productive including our Childcare Supervisors, Fun Nuns, Meals & Receptions Committee, Staff and Vestry Members & to those that helped clean up!!

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## Cross Roads Kitchen kicks off new product, new sales sites

by Meganne Acres, Executive Director

One important objective for Cross Roads Kitchen in 2012 is to establish two additional local outlets for the sale of our product. Keefe's Flowers has agreed to display and sell **Cross Roads Creations** individual note cards and smaller cards to be used with bouquets. For Valentine's Day, Keefe's and the Sign of the Lion will be selling our new product, Sweet Soul Bowls. The bowls are made from our paper, layered with a food safe coating, filled with candy treats, wrapped and comes with a CRK Valentine notecard. The complete bowl will sell for \$10 but on Sunday Feb 12, St. Marker's may purchase a fill-your-own Sweet Soul Bowl for \$7.



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It is a work in progress but Cross Roads Kitchen has hit the world wide web. Check it out [www.crossroadskitchen.org](http://www.crossroadskitchen.org)

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Also, we have a lady searching for a car in the \$700-\$900 price range.

## SUNDAY LESSONS

### Epiphany V February 5, 2012

Isaiah 40:21-31  
Psalm 147:1-12, 21c  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
Mark 1:29-39

### Epiphany VI February 12, 2012

2 Kings 5:1-14  
1 Corinthians 9:24-27  
Mark 1:40-45  
Psalm 30

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### February 5, 2012

#### 5th Sunday after Epiphany

**ACOLYTES:** 8 a.m. Sandi Aeilts 10 a.m. Nick McAtee, Lara Gilbert, Edie Bennett  
**ALTAR GUILD:** Elaine Hough, Charelene Klein, Claudia Wilson  
**BOOKSTORE:** Sandi Aeilts, Janet Mills  
**COFFEE HOSTS:** 8 a.m. Margie Roberts, Ruby Laughon 10 a.m. Volunteers needed!  
**GOODIE PROVIDERS:** Ruby Laughon, Donna Mathern  
**TELLERS:** Jane Cassel, Clint Hernandez  
**USHERS:** 8 a.m. Mark & Donna Mathern 10 a.m. Bill & Ruth Bon  
**WORSHIP LEADERS:** 8 a.m. Nancy Engstrom, John Kerns 10 a.m. Dave Renaud, Neal Johnson, Pamela Kandt  
Snow Removal: Gary George, Matt Cassel, Jeff Hamsen, Clint Hernandez, Gary Hrnicek

### February 12, 2012

#### 6th Sunday after Epiphany

**ACOLYTES:** 8 a.m. Pamela Kandt 10 a.m. Allison Gross, Jacob Hernandez, Claudia Wilson  
**ALTAR GUILD:** Jane Clemmons, Janet Hayek, Sandi Aeilts  
**BOOKSTORE:** Allison Gross, Nancy Bronder  
**COFFEE HOSTS:** 8 a.m. Bob & Jane Tanner 10 a.m. Thad & Kristina Hunter  
**GOODIE PROVIDERS:** Jane Tanner, Kim McAtee  
**TELLERS:** Pat Hrnicek & ??  
**USHERS:** 8 a.m. Gary & Lyn George 10 a.m. Matt & Jesse Cassel  
**WORSHIP LEADERS:** 8 a.m. Kathy Morton, Brian Gross 10 a.m. Steve and Nancy Johnson, Meganne Acres  
Snow Removal: Mark Mathern, Scott McCullen, Robert Stamp

### February Food Closet Volunteers

Kathy Mortimer & Margie Roberts  
Reminder: The food closet is in need of \$25 grocery cards (which can be purchased through our own Brotherhood of St. Andrew or the office) for gas etc.