



Wyoming Episcopal Foundation Hunger Grant

In early December the Wyoming Episcopal Foundation offered up to \$5,000 to each of the 46 churches, to find "Hunger" needs of any kind in their community, to be paid out by March 1st. St. Thomas' asked Mary Ellen Honsaker, working with the Christmoose children's program, to look at this. Calling the school, she found that teachers often bought energy snacks and materials for lessons use as needed, out-of-pocket, to have in the classroom. So "Hunger for good Education" led to a "Snack Fund" available to teachers for any of their needs. Also the Food Bank Christmas Boxes are not put together like Thanksgiving to have special things for a Holiday dinner. So, led by member Sheryl Isaly, the grant was used to have 5 members gather in the Headwaters kitchen to bake 48 Pumpkin Pies to add to the Box, along with fresh oranges. Both "Hunger for Fellowship" and "Hunger for Holiday gatherings" was accomplished. St. Thomas' submitted a request of \$1,800 for these projects.

A week later Mary Ellen got a call from the Director of the Foundation. She said that "the Board was so excited about your ideas that they voted to give you \$5,000 dollars. Please spend it all!"

Thus, a Garden bench was purchased for the "Growong Hope" vegetable garden, with "Hunger for God's Peaceful Moment" met, an open gate for anyone in need. A partnership with the church Outreach and the Salvation Army completed a "Hunger for safe Shelter" by paying a month's rent for a single Venezuelan mother between jobs. Oranges and candy bars were added to the Christmoose gift bags of children's wish lists for "Hunger for the Christmas morning Stocking surprise". The final two larger needs found were joining with Mountain Grace Church by purchasing snacks and warm drinks for the Gathering25 Global 24-hour prayer time, February 28th through March 1st on their large screen. Meeting "Hunger for both Prayers for the World and Ecumenical Church relationships" needs. And lastly, the amount left, plus any snacks not used for the gathering, will go to Little Lambs Daycare, completing a "Hunger for a safe place for young children, and worry-free working parents". Spending the WY Episcopal Foundation generous \$5,000 has been an adventure out into our community and a blessing for everyone involved. We will look for ways to continue meeting some of these needs.

Mary Ellen Honsaker

Grant Application for Opportunity Shop

Parking Lot Replacement

Foundation for the Episcopal Church in Wyoming

The Opportunity Shop is currently in the process of applying for a grant from the Foundation for the Episcopal Church in Wyoming. This grant aims to facilitate essential infrastructure improvements by funding the replacement of the Opportunity Shop's parking lot.

Grant Details

Grant Provider: Foundation for the Episcopal Church in Wyoming
Application Deadline: April 1, 2025



Sheryl baking Pumpkin Pies



Mary Ellen, Lois and Martha M preparing pies



Boys & Girls Club helping prepare Christmas Boxes



Sue and Mary Ellen presenting a Hunger Check to Little Lambs Child Care Center



Melamine Plates

Great plates for camping and RVing.
\$1.00 donation a plate

Plates are in a tub in the Coffee Room.
Please leave money in the envelope with the plates or give to
Nancie Vion-Loisel.



Volunteer Opportunities

St. Thomas' has many wonderful Ministries

We are always looking for new VOLUNTEERS:

- St. Thomas' Episcopal Church Opportunity Shop
- St. Thomas' Food Bank
- Farmers' Market
- Summer Square Dance
- Summer Cyclists/Hiker Ministry
- Lay Ministers, Lectors, and Acolytes
- Musicians

2025 Spring Pastoral Report

As we open our eyes to the awakening of Spring, may we take pause to express our gratitude and remain mindful of our members who have remained in our hearts and prayers this winter. As we all process the impact of the California fires, the airplane tragedies, and the fragile ceasefire negotiations in Gaza and Ukraine, may we keep in the forefront our own congregation as we reach out in support.

Harris Bonnell, with medical concerns, **Martha Bridge** and **Lillie Lichtenwalner** with elective surgeries. **Martha**, following **Rick Bridge's** orthopedic surgeries, both making remarkable progress with their repaired limbs. **Lillie**, our resilient nonagenarian, is an inspiration to us all as she recuperates from her knee surgery. She is currently rehabilitating independently with the watchful eye of her companion **Prince** and close interactions by phone with her children. She welcomes phone calls. We were delighted to see her return to church as she continues to progress.

We also keep our prayerful journey with **Margie Cargill** and **John Angst**. **Margie** remains in Arizona with her son. Updates from family and friends report she continues to await surgery. We are so grateful to have **John** back in church regularly, keenly aware that he travels a long and winding path. May we keep both dear members close to our hearts as we enter the season of renewed Hope.

Most recently we bid farewell to the family of our newest members **Paula and Cara Jane Sabakta** and **Tim Decker**. After many years in Dubois and **Paula**, as our local school librarian, they have relocated to El Paso, Texas, near the roots and closer to family for both Paula and Tim. **Tim** grieved the passing of his father most recently. For all of them, this is a new chapter—a new beginning. Even though they will be missed tremendously, we wish them God speed and keep them in our hearts and prayers. Will certainly welcome any updates from them.

For all, may our anticipation of the renewal of Springtime remind us daily of the strength of Hope, Faith and Prayers in all our lives—and for each other.

Sandy Lahr
Pastoral Coordinator



Clergy Greetings to All of You,

We have journeyed half way through Lent together. I hope we have found within ourselves an awareness of the dusty roads and small villages that we walk alongside Jesus on his eventual destination, Jerusalem and the Cross. This is an ancient yet new journey as we explore parts of ourselves that can be of greater service to others and to our Lord.

The Worship Committee, led by Sylvia, develops weekly plans put into action by the support of Martha, faithfully every week. Our services are moved forward by so many people who quietly serve both behind the scenes and in our worship services. We are so thankful for the hands that iron the linens, bake the hardtack, prepare the altar and quietly clean and remove everything until the next worship time. I am grateful for the acolytes and worship leaders who stand at the forefront of our weekly services. I am joyful at the beautiful music provided by our pianists. I smile at the willingness of plate carriers and bell ringers. I love the attentiveness and engagement in our worship by all who sit in the pews. And yes, I notice the shoveled walkways, heat in the church and the coffee room. I know we all enjoy wonderful treats prepared for the enjoyment of our fellowship. There is thanks also for the reliable care of our "Episcopocats". I do not forget the hard work of the vestry and the timeless dedication of Sue in my prayers.

We have formed a new Friendship Circle that meets weekly on Thursday at noon. All you need is a sack lunch (if you wish) and a desire to deepen relationships with those you may see only on Sundays. Please join us!

Holy Week begins on Sunday April 13th (Palm Sunday) and ends with the glorious celebration of Easter. I hope that you are able to participate in Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services as well. Sharing in Christ's journey to the cross will strengthen and enable us as we bear our own crosses in trust and faith.

May God bless and keep you as we continue our Lenten walks with Jesus,

Bonnie



Reverend Bonnie Blessing
the 2025 Vestry.

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church Calendar

March 30: Holy Eucharist @ 10 am
April 3: Farmer's Market @ 3 Spears 3:00-4:30
April 6: Holy Eucharist @ 10 am
April 9: Vestry Meeting @ 1 pm in Community Room
April 12: Food Bank 10-12
April 13: The Sunday of the Passion: **PALM SUNDAY**
Holy Eucharist @ 10 am
April 17: Farmer's Market @ 3 Spears 3:00-4:30
Maundy Thursday @ 5:30
April 18: Good Friday @ 12:00 Vigil open until 3:00 pm
April 19: Food Bank 10-12
April 20: The Sunday of the Resurrection: **EASTER SUNDAY**
Holy Eucharist @ 10 am
April 26: Food Bank 10-12
April 27: Holy Eucharist @ 10 am
May 1: Farmer's Market @ 3 Spears 3:00-4:30
May 3: Food Bank 10-12
May 4: Holy Eucharist @ 10 am
May 10: Food Bank 10-12
May 11: Holy Eucharist @ 10 am
May 14: Vestry Meeting @ 1 pm in Community Room
May 15: Farmer's Market @ 3 Spears 3:00-4:30
May 17: Food Bank 10-12
May 18: Holy Eucharist @ 10:00
May 24: Food Bank 10-12
May 25: Holy Eucharist @ 10:00
May 31: Food Bank 10-12

**Sunday Fellowship
and Altar Flowers
Sign-Up Sheet in the
Coffee Room**



Mary Ellen and Twila are searching for Salvation Army younger volunteers. Tuesday, April 15 at 1 pm their supervisor is visiting - a perfect time to see if this is for you, or anyone you might think of to tell. PLEASE call them for further information! We can't let this important resource be lost in Dubois!

Spring Cleaning



Jr. Warden Rick is asking for feedback on this year's Spring Cleaning. Suggestions that have been given to him or have been done in the past;

- Set 2 weeks in June and volunteers pick a cleaning project.
- Choose a Saturday and volunteers pick cleaning projects with a Lunch provided.
- Choose a Sunday after Sunday Services with a Lunch provided.

Please call the Office and Martha will pass your suggestions on to Rick

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church

Sunday Services:
10:00 am @ St. Thomas'



ALL ARE WELCOME

Outreach Ministries:

- ✦ The Opportunity Shop
- ✦ Upper Valley Help Center
- ✦ Tuesday Night Square Dances:
Every Tuesday 8:00-9:30 pm
June 3-August 12 @ the Rustic Pine.
ALL Ages welcome!
- ✦ Community Food Bank:
Every Saturday 10:00 am - noon
During Office Hours or by appointment.
- ✦ Farmers Market @ 3 Spears Building
June -September
Every Thursday, 4:00-5:30 pm
October-May
1st & 3rd Thursdays, 3:00- 4:30 pm
- ✦ Cyclist/Hiker Ministry:
- ✦ Garden of Hope & Greenhouse

✦ 9 South 1st Street 307-455-2313

✦ stthomas.wy@gmail.com

✦ website: stthomasdubois.org

✦ and Facebook

Church Office Hours: Tuesday through Thursday 9 am-noon and 1-4 pm

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Interim Priest: Bonnie Deyo: 307-349-2357, bondolander@gmail.com

Parish Administrator: Martha Bridge

St. Thomas' email: stthomas.wy@gmail.com

Food Bank email: stthomas.fb@gmail.com

Website: stthomasdubois.org

Vestry Members:

Senior Warden: Sue Bodar, **Junior Warden:** Rick Bridge

Treasurer: Kate Falco **Clerk:** Mary Ellen Honsaker

Members: Nancie Vion-Loisel, John Angst, Sheryl Isaly, Kirk Lindstrom, Harris Bonnell, & Gordon Schultz



St. Thomas' Episcopal Church

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Holy Week

JOIN US

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Palm Sunday – Maundy Thursday – Good Friday – Easter Sunday

Sunday of the Passion
Sunday,
April 13, 2025
@ 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday
Thursday
April 17, 2025
@ 5:30 pm

Liturgy
& Stations of the Cross
Friday
April 18, 2025
@ 12:00 pm NOON
Vigil until 3:00 pm

Sunday of the Resurrection
Sunday,
April 20, 2025
@ 10:00 am
Carry-In Brunch
following Service