

# ***ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ***

## ***PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS***

***JULY 2, 2020***

### **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 9**

Readings: Deuteronomy 10:17-21; Psalm 145:1-9; Hebrews 11:8-16; Matthew 5:43-48

[For readings see: [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)]

## **VIRTUAL CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE & ZOOM INFORMATION**

The ZOOM link is: <https://zoom.us/j/570270415>

For those just calling in, dial: 1-646-876-9923 (enter meeting number 570270415#)

**NOTE: The ZOOM link can also be found on the website. Click on the word "join" in the text on the home page to link to ZOOM.**

### **Zoom Worship Schedule**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30 Morning Prayer 10:15 "coffee hour" 10:45-11:45 Bible Study		10:00 am Morning Prayer		10:00 am Morning Prayer		
			6:30pm Evening Prayer		6:30 Evening Prayer: Prayer for Racial Healing for the Nation	



### **A PRIEST'S PONDERINGS...**

*The Rev. Allison Moore*

I chose to use the lessons chosen for Independence Day rather than those chosen for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. I worry that I will be seen either as “too patriotic” or as mixing religion and politics—both can be dangerous.

And yet, I want to pray for the health of our nation. Prayer is the church’s business. Striving to be as faithful to God as possible is our task as Christians and as residents and citizens of this nation. The U.S. Constitution strictly prohibits attempts to impose any particular religion on legal and political systems. Christianity (actually all religions on their own terms) offers believers a vision of the common God, the “kingdom” or kingdom or reign of God, a vision of peace and justice and healing and praise of God where those in need are cared for and all beings are respected as essential parts of an interdependent whole. Christians are called to work for this vision wherever they reside.

The choice of lessons is pointed. Deuteronomy reminds us that God “is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt” (10:18). Hebrews describes Christians as “desiring a better country, a heavenly one,” seeking God’s reign above any other goal. And in Matthew Jesus tells disciples to love your neighbor and your enemy, and pray for those who persecute you.

Faithfulness to God’s ways of justice and peace will inevitably conflict with our own greed, selfishness and sin and with any nation’s call for primary allegiance. When laws and practices reflect God’s ways, they are to be honored and revered. When they do not, they are to be resisted and changed. Of course, discerning God’s ways is not always obvious, and faithful Christians will disagree—all the more reason for more prayer that “God’s kingdom come, God’s will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

St. Andrew’s will be praying (in masked, sanitized, and socially distanced ways) in front of the church on Sunday evenings for a while. The U.S. flag will be there, and a flag with a picture of the planet Earth, representing God’s creation. Copies of prayers will be available on Facebook and the website. Whether or not you can join us, pray for the nation on the Fourth of July and always.

## **Prayers for healing of the nation: injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere**

In honor of Fourth of July, and going forward, weather permitting, through the summer, we will gather in person **Sundays from 5:00-5:30 p.m.**, 6' apart with masks in front of the church. We will use prayers from the Book of Common Prayer and various sources, with silence and space for participants' petitions. We will ensure that everyone who participates is observing all safety precautions. I'm not clear whether we can create a Zoom component—we'll see!

**Sundays 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. outside at St. Andrew's**

### **ST. ANDREW'S REOPENING PLAN UPDATE**

Only twelve people have responded to the survey and the general sense from those responses is that most people want to return to church as soon as it's safe. The committee will now begin to work out the logistics of safe, in-person worship, but we don't expect to be able to resume in-person Sunday worship until the fall. A Zoom option will continue indefinitely. The committee will still read surveys if you want to send them in by July 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **PLEDGES & REGULAR SUPPORT**

Thank you to those of you who are keeping your pledges up to date. St. Andrew's depends on your regular financial support as well as your prayers.

### **FOOD FOR BODY & SOUL**

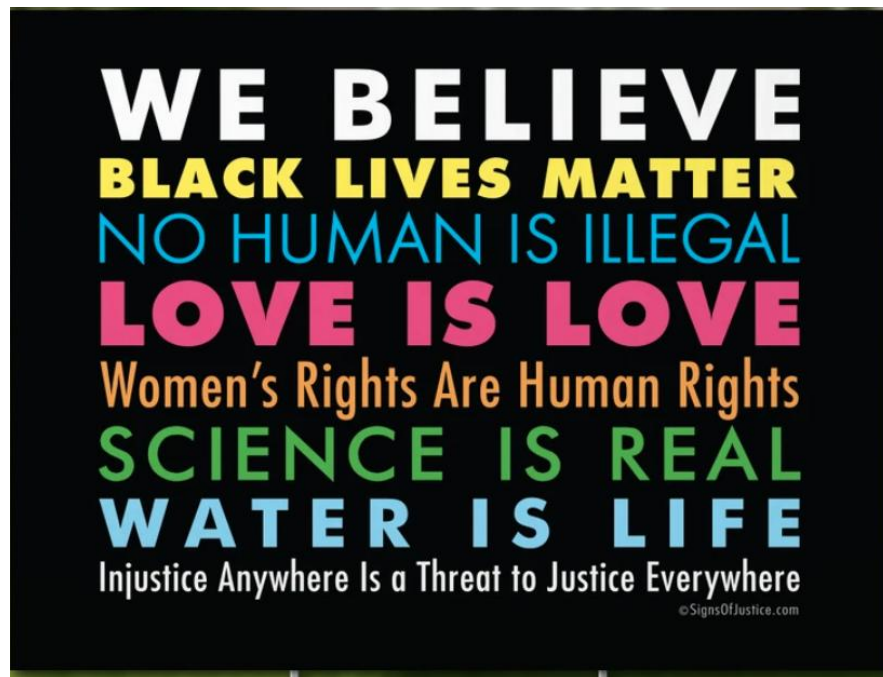
... A *VIRTUAL Brown Bag Lunch with Conversation and Spiritual Reflection*, **Tuesdays, 12:30 – 2:00 pm**. All welcome. The group is reading Octavia Butler's *Parable of the Sower*. Meeting is via Zoom. [See *ZOOM connecting information above*].

### **FRIDAY BOOK DISCUSSION**

This group is reading Barbara Brown Taylor's *Learning to Walk in the Dark* and is currently meeting via Zoom. [See *ZOOM connecting information above*]. All are welcome.

### **OUTREACH - PRAYERS**

We are still looking for particular restaurants and other local businesses to add to our prayers. For more information on outreach prayers, talk to Kappa about her letter writing campaign or read previous Parish Emails.



This sign is currently on the corner in front of St. Andrew's. They are available online at various places, but there's generally a minimum order of 10 at \$10 each. If you would like one for your yard, please email [standrewsrev@gmail.com](mailto:standrewsrev@gmail.com) by July 15, and Allison will order them.

### **TWO SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH OF ANY AGE...**

The Diocese wanted youth across the diocese to send greeting cards to nursing homes around the diocese. Let's make it more local—who would enjoy making or writing cards for residents of the New Paltz Rehabilitation Center? Or for every family in the St. Andrew's Directory, just to say hi! I could send card making materials to each household, or a small group of us could meet outdoors for an hour, 6' apart, everyone at their own table with lots of cards that we will write at the same time, individually wrapped ice cream bars and lemonade.

The UTO EpisGOpal race sounds more fun to me, doesn't require meeting in person but we could work together to raise funds for a good cause, and gets us outdoors. See what you think:

### **UNITED THANK OFFERING PRESENTS THE INAUGURAL GREAT EPISGOPAL RACE!**

The United Thank Offering (UTO) invites all to support the 2020 Ingathering by joining them in gratitude, grabbing a pair of sneakers, and racing YOUR way in the Great EpisGOpal Virtual Race. **Anytime between July 22 - July 31**, choose a preferred mode and distance and race to raise money for COVID-19 relief. Participants can bike a 10K, run a half marathon, skate a mile, and more—the options are limitless. All of the funds that are raised will be collected for the 2020 UTO Ingathering and dispersed to ministries responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. For complete details go to: <https://episcopalchurch.org/posts/publicaffairs/united-thank-offering-presents-inaugural-great-episgopal-race>

**THANK YOU** to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week, especially Jen, Valerie, Rae, Brenda, Bill, Ed, Barbara, and Charlene, Luba, Meredith and Abigail Puffer, Eva and Amy Nielsen for decorating the altar for the bishop's visit. Thank you to those who continue to help with the food pantry. And thank you to all of you who are on the front lines of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

### **LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY (July 5, 2019)**

Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM 1): Jen Cutter  
Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM 2): Valerie McAllister  
Lector 1: ..... Bob Waugh  
Lector 2: ..... Jane Conger

### **AA MEETINGS**

The Tuesday and Friday AA meetings that meet at 5:30 are now on Zoom. If you would like more information, please contact Jen B at 716-523-5554 or Ed P. at 914-474-6322.

### **COMPANIONS OF MARY THE APOSTLE**

Join the Companions for Friday morning Coffee Table Communion and Tuesday Evening Bible Study (7:00 pm). Contact the Companions for the virtual link:

[www.companionsofmarytheapostle.org](http://www.companionsofmarytheapostle.org) or email them at [companionsma@gmail.com](mailto:companionsma@gmail.com)

### **LINKS TO WEEKLY AND OTHER TIMELY MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDING BISHOP, MICHAEL CURRY, AND OUR DIOCESAN BISHOPS.**

<https://episcopalchurch.org/habits-of-grace>

<https://vimeo.com/431800093> (Bishop Shin's Meditation)

<https://vimeo.com/429718123> (Bishop Glasspool's Meditations)

<https://vimeo.com/427848939> (Bishop Dietsche)

<https://episcopalchurch.org>

See St. Andrew's Website ([www.standrewnp.org](http://www.standrewnp.org)) & Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/standrewsnp/>) for continuously updated information.

### **PARISH ADMINISTRATOR/OFFICE HOURS**

Office Hours: **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

*If you need to reach someone when the office is closed, contact The Rev. Allison Moore at 845-633-8272; MaryAnn Lis-Simmons, Senior Warden at 845-616-7029; or David Slingerland, Junior Warden at 702-2552.*

#### ***Our Parish Prayer List:***

We continue to pray for **E.J., George, Charles, Rose, Erin, Larry, Maggie, Barbara, Kathleen, Neil, Helen, Robert, Sheila, Richard & Ann, DuSean, Myrt, Madeline, Linda, Hannah, Joe, Brenda and Hush.**



## ON-GOING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

*Visit websites or call the church office to check what is happening and what is not*

SUNY Ulster Food Pantry	Alternate Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
SUNY New Paltz Pantry	Mondays 12:30 – 1:30, 5:00 – 6:30; Tuesdays 1:00 – 5:00; Wednesdays 1:00 – 6:00; Thursdays 10:00 – 1:00, 2:00 – 6:00; Fridays 5:30 – 7:00 <i>Volunteers needed</i>
Tops Supermarket Food Ministry	<b>Sunday mornings:</b> Pick up food; Speak with Kappa or Jane; Community Service hours available.
Courageous Lions	<b>Donate yarn</b> to help crochet courageous lions to comfort children and families faced with illness. Contact Cathy Kelly if you know someone who might benefit by having one!
“Clothe the Cold”	Please place clean clothes in good condition in the bins provided at the front of the church.
Ascension Holy Trinity Mission Center	Food & clothing always needed. <b>Wed. 10:00 a.m. - noon &amp; 6-8 pm; Saturdays 10:00-noon.</b>
Beginner’s AA Meeting	St. Andrew’s Parish Hall, <b>Tuesdays &amp; Fridays, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. &amp; 5:30-6:30 p.m.</b>
Monthly Taize Worship	New Paltz United Methodist Church, <b>third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.</b>
Companions of Mary the Apostle	Coffee Table Communion, <b>Fridays, 9:00 a.m.,</b> 9 Huntington Lane, West Park, NY 12493 ( <i>on line at this time</i> )
Andy’s Peeps	Online forum for St. Andrew’s community to share scripture, music, readings, etc. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/andyspeeps/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/andyspeeps/</a>

**Helpful links besides the St. Andrew’s website and Facebook page are:**

CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html>

Village of New Paltz <http://www.villageofnewpaltz.org/>

Presiding Bishop Curry’s Statement and Episcopal Church website link on the coronavirus:  
<https://episcopalchurch.org/concerning-covid19>

New Paltz Community Foundation Project Help Your Neighbors 2020  
[www.newpaltzfoundation.org](http://www.newpaltzfoundation.org) (Contact Eileen Gulbrandsen Glenn if you need a meal voucher: [sande2930@aol.com](mailto:sande2930@aol.com) or 256-1945)