

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

JUNE 18, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 7

Readings: Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69:8-20; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

[For readings see: 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 have come not to bring peace but a sword," says Jesus.

"I must cry out, 'Violence and destruction,' but I have become a laughingstock, abandoned and threatened from all sides," writes Jeremiah.

Not peace, but a sword. A sword that rips families apart, and churches, and cities, and nations, and pits you against social norms and can cost you your life. I hear this in light of "No justice, no peace" on the streets, and calls to "open the economy" and sacrifice lives and well-being of some for the ease of others.

Not peace with oppression, I get that.

Not the peace that papers over injustice, or abuse within families, or the truth of past wrongs that must be acknowledged.

Not peace with, tolerance of, complacency in the face of evil that, if acknowledged, seems to lead to great loss.

Not the peace of denial.

Not the peace of a personally glorious experience of nature or meditation or worship divorced from any actions to share that peace.

But a sword?

Not the sword of "slash and burn," of vengeance, of fury and unbridled violence.

Not the sword of those who would protect at all costs the wealth they have gained through exploitation.

Not the sword of the rants I have ranted at family members who don't share my values, that only shut down conversation and create barriers between us.

Not the sword of civil war, or colonization which ostensibly brought civilization to those who are not like us and happen to be living on a resource the dominant side wants.

A sword.

A sword wielded in hard conversations about race, or sexual identity, or abuse within the family, grounded in compassion and yet unflinching about the enormity of the injustice experienced. Truth hurts and brings freedom. It is through such conversations that I have come to understand, and sometimes to communicate effectively, new truths.

A sword that cuts away barriers that keep us from God and each other leads to repentance and conversion and growth in faith.

A sword, in fact the whole armor of God: belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, shoes that make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace, shield of faith, helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God (Ephesians 6). That was the armor that Christian martyrs wore to meet the lions, that prophets of all times have worn when the gospel meets human evil.

That kind of sword leads, ultimately, to peace.

Peace with decisions that challenge the status quo, opening the way for a bit more justice and truth.

Peace with the consequences of feeling uncomfortable, squeamish, torn between an old way of denial and a new way of freedom.

Peace of having done the right thing, even when friends and family and those in power desert you, because only in that way can you stop the “burning in the bones” that Jeremiah experienced when he tried to be silent.

Peace of God, that passeth all understanding.

Peace that led Jesus through the crucifixion to the resurrection.

Peace Paul described to the Romans, “we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.”

See the video of Allison’s conversation with Don Kerr on the New Paltz Public Access Channel (via YouTube)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jnwj2HggpO4>

VESTRY CORNER

At the June 11 vestry meeting, we established a “reopening committee,” which will apply diocesan guidelines to St. Andrew’s and make recommendations.

We will decide when Sunday worship can resume, or how to add smaller services outdoors.

In the meantime, several changes to the physical plant:

Barbara and Bill Terpening replaced the back stairs at the vicarage (the old ones were rotting) and painted the church bathrooms (they’re sparkling!). Bill oversaw the removal of the large propane tank in the vicarage, we changed propane companies and two new smaller tanks were installed behind the back porch.

MaryAnn is working with an electrician and then the chair lift company so that the chair lift can be installed soon.

BISHOP SHIN TO PREACH AT ST. ANDREW'S **June 28th**

We are delighted to welcome The Right Reverend Allen K. Shin, Bishop Suffragan of New York to **9:30 a.m. Zoom worship on June 28th**. He will preach and we will have a discussion at "Coffee Hour" following the service. In anticipation of his visit, we invite you listen to and watch his Meditations, the most recent of which is here: <https://vimeo.com/425267221>. See the Episcopal Diocese of New York website for his weekly Meditations.

BOOK DISCUSSION

A message from Allison:

Lori Wynters and I are co-leading a discussion of Layla Saad's *Me and White Supremacy*, Tuesdays from 5-6pm beginning June 23. Allison will have the Zoom link soon! Here's a nine minute introduction to the book by the author:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LImNpSgGgpE>.

ARE YOU GOOD WITH NUMBERS

Assistant treasurer position open at St. Andrew's

Looking for an assistant to our treasurer, Marion McPadden. Job requires just a couple of hours a month. Details in previous Parish Emails. If interested, contact Marion, Allison or the church office.

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:

Mail your check,

Drop it off in the church mailbox on the front of the building, or

Set up an automatic bill pay through your bank

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 *Bare Ruined Choirs* by Gary Wills, a book about the possible restoration of the church. 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.

The Episcopal Church invites participation in Good News Gardens

Join the movement to Plant, Pray & Proclaim!

What can people do in this moment? One new and sacrificial act of love is to commit to planting more, praying more, and proclaiming more, in order to share the loving, liberating, and life-giving Good News of God's love with all people.

1. Plant: Commit to planting more than under average circumstances in order to share the bounty.
2. Pray: Commit to pray daily for the church and the world to form loving, liberating, life-giving relationships with all of creation through the better use of the land – personally and communally.
3. Proclaim: Commit to proclaiming the love of God through word and example by sharing Good News Garden commitments, statuses, and stories via social media channels, personal testimonies and by using the hashtag #GoodNewsGardens.

Sign up for the Good News Gardens [here](#) or [here](#). More information about Good News Gardens [here](#). On the web: [The Episcopal Church invites participation in Good News Gardens](#).

Knee on My Neck: Slavery's Ghost

A Five-Week Virtual Retreat

A Program of Roots & Branches: Programs For Spiritual Growth

In Collaboration with the Reparations Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of New York*;
Co-Sponsored by Rural & Migrant Ministry Inc.

Since the murder of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Abernathy, protests have sprung up across the country demanding real change. Is this the time for that change? Is this the moment that will lead to a lasting difference? It CAN be. Let's not let it slip by.

Embedded in the institution of slavery are principles that are the foundation of successive oppressive institutions in American culture today. Join us in this five-part webinar series to explore, understand, and strategize ways of transforming those corrupt principles intended to benefit a few, into life-affirming policies for the good of all.

Knee on Neck: Slavery's Ghost uses lectures, videos, and other supportive resource materials to help prepare participants generate plans and strategies for parishes, the diocese, and the wider church embody and bear witness to policies and actions that affirm, support, and celebrate all.

First Meeting: Juneteenth June 19th 7pm to 8:30 pm

Subsequent Meetings: Wednesdays June 24, July 1st, 8th, and 15th 7pm – 8:30pm

Participants must commit to participating in the whole series – as it is cumulative

Register Here: www.diocesenyny.org/ednyevent/knee/2020-06-19/

Created by the Rev. Masud Ibn Syedullah TSSF, Founder and Director of Roots & Branches, and assisted by the Rev. Chuck Kramer, Rector of St James, Hyde Park & Member of Reparations Committee. See the diocese website for further information.

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NEW YORK

Youth-led Summer Service Project – Cards to nursing homes

The youth of the Episcopal Diocese of New York invite you to send a card to a resident of a nursing home every week this summer. Each week one nursing home will be selected (see name and address [click here](#)) and they will be showered with cheerful cards that express your love and care. For detailed directions on how to make the card and the kinds of messages to include, [click here](#). Spread the word! Everyone can participate in this service project.

OUTREACH - PRAYERS

In looking for ways to have St. Andrew's be of use to our community, we have begun offering to put peoples' names on the prayer list. Kappa has written a sample letter that you can send out to essential workers, to your favorite restaurant, supermarket, shop of any kind, doctor, hospital, local business. Put it in a greeting card, enclose a stamped, addressed postcard that they can return to us with the names of those they would like us to pray for, names of those deceased, and those for whom they would like to offer thanksgivings. Here's the sample letter.

June __, 2020

Dear Neighbors,

As a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, New Paltz, we want to thank all of you at (_____) for your service during these challenging times. We appreciate the large amount of extra work all the people at (_____) are putting in to assist all the area people in your care.

In return, we'd like to offer what we can. If any of the (_____) family would like to put names on our prayer list, we would be honored to add them. St. Andrews currently holds Sunday services on Zoom. Our prayers include names of the living, the dead, and thanksgivings.

I'm including a card to send us any names or thanks you'd like included. If you prefer, call (845) 255-5098 to leave a message, saying, "Prayer list."

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in return.

Your Name

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 163 Main St., New Paltz, NY 12561

THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week, Rae, Jen, Kappa, Jane, Ed, Barbara, Martin and Bill. 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 (June 21, 2019)

Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM 1):	MaryAnn Lis-Simmons
Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM 2):	Brenda Hush
Lector 1:	Valerie McAllister
Lector 2:	Julie Mazur

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 or email them at 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/429718123> (Bishop Glasspool's Meditations)

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

<https://episcopalchurch.org>

See St. Andrew's Website & Facebook page for continuously updated information:

www.standrewnp.org <https://www.facebook.com/standrewsnp/>

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Share our posts to your Facebook page

Leave reviews for us on our page.

Let's get the word out about St. Andrew's and let's all keep in touch!

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.



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	Sunday mornings: Pick up food; Speak with Kappa or Jane; Community Service hours available.
Courageous Lions	Donate yarn 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. Wed. 10:00 a.m. - noon & 6-8 pm; Saturdays 10:00-noon.
Beginner’s AA Meeting	St. Andrew’s Parish Hall, Tuesdays & Fridays, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. & 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Monthly Taize Worship	New Paltz United Methodist Church, third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
Companions of Mary the Apostle	Coffee Table Communion, Fridays, 9:00 a.m. , 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. https://www.facebook.com/groups/andyspeeps/

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

(Contact Eileen Gulbrandsen Glenn if you need a meal voucher: sande2930@aol.com
or 256-1945)

www.newpaltzfoundation.org

Tops Supermarket New Paltz open for seniors 6:00 – 7:00 a.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays

Shoprite New Paltz open for seniors daily 6:00 – 7:00 a.m.

Family of New Paltz open for food donations Monday – Thursday 10-5; Friday 10-4. If you are in need of food, call ahead and they will prepare a package for you: 255-8801.



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, Hazel, Joe, the McPadden Family.