

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

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

***MAY 21, 2020***

### **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Readings: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

[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	

## A PRIEST'S PONDERINGS...

*The Rev. Allison Moore*

Instead of the Sunday lessons, I have been praying the lessons for Ascension Day: Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53, and Psalm 47 or 93 (click on "Acts 1" for the link to [lectionarypage.net](http://lectionarypage.net)). The church celebrates the feast of the Ascension on the Thursday of the Sixth week of Easter, giving us 10 days to wait with the disciples until the arrival of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday.

There are two accounts of Jesus' ascension into heaven, both told by the same author, Luke. At the beginning of the book of Acts, Jesus promises the disciples that they "will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses". . . .The disciples watch as Jesus is lifted up and carried out of their sight in a cloud. While they are gazing up towards heaven, a perfectly reasonable thing for people to do when someone they love has been swallowed by a cloud, two men white robes chastise them for looking towards heaven.

Looking towards heaven in times of dismay or uncertainty or amazement rings true for me—a typical expression of faith. We are mortal, something beyond our understanding happens, and we seek God. How much more would that be true for disciples who may not even have become accustomed to the risen Christ appearing and disappearing after the crucifixion.

At the end of the gospel of Luke, the story is slightly different. Jesus summarizes his mission, which is to become theirs, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem." Then he blesses them, and as he is blessing them he was carried up into heaven. The disciples' response is worship.

How different it is to feel Jesus' blessing as he is leaving. His blessing could have been paraphrased in the letter to the Ephesians, "I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Author of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power."

Imagine yourself listening to Jesus' words and watching him and feeling his love for you fill you. Imagine God's blessing pouring down on you as you wash dishes or drive or work or play. Knowing in your heart that you have a vital role to play in making God's Reign known, worship and praise make infinite sense.

We don't have to choose between dismay and worship, confusion and praise. Both things happen to us. But these days uncertainty seems too much the norm, and blessing rarer, so make space and time to imagine God's blessing. Be still, breathe in blessing, and let yourself be filled with worship and praise.

## **ALLISON ON RETREAT**

Allison will be away on retreat from Tuesday, May 19th to Tuesday, May 26. The Revs. Shane Phelan and Elizabeth Broyles will lead Zoom Morning prayer on Sunday, May 24. Weekday services will continue as usual.

## **GRADUATING SENIORS**

Please let Allison know if you or a member of your family are graduating high school or college this year.



## **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 Barbara Brown Taylor's *Learning to Walk in the Dark* and is currently meeting via ZOOM. [See ZOOM connecting information above; this week and next contact the church office for temporary change in Zoom link for this group].

## **CESSATION OF E-PLEDGE**

The Episcopal Diocese of New York has announced that they are phasing out the e-Pledge program. It will cease to operate at the end of September, 2020.

If you have considered e-pledging, why not set up automatic payments through your bank? This can often be done online. Check your bank's website.

## **OUTREACH - PRAYERS**

The "Morning Prayer Crowd" came up with an interesting idea for outreach. Kappa sent a card to Tops and ShopRite, telling the employees that St. Andrew's was grateful to them and will pray for them. Kappa also sent postcards, inviting workers to send us any particular prayer requests they might have. We have included prayers for grocery workers in the prayers of the people, and will include particular petitions if and when we receive them. This is a great way to become more of a presence.

What other essential workers would you like to thank? Convenience store/gas station employees? A favorite business or restaurant you frequent that's still open? Hospitals or doctor's office or clinics? If you are willing to write to them, saying we're praying for that business, and possibly soliciting prayer requests either by postcard (which you then need to include) or by asking them to call the office, that too will be included in the prayers of the people.

## **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

**THANK YOU** to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week, Bill, Barbara, Valerie, Jane, Jen, Martin, Peter and Brenda. 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 (May 24, 2019)**

Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM I): MaryAnn Lis-Simmons  
Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM II): Rae Slingerland  
Lector I: ..... Valerie McAllister  
Lector II: ..... Jen Cutter



**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH**

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and during this COVID-19 Pandemic, it is more important than ever to be aware and to help ourselves and others.

We are gathering links to helpful websites. Here is what we have at the moment, courtesy of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and Ulster County. If you have others to offer, please send to the church office and we will publish in the Parish Email throughout the month of May.

<http://www.namimidhudson.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Resources-and-Information-Sources-April-2-2020-PDF.pdf>

<https://ulstercountyny.gov/health/mental-health-department>

## 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)

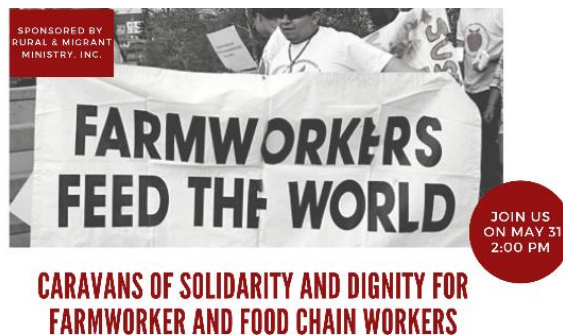
## HOW YOU CAN HELP DURING THIS PERIOD OF QUARANTINE

**Donate to the Pantry at SUNY Ulster** (Pasta sauce, mixed fruit cups, grape and strawberry jelly, Spam, corn, stuffing, laundry detergent, and paper towels. (Please no glass containers), OR gift cards in small amounts—\$5, \$10, \$20 max—prepaid VISA, local grocery stores, Stewart's, or Dunkin Donuts)

**Support local businesses** – Shop locally, order curbside from local restaurants, buy a book from local bookstores

**Donate**

**Love God, Love your Neighbor**



**Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup> 2pm**

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/CelebrationCaravans>

Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/177175200232991/>

❖ **We need to protect New York farmworkers from COVID-19** and support those who have already been impacted. The agricultural workforce is essential to New York's economy and to the security of our food supply, yet farmworkers remain unprotected and vulnerable to both infection and extreme economic hardship resulting from the coronavirus.

❖ **FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL RMM AT 845-485-8627**

❖ **[WWW.RURALMIGRANTMINISTRY.ORG](http://WWW.RURALMIGRANTMINISTRY.ORG)**

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

[https://episcopalchurch.org/habits-of-grace?wvideo=xops3jbhvi&wkey=U1RBTkRSRVdOUEBIVkkuTkVU&foreign\\_data=mailchimp\\_campaign\\_id:feb4fb1918](https://episcopalchurch.org/habits-of-grace?wvideo=xops3jbhvi&wkey=U1RBTkRSRVdOUEBIVkkuTkVU&foreign_data=mailchimp_campaign_id:feb4fb1918)

<https://vimeo.com/420738188>

**Third season of *The Way of Love with Bishop Michael Curry* podcast continues May 18 with guest Teddy Reeves. *The Way of Love* is available on most podcast apps and at [episcopalchurch.org](https://episcopalchurch.org).**

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will offer a brief sermon for a **virtual memorial service** for the victims of the COVID-19 pandemic hosted by the National Council of Churches on May 24 at 6 p.m. Eastern time. [See link in this text “virtual memorial service”].

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

[www.standrewnp.org](http://www.standrewnp.org) <https://www.facebook.com/standrewsnp/>

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*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*

<b>SUNY Ulster Food Pantry</b>	<b>Alternate Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.</b>
<b>SUNY New Paltz Pantry</b>	<b>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</b> <i>Volunteers needed</i>
<b>Tops Supermarket Food Ministry</b>	<b>Sunday mornings:</b> Pick up food; Speak with Kappa or Jane; Community Service hours available.
<b>Courageous Lions</b>	<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!
<b>“Clothe the Cold”</b>	Please place clean clothes in good condition in the bins provided at the front of the church.
<b>Ascension Holy Trinity Mission Center</b>	Food & clothing always needed. <b>Wed. 10:00 a.m. - noon &amp; 6-8 pm; Saturdays 10:00-noon.</b>
<b>Beginner’s AA Meeting</b>	St. Andrew’s Parish Hall, <b>Tuesdays &amp; Fridays, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. &amp; 5:30-6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Monthly Taize Worship</b>	New Paltz United Methodist Church, <b>third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Companions of Mary the Apostle</b>	Coffee Table Communion, <b>Fridays, 9:00 a.m.</b> , 9 Huntington Lane, West Park, NY 12493 ( <i>on line at this time</i> )
<b>Andy’s Peeps</b>	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

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

[www.newpaltzfoundation.org](http://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.

**Please reach out to one another and to Allison  
for support or just a friendly word.  
Let's look after one another.**

***Our Parish Prayer List:***

We continue to pray for E.J., George, Charles, Rose, Erin, Larry, Maggie, Barbara, Kathleen,  
Neil, Helen, Robert, Sheila, Kyra, Richard & Ann, DuSean, Myrt, Madeline, Linda, Hannah,  
Hazel, Wendy, Susan, Cathy, Bobby.