

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

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

***MAY 28, 2020***

### **DAY OF PENTECOST: WHITSUNDAY**

Readings: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:25-35, 37; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23

[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*

I love Pentecost. It is an essential Christian feast that has not been commercialized. The stories are about community building. In Acts, tongues of flames empower disciples to draw people from all nations, languages, backgrounds into communities—the epistles record the struggle of converting from the ways of the world, exploitation and subjugation, to freedom and wholeness in Christ. In John, Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit into disciples, empowering them to forgive and spread peace. In 1 Corinthians we hear the famous passage of “variety of gifts but one Spirit,”—an inclusive, expansive community needing everyone to become most fully who they are in God.

I come back from retreat, aware of my love for God and God’s love for me and eager to nurture life-giving community, to the news of the murder of George Floyd. Is the Holy Spirit really any match for the intransigence of human folly?

The Rev. Canon Stephane Spellers asks in a Facebook post, “America, why can’t you stop killing us?” My first answer is, “because that is the cost of doing business in the United States.” Our nation was founded on the freedom of white people made possible by the subjugation of Africans, Native Americans, and people of color over centuries. Violence is the lynchpin—people are rarely happy for long to give away their life and liberty solely for the benefit of others. Laws, practices, sociology, science, and religion all were harnessed to justify and incarnate first enslavement, then stripping away of rights grudgingly granted during Reconstruction, then Jim Crow and lynching and the dispossession of land, legal limits on opportunity and access to resources, police brutality, mass incarceration, and so on, and so on. No one wants to look at the legacy of injustice, pain, and privilege that structures our life together in this nation.

But we are given courage to look, and mourn, and repent, and find ways to move forward because of the death and resurrection of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit. That is the promise of Pentecost—there is true freedom, and empowerment, and life in the Spirit. We can discover concrete actions to stem the tide of despair and powerlessness. That’s the story of the early Church, and the story of faithful people everywhere resisting injustice and creating more sustainable, life-giving communities.

Our congregation can offer a safe place to explore the fundamental contradiction between the community into which God invites us and the communities in which we live. There are resources to create and nurture safe space: Robin D'Angelo's *White Fragility* or Debbie Irving's *Waking up White* or Jennifer Harvey's *Dear White Christians* all come to mind as possible discussion group topics. Diocesan anti-racism dialogues will resume when it is safe to meet in person; in the meantime, the Anti-Racism Committee and Reparations Committee also offer resources online.

The work of Pentecost, especially in a time of creating new safe ways to be in community, may be to pray and pay attention to how the Spirit is moving us towards repentance and new life. Come, Holy Spirit!

## **VESTRY CORNER**

*"Vestry Corner" will be an occasional part of the Parish Email where we share some of our work and decisions with the congregation. Anyone is welcome to attend vestry meetings as an observer.*

The vestry finished the lengthy process of revising the St. Andrew's By-Laws and at the May meeting, voted to accept them as amended.

If you would like to see a copy, contact the church office. They can be emailed to you.

## **ARE YOU GOOD WITH NUMBERS?**

### **ASSISTANT TREASURER POSITION OPEN AT ST. ANDREW'S**

Marion McPadden, St. Andrew's treasurer, is looking for an assistant treasurer to learn the job, with the idea that he or she will eventually take over as treasurer.

What does the treasurer do?

- Oversee the finances of St. Andrew's

- Report on the income and expenditures to the vestry (offer explanations and overview at vestry meetings)

- Attend monthly vestry meetings (about 2 hours currently on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.)

- Guide and assist in preparing the annual budget

- Manage the annual audit (a couple of hours in June)

- Sign and send out checks (a few minutes weekly)

## **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.

## 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.

***PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW WHAT YOUR NEW PLAN WILL BE.***



## 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, MaryAnn, Rae, Valerie, Jen, Ed, Barbara, Peter, Bruce 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. We applaud you.



## LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY (May 31, 2019)

Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM I):	Jen Cutter
Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM II):	Brenda Hush
Lector I: .....	Rae Slingerland
Lector II: .....	Valerie McAllister

## 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**

## RURAL AND MIGRANT MINISTRY

Caravans of Solidarity and Dignity for Farmworker and Food Chain Workers, **Sunday, May 31, 2:00 p.m.** See the links for information and to register: [www.ruralmigrantministry.org](http://www.ruralmigrantministry.org)

## 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/422834346>

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](http://episcopalchurch.org).

**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***

**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**  
*Volunteers needed*

**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 (*on line at this time*)

**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](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.