

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

NOVEMBER 12, 2020

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 28

Readings: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

[For readings see: www.lectionarypage.net]

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SERVICE SCHEDULE & ZOOM INFORMATION

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

Password is **Godisgr8!**

For those just calling in, dial: 1-646-876-9923 (enter meeting number 570270415#)
ZOOM link can also be found on the calendar page of the website. Click "Zoom link found here."

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Zoom & In-person Worship Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00 In-person Eucharist (Registration required) 9:30 Morning Prayer 10:15 "coffee hour" 10:45-11:45 Bible Study		10:00 am Morning Prayer		10:00 am Morning Prayer		
			Evening Prayer on hiatus (see below)		Evening Prayer on hiatus (see below)	



A PRIEST'S PONDERINGS...

The Rev. Allison Moore

We are moving into Advent, with its themes of darkness and light, of end times, of the need to “keep awake” and stay vigilant. There’s a lull in news after weeks if not months of election “sound and fury,” relative calm on the streets after public outrage over George Floyd’s murder, and the COVID numbers of cases and hospitalizations are going up. Doesn’t it seem like a good time to hibernate, or take a long nap?

“Watch out,” says Zephaniah. You do not know when the day of the Lord is coming, and in Sunday’s lessons the day of the Lord is something to be feared, the destruction of all that interferes with love and justice. Like the Israelites 5,000 years ago, or the Christians 2,000 years ago, we have become inured to the violence and exploitation that privilege some lives at the expense of others. God is coming to destroy the fortified cities, the lofty battlements, the gold and silver and accumulated wealth and possessions any day now (although it has now been millennia). Be sure you are not worshipping these things, or trusting in them to provide peace and security.

“Keep awake,” wrote Paul to the church at Thessalonica. “Put on the breastplate of hope and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.” The lessons call us back to our true purpose: to be agents of God’s love. Look around: there are always opportunities to love more. Who needs encouragement? Who needs food, or more just laws, or better healthcare, or a healthier planet? Share whatever gifts you have been given with whoever needs them. Keep sowing seeds of hope and love, because practicing hope and love will keep us sane and God-focused in a world that is often neither. It’s too easy to miss opportunities which will never come again to make a difference for good in the world.

Following Jesus is no guarantee of an easy life, but it is a guarantee of hope and love, of vitality and meaning, of more justice and joy, at the last day and every day. “Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, as indeed you have been doing,” writes Paul— together we will work for and live into the day of the Lord.

SUNDAY MORNING IN-PERSON EUCHARIST
REMINDER!
YOU MUST REGISTER

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE BY 2:00 pm THURSDAY

In-person Eucharist services have begun at St. Andrew's! Sundays at 8:00 a.m. Reservations required (contact church office by Thursday at 2:00 to have your name added to the list). Masks and social distancing compulsory. Space is limited.

EVENING PRAYER

Evening prayer, 20 minutes of peace, is on hiatus. It will resume on Wednesdays and Fridays beginning December 2nd at a new time, 5:00 p.m.

"PRIDESGIVING" AT SUNY NEW PALTZ

Allison reports that SUNY Ulster is offering students a "Pridesgiving" party, virtual this year of course. Music and games and "celebrity guests," and usually there's food, but that doesn't work this year. So we're thinking a raffle of gift cards or anything else that can be delivered electronically. The college is offering 3 in a large denomination. I'm buying 10 \$10 cards from campus ministry funds. If you would like to offer some Thanksgiving cheer, I will gladly accept other virtual donations!

"POP-UP" FREE FRESH FOOD!

This Sunday at St. Andrew's!

Allison says:

Dianna Smith and I, representing Campus Ministry, launched the first "Free Food Distribution" event Sunday, Nov. 1, at Redeemer Lutheran. It was cold and rainy -- two guests came and chose from apples, carrots, cabbage, fresh bread and eggs, and potatoes. We are working on publicity. More importantly, the three churches are starting to coordinate the various food ministries at Redeemer Lutheran, UMC, Campus Ministry, and us.

Masks and social distancing required; bring your own bags if possible.

Open to all, first come, first served. 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

- 1st Sundays: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 90 Route 32 South
- 2nd Sundays: Redeemer Lutheran Church
- 3rd Sundays: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 163 Main Street
- 4th Sundays: United Methodist Church, 1 Grove Street
- 5th Sundays: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Volunteers needed to set up, to help distribute, to break down, to spread the word and to coordinate. **Speak to Allison if you are interested.**



Stewardship is here!

By now you will have received your stewardship letter and pledge card in the mail. Please prayerfully consider the vestry's words:

"The church is in our hands. The church and world are in God's loving hands, and God needs our hands and our financial resources to share that love. 'Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.'"

Please have your pledge in to the church office by **November 22**.

We will hear from parishioners during the next two weeks; the Ingathering will be **November 22**. It's not too late to offer to speak in church or send a sentence or two about how St. Andrew's has been important or helpful to you, especially in the past year. Please call Allison 845-633-8272 to share, or email them to Allison standrewsrev@gmail.com or the church.

We hear from Linda Colwell:

What difference does St Andrews make for me?

I have been a member of St Andrews since 1964 when I was 16 years old. I loved that the Church was a block away from where I lived so I just walked there.

Years later, I loved bringing my daughter up in St Andrews and she would crawl up to the altar and sit by Father Fogg's feet. She was born in 1979. It was wonderful not to have to attend to her. Ralph loved it and I could remain seated. Jane was precious and well behaved. Later as she was maybe 3 years old, she would sing for everyone. It was precious.

I have always found peace in the Church as I moved through many of life's challenges. At times I sat there and cried, so thankful for a place where I felt like I belonged. The hymns give me so much joy and are very important to me.

Not only have I found Peace, Joy, Love, Kindness, Friendships and Belief, above all, I had and continue to have a feeling of belonging at St Andrews.

Linda Colwell



LEAF RAKING

This Saturday, November 14th

A socially distanced church activity!

Please come help us rake (*and play in*) the leaves around the church and vicarage on **Saturday, November 14, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**. Come for the whole time or just a bit; coffee and doughnuts for all! Please bring rakes and gloves--we have a few rakes but with COVID don't want to share gloves. And masks of course . . .



BISHOP DIETSCHÉ'S EVENING PRAYER SERVICE FOR ALL SOULS' DAY

In case you missed the All Souls' Day service, here's the link:

<https://youtu.be/NQp12MTGllks?t=1712>

DIOCESAN CONVENTION

For the Report on the 244th Diocesan Convention, see:

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/244th-Diocesan-Convention-Report---Texts-of-the-Bishops--Address-and-Reports--Elections--Budget-and-more.html?soid=1102067254998&aid=7u-NLXj4ZK4>

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.

We also count on regular support when people come to church but don't pledge. We are feeling the loss of your presence and financial gifts. If you are able to make an additional contribution, it will help us survive and thrive.

BODY & SOUL – The Tuesday Book Group

... *A Brown Bag Lunch with Conversation and Spiritual Reflection*, **Tuesdays, 12:30 – 2:00 pm**. All welcome. The group will be starting Isabel Wilkerson's *Caste* next week. Meetings are via Zoom. Contact church office for Zoom link.

FRIDAY BOOK GROUP

The Friday book group is reading *Tattoos on the Heart* by Greg Boyle and will begin *Love is the Way* by Bishop Michael Curry in two weeks. Meetings are via Zoom. Contact church office for Zoom link.



UTO - UNITED THANK OFFERING

St. Andrew's received an additional \$72 last week, raising the total collected at our UTO Ingathering this year of \$458.88 and raising our eight year total to \$3, 506.95.

The national UTO Board raised \$450,000 for the first cycle of mission & ministry grants for the first round of Covid-19 grants. They received almost \$785,000 in requests.

Three Episcopal Church award recipients include the following:

\$23,560 --- Episcopal Diocese of Chicago – Spanish- Language Pastoral Care Relief Training

\$7,200 --- Episcopal Diocese of Oregon – Greenhouse Enhancement for COVID -19 response

\$ 24,873 --- Episcopal Diocese of Arizona – Community Driven Digital Ministry in the time of COVID-19

My heartfelt thanks to members of St. Andrew's who faithfully participate in St. Andrew's UTO ministry each year. Your yearly commitment is a gift of love that transforms lives.

(You can find 2021 Blue Boxes in the back of the church and you can ask for them on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays, from 9:30-2:30).

“With Joyful and Grateful Hearts, Let Us Give Thanks”

Charlene Wynkoop, UTO Coordinator

INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED THEOLOGY

Upcoming lecture series: Liberation Theology.

You can find the last lecture and other materials on the Rhinebeck Reformed site.

<https://www.rhinebeckreformed.org/lunchandlearn>

Sunday, November 15th at 1:00pm. (JOIN VIA FACEBOOK LIVE)

“FDR’s Vision of Liberation”

with special guest Paul Sparrow, Director of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library and Museum

The most influential among modern presidents, Franklin Delano Roosevelt has eluded attempts to categorize him according to political ideology. His pragmatism is legendary, but his deep, long-lasting initiatives, imitated by politicians on the Right as well as the Left, were more coherent than simple expediency can explain. They were generated from a specific vision he held of what it means to be human, and of how the American people in particular have honored the religious dimension of their common life. From his writings and speeches, his conversations and letters, he left behind clues of his own spirituality: a moving force behind the New Deal.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY (November 15, 2019)

8:00 a.m. Eucharist in-person

Officiant: The Rev. Allison Moore

LEM: Brenda Hush

Lector: Kappa Waugh

Altar Guild: Charlene Wynkoop

Usher: Sally Vasse

9:30 Morning Prayer on Zoom

Officiant: The Rev. Allison Moore

LEM 1: Valerie McAllister

LEM 2: Jen Cutter

Lector 1: Jane Conger

Lector 2: Jen Cutter

Zoom Host: MaryAnn Lis-Simmons

THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew’s this week, especially MaryAnn, Brenda, Jennifer, Ann, Rae, Valerie, Bob, Kappa, and Ed. Thank you to those who continue to help with the food pantry and now the free fresh food project, those of you who are helping to keep the church and grounds clean and mowed, and all of you on the front lines of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

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	Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Online orders only being taken at this time
SUNY New Paltz Pantry	Dates soon to be set
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.
<i>The 5:30 p.m. AA meetings 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.</i>	
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>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 companionsma@gmail.com</i>	
Andy’s Peeps	Online forum for St. Andrew’s community to share scripture, music, readings, etc. https://www.facebook.com/groups/andyspeeps/

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

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

Episcopal Diocese of New York <https://2020.diocesenyc.org/>



Our Parish Prayer List:

We continue to pray for E.J., George, Charles, Rose, Erin, Larry, Barbara, Kathleen, Neil, Helen, Robert, Sheila, DuSean, Madeline, Linda, Hannah, Joe, Kathryn, Mark, John, Amanda, Alex, Ingrid, Paisley, Pastor Mark Mast, Jill and their family.