

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

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OCTOBER 1, 2020

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 22

Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-14; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

[For readings see: www.lectionarypage.net]

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CHURCH 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		
			This week: 6:00pm Prayers for the Nation		This week: 6:00pm Prayers for the Nation	



A PRIEST'S PONDERINGS...

The Rev. Allison Moore

"I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection" was carved in wood over the altar at St. Martha's Church in the Bronx. A support group for women struggling to escape domestic violence met there weekly. The women were from all faith traditions and none, but the saying helped me focus: these women longed to know freedom, safety, new life.

Maybe the space wasn't big enough to include the rest of the sentence however. Or maybe none of us really wanted to know the next part: "I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection *and the sharing of his sufferings* by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead." (Philippians 3:1—11).

"And the sharing of his sufferings." Sigh. Except, that's what support group was about. Sharing sufferings, sometimes just to whine. But more often, retelling the story of suffering revealed glimmers of resurrection. These were women who had been hurt, betrayed, threatened by someone they loved deeply. Their children were often also threatened. They had escaped physically, were living communally in temporary shelters while they found new jobs, new apartments, new schools, and a new sense of their own self-worth and competence. Tracing the story of obstacles overcome encouraged them to "keep on keeping on."

Denial was always a temptation. Denying how bad the abuse really was and exaggerating how good the good times were led many women back to their abusers, sometimes multiple times. It was bitter but healing medicine to acknowledge that barriers of race, class, and gender were all too real—the difficulties they faced were not always of their own making. Jesus met them in their suffering. They became like him in being wounded by injustice and betrayal. He walked with them to new, more abundant life.

That's the promise. No one can escape suffering or sin or death. We hurt others and we are hurt by them. Life is not fair. Healing begins when our longing to know Christ and resurrection encourages us to face honestly the worst of what we can do and what has been done to us. The worst is not the end of the story, it is the gateway to more abundant life.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

On October 4th, the church celebrates the ministry of St. Francis of Assisi, who is often associated with care for animals as well as the poor, who formed the core of his ministry. The blessing of pets in his name has a long history in the Church. This is a joyful service of thanksgiving for the role our pets play in our lives.

Allison will bless your pets on **Sunday, October 4, at 4:00 p.m.** in celebration of St. Francis Day. Bring your pets to the front of the church on a leash or in a carrier. Masks required (for you! Pets: No masks needed!!). Please note that in the event of rain, the blessing of the animals will be postponed.

PRAYERS FOR THE NATION

Wednesdays and Fridays from **September 23 through October 30, the 6:00pm Evening Prayers** will primarily focus on prayers for the nation. If you'd rather pray on your own, see the link on the website (see Allison's September 24 entry on the "Andrew's Net" page) for some prayers.

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.

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.



UTO - UNITED THANK OFFERING

Collection of Blue Boxes

Earlier this year we had to postpone our UTO Ingathering of **Blue Boxes**. We have now found a way to collect your **Blue Boxes**!

100% of what is collected this year will be given away to support Episcopal/Anglican ministries directly responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn.

Please bring your **Blue Boxes** to St. Andrew's **by October 25** when Allison will bless them.

You can deliver to the back door when the office is open (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9:30 – 2:30) and take a new box if you like.

If you prefer not to bring your Blue Boxes, a donation to UTO is a welcome compromise. Either donate online at <https://unitedthankoffering.com/give/> or send a check payable to St. Andrew's with "UTO" in the note space and we will send to for you.

"With Joyful and Grateful Hearts, Let Us Give Thanks"

Charlene Wynkoop, UTO Coordinator

BABY SHOWER FOR AMANDA AND ALEX

Amanda Crowell and Alex Jakubowski invite you all to a Baby Shower on **Sunday, November 8** at their store in Walden. Details are on the attached invitation.



DIOCESAN CONVENTION

If you are interested, here's the link to the virtual diocesan convention which begins on September 9, with final voting on Saturday, November 7th. The topic for September 16 is Episcopal Charities.

<http://www.cvent.com/events/2020-annual-diocesan-convention/event-summary-92f70a077a9441cf8b891ffbf937717d.aspx>

DISASTER RELIEF

Hurricane Laura: <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief>

Explosion in Beirut: <https://afedj.org/give/give-online/>

California and other Western Diocese Dealing with the Wildfires:

<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-you-can-do/give/donate-now/individual-donation/>



VOTER INFORMATION

Voting Options:

- You may vote on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020 at your usual polling place.
- You may vote during the nine-day Early Voting Period Oct. 24 – Nov. 1
- You may apply and vote by absentee ballot

Voter Registration:

- Is your registration up to date? Check at <https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/>
- Drive-through voter registration, **Saturdays at New Paltz Community Center:**
<https://calendar.hudsonvalleyone.com/event/u-act-voter-drive-thru/all/>
- Last day to register to vote in the Nov. presidential election: **Postmark by October 9**
- Last day to change your address **Postmark by October 14**

Get an Absentee Ballot:

- A web portal has been opened for New York State registered voters to **request an absentee ballot**. Here is the link: <https://absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov/>
- Last day to request an absentee ballot: **Postmark by October 27**
- Last day to request an absentee ballot IN PERSON at Board of Elections (BOE)
November 2
- Last day absentee ballot can be postmarked or delivered by hand to BOE **November 3**
(must be received by Board of Elections on November 10)

Early Voting:

October 24 – November 1

New Paltz Community Center (3 Veteran Drive), Highland American Legion, or Woodstock, Kingston or Ellenville (see Ulster County Board of Elections website:

<https://elections.ulstercountyny.gov/early-voting/>

Saturday 10/24 10-3
Sunday 10/25 10-3
Monday 10/26 9-5

Tuesday 10/27 12-8
Wednesday 10/28 9-5
Thursday 10/29 12-8

Friday 10/30 9-5
Saturday 10/31 10-3
Sunday 11/1 10-3

New York State voter information: <https://www.elections.ny.gov/votingdeadlines.html>

On the ballot this November (don't forget to turn your ballot over!):

-A note from Valerie McAllister, Parishioner, St. Andrew's-

- Questions about proposed Local Law 1, establishing a Community Preservation Fund (CPF)?

Some of you know that I work with the Village of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission, which played a supporting role in developing plans for a dedicated Community Preservation Fund. That initiative, which includes a 1.5% real-estate transfer tax, is on the ballot this November as Local Law Number One. Revenues from the proposed transfer tax will enable New Paltz to protect its clean water, working farms and natural landscapes. Comprehensive information about the CPF is available on the [Town of NP website](#).

Flyers recently appeared in my mailbox that misrepresent the Community Preservation Fund and the transfer tax that will support it. Contrary to what these anti-CPF mailings imply, the transfer tax is a one-time fee paid by the buyers of properties in New Paltz. Most New Paltz property owners will never pay it, and it will not affect taxes for current residents. It is telling that the mailings are the work of an Albany-based realtors' lobbying group rather than an effort of people who live, work and raise their families in New Paltz. This is a point of clarification that I feel is important to share with friends and neighbors who care as much as I do about protecting our community's natural and historic resources.

FRIDAY BOOK GROUP

The Friday book group is reading *Preparing for the Glory* by John and Carol Arnott, about getting in touch with the Holy Spirit in our own lives and in our congregation. Meetings are via Zoom (see link above).

THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week, especially Jen, Rae, Bob, Jane, Ed, MaryAnn, Brenda, Susan, Annette, Bill, and David. Thank you to those who continue to help with the food pantry, 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.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY (October 4, 2019)

8:00 a.m. Eucharist in-person

Officiant: The Rev. Allison Moore

LEM: Brenda Hush

Lector: Valerie McAllister

Altar Guild: Charlene Wynkoop

Usher: Sally Vasse

9:30 Morning Prayer on Zoom

Officiant: The Rev. Allison Moore

LEM 1: MaryAnn Lis-Simmons

LEM 2: Jen Cutter

Lector 1: Julie Mazur

Lector 2: Kappa Waugh

Zoom Host: MaryAnn Lis-Simmons

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.**

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.

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

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

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.dioceseny.org/>



Our Parish Prayer List:

We continue to pray for E.J., George, Charles, Rose, Erin, Larry, Maggie, Barbara, Kathleen, Neil, Helen, Robert, Sheila, Rae and David and their family, DuSean, Myrt, Madeline, Linda, Hannah, Joe, Kathryn, Mark, John, Amanda, Alex, Jim.