

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

OCTOBER 8, 2020

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 24

Readings: Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-13; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

[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

This Sunday we hear the Pharisees' question to Jesus, trying to entrap him in sedition: "Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" In election season it may make sense to talk about the appropriate relationship of church to state, faith to politics, but I'm struck instead by the contrast between a prestamped image of an emperor on a coin, asserting divine power, and Jesus, an image, maybe the image, of God in human flesh, asserting the power of love of God and neighbor and self.

I'm reading Gregory Boyles' book *Tattoos on the Heart*, about his work with gang members and former gang members in a poor Los Angeles neighborhood. He quotes the Sufi poet, Rumi, "Close both eyes; see with the other one." Then, writes Boyle, "We are no longer saddled by the burden of our persistent judgments, our ceaseless withholding, our constant exclusion. Our sphere has widened, and we find ourselves, quite unexpectedly, in a new, expansive location, in a place of endless acceptance and infinite love." (p. 145).

The story of Jesus and the Pharisees is about Pharisees judging, withholding, excluding . . . how can we ration the little we have—little money, status, love? And about Jesus welcoming, sharing, including, because he knows that God's love is infinite. Boyles' work is in part about helping people who have done some horrible hurtful things discover for themselves the image of God in themselves. In story after story closed fists and hearts and minds are opened when someone shows someone else that they are not only worthy of love, they are loved beyond all imagining.

Jesus' answer: "Give to the emperor what is the emperor's and to God what is God's", is intended to shift our perspective from finite coins to infinite love. What is God giving us, out of love that can never end? How can we share that love with others? How can we live into the endless acceptance and infinite love that God offers us?

Perhaps this week just let yourself close both eyes and see how the judgments and withholding that limits your life (because we are all struggling with those limits always) can melt away just a little bit, and discover a bit more of the image of God in yourself, in Jesus, and in our world.

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.



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is coming... during the month of November

How has St. Andrew's been important or helpful to you, especially in the past year? Over the next two weeks Allison will be collecting "testimonies," from a few words to a few sentences, to be shared in church on Sundays in November beginning on November 1 and as part of our stewardship campaign. Please call Allison 845-633-8272 to share, or email them to standrewsrev@gmail.com. Thanks!

ALL SAINTS DAY NECROLOGY

All Saints Day is coming on Sunday, November 1. We will celebrate this in person at 8:00 a.m. Eucharist and online at 9:30 Morning Prayer!

If you would like your loved ones who have died remembered in both services, please submit **names via email to Judy by October 26**. Since we are worshipping virtually, keeping the list to close family and friends will help the service move smoothly. If you would like to read the names you have submitted at either service, please say that as well — the more voices, the more moving.

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.

SOCIAL (IN)JUSTICE WITH PÁDRAIG Ó TUAMA

An Online Retreat, **Saturday, October 31**, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

We read Pádraig O'Tuama's book *In the Shelter* back in Lent. Here's an opportunity to hear this poet, theologian, and peace activist in person. To register and for more information visit:

<https://www.trinitywallstreet.org/events/day?day=2020-10-31&nid=21689>

MOURNING INTO UNITY

Episcopal Diocese of New York & Cathedral Church of Saint John The Divine Virtual Prayer Vigil

Over the past six months, the increasing toll of COVID-19 has devastated communities across the country. The burden of this pandemic, and the economic and social effects it has had, would be enough to break the spirit of the strongest individual. But our spirits have endured. United by sorrow, people are joining together to mourn and to work towards a new vision of national solidarity.

The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine, in partnership with Mourning Into Unity, will host A prayer vigil on October 19 in solemn recognition of our collective grief and affirmation of our shared commitment to one another. We will build a bridge between the mourning that we must undertake and the unity that we need as we approach what promises to be a chaotic election cycle.

Prayer Vigil and Candlelight Procession

Monday, October 19

Online and In-Person

Join the Cathedral and interfaith community beginning on the steps of the Cathedral. Building upon the liturgy of the Cathedral's Episcopal heritage, this gathering will pay tribute to all of the lives affected by COVID-19 and gather together our extended community. During the event, social distancing guidelines will be followed to keep participants safe.

RURAL AND MIGRANT MINISTRY FUNDRAISING DINNER

Rural and Migrant Ministry invites you to their annual fundraising dinner, online this year. They help many farm workers in our neighborhood, and Allison is exploring ways to partner with them in campus ministry endeavors. Here's the link to "2020 Harvesting Justice Virtual Event... Tuesday, **November 10**..." for more information.

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ehbfsncmd34f99ba&llr=4bnmc6bab>

FORUM ON CLIMATE EMERGENCY & INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE

There will be a free virtual forum on the climate emergency, followed by a global interfaith prayer service, **October 16 & 17**. See details on this link:

[FORUM2020 on the Climate Emergency and Interfaith Prayer Service Oct16 /17](#)

MEET IBRAM X. KENDI

Meet Ibram X. Kendi, author of *How to Be an Antiracist*, Thursday, **October 22**, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., via Zoom. Participate with hundreds of other Episcopalians in an exclusive online event as Mr. Kendi discusses his journey of discovery, answers your questions, and reflects on the nation-wide movement toward antiracism that his writings have helped to fuel. Sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of New York. Registration is required:

[Click here to register](#)

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.

LEAF RAKING

A socially distanced church activity!

Please come help us rake (*and play in the*) leaves around the church and vicarage on Saturday, November 7, 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 . . .



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>

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 just beginning to read *Tatoos on the Heart* by Greg Boyle. Meetings are via Zoom. Contact church office for Zoom link.



UTO - UNITED THANK OFFERING

Blessing of the Blue Boxes – October 25th

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

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY (October 18, 2019)

8:00 a.m. Eucharist in-person

Officiant: The Rev. Allison Moore

LEM: Valerie McAllister

Lector: Bob Waugh

Altar Guild: Valerie McAllister

Usher: Sally Vasse

9:30 Morning Prayer on Zoom

Officiant: The Rev. Allison Moore

LEM 1: Rae Slingerland

LEM 2: Jen Cutter

Lector 1: Julie Mazur

Lector 2: MaryAnn Lis-Simmons

Zoom Host: Ed Puffer



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.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH VOTING RESOURCES

<https://mailchi.mp/episcopalchurch/the-episcopal-church-and-the-2020-us-elections-an-overview-of-resources?e=9f7c2de3d5>

or

<https://episcopalchurch.org/posts/publicaffairs/episcopal-church-and-2020-us-elections-overview-resources>

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/>

THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week, especially Jen, MaryAnn, Bob, Valerie, Sally, Susan, and Annette. 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.

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, Ingrid, Paisley.