

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

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

***OCTOBER 8, 2020***

### **NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 23**

Readings: Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

[For readings see: [www.lectionarypage.net](http://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	



**Tomorrow, Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>  
Last day to register to vote  
in the November presidential election**

**A PRIEST'S PONDERINGS...**

The Rev. Allison Moore

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:4-7)

Sure. Pandemic, job loss, polarization of opinions, hate crimes are increasing, and winter is coming. Paul says, “Rejoice, do not worry, find God’s peace” . . . really? I find myself “doom scrolling” instead, reading more of the evils of the world and alternately excoriating whoever isn’t doing what I think they should or crying in despair. Maybe the situation wasn’t as bad for Paul—he was only in prison, after the destruction of Jerusalem and the slaughter or exile of its population, when followers of Jesus were seen as threats to the state, hunted down and executed.

Or maybe Paul knows something it would behoove us to remember. Bring everything to God, because God is in charge, and we aren’t. Bring legitimate worries and real pain, bring minor anxieties and woes, to God. Sit still long enough to also remember some thanksgivings. We don’t have to pray for an answer, or figure out a situation, just “let your requests be made known to God.”

Giordano Bruno wrote somewhere that “out of the universe we cannot fall”. God is the container for all that we experience, all that happens to creation, all that is. God’s compassion, peace, mercy, healing, joy are available to us at all times and in all places. When we are in touch with that, we too can rejoice, and in rejoicing make the world around us a bit more joyous. We can share the deep peace, the gentleness (also translated forbearance), the compassion and joy that God never stops sharing with all of creation, always.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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](#)

## 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](#)



## 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*

## 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 7<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## 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/>

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## The Episcopal Church and the 2020 U.S. Elections: An Overview of Resources

The Office of Government Relations has created a comprehensive suite of resources for advocacy, the U.S. Election, and 2020 Census engagement. Central to election engagement are the “Vote Faithfully” resources built up over the course of several election cycles and in coalition with ecumenical partners. These resources are designed for use year-round, emphasizing messaging that is non-partisan and informed.

As the United States gets closer to Election Day, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, The Episcopal Church will continue to release new resources, including an ongoing [educational series](#) on the basics of the election process and transition of power, [four bulletin inserts from Sermons That Work](#) focused on voter engagement and written for the readings on the four Sundays leading up to Election Day, and [A Season of Prayer: For an Election](#), a novena prayer series developed with Forward Movement.

Other resources include a Plan Your Vote guide, toolkit for supporting others in your community to vote, a tool for recognizing and combating disinformation and misinformation, and much more.

For full details and many appropriate and helpful links, see:

<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>



## 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.

**THANK YOU** to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week, especially MaryAnn, Jen, Julie, Kappa, Ed, Brenda, Valerie, Charlene, Sally, David, Barbara and Bill . 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 11, 2019)**

8:00 a.m. Eucharist in-person

Officiant: ..... The Rev. Allison Moore

LEM: ..... Valerie McAllister

Lector: ..... Sally Vasse

Altar Guild: ..... Susan Piowaty

Usher: ..... Annette Johnson

9:30 Morning Prayer on Zoom

Officiant: ..... The Rev. Allison Moore

LEM 1: ..... Jen Cutter

LEM 2: ..... MaryAnn Lis-Simmons

Lector 1: ..... Jen Cutter

Lector 2: ..... Bob 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](http://www.companionsofmarytheapostle.org) or email [companionsma@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.newpaltzfoundation.org) (Contact Eileen Gulbrandsen Glenn if you need a meal voucher: [sande2930@aol.com](mailto: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.