

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

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

***SEPTEMBER 10, 2020***

### **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 19**

Readings: Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:1-13; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

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

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### **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.

**A password will be needed to join the Zoom service starting on  
September 27th.**

**When prompted, the password is: Godisgr8!**

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#### **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 sighed when I read the lessons appointed for Sunday. How many times should we forgive a member of the church? 70 x 7, or seventy seven times—in any case, a lot. And if we're counting, waiting to get to the end and then we can stop, haven't we missed the point?

But then again, didn't Jesus miss the point with his parable of a man owed 10,000 talents, and his debt was forgiven, until he didn't have any mercy on one of his debtors who owed him 10 talents, so Jesus says that instead of being forgiven the man will be tortured until he can pay the debt?

But maybe the "torture" is the pain we inflict on ourselves when we remember things we have done that we profoundly regret? Until we do what we can to make amends, and maybe even after, the regret and pain linger. There's a whole literature asking God to help us forgive others and ourselves. Maybe the "torture" is living with the fact that even after forgiveness, on either or both sides, some relationships cannot be healed no matter how much we may want to go back to an earlier, pre-injury, place.

Joseph gives us a model of how, when the brothers who sold him into slavery and then later approached him for forgiveness (after much deception on both sides), to name honestly what happened. "You meant it for evil, but God meant it for good." Joseph was eventually willing to offer them a new start to the relationship.

And yet, writing all of this, I find myself qualifying almost every statement and thinking of difficulties and complications and what's too easy forgiveness . . . my mind goes to the really tough examples: incest, murder, genocide, theft of land of indigenous peoples, and so on.

Complications and "what ifs" are probably a dodge for the ordinary work of forgiveness, the daily grudges and resentments I don't want to look at. That's where Psalm 103 is helpful. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, [repeat often], forget not all the gifts of God": forgiveness, healing, mercy, compassion, justice, righteousness, repentance. The psalm ends with a paean of praise and blessing. Soaking in blessing unties some of the knots of daily injuries and reveals the words to apologize and "refresh" a relationship. God's merciful goodness endures forever—we can start there and see where God leads.

## 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.

## DON'T FORGET! THOSE WHO E-PLEDGE:

**E-PLEDGE WILL END ON SEPTEMBER 30.**

PLEASE LET JUDY KNOW HOW WE CAN EXPECT YOUR PLEDGE TO BE PAID (email [standrewnp@hvi.net](mailto:standrewnp@hvi.net)).

If you need assistance in organizing your pledge payments, contact the church office.

## REOPENING UPDATE

Beginning **Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**, St. Andrew's reopens with an **in-person 8:00 a.m. Eucharist**, without Zoom and without music, followed by a **9:30 a.m. Zoom-only Morning Prayer** service, with music.

We are adhering to strict CDC and Diocese of New York guidelines.

Registration to [standrewnp@hvi.net](mailto:standrewnp@hvi.net) is required for the **8:00 a.m. service by Thursday at 1:00 p.m. each week for the following Sunday** so that we have time to prepare.

Please specify your name, phone number, and number of people in your party. If you would like more information on the guidelines, contact Allison or the church office.

***Registration required ([standrewnp@hvi.net](mailto:standrewnp@hvi.net))***

## ULSTER CLERICUS ZOOM BOOK DISCUSSION

**This Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, is the last day to Register**  
**A few spots are still available!**

New Ulster Clericus Zoom book discussion: Ibram X. Kendi, *How to be an Anti-Racist* (Random House, 2019), available on Kindle, as an audiobook read by the author, and hardcover. Join the "Episcopal New Yorkers read one book" discussion of a challenging and hopeful look at vital contemporary questions. Seven Wednesday evenings from 7:15-9:00 pm **Sept. 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28**. Please commit to all 7 sessions. On Thursday, October 22 Ibram Kendi will address the diocese virtually— more info available soon. Register for the book discussion with Allison Moore ([standrewsrev@gmail.com](mailto:standrewsrev@gmail.com)) or Michelle Meech ([michelle.stjohnskingston@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.stjohnskingston@gmail.com)) as soon as possible; limit of 12 people.

## **CHAIRLIFT**

As we reopen St. Andrews, don't forget, we now have a new chairlift thanks to the generosity of the people of St. Andrew's!

## **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>

## **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

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 be blessing 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.

## **DISASTER RELIEF**

### **Hurricane Laura**

The Episcopal New Service reports that "Several Episcopal properties in the Diocese of Western Louisiana sustained heavy damage on Aug. 27 as Hurricane Laura left a narrow but brutal trail of destruction through the state." See the full article at:

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2020/08/28/hurricane-laura-causes-major-damage-in-western-louisiana/> To donate to help those affected by the Hurricane, visit: <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief>

### **Explosion in Beirut**

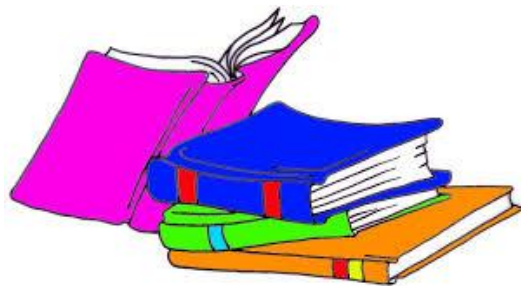
American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem reports about Beirut's All Saints Church which has turned attention to its neighbors in need. "In the three weeks since the horrific explosion that left more than 300,000 residents of Beirut homeless and affected more than 778,000 people within a two-mile radius of the blast, the generous response to Archbishop Suheil Dawani's call for donations through American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ) has made a difference to those in need of humanitarian support." To donate to help those affected by the explosion in Beirut, visit: <https://afedj.org/give/give-online/>

## **PRESIDING BISHOP FEATURED PREACHER ON DAY 1**

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry will be the featured preacher on September 13 on "Day 1" with host Peter Wallace. The broadcast can be found at <http://Day1.org> and by podcast. For further information, visit: [Presiding Bishop Michael Curry to preach on 'Day 1'](https://www.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief)

## 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).



## VOTER INFORMATION



New! 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 register to vote in the November presidential election	Postmark by October 9
Last day to change your address	Postmark by October 14
Last day to request an absentee ballot is	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 ( <i>must be received by Board of Elections on November 10</i> )	November 3

### 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

Tuesday 10/27 12-8

Friday 10/30 9-5

Sunday 10/25 10-3

Wednesday 10/28 9-5

Saturday 10/31 10-3

Monday 10/26 9-5

Thursday 10/29 12-8

Sunday 11/1 10-3

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

## EPISCOPAL CHARITIES SUNDAY

### September 20<sup>th</sup> is Episcopal Charities Sunday



Your kind donations to Episcopal Charities helps to fight food insecurity in our communities, something that is especially important right now. Episcopal Charities donates generously to The Pantry at SUNY Ulster and many other local pantries.

It is crucial that we stand together in solidarity, supporting those in our communities for which the pandemic has had a devastating impact. Many of our neighbors who were just getting by now seek the help of Episcopal Charities-funded feeding programs in putting food on the table. Episcopal Charities has risen to the occasion to provide emergency grants to these feeding programs that are on the front line serving the newly hungry in our communities and facing higher demand than ever before.

Visit the Episcopal Charities Sunday website to donate directly: [EC Sunday Homepage](#)

**THANK YOU** to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week, especially Brenda, Valerie, Bob, Jane, MaryAnn, 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 thank you to all of you who are on the front lines of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

### **LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY (September 13, 2019)**

Officiant: ..... The Rev. Allison Moore  
LEM 1: ..... Rae Slingerland  
LEM 2: ..... MaryAnn Lis-Simmons  
Lector 1: ..... Julie Mazur  
Lector 2: ..... Kappa Waugh  
Zoom Host: ..... Ed Puffer

### **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*

<b>SUNY Ulster Food Pantry</b>	<b>Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.</b> <b>Online orders only being taken at this time</b>
<b>SUNY New Paltz Pantry</b>	<b>Dates soon to be set</b>
<b>Tops Supermarket Food Ministry</b>	<b>Sunday mornings:</b> Pick up food; Speak with Kappa or Jane; Community Service hours available.
<b>Courageous Lions</b>	<b>Donate yarn</b> 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!
<b>“Clothe the Cold”</b>	Please place clean clothes in good condition in the bins provided at the front of the church.
<b>Ascension Holy Trinity Mission Center</b>	Food & clothing always needed. <b>Wed. 10:00 a.m. - noon &amp; 6-8 pm; Saturdays 10:00-noon.</b>

**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, Richard & Ann, DuSean, Myrt, Madeline, Linda, Hannah, Joe, Kathryn, Mark, John, Allison, Meredith, Jim, Amanda, Alex.