

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 20

Readings: Jonah 3:10 – 4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

[For readings see: www.lectionarypage.net]

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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 & 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: 6:30pm Prayers for the Nation		This week: 6:30pm Prayers for the Nation	



A PRIEST'S PONDERINGS...

The Rev. Allison Moore

A bit desperate for a theme for this Pondering, I googled “poetry about workers in the vineyard.” You know the story, a landowner promises workers “the usual daily wage” when they work sun up to sun down, but the landowner keeps hiring more workers for fewer hours, even workers at the very end of the day, and he pays them all the same amount. Resentment, entitlement, justice in human terms meet God’s scandalous generosity.

Sometimes we know the story too well, or think we do. I found “[Late Ripeness](#),” by Czeslaw Milosz. I don’t understand the last few stanzas at all yet, but the beginning set me down a path I hadn’t considered.

“Not soon, as late as the approach of my ninetieth year,
I felt a door opening in me and I entered
the clarity of early morning.

One after another my former lives were departing,
like ships, together with their sorrow.

And the countries, cities, gardens, the bays of seas
assigned to my brush came closer,
ready now to be described better than they were before.

I was not separated from people,
grief and pity joined us.
We forget—I kept saying—that we are all children of the King.”

Think about the truths you have known since you were young, the habits you have developed, the people you have loved (or hated, or resented, or . . .), the story you have told of your life. They work well enough—the usual daily wage. But sometimes, after a while, something shifts and you are granted a more generous vision.

Whether that vision endures or becomes more narrow over time can perhaps be influenced by prayer or reflection or love. Or sometimes, for no discernible cause whatsoever, the door to clarity and connection may open again—at sun rise, and nine, and noon, and three, and even five. The work of the last hour may well be worth the work of a lifetime, reconsidered.

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.

E-PLEDGE

A reminder that e-Pledge through the Diocese of New York will end of September 30. Please arrange for your pledge to be automatically transferred to the St. Andrew's Ulster Savings account (contact church office for account information) or plan to send your check to St. Andrew's weekly or monthly as you prefer. St. Andrew's would appreciate knowing how you plan to pay your pledge so that we can make sure it is working seamlessly.

REOPENING UPDATE

Beginning **this Sunday, September 20th**, 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 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)
Space Limited***

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>



Food distribution at SUNY Ulster in the time of Covid

A new semester has started, some classes are in person, and we have help from Barbara Terpening and a new Grace Year Fellow in packing bags on Wednesdays. Now we're waiting for students to come pick them up, and maybe I actually get to see a real person, rather than, or in addition to, writing notes. As you can see, the need continues. Five students with an average family size of three will, I hope, come to pick up their groceries this morning.

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

<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/>



COURAGEOUS LIONS

Cathy Kelly's cousin, Pat, continues to make Courageous Lions and is appreciative of your generous contributions of yarn. If you can donate more yarn, please put in church mailbox or call church office and Judy will take it from you at the back door, masked and socially distanced!

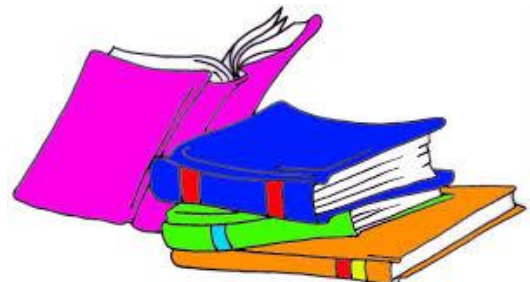
Pat has written her thanks, "Mailed 5 more out to Stop the Violence. That's 15 there so far. Working on 10 more. Please tell the generous yarn givers and thank them again for how much they're helping."

She further notes that the recipient from Stop the Violence thanked her for the five that were sent and says, "...soooo gorgeous. I have given 8 away so far. My one client her baby died, she loves her lion so much. I have 2 abandoned children... the Grandmother has adopted them... Such a comfort. GOD BLESS YOU..."

Please keep that yarn coming!!

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

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

Is your registration up to date? Check at <https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/>



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	November 3
<i>(must be received by Board of Elections on November 10)</i>	

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>



Episcopal Charities Sunday September 20th

Your kind donations to Episcopal Charities help 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 Rae, MaryAnn, Julie, Kappa, and Ed. 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 20, 2019)

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

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, Maggie, Barbara, Kathleen, Neil, Helen, Robert, Sheila, Richard & Ann, DuSean, Myrt, Madeline, Linda, Hannah, Joe, Kathryn, Mark, John, Amanda, Alex, Jim.