

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 21

Readings: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-8; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

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



A PRIEST'S PONDERINGS...

The Rev. Allison Moore

“By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” The Temple clergy demand an answer from Jesus, who has come into the Temple and chased out the money-lenders, criticized the authorities, healed many people, and started teaching. If someone came into St. Andrew’s in the middle of a service and overturned tables, I would ask the same thing.

“By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” The Christian church has been a place of life-giving healing, teaching, and prayer. There are well-reasoned Christian theological justifications of almost every evil perpetrated by any government with even a nominally Christian population — slavery, theft of land, massacre, persecution of Jews and LGBTQ folks, etc. etc.

Philippians has one answer when Paul describes the mind of Christ: “any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy.” In days when it is easy and all too common for folks on opposing sides to rant and want to wound and even kill, our task as Christians is to continually open ourselves to prayer, to love, compassion, sympathy for all other humans, even for the planet.

Jesus’ authority rested in his embodiment of God’s love. Challenge whatever — in ourselves, in our communities and nations, in our world — gets in the way of compassion, of respect for all humans (including our enemies), of love. Challenge in love, but make sure that your means are as loving and compassionate and fierce as Jesus’ love. After all, Jesus chased away the moneychangers, he didn’t kill them. And in the end, he went to the cross rather than resist the religious and political powers with violence or insult. And in the end, love wins!

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

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 required. Space is limited.

NEW INTERN AT ST. ANDREWS

We are delighted that Anne Conger will be serving as an intern at St. Andrew's for the 2020-2021 academic year. She is completing her Master of Divinity at Union Theological Seminary. While she's here, she will be helping with worship, youth activities, community outreach, campus ministry, and social media. She's excited to be back. She and Noa will welcome a baby in January.



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

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

e-Pledge is ending September 30

Please arrange to change how you pledge!

Contact church office with any questions



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>

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/>



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 <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
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>

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).

THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week, especially Valerie, Jen, Jane, MaryAnn, Brenda, Kappa, Susan and Sally. 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 27, 2019)

8:00 a.m. Eucharist in-person

Officiant: The Rev. Allison Moore

LEM: MaryAnn Lis-Simmons

Lector: Brenda Hush

Altar Guild: Susan Piowaty

Usher: Annette Johnson

9:30 Morning Prayer on Zoom

Officiant: The Rev. Allison Moore

LEM 1: Jen Cutter

LEM 2: Rae Slingerland

Lector 1: Bob Waugh

Lector 2: Jane Conger

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

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, Ann, Rae and David and their family, DuSean, Myrt, Madeline, Linda, Hannah, Joe, Kathryn, Mark, John, Amanda, Alex, Jim.