

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

LABOR DAY

Readings: Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 38:27-32; Psalm 90:1-2, 6-17; 1 Corinthians 3:10-14;
Matthew 6:19-24

[For readings see: 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 soon be needed to join the Zoom service.

If prompted, the password is: Godisgr8!

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Zoom & In-Person 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	

Prayers for Healing at 5:00 on Sundays is cancelled for the time being.

See below for some exciting reopening changes!



A PRIEST'S PONDERINGS...

The Rev. Allison Moore

We're hearing the lessons appointed for Labor Day this year, because I've been thinking a lot about work. Unemployment in the US was over 13% in May, and that doesn't include people who are "underemployed" and, while making some money, are often not making enough to pay bills. Which workers are judged essential, and by what criteria? (I don't think that all the signs thanking essential workers include investment bankers and traders, and yet they keep the stock market afloat . . .) What about all the unpaid work that sustains the economy: parenting, care of vulnerable people by family and neighbors, volunteer hours at pantries and civic organizations and churches etc.? How often is it possible to be paid for work one loves to do (thank you, St. Andrew's, for giving me that opportunity!)?

The first lesson is from Sirach, or Ecclesiasticus, a Jewish scribe eager to show compatibility of Judaism with high Greek culture ca 175-185 BCE. The author extols artisans, who "maintain the fabric of the world, and their concern is for the exercise of their trade." (Sirach, or Ecclesiasticus, 38:34) I love the phrase, "they maintain the fabric of the world." Sirach describes several other professions as well, assigning each profession a place in a well-ordered society, but this attribution is unique to artisans.

Who indeed maintains the fabric of the world? Perhaps anyone whose work, paid or not, contributes to the common good. That fabric can be torn by greed, exploitation, misguided priorities—Sunday's gospel reminds us that we cannot serve God and wealth. There is a Jewish phrase, "Tikkun olam," the mending of the world, which includes both personal acts of kindness and collective work towards healing and social justice. Repairing damage to social fabric is also essential.

I know almost nothing about the art of weaving. I'm a beginning knitter who rips out as much as I stitch. And yet I love the image of God as a weaver of an interdependent creation. Each being has its part to play to maintaining the fabric of the world. Humans can notice and choose what tears connections apart and what nurtures them and evaluate our own work accordingly, a challenge to "the world's" value by salary or status. "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

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.

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)

REOPENING UPDATE

Beginning **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.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION

If you are interested, here's the link to the virtual diocesan convention which begins on September 9, with final voting on November 11th.

<http://www.cvent.com/events/2020-annual-diocesan-convention/event-summary-92f70a077a9441cf8b891ffbf937717d.aspx>

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'](#)

ULSTER CLERICUS ZOOM BOOK DISCUSSION

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) or Michelle Meech (michelle.stjohnskingston@gmail.com) as soon as possible; limit of 12 people.

FRIDAY BOOK GROUP

The Friday book group will be 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. The next meeting (via Zoom) will be on September 4th.

ONLINE ANTI-RACISM WORKSHOP

A multi-part online workshop open only to clergy and laypeople of the Diocese of New York. **September 14, 17, 21 & 24**; 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Participants will be required to complete individual viewing and corresponding assignments before online Zoom meetings. Completion of all assignments and attendance at all meetings is required for diocesan certification.

The purpose of the diocesan Anti-Racism Workshop is to help us become aware of how the sin of racism impacts all of our lives, and how we all unconsciously and consciously participate in racist systems. **It is required for clergy in our diocese and highly recommended for lay leadership.**

[Click here to register for the multi-part online workshop in September](#)

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/>

Early voting hours (please check as the date nears)

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>



UTO - UNITED THANK OFFERING

United Thank Offering (UTO) reports that over \$20,000 was raised for COVID relief with donations received toward the Great Episcopal Race held in August. Thank you to all who participated. To learn more, visit www.unitedthankoffering.com

“With Joyful and Grateful Hearts, Let Us Give Thanks”

Charlene Wynkoop, UTO Coordinator

THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew’s this week, especially Jen, Valerie, Kappa, Brenda and MaryAnn. 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 6, 2019)

Officiant: The Rev. Allison Moore
LEM 1: Brenda Hush
LEM 2: Valerie McAllister
Lector 1: Bob Waugh
Lector 2: Jane Conger
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 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, Richard & Ann, DuSean, Myrt, Madeline, Linda, Hannah, Joe, Kathryn, Mark, John, Allison, Meredith, Jim.