

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

FEBRUARY 13, 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Readings: Sirach 15:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

[For readings see: www.lectionarypage.net]

FAMILY OF NEW PALTZ

***We collect non-perishable food items, socks and undies for Family of New Paltz.
Please place them in the basket inside the front door of the church.***

A PRIEST'S PONDERINGS...

The Rev. Allison Moore

Another week of harsh sounding judgments: "choose life or perish" (Deuteronomy 30:18-20). "If your right hand [or eye] offends you, cut it off." (Matthew 5:29-31). "As long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, you will not know God, who gives the growth." (1 Corinthians 3:3,6). Those who believe that the Old Testament God is the God of wrath, and Jesus the God of Love, have assiduously avoided important chunks of each!

Scriptures alternate between messages of judgment and forgiveness, doom and new life. Christian interpreters have often assumed that they apply to life after death: heaven or hell forever. I hear the Jewish Jesus focusing primarily on life in this world, here and now. Resolve your anger and rebuild relationships now, because living with anger and resentment keep you from knowing God now. Stop objectifying some people for your own ends (that's my understanding of lust) and develop mutual relationships now, because mutual consensual delight in a lover helps you know God now. Don't rush to divorce at the first sign of trouble in a marriage, because working through hard differences reveals depths of love in each other and God now.

Humans have developed so many ways of ignoring God, of giving up on divine healing, of trusting ourselves rather than the Source of Life, or putting ourselves (or our group) first above everyone else, or how many other ways do we just pretend that God is irrelevant or unhelpful? And what do we lose when we get caught up in our own nonsense? Knowing and trusting and being open to God is of intrinsic value now.

It's easy for me to get caught up in being right or being productive or being resentful, but there is a small part of me that knows those arguments are futile. When I listen to the "still, small voice" of longing for God I find some perspective and courage and more life. Paul lifts up the congregation as one place to remind each other that we are God's servants, God's building, God's field, working and playing and praying together to make God's love more fully known in us and in our world.

**THE MOST REV. MICHAEL B. CURRY, Presiding Bishop and Primate,
The Episcopal Church**

Lent 2020: A Call to Prayer, Fasting, and Repentance Leading to Action

An Invitation from Presiding Bishop Curry to Turn and Pray on Behalf our Nation

Bishop Curry's full presentation can be found on line at:

<https://mailchi.mp/episcopalchurch/lent-2020-a-call-to-prayer-fasting-and-repentance-leading-to-actioncuaresma-2020-un-llamado-a-la-oracin-al-ayuno-y-al-arrepentimiento?e=6cc73688ab>

FOOD FOR BODY & SOUL

... A *Brown Bag Lunch with Conversation and Spiritual Reflection*, **Tuesdays, 12:30 – 2:00 pm**. All welcome. The group is reading Martin Borg's *Reading the Bible Again for the Very First Time*.

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.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY (February 16, 2019)

Lay Eucharistic Minister: MaryAnn Lis-Simmons (8:00 a.m.)

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Brenda Hush (10:30 a.m.)

Acolyte: Amy Nielson

Lector: Jane Conger (8:00 a.m.)

Lector: Bob Waugh (10:30 a.m.)

Usher: Jen Cutter

Altar Guild: Josie Puffer

Organist:..... Janet Salt Frommer

Coffee Hour Host: Brenda Hush

Counters:..... Barbara Terpening, Peter Brown

Sunday School:..... Barbara Terpening

CHAIRLIFT – Help fund a new chairlift!

St. Andrew's has received donations of \$4,975 toward the \$5,400 needed to purchase and install a new chairlift. If you can help us to meet the \$5,400 for a much needed chairlift, please send a check to St. Andrew's with "**projects – chairlift**" in the memo line.

And there are still other projects we are hoping to raise funds for... all donations welcome!

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

St. Andrew's will be hosting our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on **February 25, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** Local clergy will be flipping the pancakes and all are welcome! To help in any way, please contact Julie Hyland who is spearheading this event (hylandjulie@gmail.com or 255-1899). There are flyers in the Parish Hall... if you can take a few and post them around town, that would be great!

Help is needed Sunday, February 23 at noon to move chairs upstairs, move tables and folding chairs to the Parish Hall, make place settings and set tables; and on Tuesday, February 25 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. prep; 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. serving; and 7:00 p.m. on, clean up, putting away tables and chairs, etc.

Please let Judy or Julie know how you can help.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Services at St. Andrew's on Ash Wednesday:

Imposition of Ashes: 7:00 a.m.

12:10 p.m.

Imposition of Ashes with Holy Eucharist: 7:00 p.m.

UNITY SERVICE

The New Paltz Area Church Council (NPACC) is sponsoring a Unity Service on **February 16 at 2:00 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church.** There will be a short worship service, after which attendees will enjoy refreshments and will be assembling health/hygiene kits for disaster victims. *See below for more information on the health kits.*

BEYOND PLASTICS

Inspired by the [Beyond Plastics](#) project, a nation-wide campaign based at Bennington College in Vermont, SUNY New Paltz is preparing to launch its own initiative to reduce the amount of plastic we use daily. Join us in welcoming *Beyond Plastics* founder Judith Enck on Tuesday, **February 18 at 5 p.m.** for her talk, "Planet or Plastics: Moving Beyond Plastics," which will take place in Lecture Center 102. All are welcome!

TWELVE STEPS FOR EVERYBODY: AN INVITATION TO GROWTH

A retreat led by Sr. Shane Phelan, CMA, **March 6-8 at Holy Cross Monastery.** Speak to Shane for details or register at the guesthouse: 384-6660 x1 or guesthouse@holycrossmonastery.com.

THE WAY OF LOVE WITH BISHOP MICHAEL CURRY

Podcast Season 2 continues

Season 1 podcasts and resources available [here](#)

On the web: [The Way of Love with Bishop Michael Curry – Season 2 continues; Season 1 podcasts and resources available](#)



UTO - UNITED THANK OFFERING

Thank you to everyone at St. Andrew's who made the "UTO" ministry an important part of their life again this year. Your yearly commitment is a gift of love which addresses human needs and supports innovative missions and ministry in our church.

Through your gratitude and generosity, the 2019 Ingathering total was **\$1,535,740.55** which reflects an increase of more than **\$200,000**.

I will be keeping you informed through our St. Andrew's newsletter of many of the grant recipients... please let the **Blue Box** ministry become part of your life ... take a moment each day to say Thank You to God and put a thank offering in your UTO box.

"With Joyful and Grateful Hearts, Let Us Give Thanks"

Charlene Wynkoop, UTO Coordinator

MOVIES WITH SPIRIT - Diane

The next Movies With Spirit screening will be this Saturday, February 15, at 7:00 p.m. at the Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St., Kingston. The film being shown is "Diane," which stars Mary Kay Place and which was filmed in and around Kingston.

The deeply spiritual movie, produced by Martin Scorsese, stars Mary Kay Place as Diane and features Estelle Parsons as Diane's take-charge aunt Mary. It offers an uncommonly empathetic slice of a caregiver's life. You can see the "Diane" trailer on YouTube at tinyurl.com/Diane-Trailer-Movies-W-Spirit. The 95-minute film won nine critic and festival awards, including Best Cinematography, Best Narrative Feature and Best Screenplay at the 2018 Tribeca Film Festival, where it had its world premiere, and two Best Actress awards for Place, at the 2019 Los Angeles Film Critics Association Awards and at the 2020 National Society of Film Critics Awards. The film is not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America. The Kingston screening will be followed by a facilitated discussion. Refreshments will be served. Attendees over age 12 are asked to contribute \$10 a person.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

If you see something, say something... let the church office know if something in the church needs fixing or attention in any way so that we can take care of the problem and keep St. Andrew's in beautiful working order.

THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week, especially MaryAnn, Jen, Hunter, Julie, David, Valerie, Janet, Liz, Barbara, Bill, Alex, David and Jane.



ON-GOING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

SUNY Ulster Food Pantry	Wednesdays & Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
SUNY New Paltz Pantry	Mondays 12:30 – 1:30, 5:00 – 6:30; Tuesdays 1:00 – 5:00; Wednesdays 1:00 – 6:00; Thursdays 10:00 – 1:00, 2:00 – 6:00; Fridays 5:30 – 7:00 <i>Volunteers needed</i>
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.
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
Andy’s Peeps	Online forum for St. Andrew’s community to share scripture, music, readings, etc. https://www.facebook.com/groups/andyspeeps/

SUNDAYS AT ST. ANDREW’S

Two services	8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Adult Christian Formation	9:15 a.m.
Sunday School	10:30 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE

Unity Service

New Paltz Area Church Council Unity Service, February 16, 2:00 p.m.,
Redeemer Lutheran Church

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 25, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday

February 26
– Services at 7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.



Our Parish Prayer List:

We continue to pray for **E.J., George, Charles, Rose, Erin, Larry, Maggie, Barbara, Kathleen, Neil, Helen, Robert, Sheila, Kyra, Richard & Ann, DuSean, Connie, Myrt, Madeline, Linda, Hannah, Hazel, Wendy, Susan, Cathy.**