

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

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THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Readings: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

[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

Two images as we approach Lent. From Exodus 24, a series:

24:12 The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain."

24: 13 Moses set out. . . and went up to the mountain of God.

24: 15-16 Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain . . . and on the seventh day God called to Moses out of the cloud.

24: 18 Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain.

Really? Moses went up the mountain four times in six verses? And God calls twice? Well, how many times do we start out towards God. And then start again. And again. For me, Lent is about trying to respond to my longing for God, but often stopping. Maybe I'm distracted. Maybe afraid. Maybe I have to work something out, or lay out broken pieces and let God heal something in me. Maybe, as much as I think I would like instant enlightenment, faith is a process.

And from 2 Peter, "You will do well to be attentive to this [Jesus, God's Beloved] as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts." (1:19). Be attentive, in a cloud of unknowing. Wait in the darkness. Wait along the way up the mountain. Don't try to work something out, let God reveal what's needed in God's time. God rarely works on our time anyway, so maybe we just have to let go of our desire to control or know or fix ourselves and let God. When it's right, day will dawn and the morning star will rise in our hearts.

Lenten worship and discussion are opportunities for us to respond to God's invitation, in God's time, together, encouraging each other and, oh look, a third image from Matthew. A cloud overshadowed the disciples, and they were terrified, and "Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.'" (17:8). Let us ascend, and wait in the darkness, and be touched by Jesus, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts.

Lent, 2020 at St. Andrew's, New Paltz

For Wednesday evenings (in the Parish Hall), 7-8:30, soup and discussion of Pádraig O'Tuama. *In the Shelter* (2016: Hodder & Stoughton Canada) 192 pages

From his website: Pádraig Ó Tuama is leader of the Corrymeela Community, a poet, theologian and mediator. He has worked in conflict resolution in Ireland, Africa and the Middle East. From me: The book is an easy and delightful read, meandering through storytelling, reconciliation, church, prayer, youth, and self-knowledge.

Online resources (*if you have others you enjoy, please share!!*)

The Edge of the Enclosure

<http://www.edgeofenclosure.org/>

The Rev. Suzsanne Guthrie offers a “guided meditation” on the Sunday readings, and a wonderful “stations of reconciliation” Lenten reflection.

Signs of Life: Why Church Matters. <https://www.signsoflife.org/>

You can sign up for daily emails at the website above, which will include both text and brief videos of brothers in conversation and of their monastic life at Society of St. John the Evangelist in Cambridge, MA

Episcopal Relief and Development <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/church-campaigns/lent/>

Daily Lenten reflections on the needs of the world. Booklets are available at the back of the church as well

Richard Rohr, daily meditations (sign up at <https://cac.org/category/daily-meditations>)

Fr. Richard Rohr is a Franciscan priest of the New Mexico Province and founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation (CAC) in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Fr. Richard's teaching is grounded in the Franciscan alternative orthodoxy—practices of contemplation and self-emptying, expressing itself in radical compassion, particularly for the socially marginalized.

**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>

CHOIR

The choir will be singing for the Ash Wednesday evening service (7:00 p.m.). Rehearsal will be this Sunday between the services (around 9:15 a.m.) and also on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. If you can make it, just come or feel free to let Janet know.

CHAIRLIFT

We did it! Thanks to all of you for your generous contributions, we have raised enough money for a chairlift!! The vestry will be arranging for the purchase and installation as soon as possible.



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.

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*.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY (February 23, 2019)

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Rae Slingerland (8:00 a.m.)
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Jen Cutter (10:30 a.m.)
Acolyte: Camille Norman
Lector: Jane Conger (8:00 a.m.)
Lector: Wendy Bower (10:30 a.m.)
Usher: Martin Bend
Altar Guild: Jennifer McPherson
Organist: Janet Salt Frommer
Coffee Hour Host: Charlene Wynkoop
Counters: Brenda Hush, Linda Colwell
Sunday School: Barbara Terpening

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 this 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.



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.

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!

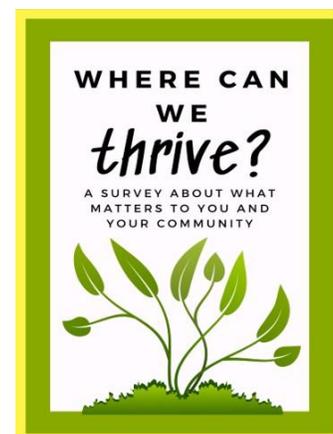
WHERE CAN WE THRIVE?

Phoenix Kawamoto from the Town of New Paltz's Office for Community Wellness is seeking our help and input. They are asking if community members 18 and older click the link provided here and take a very brief survey that will help with the development of free intergenerational programming in New Paltz. It takes less than 4 minutes to complete the survey!

Over 550 New Paltz youth have done their part! Now, they need to hear from adults in the community.

Please click on this link: <https://bit.ly/2UZUUIIn>

Phoenix thanks you very much for your time and assistance! She says, "We cannot do this without your help."



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

When UTO was founded in 1889, the yearly Ingathering Funds were used to send and support UTO Missionaries. In 1923, the Emery Trust was created to provide facilities to support the rest and care of our UTO Missionaries. The Emery Trust funded the Gifts to Missionary grant award until 2006. Then in 2018, the UTO Board was again able to award the trust to support the care of the missionaries as well as the upkeep of archival material.

This year, in the spirit of the early UTO missionaries, the UTO Board awarded the Emery Trust Award \$21,500 to bring together young adult and seminary grant alumni to listen to their stories of mission and service and the impact of going to another part of the world to serve, sharing their stories with the wider church and young adults in particular.

Each year, your coins join other coins, and united with the offerings of other Episcopalians, continue to support the Emery Trust Award and other UTO grants, expanding our church's faithfulness to God's mission in this needy world.

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

Charlene Wynkoop, UTO Coordinator

COMPANIONS OF MARY THE APOSTLE

Forgiveness: A Path to Freedom

Mini-Retreat Day - March 14, 10-4 at the Companiary, 1607 Route 9W, West Park NY;

suggested donation: \$30, sliding scale

What is forgiveness, really? What is it not?

Why forgive?

How to forgive?

We all want emotional and spiritual freedom, but often we become convinced that safety and security lie in hanging on to past injury. Forgiveness is not condoning or excusing, or giving others permission to hurt us again. Forgiveness is opening ourselves to the future.

We will be looking at the freedom we receive when we forgive. We will get specific about where we need to forgive, and we will learn a process for forgiveness that really works.

To register, email companionsma@gmail.com. Space is limited. Please RSVP by March 9.

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, Brenda, Gloria, Lauren, Amy, Jane, Bob, Jen, Josie, Janet, Liz, Brenda, Barbara, David, and Peter.



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

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

Ash Wednesday

February 26

– Imposition of Ashes at 7:00 a.m. &
12:10 p.m.

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

GOLF TOURNAMENT

June 20

Save the date for this important and fun
St. Andrew's fundraiser!



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.**