

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

FEBRUARY 6, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Readings: Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 112:1-9; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20

[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.***

WELCOME

**We welcome The Rev. Dr. Allison Moore
as our Priest-in-Charge**

**Join us this Sunday for Allison's first services
at St. Andrew's**

A PRIEST'S PONDERINGS...

"Do you always cook without salt?" A group of friends had gathered for a weekend to cook together. I didn't have much confidence in my cooking abilities—still don't. But the question stayed with me: why do I not use salt? I had a vague sense from wherever our internal voices get shaped that too much salt was unhealthy. My husband had had high blood pressure, so I'd gotten in the habit of not using salt cooking meals. Lise made me realize that the absence of salt might be one reason I didn't like the taste of much of what I was cooking!!!

Martin Niemoller, preaching in Germany as Hitler was consolidating his power, read out in church the names of anyone who had been arrested or disappeared in the past week. "When I read out the names, a little while ago, did we not think: 'Alas and alack, will this wind, this storm, that is going through the world just now, not blow out the Gospel candle? We must

therefore take the message in out of the storm and put it in a safe nook.” His answer was a resounding “No.” “We are not to worry whether the light is extinguished or not; that is [God’s] concern: we are only to see that the light is not hidden away - hidden away perhaps with a noble intent, so that we may bring it out again in calmer times - no: “Let your light shine before [all people]!”*

The lessons this week are full of hope and judgment. Isaiah laments fasting and worship that does not lead to loosing the bonds of injustice, sharing bread with the hungry, freeing the oppressed, and attending to the needs of the world. In 1 Corinthians Paul highlights the stark contrast between God’s wisdom and the wisdom of the world. Matthew urges prophetic righteousness, “that the word may see your good works and give glory to God.”

I would rather begin time with you with words of gentle encouragement. Yet I know in myself, and sometimes see in the congregations I have served, a tendency towards complacency, a muting of the gospel in the interest of not offending anyone, a sense that Christian witness is so threatened by forces of greed, fear, and hatred that it’s too idealistic or too dangerous or too hopeless to dare to proclaim and live love, compassion, justice.

I heard in my conversations with vestry a deep commitment to following the Holy Spirit, to growing in faith and Christian witness in the world. The promise of all these lessons is that God is in charge. Jesus wants us to spread the good news. The Holy Spirit will nudge, invite, threaten consequences, and keep moving, whether we’re on board or not, so let’s commit ourselves to remaining as open and life giving and flavorful as we can!

**My source for this quotation is a wonderful website by The Rev. Suzanne Guthrie, The Edge of the Enclosure, that offers weekly insights into the lessons.*

<http://www.edgeofenclosure.org/epiphany5a.html>

PAINTING THE VICARAGE

If anyone is available and interested in helping paint several rooms in the vicarage on February 6, 7, or 8 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) please let Judy or MaryAnn know.

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 Stephen Mitchell’s *Joseph and the Way of Forgiveness* and the next book will be 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.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Choir rehearsal this **Sunday, February 9**, between the two services (around 9:15 a.m.).

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY (February 9, 2019)

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

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Jen Cuter (10:30 a.m.)

Acolyte: Hunter Bishop

Lector: MaryAnn Lis-Simmons (8:00 a.m.)

Lector: Julie Mazur (10:30 a.m.)

Usher: David Slingerland

Altar Guild: Valerie McAllister

Organist: Janet Salt Frommer

Coffee Hour Host: Barbara Terpening

Counters: Jen Cutter, Bill Terpening

Sunday School: Alex Brown



CHAIRLIFT – Help fund a new chairlift!

St. Andrew's has received donations of \$4,925 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.

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!

ASH WEDNESDAY

Services at St. Andrew's on Ash Wednesday:

7:00 a.m.

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FLOWERS

If you would like flowers placed on the altar in memory of someone, in Thanksgiving of someone, or to commemorate a special occasion, let the office know by email (preferred) or phone at least two weeks prior. The cost of flowers is \$35.00 which we ask that you send, deliver to the office, or put in the plate if you are able.

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.*

NEW PALTZ AREA CHURCH COUNCIL HYGIENE KITS FOR DISASTER VICTIMS

The New Paltz Area Church Council (NPACC) is putting together hygiene kits for victims of disasters. Each church is asked to put together a full set of these items (one full set or as many as possible) and attendees of the Unity Service on February 16 will assemble these kits. Please see specific list of Hygiene Kit Materials in previous Parish Emails or on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Kits must be at Redeemer Lutheran Church by Sunday, February 9th (please deliver as you can).

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

(I received the following information about the UTO grants awarded in 2019 from the Episcopal Office of Public Affairs)

The United Thank Offering of the Episcopal Church awarded 33 grants for a total of \$1,507,640.55 for the mission & ministry of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. The grant recipients were approved by the Executive Council in Linthicum Heights, Diocese of Maryland.

The focus of the 2019 granting process was “Go: crossing boundaries created by race, culture, and economics to create communities that listen deeply and learn to live like Jesus.”

UTO wishes to thank everyone who, through their personal spiritual discipline of gratitude, contributed to the Ingathering.

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 transforms lives in the Episcopal Church.

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

Charlene Wynkoop, UTO Coordinator

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.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

If you see something, say something... goes for the buildings and grounds of St. Andrew's as well as in the greater world around us. If there's a plumbing problem, if you see a light out, if the back door is acting up, if a window is open, or broken, anything... let the church office know 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 Rae, Valerie, Andrea, Jane, Wendy, Jen, Jean, Janet, Liz, Donna, Charlene, Linda, Barbara, and Kappa.



ON-GOING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

SUNY Ulster Food Pantry

SUNY New Paltz Pantry

Wednesdays & Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

Volunteers needed

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, Arleen, Maggie, Barbara, Kathleen, Neil, Helen, Robert, Sheila, Kyra, Richard & Ann, DuSean, Connie, Myrt, Madeline, Linda, Hannah, Hazel, Wendy, Susan.**