

# ***ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ***

## ***PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS***

***APRIL 16, 2026***

### **Third Sunday of Easter**

Readings: Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 34:1-10; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

[For readings see: [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)]

### **Worship Schedule**

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Mon. | Tuesday                                                                                                                      | Wednesday | Thursday                               | Friday | Sat |
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| <b>9:30 am Eucharist</b><br>(in-person & livestreamed)<br><b>Coffee hour</b> (following the service)<br><br><b>11:00 am – noon –</b><br><b>Sunday School</b> on the 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month at Redeemer Lutheran Church |      | <b>10:00 am Morning Prayer</b> on Zoom<br><br><b>12:30 – 2 pm –</b><br>Body & Soul:<br><b>The Tuesday Book Group</b> on Zoom |           | <b>10:00 am Morning Prayer</b> on Zoom |        |     |

**Church YouTube Live Stream link for Sunday services:**

<https://www.youtube.com/@standrewsepiscopalchurch-n6936>

**Church ZOOM link:** <https://zoom.us/j/570270415>



## **A PRIEST'S PONDERINGS...**

**The Rev. Allison Moore**

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my life's in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

### [There is a balm in Gilead!](#)

Clergy retreats are not a retreat for me. They are annual parts of every ordained person's calendar, in probably every diocese, and they are great opportunities to see other clergy, to catch up with friends, to see new faces, and usually .come away with some new insights for parish ministry. And yet, the day of, I usually wonder why I'm going and how I'm going to catch up with work left undone. This year was no different.

Except, I have been worried lately about declining Sunday attendance, the lack of folks able to host Saturday quiet days, and sometimes a sense of apathy and concern about our future. Sometimes I feel discouraged. Sometimes I think Jesus did too! Click on the title to hear Nina Simone sing about her life.

And in the past three days I've had a text from Luba suggesting a prayer gate, a text from Julie suggesting a "grandmother's ministry," and an email from the Beddell fund about additional money for building renovations. Pedestrians like taking butterflies from our cross (thanks to Joey and Thea who helped put them on the cross this year!) Those messages made me remember a fruitful vestry planning day this May. Christ is risen, Alleluia!

Here are some ways the Holy Spirit has revived my soul recently.

From the vestry retreat:

A commitment to nurture community within the congregation, helping us know each other better through parish events phone calls from vestry members, and maybe small dinners at parishioner's houses.

A music committee and a Christian education committee, where committee is really a commitment to host two or three conversations over the year with interested folks about what is working and what you might like to see (and help implement!)

Yoga class with convo about connections to spirituality and Jesus, musical Sunday afternoon worship

Detailed plans from the architects in the next month or so about accessibility work

From clergy conference:

Books to read:

Rebecca Solnit, *The beginning comes after the end: Notes on a world of change* (authoritarian backlash may be death throes of new social order based on relationality and interdependence)

Stephanie Spellers, *The Church Tomorrow What "nones" and "dones" teach us about the future of faith* (for the 35% of people who have left churches in the past few years in the US because they've lost their faith and they're "done" with "the way we've always done it")

David Carr, *Holy Resilience: Traumatic Origins of Hebrew Bible* (the word "crisis" never appears in the Bible; it is a story of traumatic suffering and communal resilience)

Hope from the Diocese (some signs among many):

A regional canon, Nicole Hanley, will start June 1 shepherding churches in Ulster County; she has years of experience as a lay woman in small churches, and as a priest has helped St. Francis of Assisi in Montgomery and St. Andrew's in Walden thrive.

A new staffing pattern to focus on clergy and congregational health through education, connection building, and listening campaigns

Desire to create a culture of ongoing formation in faith.

See what you think and where you might want to help St. Andrew's experience and share Resurrection Power.

## **FAMILY SERVICE**

Family service this Sunday. All welcome for a "Scavenger hunt for signs of Risen Christ!"

## **FREE FRESH FOOD**

This week Free Fresh Food will be at St. Andrew's. Please bring fresh fruits and vegetables as well as canned goods if you can. And, volunteers always welcome!

# SUNY ORCHESTRA CONCERT

## DEAN ARMSTRONG PERFORMING

Saturday, May 2... 4:00 pm... Studley Theatre

To purchase tickets:

[https://am1.glitnirticketing.com/amticket/web/seatcartgrp.php?section\\_id=5&refresh=1776174523](https://am1.glitnirticketing.com/amticket/web/seatcartgrp.php?section_id=5&refresh=1776174523)

## NEW PALTZ CLEAN SWEEP

This Saturday, 12:00 – 2:00 at the New Paltz Youth Center. Everyone is welcome to grab a bag and collect trash!



## 24<sup>th</sup> Earth Day Fair at New Paltz

Saturday, April 25, 2026

11am–4pm ... rain or shine!

Reformed Church of New Paltz  
92 Huguenot St, New Paltz, NY

Free!

Presented by New Paltz Interfaith Earth Action, Caring for Creation Committee, & New Paltz Climate Action Coalition



### Our Planet, Our Future

Family friendly, fun-filled event with lots of children's activities, healthy food, and live music.

Learn about: composting, electric vehicles, scouting, gardening, energy coaching, reducing use of plastics, going zero waste, and much more!

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Ecumenical Sunday School

Our ecumenical Sunday School is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month from 11am-12noon except when it falls on a holiday. Children from St. Andrew's Episcopal and Redeemer Lutheran, New Paltz gather to read bible stories and work on hands on projects with our lead teacher, Alex Brown. Ecumenical Sunday School is hosted at Redeemer, New Paltz, located at 90 Route 32 South in New Paltz. Please contact Alex Brown with questions or suggestions at [mrbrown04@hotmail.com](mailto:mrbrown04@hotmail.com) - and we look forward to seeing you there!

Digital Media Journalism, Black Lives Matter @ School and Episcopal  
Campus Ministry



March 31 Ed Bell, SUNY Central  
April 8: Esther Val, SUNY New Paltz  
April 21: Brenda Hicks-Hush, New Paltz  
May 5: Esi Lewis, MWL Center  
Podcast link at the MWL website



Margaret Wade-Lewis website link: <https://www.mwlcenter.org/podcastwbg>



## INTERFAITH Discussion

April 23, 7 pm

# The Dangers of White Christian Nationalism



Kathryn Stewart, journalist & NYT Best Selling Author of *Money, Lies, and God*



The Rev. Pamela Cooper-White, PhD, author of *The Psychology of Christian Nationalism*



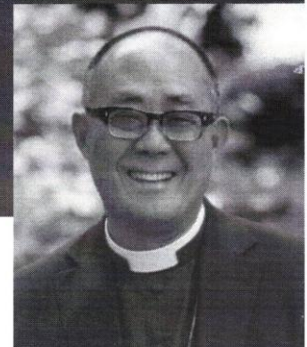
The Rev. James Lynch, Lay Buddhist and Minister in Charge at New York Dharma Center



Hussein Rashid, PhD, Co-Director of Religion and Public Life at Union Theological Seminary, author & NYT award-winning "op-doc"

Join BISHOP ALLEN SHIN and this interfaith panel for a discussion on the Dangers of White Christian Nationalism Thursday, April 23rd 7pm

SAVE THE DATE  
Webinar w/ registration soon



# St. Andrew's Spring Fling Clothing Sale

Saturday, May 9

10am – 4pm

*Volunteers needed especially for set up and clean up!*

*Speak with Susan Piowaty*

*Clothes welcome!*

Clothing drop off Sunday, May 3 before or after the church service  
and week of May 4 – 8:

Any time the church office and/or back door are open and Friday all day

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## **ACTION CORNER**

Steps you can take to work on justice. Ideas welcome!!

### **Actions for this week**

*See recent actions on the church website*

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### **SCHEDULE AT ST. ANDREW'S FOR SUNDAY (April 19)**

LEM: .....MaryAnn Lis-Simmons

Acolyte:.....Ella Brown

Lector :.....Sally Vasse

Usher: .....Martin Bend

Altar Guild: .....Cathy Kelly

Organist: .....Janet Frommer

Live Stream Tech: .....Jane Conger

## FOOD COLLECTION

There is a basket at the entryway to the church where we ask that you place **non-perishable food items** for distribution to those who come by for Free Fresh Food as well as to Family of New Paltz.



## BUILDING RENOVATION NEWS

The architect, Allen Ross, presented his findings to the church and they are moving forward in their feasibility study, working with the Building Renovation committee.

## COFFEE HOUR

Sign up to do coffee hour on sign up sheet in the parish hall. Information on how easy it is to participate in this ministry is on the sheet and in the kitchen.

**THANK YOU** to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week especially Brenda, Rae, Jane, Jennifer, Janet, Charlene, Cathy, Bruce and MaryAnn. Thank you to those who continue to help with the food pantry and the free fresh food project, those who tend to the grounds of the church and vicarage, and those who are helping with the live streaming of the Sunday service.

## Church Office Hours

### Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays

### 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

*If you need to reach someone when the office is closed, contact The Rev. Allison Moore at 845-633-8272 or by email to [standrewsrev@gmail.com](mailto:standrewsrev@gmail.com); Julie Mazur, Senior Warden at 845-853-3708; or David Slingerland, Junior Warden at 845-702-2552.*



### ON-GOING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

**SUNY Ulster Food Pantry**

**Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**Thursdays, 12:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**FREE FRESH FOOD!**

Free Fresh Food 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. 1st Sundays: Reformed Church of New Paltz; 2nd Sundays: Redeemer Lutheran Church; **3rd Sundays: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**; 4th Sundays: Methodist Church; 5th Sundays: New Paltz Friends Meeting, 8 N. Manheim

**Tops Supermarket Food Ministry**

**Sunday mornings:** Pick up food; Speak with Kappa or Jane; Community Service hours available.

**Ascension Holy Trinity Mission Center**

Food & clothing always needed. **Clothes can be brought to Ascension of 9W after 9:30 on Sundays.**

**Andy's Peeps**

Online forum for St. Andrew's community  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/andyspeeps/>

**Sunday School**

**First & third Sundays, 11:00 a.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church**

St. Andrew's Website ([www.standrewnp.org](http://www.standrewnp.org))

Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/standrewsnp/>)

#### ***Our Parish Prayer List:***

We continue to pray for especially ***Charles, Edna, Sheila, DuSean, Lisa, Mary, Gabriel, Joan, Gwenn, Nancy, Patricia, Ola, Joe, Janet, Charles, Martha, Elizabeth, James, Linda, Charlene, Christine, Jen, Jacob, Gisela, Miles, Chet.***