St. Andrew's Church, New Paltz

Parish & Community News

November 25, 2026

First Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

[For readings see: www.lectionarypage.net]

Worship Schedule

Sunday	Mon.	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
9:30 am Eucharist (in-person & livestreamed) **Coffee hour** (following the service) **10:30 am – 11:30 am** – **Sunday School** on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month at Redeemer Lutheran Church (fall schedule begins October 4)		**10:00 am Morning Prayer** on Zoom **12:30 – 2 pm –** Body & Soul: The **Tuesday Book Group** on Zoom		**10:00 am Morning Prayer** 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

Here's a poem by Billy Collins (source: Saltproject.org) that bridges Thanksgiving and Advent: Advent in our hemisphere is all about lengthening nights and shadows, fears that the world will end and hopes that the world will become more just and joyful because Christ is coming: keep awake! Maybe we'll catch a glimpse; maybe we can even magnify that glimpse and share it with others, as the world turns on and on.

I pick an orange from a wicker basket
and place it on the table
to represent the sun.
Then down at the other end
a blue and white marble
becomes the earth
and nearby I lay the little moon of an aspirin.
I get a glass from a cabinet,
open a bottle of wine,
then I sit in a ladder-back chair,
a benevolent god presiding
over a miniature creation myth,
and I begin to sing
a homemade canticle of thanks
for this perfect little arrangement,
for not making the earth too hot or cold
not making it spin too fast or slow
so that the grove of orange trees
and the owl become possible,
not to mention the rolling wave,
the play of clouds, geese in flight,
and the Z of lightning on a dark lake.
Then I fill my glass again
and give thanks for the trout,
the oak, and the yellow feather,
singing the room full of shadows,
as sun and earth and moon
circle one another in their impeccable orbits
and I get more and more cockeyed with gratitude.
+ Billy Collins

Celebrate Allison's Retirement

You are invited to a party to celebrate Allison on her retirement

Sunday, December 20, 2026

11:00am

(immediately following the 9:30 church service to which you are also invited)

Lunch will be served along with drinks, a toast, fun, and fellowship

RSVP appreciated to
standrewnpoffice@gmail.com or 845-255-5098

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Ingathering of Blue Boxes this Sunday

If you can't make it to church this Sunday, please bring your blue boxes in any time through the middle of December.



TOYS FOR RURAL & MIGRANT MINISTRY

TO HELP RMM, PLEASE BRING GIFTS (UNWRAPPED) OR MONEY TO ST. ANDREW'S BY DECEMBER 5th AND ALLISON WILL BRING THEM TO CORNWALL.

PLEDGE CARDS & INGATHERING

Pledge cards specific to your last year's information are in envelopes in the back of the church. Please take yours. If you are not in church this week, we will send you yours.
Pledge ingathering will take place on December 13, but you are welcome to bring or send your pledge cards sooner.

SCHEDULE AT ST. ANDREW'S FOR SUNDAY (November 29)

LEM:	Valerie McAllister
Lector:	Jen Cutter
Usher:	Martin Bend
Altar Guild:	Cathy Kelly
Music:	Janet Frommer
Coffee Hour:	Simons Family
Live Stream Tech:	Jane Conger

NEXT CHILDREN'S SERVICE AT ST. ANDREW'S

In December the Children's Service will be on December 13th.



MITTEN TREE

Bring hats, gloves, scarves, etc. to adorn the Mitten Tree at the altar. We will donate all gifts to Family of New Paltz in the new year.

HOLIDAY HOOPLA

New Paltz Holiday Hoopla December 6-12. See information on the website: https://www.npthrivingtogether.org/about-3-1

ANNUAL REPORTS & CHANGES FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY

To those who lead the various ministries at St. Andrew's, please write up a short report of the past year at St. Andrew' for our Annual Report.

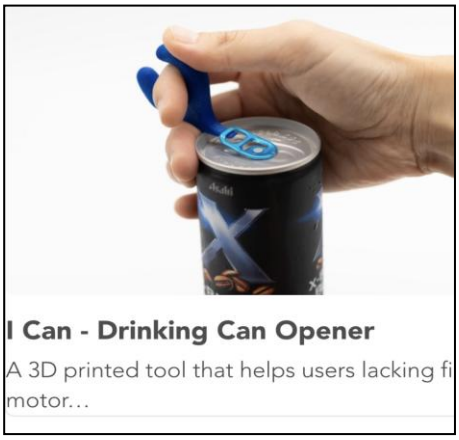
To anyone who has a change of address, phone number or email for the church directory, please email to the church office by mid-January.

COFFEE HOUR

Please sign up to make coffee, heat tea water, either bring food to share or see what we have in the kitchen cupboard., and clean up afterwards. There is a sign-up sheet downstairs near the kitchen counter--please help!

There are generous donors to coffee hour who can, from time to time, stock the fridge and bins with cookies and cakes, etc., so some Sundays it's just about someone making coffee and helping to assist with cleaning up.

ADAPTIVE TECHNOLOGY



A few weeks ago, Hadassah Grimaldi and two other engineering students came to coffee hour to discuss "adaptive technology," meaning tools to help accomplish ordinary tasks when our bodies aren't willing or able. The energy in the room was great!

Here's one idea that came out of that conversation, in addition to tools to hold books open, open jars, hold playing cards, and perform other tasks (nothing to improve memory though!). If we are interested, we can ask the Mitzvoh Makers to make some for us, for a reasonable fee I don't yet know!

DIOCESE OF NEW YORK 250th ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

Henry Weber and I attended the two-day celebration of the 250th anniversary of the DIocese of New York. Representatives from all congregations, lay and clergy, discussed resolutions, shared ministry, heard inspiring addresses from Bishops Heyd and Shin, and had fun. We will present some highlights in church on Nov. 29, or they can be found soon on the Diocesan website.

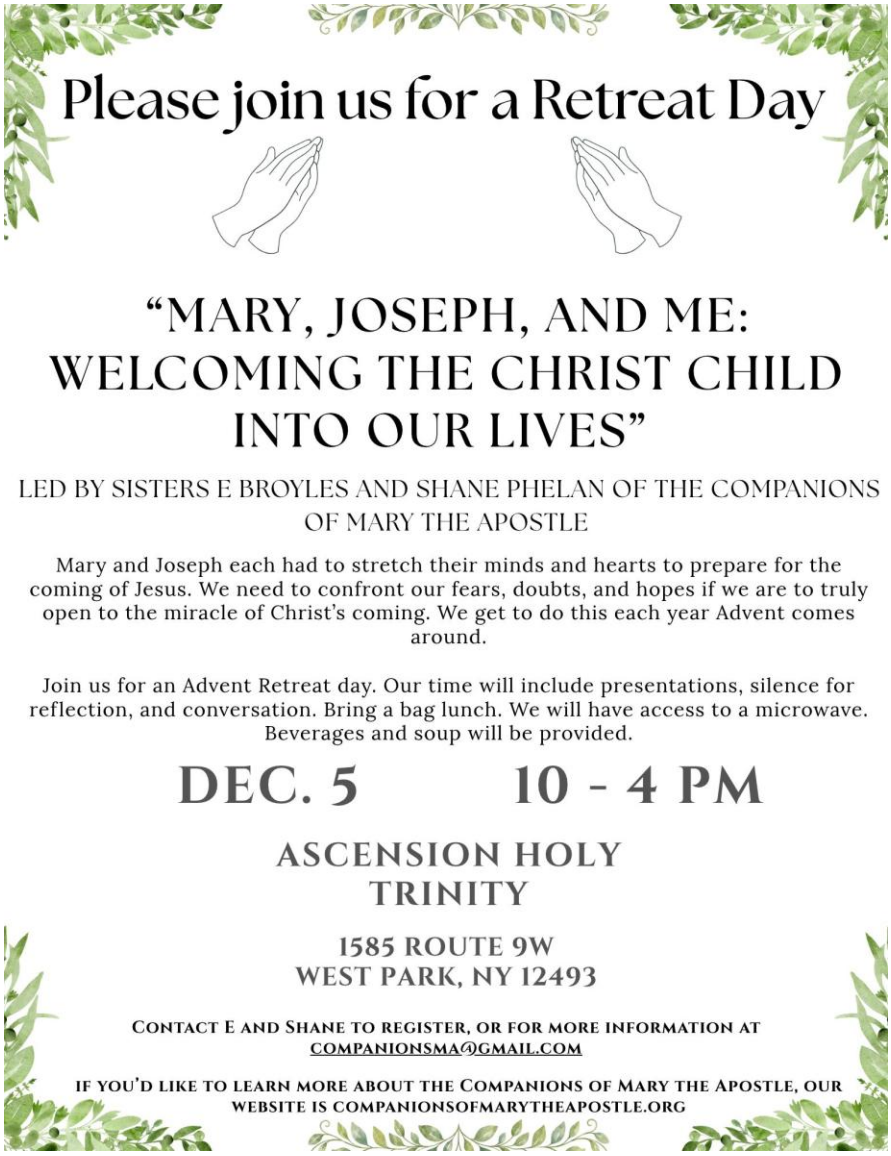
Henry was also drafted as an auxiliary member of the diocesan Reparations Commission, as they celebrated 20 years with buttons, posters, and a 25 minute video of highlights from 2006 to the present. Yours truly has been one of the co-chairs of this Commission for about a year now, after about 10 years of active participation--important, challenging and exciting work. I hope the video will be available on the website soon too.

Meanwhile, here's a link to the summary the diocese just released.

And here are two links for the Reparations Committee videos (soundbites and the full video):

Reparations-Soundbites-from-Convention.mp4 - Google Drive

Reparations_20-Years.mp4 - Google Drive



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ACTION CORNER

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

Actions for this week

See the church website for previous actions.

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FROM COMPANIONS OF MARY THE APOSTLE

Welcoming the New Year: A Twelve Step Retreat

As we understood...

December 30, 2026 @2:00 p.m to January 1, 2027 @ 1:00 p.m.
Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, NY
Registration fee of $340 includes Room, Program and Meals

For people who are members of any 12-step program of recovery

Our theme this year is "As We Understood . . ." Following the familiar pattern of "what it was like, what happened, and what it's like now," we will look at our relationship with a Higher Power. How has it evolved since you entered recovery? What is its role in your recovery today? Is there something that needs adjustment or deepening? Through presentations, quiet reflection, and group work, we prepare to begin again, fresh in a new year.

For more information and to register, go to the Holy Cross Monastery website:
holycrossmonastery.com

Please register only if you are in recovery through a 12 step program. This retreat is not meant for those who haven't been to meetings or are observers. Thank you for honoring this!

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SAVE THE DATE

December 5	**Advent Retreat Day at Ascension Holy Trinity, West Park**
December 5	**Deadline to bring in unwrapped toys or money to buy toys for Rural & Migrant Ministry**
December 13	**Pledge Ingathering**
	Children's Service
December 21	**Longest Night Service at New Connexions Methodist Church**

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Please help those affected by the recent fire in New Paltz

Here is a link to a GoFundMe page



BUILDING RENOVATION NEWS

Thank you to all who came to the Parish Summit and to those who offered opinions and asked questions. Allison will begin working on an Ulster County Housing Action Fund grant https://www.ulstercountyny.gov/Departments/Planning/Housing/Housing-Action-Fund for a warming center as the next step in this process.

THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week especially Jen, Brenda, Annette, Jennifer, Janet, Charlene, Jane, Susan, and everyone who helped ready the church for Advent. Thank you to those who help with 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; Julie Mazur, Senior Warden at 845-853-3708; or David Slingerland, Junior Warden at 845-702-2552.

ON-GOING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

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



Our Parish Prayer List:
We continue to pray for especially ***Charles, Edna, Sheila, Lisa, Mary, Gabriel, Joan, Gwenn, Nancy, Patricia, Ola, Joe, Janet, Charles, Martha, Elizabeth, James, Linda, Christine, Jen, Jacob, Gisela, Miles, Rodger, Jennifer, Ann, Laura, Terrell, Davette, Sally, Charlene.***