

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

OCTOBER 23, 2025

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:5-8,16-18; Luke 18:9-14

[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) 10:45 am – noon – Sunday School on the 1 st & 3 rd Sundays of each month at Redeemer Lutheran Church		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

"I thank God I am not like _____"; fill in the blank. Jesus tells a story this week about two people praying in the Temple: one Pharisee, feeling self-righteous, and one tax collector, begging for mercy. Self-righteousness and the condemnation of others all too often go hand in hand, in the history of worship and in our own lives. But self-flagellation has its problems too . . .

In August I went to a "Making a Difference" workshop, led by Sr. Shane Phelan (among other leaders) through the Mastery Foundation. I'm still living into the insights I received—an immediate gift was that it renewed my discipline of centering prayer. The conference asked a number of leading questions including "What do you need for your ministry?" Participants were given a whiteboard and marker to make a list of everything we thought we needed. "Ability to listen," "Peace," "Rest," "Faith," "Money/Resources" were common to many of us in addition to particular needs for different settings.

After we made personal and corporate lists, we were asked, "Haven't you ever done faithful ministry in the absence of any or all of these things?" Well, yes, probably, maybe, there was a time when I was exhausted and someone called and I was still able to listen. Sometimes I have felt absolutely cut off from God, and yet still able to do things that made a positive difference in the world. After some reflection and prayer, the possibility arose that "really all I need is to be myself as God made and is making me."

Here's where that connects to humility, and/or perhaps to approaching God. That doesn't feel like enough. I want answers. I want to know I've said the right thing, done the right thing. Often I want recognition, or at least I want others to join me in a common project because then I can feel effective, or loved, or respected. Or I want God to join me in wallowing in how stupid and unfaithful and wrong and bad I have been.

Those desires are normal, human and good AND there's an implicit judgment in them of "good enough" or "not good enough". That leads to coming before God with a list of how I see success or failure, and that in turn shapes how I need/want praise or forgiveness, whether I am the Pharisee or the tax collector.

What would it be just to be me in God's presence? Without the lists or judgments, the expected praise or condemnation? Humility, from the root of "humus" and in "human," is to simply be. To move in the world letting go of more and more of the

judgments that shape the way we see ourselves, each other, and even God may make us more able to see what really is (whatever “Reality” is—that’s a whole other philosophical conversation!).

Let’s imagine a third person in the Temple (maybe Jesus, maybe one of us) who simply sits in God’s presence, looking at God, knowing God is looking at them with love. Let’s try it every so often!

ACTION CORNER

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

Actions for this week:

As we watch the situation in Gaza and Israel, and pray, here's one way to join an interfaith appeal for peace <https://mothers-call.org/>

And please suggest action steps of your own, with your name so others can ask about your work and/or we can learn more about each others' concerns.

COFFEE HOUR

We would like to welcome anyone who is interested to sign up to host a coffee hour at St. Andrew’s. Julie Mazur will have a schedule at church and will be pleased to add your name to whatever date (or dates) are good for you. Coffee hour does not have to be an elaborate event. It’s all about fellowship over a cup of coffee or tea and if there is a little something to snack on, great... if not, maybe there will be something left over in the freezer... or maybe just a cup of coffee... it’s all fine. And coffee instructions are in the kitchen to make it easy on everyone!



SCHEDULE AT ST. ANDREW’S FOR SUNDAY (October 26)

LEM:	Brenda Hush
Lector:	Annette Johnson
Usher:	Martin Bend
Altar Guild:	Jennifer McPherson
Organist:	Janet Frommer
Coffee Hour:	Luba Brown
Live Stream Tech:	Charlie Burgner

HARVESTING

CHALLENGE GIFT FROM
THE PEOPLE OF
ST. ANDREWS NEW PALTZ

TO BENEFIT RURAL &
MIGRANT MINISTRY, INC.

Dear Friends,

In response to a recent posting by Rural & Migrant Ministry entitled: Harvesting Hope, the people of St Andrews, New Paltz have offered a wonderful challenge gift to RMM.

We hope that you will join them!

They are offering to match dollar for dollar for each gift given to RMM's efforts to support farmworking families during this harvest season; and two dollars for each dollar given from a new donor – up to \$10,000 dollars.

You can make a difference in countering the dreadful narrative pervading our farmworking communities by harvesting a narrative that honors and celebrates the humanity of those who labor under such challenging conditions to nourish us. These wonderful donors offered this challenge between now and October 31st.

As one of them said: *"You matter, we matter, they matter"*



HOPE

DONATE HERE:

WWW.RURALMIGRANTMINISTRY.ORG/DONATE

PLEASE NOTE IN THE MEMO: HOPE CHALLENGE GIFT

FOR MORE INFO: ELIZABETH@RMMNY.ORG



HARVESTING HOPE

Both Rural and Migrant Ministry and Ulster Immigrant Defense Network are struggling financially in the face of local deportation campaigns. RMM faces \$250,000 more expenses than planned in their 2025 budget. So, two parishioners from St. Andrew's, wanting to be helpful and anonymous, created a \$10,000 matching grant in St. Andrew's name, for a campaign geared towards Episcopal congregations in Ulster, Orange, and Dutchess counties. [Donate here and note in memo: Hope Challenge Gift.](http://WWW.RURALMIGRANTMINISTRY.ORG/DONATE)

"I will, with God's help"

**Bishop Shin is coming for our annual Episcopal Visitation
on Sunday, November 30 at 9:30.**

This is a time to celebrate our connection to the Diocese of New York and to show off who we are and how we love God and serve Jesus in New Paltz. We are fortunate that his visit falls on St. Andrew's Day. It is also a time for anyone interested in being confirmed, received, or reaffirming baptismal vows to do so, after some conversation with me and maybe others. If you have a vague idea that making a public commitment to your faith or learning more about the Episcopal Church now is your chance--please speak to Allison in church or via email: standrewsrev@gmail.com.

MINISTRIES

For nine weeks starting Sept. 14 we will celebrate all the ministries essential to our congregational life. Each week at the offertory we will highlight one ministry, asking one or more participants to share why they love what they do and invite new participants.

September 14

September 21

September 28

October 5

October 19

November 2

November 9

Fundraising, hospitality, flowers, coffee hour

Food Ministries

Outreach

Worship Leaders

Sunday School, Book Group

Vestry, warden, treasurer, parish administrator,
buildings & grounds

Stewardship

HALLOWEEN

Candy donations welcome!!

Come help Allison give out candy on Halloween! Be at St. Andrew's a bit before the parade starts (6:00)... And please donate bags of wrapped candies to St. Andrew's... leave in the kitchen, please.





BUILDING RENOVATION NEWS

The Building Committee, the vestry, and the architect hired to do a feasibility study are all working on the building renovation.

THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week, especially Rae, Abby, Julie, David, Cathy, Janet, Vicky, and Jane. 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; Julie Mazur, Senior Warden at 845-853-3708; or Martin Bend, Junior Warden at 845-423-9666.



ON-GOING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

SUNY Ulster Food Pantry

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

FREE FRESH FOOD!

Thursdays, 12:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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, 10:45 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, DuSean, Lisa, Mary, Gabriel, Joan, Gwenn, Nancy, Patricia, Ola, Joe, Janet, Charles, Martha, Elizabeth, James, Molly, Vickie, Linda, Charlene, Christine, Emily, Kappa, Esi & her daughter, Jennifer and her family.*