

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

[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)		10:00 am Morning Prayer on Zoom		10:00 am Morning Prayer on Zoom		
10:30 am – 11:30 am – Sunday School on the 1 st & 3 rd Sundays of each month at Redeemer Lutheran Church (on vacation until September 13, then regular schedule)		12:30 – 2 pm – Body & Soul: The Tuesday Book Group 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

"Behold, I am doing a new thing!" says God in various places in Isaiah and Revelation.

This Sunday we will use a new Order of Service emphasizing God's work in creation, and soon we will install two hangings depicting the Lenape Creation Myth and the Christian Holy Spirit.

The inspiration for this comes from an [ecumenical movement](#) started in 1989 by the Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios. It is usually celebrated between September 1, a day in the Orthodox calendar celebrating the creation of the world in Genesis, and October 4, the Western Church's celebration of the Feast of St. Francis. The Eucharistic prayer we will use from Sept. 13 until the beginning of Advent comes from [The \(national\) Episcopal](#) Church. Episcopal Relief and Development offers [daily prayers](#) for this season. I will look to emphasize various creation themes in sermons and family services.

I'm also trying an experiment. We finally took down the Pentecost "flames," but I'd like to try a temporary model of a creation-cross themed banner over our wooden crucifix for this season. If we like either the idea of a banner to cover the crucifix sometimes and more specifically a banner for creation or for other themes, let's talk—it will be a decision made after my time with you, when a new priest is in place.

Finally, a poem from [Wendell Berry](#) to celebrate creation and the season of fall!

Again the air is full
of falling: the fall of the leaves
in the weighty season that brings
all home again to the lowly
miracle from which they came.

Nature, the mother and maker,
requires that life take form,
enflesh itself in the shapes
and habits of the world's unnumbered
kinds. And then she requires
each one at last to shed
its guise, giving up
its matter to the life to come.

Think of a world of no fall
no gravity calling downward,
homeward, bringing all
by the light uprisen down
to rest in the resting land
- a world, instead, where all
that dies would fly upward
and outward, nameless and alone.
How sterile then would be
the earth, seasonless the year.

The year is the showing forth
of the heavenly love that is
the being of the present world.

The leaves, opening and at last
falling, hold a while
the beauty of God who made them
by the work and care of Nature,
His vicar and our mother.
His only is the light
of which all things are made,
the beauty that they are,
the delight that is our prayer.

SCHEDULE AT ST. ANDREW'S FOR SUNDAY (September 13)

LEM:	Brenda Hush
Lector:	Sally Vasse
Usher:	David Slingerland
Altar Guild:	Cathy Kelly
Music:	Janet Frommer
Coffee Hour:	Charlene Wynkoop
Live Stream Tech:	Jane Conger

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Friends & Family Celebration Sunday, September 27, 2026

***Annual St. Andrew's Fundraiser &
Gathering of old friends and new***

See the sign-up sheet at the back of the church

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FAMILY SERVICES AT ST. ANDREW'S

Third Sunday of each month beginning
September 20th.

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SAVE THE DATE

September 13	Sunday School begins (at Redeemer Lutheran Church 10:30 – 11:30)
September 20	Family Service
September 27	Friends & Family Celebration
October 3	Lamentations (at Redeemer) 6:00 pm
October 4	Sunday School begins regular schedule of 1 st & 3 rd Sundays of each month at Redeemer 10:30 – 11:30
October 4	Blessing of the Animals
November 7	Grief Support Project 1-4pm Community Center
December 21	Longest Night Service at New Connexions Methodist Church

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UNCAGED TOY PIANO

2026 FESTIVAL FOR TOY PIANOS AND KEYBOARDS

*Festival led by our church next-door neighbor,
Phyllis Chen*

October 15, 7:30pm, Denizen Theatre, New Paltz

October 17, 1:00 – 3:00, The Living Room, Gardiner

October 13, 7:30pm, The Falcon, Marlboro

See more information at <http://uncagedtoyiano.org>



New York Lamentations

**A dialogue between “residents”
of the St. James’ Hyde Park
cemetery about slavery and its
legacy in the Hudson Valley**

**Sat., Oct. 3, 2026 6pm
Redeemer Lutheran Church
90 S. Rte 32, New Paltz**

Free Will Offering

Talk back with the writer and producer

**Episcopal Diocese of NY
Reparations Commission
and Margaret Wade Lewis Center
contact standrewsrev@gmail.com**

For more info
about the play,



New York Lamentations

Allison says: Please help me share news of an amazing play, New York Lamentations, coming to Redeemer Lutheran Church, a partnership of the Diocesan Reparations Commission, Episcopal Campus Ministry, and the Margaret Wade-Lewis Center for Black History and Culture. It was written by the former rector of St. James Episcopal Church in Hyde Park, about some of the folks buried in their cemetery. The writer and producer will lead a talk-back session after the show. It would be fun for some of us to go together. The play is 90 minutes long.

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.

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, is working with the Building Renovation committee who will be speaking with us soon about bids and final costs.

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ACTION CORNER

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

Actions for this week

Prayer is an action too!

Sign up for [Episcopal Church Public Policy Network's weekly prayers](#) for various people at risk. You can hear them on Zoom every Monday at 11:45, or read them at your leisure. [The Episcopal Public Policy Network](#) suggests actions for concerns agreed to at triennial General Conventions; now they are adding prayers as well.

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THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week Valerie, Kappa, Martin, Susan, Janet, and Lisa. 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, Renee, Terrell, Davette.***