

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-3; Matthew 21:23-32

[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 (fall schedule begins October 4)		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

To celebrate Friends and Family Sunday, here is a song/prayer by Marty Haugen

Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions
Rock of faith and vault of grace
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where prophets speak
And words are strong and true
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew
Here, the cross shall stand as witness
And the symbol of God's grace
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where love is found
In water, wine, and wheat
A banquet hall on holy ground
Where peace and justice meet
Here, the love of God through Jesus
Is revealed in time and space
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where hands will reach
Beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve, and teach
And live the Word they've known
Here the outcast and the stranger
Bears the image of God's face
Let us bring an end to fear and danger

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where all are named
Their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured taught and claimed
As words within the Word
Built of tears and cries and laughter
Prayers of faith and songs of grace
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place

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Friends & Family BBQ Celebration

This Sunday, September 27, 2026

Rain or Shine!

(Indoors if it's raining!)

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

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What's going on with Accessibility Renovation Plans??

The Building Renovation Committee-- Noa Simons, MaryAnn Lis-Simmons, and Allison-- has been busy behind the scenes working with Allen Ross and John Vett, architects. After exploring many options to improve accessibility into the sanctuary and undercroft, we put a plan for a "LULA Elevator," (no machine room so much less expensive), and accessible bathrooms on both floors, and necessary adjustments to fire and safety codes, out to two contractors.

Sigh. Both bids came back at around 1 million dollars, almost twice as much as the \$500,000 gift we received almost two years ago (it has now made some interest). At the September vestry meeting we talked about several options:

Do nothing: we're fine the way we are.

Use the gift we were given to make repairs on the vicarage roof, possibly the church roof, HVAC improvements on both levels, kitchen upgrade, other capital improvements but no elevator or other accessible entrance to either sanctuary or undercroft or bathrooms.

Close the roughly \$500,000 gap with a capital campaign, grant applications to several church restoration foundations when funding cycles open next year. There's no guarantee that the amounts we could ask for would address our need.

Apply this fall for a grant from the Ulster County Housing Action Fund, where we can ask for up to a million dollars for capital improvements IF we make a multi-year commitment to have the undercroft serve as a warming center for 5-15 individuals with various special needs from October through May, probably evenings only. St. Andrew's would not be able to use the undercroft when the warming center is open.

The Center would be administered by a team of professionals who have a good record of running warming centers in Kingston and Ellenville. They are experienced at addressing concerns of security, people hanging around the building, and most of all treating guests with tough and genuine love. New Paltz usually has between 8-12 people living on the streets in need of such a center, says the Police Department. The County will consider this because we need a warming center in the southern part of the county, and we have great access to public transportation. This could put St. Andrew's on the map as a church willing to meet the needs of our community with some sacrifice and some blessings. For me it's one way Christ's love gets incarnated in our undercroft, currently used maybe 20 hours a month (most activities could be relocated upstairs).

The vestry has decided to pursue all funding options and wait until a new clergy person is on board to decide what you want to do as a congregation.

Thank you to Noa, to Tyler Jones who served briefly, to MaryAnn who will be stepping down from this project, having valiantly steered it to this point, and to the architects, John Vett and Allen Ross.

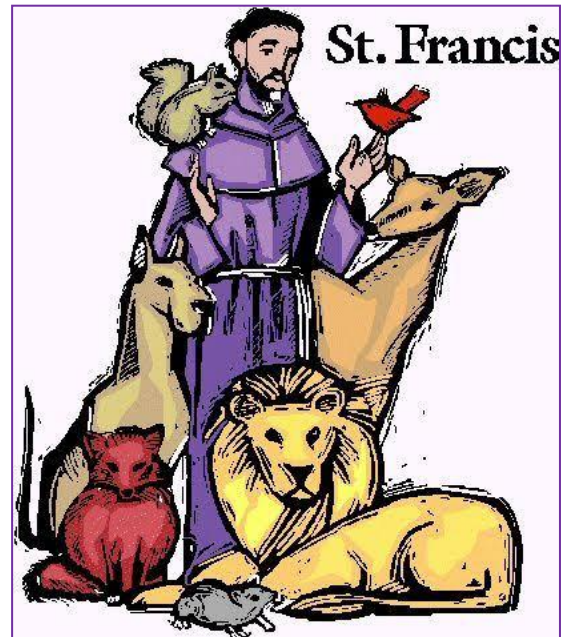
SCHEDULE AT ST. ANDREW'S FOR SUNDAY (September 27)

LEM: Rae Slingerland
Lector: Annette Johnson
Usher: David Slingerland
Altar Guild: Jennifer McPherson
Organist: Janet Frommer
Live Stream Tech: Jane Conger

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On October 4, actual feast of St. Francis, please bring "restrained" pets (e.g. cages or leashes), or pictures of pets, or stuffed animals, to church for the (shorter than usual) service. We will bless pets at the communion rail.

If you'd prefer, Allison will be outside the church at 11 -11:30 for "walk by blessings".



WINTER WEAR SALE

ST. ANDREW'S FUNDRAISER

November 14

10am – 4pm

Winter Wear: Coats, jackets, hats, gloves, scarves, boots, sweaters

Bring donations week prior Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9:30am – 2pm

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>



An Invitation... The Archbishop of Canterbury at St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue, Sunday, September 27, 4:00 pm

Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue is delighted to welcome The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Dame Sarah Mullally DBE, Archbishop of Canterbury, on Sunday, September 27.

The Archbishop will preach at Evensong and Benediction at 4:00 PM as St. Thomas Church celebrates their Patronal Feast. This will be the Archbishop's only public service in New York City during her visit.

A reception in the church will follow the service.

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SAVE THE DATE

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
November 14	Winter Wear Sale, 10am – 4pm
December 21	Longest Night Service at New Connexions Methodist Church

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MARGARET WADE-LEWIS CENTER BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION

Margaret Wade-Lewis Center discussion of one of Allison's favorite books by Ntozake Shange, *Sassafras, Cypress and Indigo*, with discussion led by Dina Suggs. The Margaret Wade-Lewis Center invites us to join our neighbors for another thought-provoking discussion of Ntozake Shante's *Sassafras, Cypress & Indigo*. "Together, we'll discuss the poetry, letters, journal entries, and recipes combined in this novel to explore womanhood, the Black Arts Movement, female creativity, and ancestral spirituality. Your voice is welcome in this community conversation. Please join us even if you haven't read the book!"

Sunday, Sept. 27, 3:00 pm

Register below to reserve your free spot and receive event details.

LINK: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/mwlc-book-club-sassafras-cypress-and-indigo-by-ntozake-shante>

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.

NEW PALTZ COMMUNITY DINNERS

New Paltz Community dinners have begun again. They are held **every third Wednesday this fall at New Connexions Church**, Main Street at Grove Street, 6-7;30--sometimes there is a need for helpers but it's fun just to be there, eat, play cards and board games, and connect with others.

Save the Date

WALKING WITH GRIEF:

A Space for Connection, Community, and Support.

November 7th
1PM - 4PM
New Paltz Community Center
3 Veterans Drive, New Paltz

Join us for a special afternoon as we come together in a supportive space where people know and understand how our life journey may change as we walk with the many different forms of grief that we may experience in life. Your experience is unique, but you do not have to walk alone. We hope to see you there.

Offerings include:

- Speakers with lived experience
- Conversation & Connection
- Compassionate Listening
- Connecting with Joy
- Sampling of Simple Supportive Practices

FREE!
OPEN TO ALL

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Contact: Phoenix Kawamoto
Phone: 845-275-5413
Email: pkawamoto@townofnewpaltzny.gov



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.

Please consider signing up for a Sunday... it doesn't take much and you can feel free to ask for reimbursement for purchases if you like... or just make some coffee so that there can be fellowship following each service! Ask anyone you see helping out just what is involved.



BUILDING RENOVATION NEWS

The Building Renovation committee has prepared a document of their findings and has presented it to the vestry. See Allison's takeaway from the vestry meeting.

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.

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ACTION CORNER

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

Action for this week

See previous actions on the church website

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THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week Valerie, Abby Julie, Jane, Susan, Janet, Henry, Charlie and Bruce. 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.**