

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

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

***FEBRUARY 25, 2026***

### **Second Sunday in Lent**

Readings: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

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

### **Worship Schedule**

Sunday	Mon.	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
<b>9:30 am Eucharist</b> (in-person & livestreamed) <b>Coffee hour</b> (following the service)		<b>10:00 am Morning Prayer</b> on Zoom		<b>10:00 am Morning Prayer</b> on Zoom		
<b>10:45 am – noon – Sunday School</b> on the 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month at Redeemer Lutheran Church		<b>12:30 – 2 pm – Body &amp; Soul: The Tuesday Book Group</b> on Zoom				

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

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

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



## A PRIEST'S PONDERINGS...

**The Rev. Allison Moore**

February is African-American history month, thanks to Carter G. Woodson and a host of educators. March is Women's "herstory" month, thanks to Russian women who gained the right to vote in February, 1917 and promptly declared March 8 a day to celebrate women's rights. Many Episcopal congregations honor African-American history (we can always do better), but in March, the church moves into Lent, with appropriate focus on Jesus' last days of ministry and our own need for repentance.

So for March, I want to focus on women listed in [\*A Great Cloud of Witnesses\*](#) (GCW) who contributed to racial justice in the United States. What strikes me is the multitude of avenues we have for promoting the well-being of all women, especially women of color. I've been praying for how to use my particular social location—priest and campus minister in New Paltz, well-educated financially secure white woman, disciple of Jesus and lover of God—and my Spirit-given gifts to work towards reparation. All too often we lament our lack of money, knowledge, time, power to make much change. Those lamentations sell ourselves and God short. People, even those facing the fiercest barriers of structural oppression, have God-given power and an ability to use wherever and whoever they are for greater justice. The women listed here kept making "a way out of no way." None of them were perfect, probably limited by personal prejudices and understandings of their time. That's a relief, because none of us are perfect either! We can apply their methods and pray for their faithfulness to our own situations now.

For the next 4 weeks I will offer just a one or two sentence description about some saints in our tradition, some taken almost verbatim from GCW, organized by calendar year—see how this might contribute to daily readings or congregational life!

- **January 4th: *Elizabeth Seton***, Founder of American Sisters of Charity, 1821 whose work "intertwined social ministry, education, and religious formation" in orphanages and "schools for needy girls."
- **January 8th: *Harriet Bedell***, Deaconess and Missionary, 1969, who "won the respect of indigenous people through her compassion and respect for their way of life and beliefs." She worked and lived with the Cheyenne, indigenous people in Allakekat in the Artic Circle, and Mikasuki Indians in Florida.
- **January 9th: *Julia Chester Emery***, Missionary, 1922, Secretary of Woman's Auxiliary of the Board of Missions, who traveled across the nation and around the world. She wrote that she went forth with "hope for enlargement of vision, opening up new occasions for service, acceptance of new tasks."

- **February 5th: *Anne Hutchinson* (with *Roger Williams*),** Prophetic Witnesses, 1643, “outspoken advocate of the rights and equality of women” who challenged religious and civil authorities.
- **February 11th: *Frances Jane (Fanny) Van Alstyne Crosby*,** Hymnwriter, 1915—her hymns, including *Blessed Assurance*, expressed personal faith in simple and easily learned tunes.
- **February 26th: *Emily Malbone Morgan*,** Prophetic Witness, 1937, founder with Harriet Hastings of the *Companions of the Holy Cross*. The *Companions* were a strong force for social justice reform. They also developed summer vacation houses for working women and their daughters who sought physical and spiritual renewal.
- **February 28th: *Anna Julia Haywood Cooper*,** 1964, Educator. Anna Cooper organized the *Colored Women’s League* and the first *Colored Settlement House* in Washington, DC, and in her book *A View from the South* challenged the Episcopal Church to do more work towards racial justice.
- **February 28th: *Elizabeth Evelyn Wright*,** 1904, Educator of African American and Cherokee descent. She graduated from Tuskegee, faced fierce resistance in initial attempt in Hampton County, South Carolina, to establish a school for rural black children. She moved to Denmark, South Carolina, and founded the *Denmark Industrial Institute* which eventually became *Voorhees College*.

Adapted from an article Allison originally wrote for the [Reparations Commission’s Prayer Blog](#) in March, 2022.

## EPISCOPAL CAMPUS MINISTRY

A note from Allison:

I am very excited about a collaborative project of Episcopal Campus Ministry, The Margaret Wade Lewis Center, and Black Lives Matter at School recording interviews with African-American elders in New Paltz. "Griots" are West African oral story tellers. This title came from a poem by Kate Hymes that will be in the next newsletter.

"We Be Griots" is an eight episode podcast series, available on [Apple podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), or at the [Margaret Wade Lewis Center](#) website. The first episode featured Ceista Little-Quinn, professor in Black Studies and past director of *Voices of Unity*. The second episode, just released, is a conversation between Esi Lewis and Pearl Lee, the first African-American teacher in the New Paltz Central School district. The interviews will be archived at the Margaret Wade Lewis Center.

We Be Griots also has an Instagram account "webegriots."



## **ACTION CORNER**

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

### **Actions for this week**

Here's a diocesan wide Lenten study about how White Christian Nationalism doesn't align with The Episcopal Church by grounding ourselves in Scripture, Episcopal theology, and Christ's call to love God and neighbor.

The foundation for this study is a diocesan read of *The False White Gospel: Rejecting Christian Nationalism, Reclaiming True Faith Refounding Democracy* by Jim Wallis supplemented by *The Crisis of Christian Nationalism Report from The House of Bishop Theology Committee* edited by Allan K. Shin and Larry R. Benfield, forward by Michael B. Curry.

Curricula are available for two approaches: a six-week book study of *The False White Gospel: Rejecting Christian Nationalism, Reclaiming True Faith Refounding Democracy* by Jim Wallis, or a group discussion based on the *ChurchNext* course *Exploring Christian Nationalism with Jim Wallis*. Also, there is an option to explore the content on the White Christian Nationalism Resource List and generate our own parish conversation(s). Allison is exploring a discussion group either with the deanery or local churches. More info at this website:

<https://dioceseny.org/resources/lenten-study-2026-white-christian-nationalism/>



# **ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

On Sunday, March 1, at the 9:30am service, you will be asked to vote to approve the January 25, 2026 Annual Meeting Minutes. The minutes are below.

## **St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, New Paltz, New York Annual Meeting Minutes January 25, 2026**

Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

Susan Piowaty appointed Clerk of the Meeting.

**Motion to approve Annual Meeting Agenda: MSP.**

**Minutes of 2025 Annual Meeting: Already MSP on March 30, 2025.**

### **Priest-in-Charge and Treasurer's Report**

Allison spoke on behalf of the treasurer, Jennifer McPherson, that we received a gift of \$500,000 this year for building renovation and accessibility. Contributions increased, but more fundraisers are needed. Allison then discussed her report elaborating on handing over the Pantry at SUNY Ulster to Christ the King and focusing her Campus Ministry efforts on Black Lives Matter and Mindful Campus. Allison discussed what is and what isn't too political for church and how to have conversations about it.

### **Reports of the St. Andrew's Ministries**

Martin thanked everyone who helped throughout the year as he moves off the vestry as Junior Warden. Rae invited anyone interested to become a LEM or Lector. Valerie thanked the acolytes. These and other ministry reports are in the Annual Report.

### **Vestry Election**

Allison thanked Martin, Susan and Ann as they leave the vestry and welcomed Valerie McAllister (3 year term), David Slingerland (Junior Warden 2 year term), Anne Conger (3 year term), and Henry Weber (2 year term).

### **Closing prayer.**

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

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Susan Piowaty  
Clerk



## 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.

### SCHEDULE AT ST. ANDREW'S FOR SUNDAY (March 1)

LEM :.....Valerie McAllister  
Acolyte:.....Ella Brown  
Lector: .....Annette Johnson  
Usher: .....Martin Bend  
Altar Guild: .....Susan Piowaty  
Organist: .....Janet Frommer  
Coffee Hour: .....Luba Brown  
Live Stream Tech: .....MaryAnn Lis-Simmons

### 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.

### 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.



## **CORNED BEEF DINNER**

Corned Beef Dinner

Drive Thru or Limited Dine-in

Sunday, March 15

3:00 – 5:00 pm

Lloyd United Methodist Church

476 New Paltz Rd., Highland, NY

Adults: \$15; Children: \$8.00

Reservations: 845-255-6447 or 845-691-7819 by 6:00pm, Thursday, March 12 (cash or check at pick up)

**THANK YOU** to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week especially MaryAnn, Valerie, Jane, Cathy, Janet, The Simons Family, David, and Charlie. 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**

**The church office will be closed on  
Thursday, February 26 & Tuesday, March 3**

*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 Martin Bend, Junior Warden at 845-423-9666.*



## ON-GOING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

**SUNY Ulster Food Pantry**

**FREE FRESH FOOD!**

**Tops Supermarket Food Ministry**

**Ascension Holy Trinity Mission Center**

**Andy's Peeps**

**Sunday School**

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

**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

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

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

Online forum for St. Andrew's community

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/andyspeeps/>

**First & third Sundays, 10:45 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, Vickie, Linda, Charlene, Christine, Jen, Betty.*