

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

APRIL 9, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

Readings: Exodus 15:1-11; Psalm 111; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

[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) 11:00 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

Last week Pete Hegseth, US Secretary of War, [compared the rescue of a US soldier to Christ's resurrection](#). The soldier was shot down on Good Friday, hid in a cave on Saturday, and was rescued on Sunday morning by US troops: "a pilot reborn, all home and accounted for, a nation rejoicing. God is good." What?

Jesus was not a pilot, or any member of any military of his day. He was not rescued by the reigning military authorities, but crucified by them as a traitor; religious leaders called Jesus' actions blasphemous. God didn't rescue Jesus on the cross—Jesus died! The Risen Christ didn't get to go home, safe, but he sought his followers out in Galilee and Jerusalem to show them his wounds and forgive them before eventually being taken up to heaven. For the first few centuries Christians refused to join Caesar's army and were executed for it.

The bigger question for me though, as I have spent the past few days creating Instagram posts that try to convey something of the mystery and meaning of the Resurrection, is "what makes me believe that my interpretation is right?" Is it better to compare resurrection to the change from caterpillar to cocoon to butterfly?

And this is why I'm an Episcopalian. Every Christian who reads the Bible reads from their own experience, and the traditions of their community, and the practice of prayer. Episcopal theology says "hold these in tension." "Use each to illumine the others," because God is found in the conversations between each of these. The image of a butterfly is a useful metaphor that does and does not capture the mystery of the resurrection. The experience of a rescued airman can also be a useful metaphor that does and does not capture the mystery of the resurrection. Episcopal practice encourages believers to recognize what is and is not true of the various ways we describe God, and to hold our descriptions as only one of many ways.

What do we know of Jesus?

- he was neither a butterfly or an airman (!)
- he preached and taught and healed, making God's love known in word and deed
- the world, political and religious leaders, economic systems, often humans, resist love in the service of greed, oppression, hatred, fear
- In the end, love wins, not military might.

A metaphor is true to the extent that it captures one important dimension of God; and not true in that it can't capture everything. It's true in how well it reflects our experience (we know something about transformation from caterpillar to butterfly; we know something of being in a cave; we know something about relief when our fears of death are met with life, or new life. I have a harder time comparing God's resurrection of Jesus to the army's rescue of one of their own; that seems to equate human action with God's actions. And I have a harder time still equating military might with God's power, because of other things I know in my experience about love and mystery and free will . . . my ultimate criteria for "is something of God or not" is "does it help us love God and others and ourselves better?"

This academic exercise in what is Biblical truth has taken me right up to the newsletter deadline. I hope that looking at the power of metaphor and the process of identifying our perspectives can help you as you explore the mystery of mysteries, Christ's resurrection.



VOICES OF UNITY PRESENTS
THE HISTORY OF
Gospel
AN INTERACTIVE MUSICAL
JOURNEY THROUGH TIME

Saturday April 11th, 2026
5:00 PM

Students FREE
\$5 Suggested
Donation

Julien J. Studley
Theatre,
SUNY New Paltz



24th Earth Day Fair at New Paltz

Saturday, April 25, 2026

11am–4pm ... rain or shine!

Reformed Church of New Paltz
92 Huguenot St, New Paltz, NY

Free!

Presented by New Paltz Interfaith Earth Action, Caring for Creation Committee, & New Paltz Climate Action Coalition



Our Planet, Our Future

Family friendly, fun-filled event with lots of children's activities, healthy food, and live music.

Learn about: composting, electric vehicles, scouting, gardening, energy coaching, reducing use of plastics, going zero waste, and much more!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Ecumenical Sunday School

Our ecumenical Sunday School is held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month from 11am-12noon except when it falls on a holiday. Children from St. Andrew's Episcopal and Redeemer Lutheran, New Paltz gather to read bible stories and work on hands on projects with our lead teacher, Alex Brown. Ecumenical Sunday School is hosted at Redeemer, New Paltz, located at 90 Route 32 South in New Paltz. Please contact Alex Brown with questions or suggestions at mrbrown04@hotmail.com - and we look forward to seeing you there!

**St. Andrew's Spring Fling
Clothing Sale**

Saturday, May 9

10am – 4pm

Volunteers needed especially for set up and clean up!

Speak with Susan Piowaty

Clothes welcome!

Clothing drop off Sunday, May 3 before or after the church service
and week of May 4 – 8:
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 – 2:00; Friday all day



ACTION CORNER

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

Actions for this week

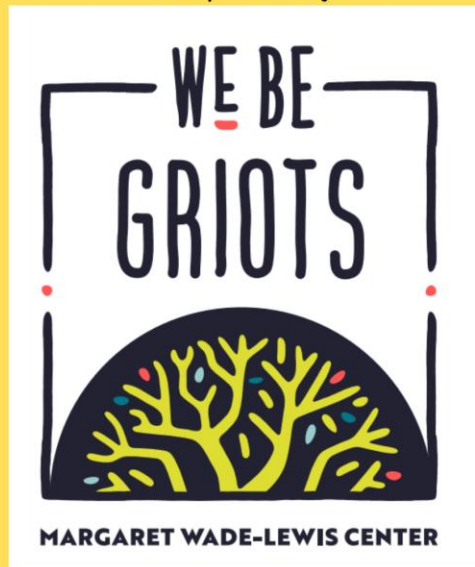
See recent actions on the church website



SCHEDULE AT ST. ANDREW'S FOR SUNDAY (April 12)

- LEM:Brenda Hush
- Lector :.....Rae Slingerland
- Usher:Jane Conger
- Altar Guild:Jennifer McPherson
- Organist:Janet Frommer
- Coffee Hour:Charlene Wynkoop
- Live Stream Tech:MaryAnn Lis-Simmons

Digital Media Journalism, Black Lives Matter @ School and Episcopal
Campus Ministry



March 31 Ed Bell, SUNY Central
April 8: Esther Val, SUNY New Paltz
April 21: Brenda Hicks-Hush, New Paltz
May 5: Esi Lewis, MWL Center
Podcast link at the MWL website



Margaret Wade-Lewis website link: <https://www.mwlcenter.org/podcastwbg>

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, presented his findings to the church and they are moving forward in their feasibility study, working with the Building Renovation committee.

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.

THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week especially MaryAnn, Annette, Susan, Janet, Charles, Laurel, Rae, Kappa, Charlene, Jane, Jennifer, Valerie, Carla, Julie, and Martin. 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 David Slingerland, Junior Warden at 845-702-2552.



ON-GOING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

SUNY Ulster Food Pantry

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Thursdays, 12:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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

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, 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, DuSean, Lisa, Mary, Gabriel, Joan, Gwenn, Nancy, Patricia, Ola, Joe, Janet, Charles, Martha, Elizabeth, James, Linda, Charlene, Christine, Jen, Jacob, Gisela, Miles, Chet.*