

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

AUGUST 27, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

[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		
11:00 am – noon – Sunday School on the 1 st & 3 rd Sundays of each month at Redeemer Lutheran Church (on vacation until September)		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

We hear the story of Moses' encounter with the burning bush in Sunday's lesson. Sometimes I think believers domesticate God, as if God is a vending machine for desires, or our best friend, or a comfy couch—Moses' encounter was anything but comforting, lovable, desired. And yet . . . here are two poems that remind me to open my heart to the wildness of God beyond human knowing.

Fire in the Earth

*And we know, when Moses was told,
in the way he was told,
"Take off your shoes!" He grew pale from that simple*

*reminder of fire in the dusty earth.
He never recovered
his complicated way of loving again*

*and was free to love in the same way
he felt the fire licking at his heels loved him.
As if the lion earth could roar*

*and take him in one movement.
Every step he took
from there was carefully placed.*

*Everything he said mattered as if he knew
the constant witness of the ground
and remembered his own face in the dust*

*the moment before revelation.
Since then thousands have felt*

the same immobile tongue with which he tried to speak.

*Like the moment you too saw, for the first time,
your own house turned to ashes.
Everything consumed so the road could open again.*

*Your entire presence in your eyes
and the world turning slowly
into a single branch of flame.*

-from David Whyte River Flow: New & Selected Poems

*To lie back under the tallest
oldest trees. How far the stems
rise, rise
before ribs of shelter
open!*

*To live in the mercy of God. The complete
sentence too adequate, has no give.
Awe, not comfort. Stone, elbows of
stony wood beneath lenient
moss bed.*

*And awe suddenly
passing beyond itself. Becomes
a form of comfort.
Becomes the steady
air you glide on, arms
stretched like the wings of flying foxes.
To hear the multiple silence
of trees, the rainy
forest depths of their listening.*

*To float, upheld,
as salt water
would hold you,
once you dared.*

To live in the mercy of God.

To feel vibrate the enraptured

waterfall flinging itself

unabating down and down

to clenched fists of rock.

Swiftness of plunge,

hour after year after century,

O or Ah

uninterrupted, voice

many-stranded.

To breathe

spray. The smoke of it.

Arcs

of steelwhite foam, glissades

of fugitive jade barely perceptible. Such passion —

rage or joy?

Thus, not mild, not temperate,

God's love for the world. Vast

flood of mercy

flung on resistance.

+ Denise Levertov, from Sands from the Well ([poem found here](#))

SCHEDULE AT ST. ANDREW'S FOR SUNDAY (August 30)

LEM:	Valerie McAllister
Lector:	Julie Mazur
Usher:	Annette Johnson
Altar Guild:	Valerie McAllister
Music:	Janet Frommer
Live Stream Tech:	Charlie Burgner

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SAVE THE DATE!

Friends & Family Celebration

Sunday, September 27, 2026

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

***Speak with Brenda Hush about how you can help –
See the sign-up sheet at the back of the church***

***We now have a grill & cover
thanks to all who donated!***

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SAVE THE DATE!

September 20	Sunday School Begins (at Redeemer Lutheran Church at 11:00)
September 20	Family Service
September 27	Friends & Family
October 3	Lamentations (at Redeemer)
October 4	Blessing of the Animals

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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

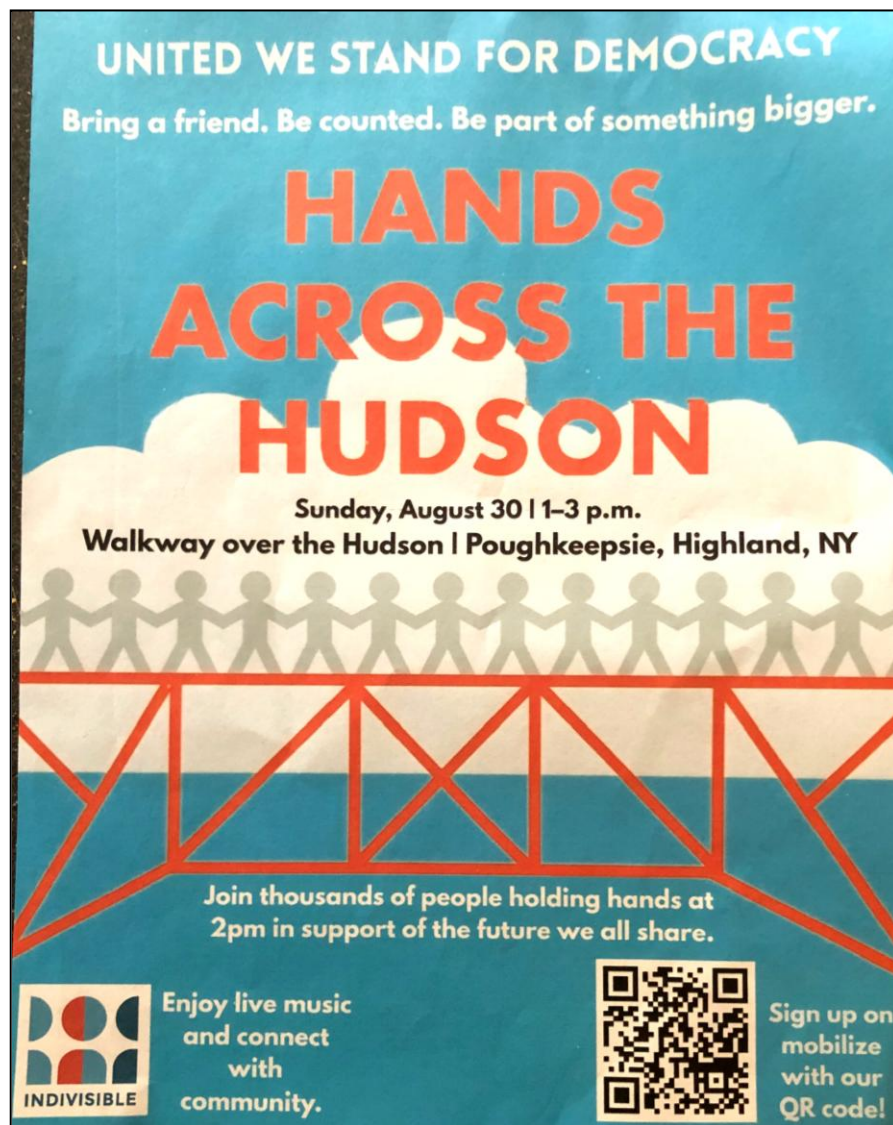
Allison says: Please help me share news of an amazing play, New York Lamentations, coming to Redeemer Lutheran Church right across the street from campus, a partnership of the Diocesan Reparations Commission, Episcopal Campus Ministry, and the Margaret Wade-Lewis Center for Black History and Culture. 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.



Registration necessary so that the Bridge Authority has a count of how many people will be standing on the bridge!



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 Rae, David, Cathy, Charles, Laurel and Jane. 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.***