

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

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

***JULY 2, 2026***

# **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Eucharist Honoring the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence Day**

Readings: Isaiah 26:1-8; Psalm 47; Romans 13:1-10; Mark 12:13-17

[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>11:00 am – noon – Sunday School</b> on the 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month at Redeemer Lutheran Church (on vacation until September)		<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/@standrewsepiscopalchurch-n6936>

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



## **A PRIEST'S PONDERINGS...**

**The Rev. Allison Moore**

Here comes the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The Book of Common Prayer offers two prayers and two sets of readings for July 4, which should properly be observed on the day itself, not the adjacent Sunday.

And yet, and yet . . . there has rarely been a time for the church to be clearer about how we love God, others, ourselves, and all creation as participants in the United States. We will hear Paul's sometimes contradictory injunctions to "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God" (Romans 13:1) and "Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law." (Romans 13:8). And Jesus' command to "render to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's" (Mark 12:17). The sermon will explore these texts, with perhaps more questions than answers!

On Saturday afternoon July 4 I invite you to a prayer vigil sponsored by Rural and Migrant Ministry in Cornwall, NY (you can probably be back in time for fireworks at the Ulster County Fairgrounds!). RMM, along with St. John's Episcopal Church and Cornwall Presbyterian Church, are coming together to claim the importance of the Declaration of Independence and the concept of LIBERTY and JUSTICE FOR ALL.

3:30 for a vigil of prayers for the nation at RMM's Grail campus, 119 Duncan Avenue, Cornwall on Hudson

5pm to march in the Town of Cornwall 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, with what RMM promises to be a "really cool float".

RMM suggests you wear white to be in solidarity with RMM and the immigrant community.

Pray for the nation wherever you are on the 4<sup>th</sup> (and many other days and times as well!). Here are some websites with perspectives from various residents and citizens of the United States, beginning and ending with Episcopalians!

1776 Abigail Adams, "[Remember the Ladies](#)"

1776 [The Indigenous Foundation](#), who lifts up the fact that the Declaration of Independence, for all its rhetoric of freedom, labeled indigenous peoples of this land "Merciless Indian savages."

1785 [Establishment of The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America](#) as worshippers in the Church of England in the Colonies had to sort out their loyalties

1852, Frederick Douglass, "[What to the slave is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July?](#)"

1860, Walt Whitman, "[I Hear America Singing](#)"

1936, Langston Hughes, "[Let America be America Again](#)" (a dramatic reading)

2026 Haywood County North Carolina Pride, "[Rethinking July 4,](#)"

2026 [Episcopal News Service](#) interviewing Bp. Heyd

## **GIVING STATEMENTS**

Giving Statements (January – June) are on the piano at the back of the church.

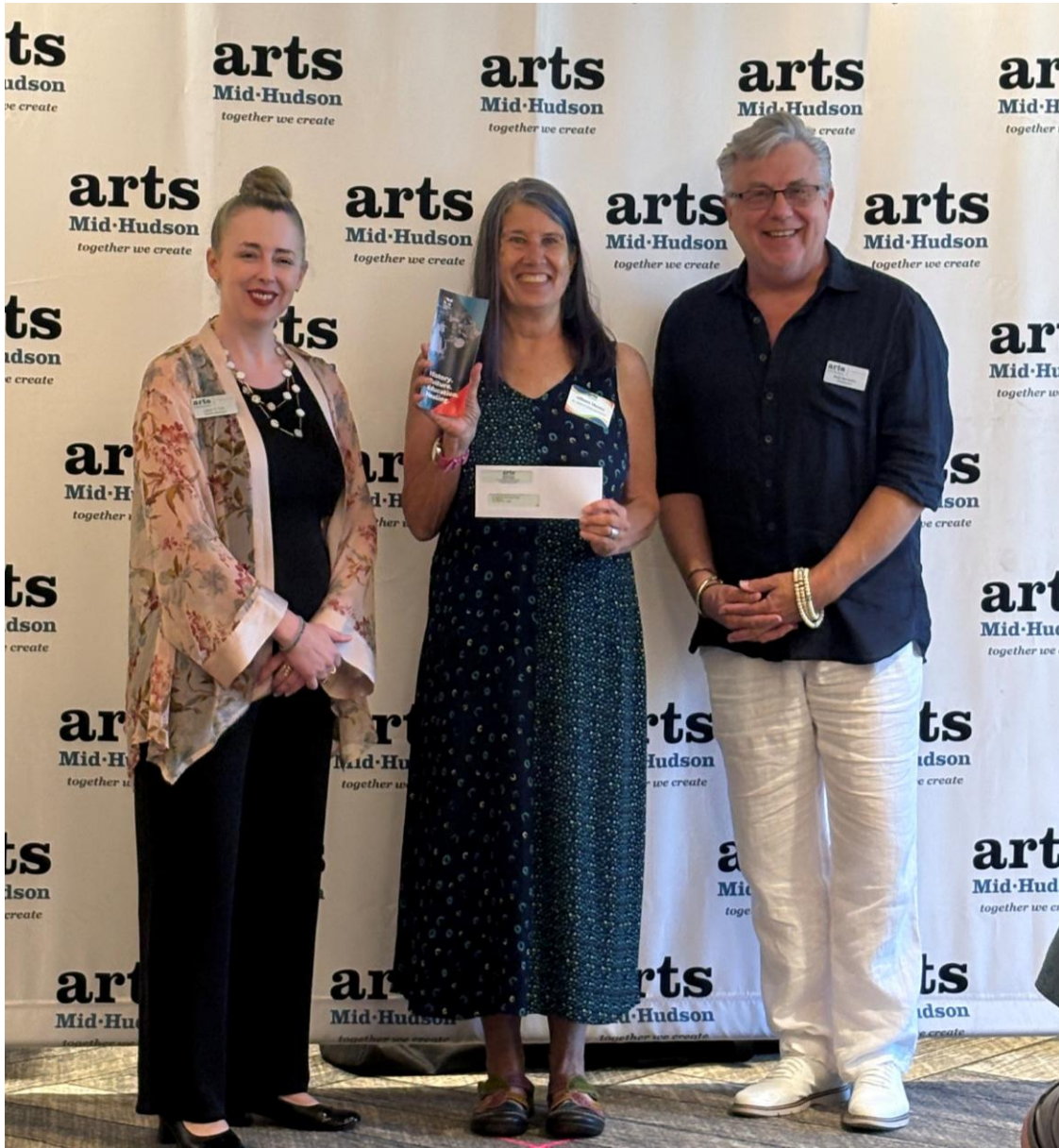
**Please take yours so we can save on postage!**

We have new software for giving statements, so if you don't get one or something is amiss, please contact the church office.

Donations made the last week of June won't be recorded until July.

## **SCHEDULE AT ST. ANDREW'S FOR SUNDAY (July 5)**

LEM:	Brenda Hush
Acolyte:	Carla Mancuso
Lector:	Sally Vasse
Usher:	Martin Bend
Altar Guild:	Susan Piowaty
Music :	Charles Frommer
Live Stream Tech:	Jane Conger



*Allison receiving an Arts Mid-Hudson grant.*


*“Saint Andrew’s and Episcopal Campus Ministry received a grant to run a second series of the podcast “We Be Griots.” I was happy to highlight the role of our congregation in storytelling and collaboration in a room full of creative, joyful, and persistent artists!”*

## 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.



### 3-COURSE & DISCOURSE:

DINNER AND CONVERSATION ABOUT THE CRITICAL ISSUES OF OUR TIME



FROM THE RURAL ACADEMY OF THE PEOPLE OF RURAL & MIGRANT MINISTRY

**WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF-EVIDENT: LIBERTY & JUSTICE FOR ALL?**

**Tuesday Evenings • June 2-July 28 • 6:00-8:30 p.m.**

**at RMM's Grail Campus • 119 Duncan Ave., Cornwall-on-Hudson**

### JUNE 2

#### **"Rural & Migrant Ministry at 45"**

Executive Director Richard Witt reflects on RMM's roots and how its mission of transforming rural New York through hope, justice, and empowerment creates a vision for Declaration of Independence values.

### JUNE 9

#### **"Faith and Justice as Vocation"**

RMM's Seminarian Fellows reflect on the interconnection between Faith & Justice and why they are at RMM this summer.

### JUNE 16

#### **"A Call to Serve"**

Sakima McClinton, RMM's Chief Operations Officer, West Point graduate and U.S. Army Captain, and the Rev. Kenneth Sampson, Chaplain (Colonel) U.S. Army (Ret.), reflect on their duty to uphold the U.S. Constitution.

### JUNE 23

#### **"Alligator Alcatraz: Detention and Deportation as Tools of Terror"**

The Rev. Noelle Damico discusses public protest at Alligator Alcatraz, and the use of detention and deportation to undermine the hopes and dreams of immigrants.

### JUNE 30

#### **"Immigrants and the Promises of the Declaration of Independence"**

A discussion led by Juana Cortes de Torres, Director of RMM's Immigrant Legal Rights Project.

### JULY 7

#### **"America at 250: What are the Values that Ground Us?"**

As we observe the 4th of July, Cynthia Copeland, a New York-based public historian and educator, reflects on who was and is included in "liberty and justice for all."

### JULY 14

#### **"Religious Freedom and American Identity"**

The Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer discusses how religious pluralism might strengthen our national identity rather than being used as a tool to divide our communities and country.

### JULY 21

#### **"Living our Faith Through Advocacy"**

RMM's Senior Political Advisor Milan Bhatt invites conversation on how individuals & faith communities can join RMM in justice advocacy as expressions of national and faith values.

### JULY 28

#### **"Do Teens Hold These Truths to be Self-Evident?"**

Members of the Youth Leadership Institute reflect on the values articulated in the Declaration of Independence.

### AUGUST 5

#### **Gratitude Dinner and Conversation**

As we end our season of Community Dinners and bid our Seminarian Fellows farewell, we gather to give thanks for RMM and its mission of hope, justice, and empowerment.

Whether you are a committed ally or curious about RMM's work, we welcome you to join us for our Dinner and Conversation series on Tuesday evenings this summer. Please RSVP to [gittelermny.org](http://gittelermny.org) for dinner by the previous Sunday morning, along with any dietary restrictions.



## **ACTION CORNER**

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

### **Actions for this week**

#### **Episcopal Relief & Development asks for prayers and donations for those affected by the earthquakes in Venezuela**

*On June 24, two strong earthquakes struck north-central Venezuela in rapid succession. Episcopal Relief & Development has reached out to local diocesan partners to assess the needs of evacuees and provide community support in the coming days. As the scope of the disaster continues to unfold, we urgently need your help.*

*[Please make an urgent tax-deductible donation to our International Disaster Fund.](#) Your gift today supports work with local partners to provide critical relief today and long-term recovery assistance in the weeks and months ahead to those impacted by disasters like the earthquakes in Venezuela.*

*Our prayers go out to the families and communities devastated by these earthquakes while we do all we can to help them.*



## **HEALTH CARE**

### **Upcoming changes to the Essential Plan 200-250:**

On July 1, about 450,000 New Yorkers will lose their Essential Plan 200-250 health insurance coverage. These changes are due to the federal funding cuts in H.R.1, which led to New York's decision to end this coverage category.

- If you receive your health coverage through New York's Essential Plan 200-250 and meet any of the following conditions, you might be at risk of losing your health insurance:
- Your household income is between 200%-250% of the federal poverty

level (FPL). In 2026, the household income thresholds for 200% of the FPL are:

- Household size: 1; Annual income: \$31,920
- Household size: 2; Annual income: \$43,280
- Household size: 3; Annual income: \$54,640
- Household size: 4; Annual income: \$66,000

- **Take action now:** Many more New Yorkers will lose their health insurance in the coming months due to other changes in H.R.1. [Click here to](#) urge your Member of Congress to protect Medicaid enrollees from these changes!



***SAVE THE DATE!***

**Friends & Family Celebration**  
**Sunday, September 27, 2026**



**BUILDING RENOVATION NEWS**

The architect, Allen Ross, is working with the Building Renovation committee and will soon have full details to share.

**THANK YOU** to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week Valerie, Carla, Julie, Annette, Jennifer, Janet, Jane, and Charlie. 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](mailto: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.**

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| <b>FREE FRESH FOOD!</b> | Free Fresh Food 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. 1st Sundays: Reformed Church of New Paltz; 2nd Sundays: Redeemer Lutheran Church; <b>3rd Sundays: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church</b> ; 4th Sundays: Methodist Church; 5th Sundays: New Paltz Friends Meeting, 8 N. Manheim |
| <b>Andy's Peeps</b>     | Online forum for St. Andrew's community<br><a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/andyspeeps/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/andyspeeps/</a>   |
| <b>Sunday School</b>    | <b>First &amp; third Sundays, 11:00 a.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church</b>   |

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, Linda, Charlene, Christine, Jen, Jacob, Gisela, Miles, Rodger, Jennifer, Ann, Laura, and the people of Venezuela affected by the earthquakes.***