

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

JUNE 24, 2026

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

[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

Here's the entire gospel lesson for this Sunday:

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward." (Matthew 10:40-42)

Sounds a bit transactional, doesn't it-- welcome, on various levels, in order to receive a reward? Or is it a fact: welcoming is rewarding?

Come this Sunday and find out. Jeanne Edwards and Emma Villacis have run County funded warming centers in Ellenville and Kingston, NY. They impressed me first because they're alive with the gospel—clear that they find Jesus in their work and are excited to share that joy with others. Cathy Kelly and Charlie Burgner and I visited the Kingston Center and were very impressed with their respect for guests and for the church and neighborhood.

We visited them at Segunda Iglesia in Kingston because one of the options for our downstairs space, once the renovations are complete, is for a warming center. What is that? A place for unhoused people to find last resort temporary shelter, sometimes just in the evenings, sometimes just during the day, sometimes 24/7. Usually, they operate from October through May. Decisions like this are made by county officials working with church representatives. James Amenta, Deputy Executive Director for Ulster County, says that there's a demonstrated need for a shelter in southern Ulster County. The County would contract with an organization for use of the space, and with an organization of professionals who staff and manage the shelter. Organizations receive a steady income stream for use of the building. There may also be help for capital improvements.

Why are religious organizations ideal locations? Because zoning policies recognize that it is part of the mission of religious organizations to take care of vulnerable people in the community, so shelters are approved with many fewer municipal hurdles.

What might it mean for St. Andrew's? We don't know yet. If we were at all open to the idea, we could start a series of conversations with Ulster County officials that would give us a clearer idea of needs, costs, and opportunities. If we wanted, we could design an agreement that works for us.

Come on Sunday where Emma and Jeanne will worship with us, share their experiences during the sermon time, and stay for coffee hour for more information and questions. Hospitality is a central Biblical value that they illustrate with their lives and work.

WARMING CENTER

This coming Sunday, June 28, Emma Villacis and Jeanne Edwards from the warming center at Segunda Iglesia in Kingston will be coming to speak to us about how warming centers work.

SCHEDULE AT ST. ANDREW'S FOR SUNDAY (June 28)

LEM:	Valerie McAllister
Acolyte:	Carla Mancuso
Lector:	Julie Mazur
Usher:	Annette Johnson
Altar Guild:	Jennifer McPherson
Organist:	Janet Frommer
Live Stream Tech:	Charlie Burgner

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 gittel@rmmny.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

See church website for recent actions.



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.

THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week Rae, Carla, Annette, David, Susan, Janet, Jane, Susan, Jennifer, Cathy and MaryAnn. 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

The church office will be closed tomorrow, June 25.

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, 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, Alex, Julie & Lily, Lesley and Matthew.*