

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

JUNE 4, 2026

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

[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

As part of a deanery discussion group, Spiritual Practices for Resistance, we are reading sections of Jim Wallis' book *The False White Gospel*, (a text suggested by the Anti-Racism Committee's 2026 Diocesan Read). A shameless advertisement: we'll also be reading parts of Howard Thurman's *Jesus and the Disinherited*, one of my favorite books ever! The group continues on Zoom on Wednesday evenings in June.

In a discussion of the parable of the Good Samaritan, Wallis quotes the Latin American theologian Gustavo Gutierrez: "Who is my neighbor? The neighbor . . . is not the one whom I find in my path, *but rather the one in whose path I place myself*" (Wallis, p. 63). Most people travel the same paths most of the time—home to work to errands to entertainment—seeing the same folks and objects. In the US neighborhoods are often segregated by race or ethnicity and class, so we're seeing people like ourselves most often.

Gutierrez argues that Jesus asks disciples to choose intentionally to walk another path, in terrain and with people new to us and different from us. Wallis incorporates this into a discussion of proximity, how we expand our awareness of how other people live by working, living, worshipping, and studying together—"Proximity is what most often creates understanding, empathy, and compassion" (Wallis, p. 64).

In the gospel for Sunday a powerful synagogue leader rushes up to Jesus begging Jesus to heal his daughter, who is at the point of death. Jesus quickly agrees. On the way a poor woman suffering from hemorrhages tries to quietly touch the hem of Jesus' cloak so that she can be healed. Jesus feels her touch and affirms her faith before continuing on to the synagogue leader's house, where he also raises the daughter from death (or near death). The synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) all sandwich these stories together—why? So that people from very different social-economic positions might see each other? So that disciples know that no one is beyond the range of Jesus' attention?

If I were the synagogue leader, almost hysterical with grief and worry and despair, I might well resent this upstart woman who delays Jesus. Conversely the woman may have been totally unaware of the plight of the leader. For a moment there's the opportunity for them to see each other, and maybe appreciate both their differences and their common desire for healing.

Christians often segregate themselves into congregations of “people like us” —it’s comfortable and feels safe. Wallis argues that this is one of the cardinal sins of contemporary Christianity—we have so much to learn from sharing worship with folks very different than ourselves, telling stories of our lives, hearing stories of others’ lives, finding that we have more in common than we think, and noticing in ourselves things we had taken for granted. Over and over again proximity has been a powerful tool for overcoming opposition and growing together.

What can you, can we as a congregation, do to put ourselves in proximity to people with very different experiences, and to work and eat and talk together long enough to be changed by our interactions? It takes courage, and patience, and faith that Jesus will meet us in these interactions and we will all know a bit more about the “kingdom” of God.

VISIT FROM REV. ALISSA NEWTON, CANON TO THE ORDINARY

The Rev. Alissa Newton, "Canon to the Ordinary," is coming to visit St. Andrew's on **Sunday June 14**. We're working out details now, but she will preach and I hope meet with the vestry before church and be around for cheer the boating folks on during coffee hour. It's part of the commitment of diocesan staff to visit every congregation every year.

“[Canon](#)” has lots of meanings but in this case refers to someone who assists a bishop. “[Ordinary](#)” doesn't mean ho-hum, but rather refers to the diocesan bishop whose duties are prescribed by canon law to be the jurisdiction “permanently and irremovably annexed to” the office of bishop” (probably as distinguished from bishops with a particular focus). Still, my children loved to hear about “the boom-boom to the ho-hum” when we went too far afield exploring Episcopal vocabulary.

ON JUNE 28 Emma Villacis and Jeanne Edwards from the warming center at Segunda Iglesia in Kingston will be coming to speak to us about a warming center at St. Andrew’s.

Play with arts and crafts! A few crafty people want to get together over the summer, Mondays from 11am-1pm beginning June 1, either in vicarage or the parish hall, to play with crocheting, sewing, collaging, making a banner, whatever. Bring materials to share or come and see what we have to share.



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71st ANNUAL NEW PALTZ REGATTA
(and St. Andrew's "Keep the Church Afloat" Regatta!)
Sunday, June 14

URGENT!
CAR WITH TRAILER HITCH NEEDED!!!!

Regatta Fundraiser for St. Andrew's

You can also pay for the privilege of NOT rowing the boat with a donation of any size to the St. Andrew's "Keep the Church Afloat" Regatta Fundraiser--the clothing sale did really well and we need at least \$4000 more to meet the budgeted fundraiser goal for 2026. How about \$10 for the privilege of not building; \$25 for privilege of not rowing, \$50 for a tambourine to beat along the way, following the example of Miriam! The regatta is Sunday, June 14, after church--parade down Main Street and launch at Sojourner Truth boat launch.

SCHEDULE AT ST. ANDREW'S FOR SUNDAY (June 7)

LEM:Brenda Hush
Acolyte:.....Ella Brown
Lector :.....Sally Vasse
Usher:Jane Conger
Altar Guild:Jennifer McPherson
Organist:Janet Frommer
Coffee Hour:The Simons Family
Live Stream Tech:Charlie Burgner

PRIDE MARCH & FESTIVAL SUNDAY, JUNE 7

- We need volunteers to staff a table with Redeemer



March down Main Street and then tabling at the Festival at Hasbrouck Park. We are sharing a tent and marching banner with Redeemer; we will have fidget toys, info about St. Andrew's, and stickers to give away. Please sign up to help staff the table for all day or 30 minutes or whatever time you have. Folks able to help set up tables in Hasbrouck Park before church or take down tables around 3:00 would be most appreciated. Or plan to be in front of St. Andrew's after church to hail the Parade.

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>

Our own **Brenda Hicks-Hush** is featured on the latest *We Be Griots* podcast, found at the [Margaret Wade Lewis Center website](https://www.mwlcenter.org) or "wherever you access podcasts."

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.

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**SPIRITUAL PRACTICES
FOR RESISTANCE**

RESISTING EVIL, RACISM, & CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

Wednesday Evenings on Zoom
June 3, 10, 17, 24

6:45 Prayer | 7-8pm Discussion

Brief Readings from Jim Wallis, Kelly Brown
Douglas, and Cole Arthur Riley

Facilitated by
The Rev. Dr. Allison Moore
The Rev. Dr. Meg Stapleton Smith

Learn more & sign up at ctkstoneridge.org/sp4r

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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.



ACTION CORNER

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

Actions for this week

Governor Hochul's budget has taken a big, disappointing step back from New York's historic climate law. In the short time left in the session this spring, we can still urge our legislators to pass these bills, which would

- 1. Place a temporary moratorium on data center construction in New York State and*
- 2. Speed up the permitting for plug-in solar.*

I invite you to join me in writing your representatives, and to share widely. In a national time of widespread attacks on environmental protections and green energy, we can still mitigate the situation significantly on the state level.

Here is a link from our friends at New York Renews:

<https://act.myrenews.org/2026-climate-jobs-justice-agenda>



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 especially Valerie, Abby, Charlene, David, Cathy, Bruce and Jane. 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.

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, Chet, Rodger, Jennifer, Ann, Laura.***