St. Andrew's Church, New Paltz

Parish & Community News

November 12, 2026

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

[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) **10:30 am – 11:30 am** – **Sunday School** on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month at Redeemer Lutheran Church (fall schedule begins October 4)		**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

This Sunday it's our turn to distribute Free Fresh Food, a ministry we share with the Reformed Church, Redeemer Lutheran, New Connexions (the new name for NP Methodist Church), and the Quaker meeting. This ministry started just before COVID, when farmers would bring food to a refrigerated storage box at the New Paltz Recycling Center where it would often sit and wilt. Residents have come to depend on this source of fresh produce. Different churches supplement these veggies with soups or bread or non-perishable goods--especially important in winter as we receive less fresh food.

Many of you very faithfully schlep boxes from the back door into the parish hall; here's a "behind the scenes" peek at what this ministry requires. All are welcome to participate as you would like!

Free Fresh Food… How it works and how you can help

FREE FRESH FOOD
Third Sunday of each month

In the week leading up to the third Sunday, we need to:

1. **Go to the "bot"** which is a refrigerated big box on the grounds of the new Paltz recycling center. https://www.townofnewpaltzny.gov/recyclingreuse/pages/about-us Generally, food gets delivered there Wednesday around noon and we can pick it up any time after that that the bot is open which is 9 to 5. Wednesday there is generally the best selection, but you can pick up food Thursday, Friday or Saturday as well within the

recycling center hours. You will drive up to an office with a window where they'll ask what you're doing and you'll say "I need to go to the bot for Free Fresh Food."

You pick up food: anywhere from 4 to 8 boxes of various veggies, there's a sign out sheet where you say your name, your church, and what you've taken. You bring the food back to the church and put it in either the refrigerator or the back hallway by the bathrooms. That process can take 30-45 minutes generally.

2. **Then on Saturday at 11:00am** Joan Gallagher and her husband bring a trunk full of other food from I'm not sure where —I think Tops. They arrive around 11:00 and they need help unloading their car. We generally put that food in the kitchen, squishing things into the refrigerator until we buy another refrigerator (Which means figuring out where to put another fridge!) Joan is very prompt. There is a 12-Step program meeting in the Parish Hall while this unloading is going on, but they know that and we are quiet..

3. **On Sundays,** we ask parishioners to help us bring the food from the back of the church into the Parish Hall after the service.

Then we set up starting around 12:15 and doors open at 1:00pm. Usually, distribution is through around 2:00 and then we clean up and put empty boxes out by the recycling container by the back door.

4. **Leftover food goes to the Free Food Fridge**, next to the Village Hall. Sometimes we leave nonperishable veggies in the back hallway and take them to the Methodist Church down the block on the fourth Sunday after church, but I think that's an extra step we don't need.

SCHEDULE AT ST. ANDREW'S FOR SUNDAY (November 15)

LEM:	Rae Slingerland
Lector:	Annette Johnson
Usher:	David Slingerland
Altar Guild:	Valerie McAllister
Organist:	Janet Frommer
Coffee Hour:	Simons Family
Live Stream Tech:	Jane Conger



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Morning Prayer on Zoom on Thanksgiving morning, 10:00am

UTO - UNITED THANK OFFERING

Ingathering of Blue Boxes November 29

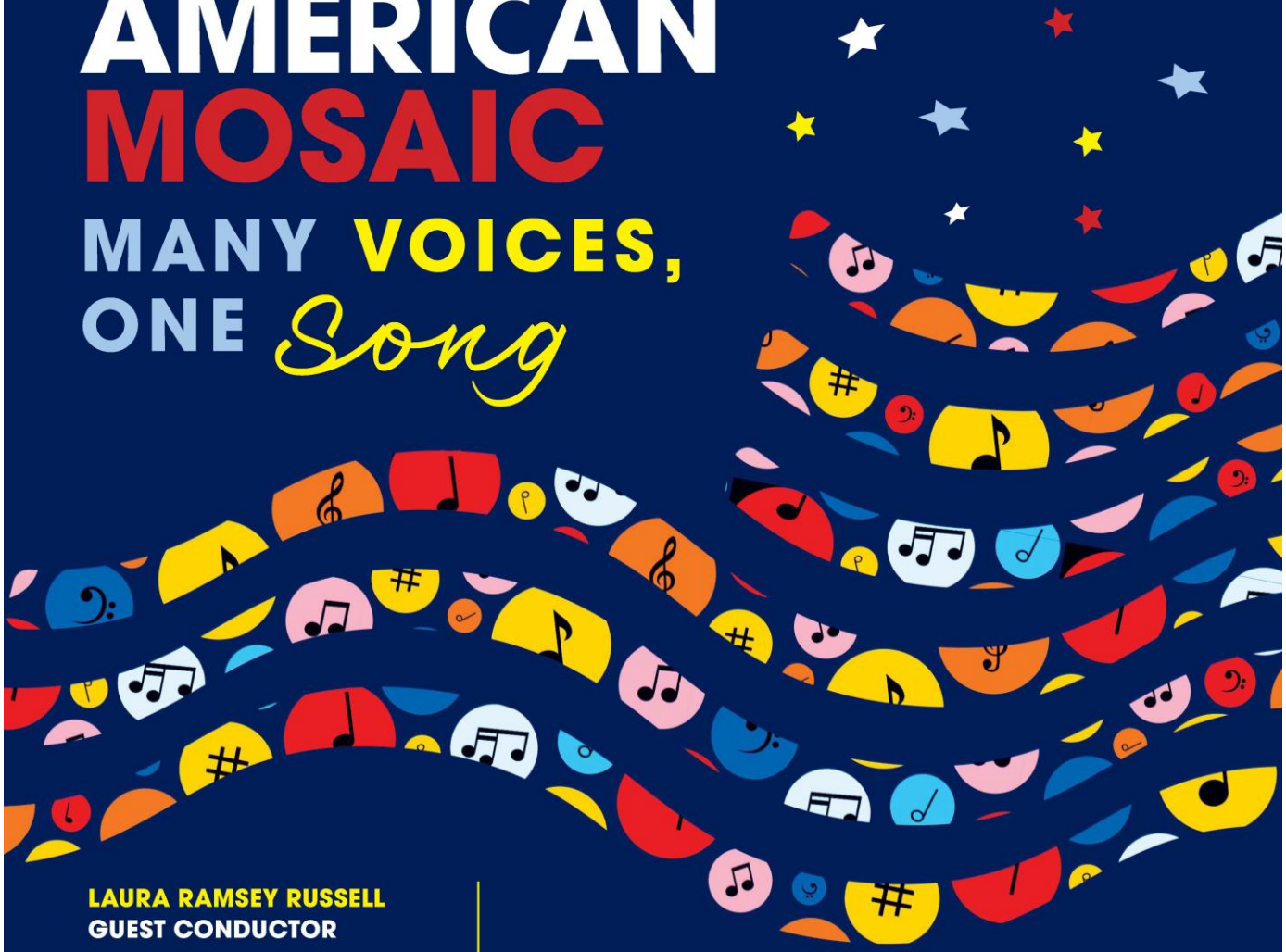
How UTO Works

Gratitude is a pretty simple concept, but is something that many people find hard to practice. Being grateful requires simply noticing something good in your life and responding with thanks. Noticing more good things, feeling gratitude for them, and thanking the people who made those good things possible builds positivity and happiness in both the grateful person and the thanked people. This creates a spreading circle of gratitude and kindness.

Because learning to be grateful requires practice, UTO provides materials and creates opportunities for anyone to begin or deepen a gratitude practice. There are many good things that happen in our lives that we can't say thank you for, such as a beautiful sunrise or recovery from illness. In these moments, UTO members make a thank offering either online or in a Blue Box as a way of sharing their gratitude.

AMERICAN MOSAIC

MANY VOICES, ONE *Song*



LAURA RAMSEY RUSSELL
GUEST CONDUCTOR

MUSIC BY
Christopher Aspaas, Margaret Bonds, Aaron Copland, Shawn Kirchner, Undine Smith Moore, Gwyneth Walker, and others

TEXTS BY
The Book of Revelation, St. Francis of Assisi, Benjamin Franklin, Abraham Lincoln, Emma Lazarus, Teddy Roosevelt, Katharine Lee Bates, E. E. Cummings, and Langston Hughes

Cappella Festiva

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 15
2026

3:00 P.M.
Christ Episcopal Church
At the corner of Academy St. & Barclay St.
20 Carroll St., PoughkeepsieNY 12601

This concert celebrates the many voices of the colorful mosaic of our United States of America. Through a rich variety of musical styles and texts, it reflects the cultures and traditions that have shaped our nation over the past 250 years.

TICKET PRICES

Premium Reserved Seating: **$40** | General Admission: **$30** at the door; **$27** in advance
Senior Citizen: **$25** at the door; **$22** in advance | Student: **$10**

For discounted tickets, purchase in advance at www.cappellafestiva.org or contact us: cappellafestiva@gmail.com



NEXT CHILDREN'S SERVICE AT ST. ANDREW'S

In December the Children's Service will be on December 13th.

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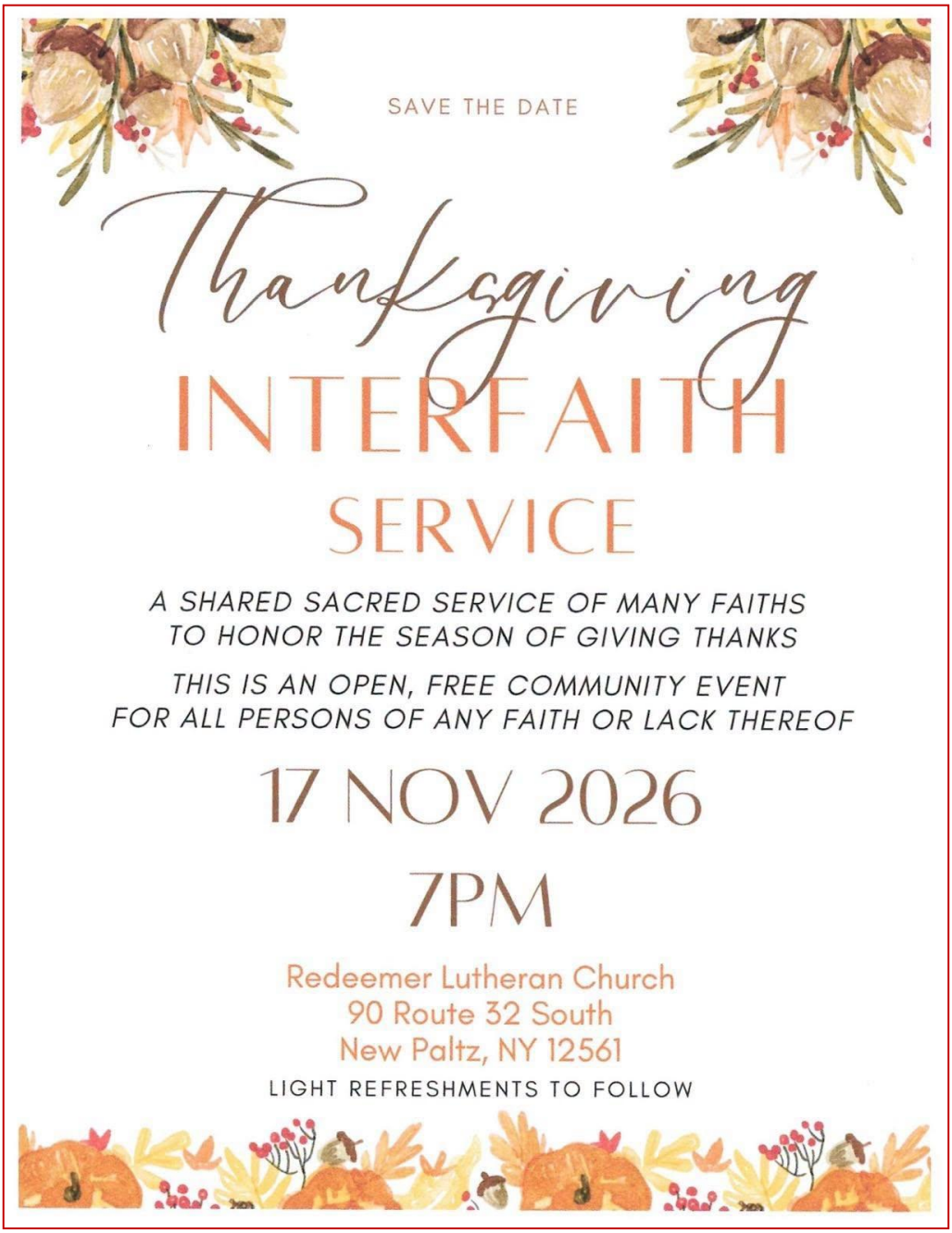
Steps you can take to work on justice. Ideas welcome!!

Actions for this week

The Town of New Paltz Office of Community Wellness is reaching out to the community with a survey that will help them collect information that (a) will be used to create a special interactive component at this year's winter carnival, and (b) will be used to inform program planning and design for 2027. It is completely anonymous and the only demographic info they are seeking is age category so they can look for ways to create intergenerational programs wherever possible. Please help out by clicking on the link below.



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COFFEE HOUR

Please sign up to make coffee, heat tea water, either bring food to share or see what we have in the kitchen cupboard., and clean up afterwards. There is a sign-up sheet downstairs near the kitchen counter--please help!

There are generous donors to coffee hour who can, from time to time, stock the fridge and bins with cookies and cakes, etc., so some Sundays it's just about someone making coffee and helping to assist with cleaning up.

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SAVE THE DATE

November 17	**Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Redeemer Church, 7pm**
November 26	**Thanksgiving Morning Prayer on Zoom at 10:00am**
December 13	**Children's Service**
December 21	**Longest Night Service at New Connexions Methodist Church**

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BUILDING RENOVATION NEWS

Thank you to all who came to the Parish Summit and to those who offered opinions and asked questions. Allison will begin working on an Ulster County Housing Action Fund grant https://www.ulstercountyny.gov/Departments/Planning/Housing/Housing-Action-Fund for a warming center as the next step in this process.

THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week especially Jen, Julie, Martin, Susan, Janet, Charlie, Thea, Luba 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, Terrell, Davette, Sally, Charlene.***