

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

OCTOBER 8, 2026

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

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

[Columbus Day.](#) “The Columbus Day Parade was born on October 12, 1929, when a NYC businessman and Italian immigrant, Generoso Pope, led a parade from East Harlem down to Columbus Circle. The parade commemorated Christopher Columbus's explorations and the achievements and contributions of Italian-Americans to the landscape of New York and the United States. The parade was followed by a fundraising dinner to benefit immigrants creating a new life for themselves in NYC. The parade has become the world's largest celebration of Italian-American culture ever since. The parade is held each October on Columbus Day, which is a federal holiday in the U.S.”

[Indigenous People's Day.](#) “Though Columbus never set foot on what is now the United States, he would be [placed at the center](#) of a national mythology that took shape during the American Revolution and solidified in the nineteenth century as the project of [westward expansion](#) swept the nation, decimating Indigenous populations in its wake. Despite the incalculable losses they sustained through centuries of violence and erasure, descendants of the Indigenous Peoples who survived are still here. They are refusing to allow this history to be forgotten and are calling for a retelling that exposes colonial violence and centers Indigenous experiences.”

What to call and how to commemorate this federal holiday is one more topic in the “culture wars” that characterize our nation these days. And yet, hear the origins of Columbus Day again: between 1890 and 1920 large numbers of poor Italians (among many European and Asian) came seeking work. And faced intense discrimination: does this sound familiar?

“As immigration from Europe and Asia neared its crest in the late 19th century, anti-immigrant sentiment soared along with it. The U.S. was in the grips of an economic depression, and immigrants were blamed for taking American jobs.” Derogatory attacks in the press and against immigrant churches and gathering places were commonplace. ([Source](#): Library of Congress). An Italian-American business man wanted the contributions of his people to be honored, just as any marginalized group demands today.

Our nation needs a full reckoning of the complexities of opportunity, economic expansion, visions of a nation with room for everyone AND racism and prejudice, theft of land and labor and genocide. Here is a prayer by The Rev. Sheryl Kujawa-Holbrook from *Seeing the*

Face of God in Each Other to move us towards greater understanding, respect, and reckoning with contemporary residents of our nation and world.

O God of radiance, fascinating in your kaleidoscopic diversity, help us to love ourselves as we mirror your image to the world. As we grow tired of this struggle, Lord, and we feel alone in our weariness, strengthen us when we grow faint of heart. Give us a memory for the victories of our ancestors: help us to remember a time when our forebears faced immeasurable pain with the sure knowledge that you were with them. Remind us that we are truly never alone. When we grow faint, gird us with your strength; when we doubt, fill us with confidence that the beauty of our skin, ebony, mahogany, lemon, ivory and taupe is but a mere reflection of the richness of your glory. Help us to understand the gifts we bring into this broken world: the love of color and variety. This we ask in the name of Jesus, who touched all and loved all. Amen.

MID-HUDSON REGIONAL COUNCIL

A note from Allison:

Until COVID and diocesan restructuring, the Mid-Hudson Regional Council met quarterly, planned an annual gathering, and distributed grants to member churches. I represented St. Andrew's for a while, and we received money for the SUNY Ulster Pantry and a tri-church speaker's series exploring issues in our town and village.

Regional Council fell apart for a while, but is now in the process of reconstituting itself for better communications and shared ministries in our region. Here's a snapshot of the process: Each congregation, religious and official organization in the region designates a clergy representative and up to two lay representatives. Then an Executive Committee is elected from among the representatives. Then discussions of a Regional Mission Strategy how to allocate financial resources in the region ensues. If you enjoy working with local Episcopalians to further regional ministry, this is for you! I enjoyed my work with this group. Contact Allison or [The Rev. Cam Hardy](#) (Regeneration Pine Plains, for more info or to be a representative.



UTO - UNITED THANK OFFERING

UTO BLUE BOX DISTRIBUTION WILL BEGIN THIS SUNDAY

It's time for those Little Blue Boxes again!

Ann Fowler and Charlene Wynkoop have shepherded our participation in the United Thank Offering for years, thank you! The backbone of UTO is gratitude for daily blessings, shared with a thank you to God or neighbor or part of creation and a monetary token of gratitude. When coins were in greater circulation, it was easy to put them in the little blue box; now UTO is working on alternative ways to encourage the spirit of thanks as well as financial support.

[A bit of history:](#) "The United Thank Offering (UTO) began in 1883 when the women of the church took up a thank offering to support innovative mission and ministry in The Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion that the church budget could not cover." "At the 1889 Triennial Meeting in New York, the Women's Auxiliary instituted the United Offering for the support of innovative mission projects and to send female missionaries to serve as nurses and teachers." In a book whose author and title I can't now find there was a fascinating history of how with westward expansion women missionaries would go ahead into small towns, identify the schools and medical facilities in place (or not), organize local women to raise money and create social services and build churches. . . then all too often male priests would come in and take all the credit!

"Today, UTO includes members of all ages and genders, and welcomes people regardless of church affiliation. UTO's focus is still on promoting gratitude and supporting innovative projects that address compelling needs around the globe."

[Awards:](#) In 2026 it funded 26 projects around the country and the globe.

On October 11 we will distribute boxes and information for all who would like to learn more or help contribute. We will hold a fall ingathering on Thanksgiving weekend (November 29), but if you are traveling that weekend don't worry, we will accept little blue boxes and checks until mid-December!

SCHEDULE AT ST. ANDREW'S FOR SUNDAY (October 11)

LEM: Valerie McAllister
Lector: Kappa Waugh
Usher: Annette Johnson
Altar Guild: Cathy Kelly
Organist: Janet Frommer
Live Stream Tech: Jane Conger

WINTER WEAR CLOTHING SALE

ST. ANDREW'S FUNDRAISER

November 14 10am – 4pm

Winter Wear: Coats, jackets, hats, gloves, scarves, boots, sweaters

Bring donations week prior Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9:30am – 2pm

UNCAGED TOY PIANO

2026 FESTIVAL FOR TOY PIANOS AND KEYBOARDS

Festival led by our church next-door neighbor, Phyllis Chen

October 15, 7:30pm, Denizen Theatre, New Paltz

October 17, 1:00 – 3:00, The Living Room, Gardiner

October 13, 7:30pm, The Falcon, Marlboro

See more information at <http://uncagedtoyiano.org>



FILM AT ST. ANDREW'S

Local New Paltz filmmakers will screen their newest full-length movie, *Anna by the Window* Oct. 17th, 8pm and Oct. 25th & 28th, 6pm at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. The film follows an aimless teenager over 24 hours in NYC as he avoids his estranged, AI startup founder brother. It is a youthful meditation on humanity's reeling for connection in the AI age. There will be a post-show Q&A with filmmakers Myles Flusser, James Hyland and Alex Young.

70 mins | \$10 admission

Buy Tickets: <https://dolphi.net/films/anna-by-the-window/screenings>

Watch Trailer: <https://www.baggysuit.com/>



ACTION CORNER

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

Actions for this week

“VOTE FAITHFULLY” CALLS FROM THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Episcopal Church invites you to join their monthly “Vote Faithfully” networking calls the final one will be Thursday, Nov. 5

Join the church’s public policy and witness team on the first Thursday of each month through November for “Vote Faithfully” calls to support voter engagement in ways consistent with Episcopal values.

Hosts share resources and ideas to help congregations promote voting and civic participation while remaining nonpartisan.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



NEW PALTZ COMMUNITY DINNERS

New Paltz Community dinners have begun again. They are held **every third Wednesday this fall at New Connexions Church**, Main Street at Grove Street, 6:00-7:30--sometimes there is a need for helpers but it's fun just to be there, eat, play cards and board games, and connect with others.

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.

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SAVE THE DATE

November 7 **Grief Support Project 1-4pm Community Center**

November 14 **Winter Wear Clothing Sale, 10am – 4pm**

December 21 **Longest Night Service at New Connexions Methodist Church**

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Save the Date

WALKING WITH GRIEF:

A Space for Connection, Community, and Support.

November 7th
1PM - 4PM
New Paltz Community Center
3 Veterans Drive, New Paltz

Join us for a special afternoon as we come together in a supportive space where people know and understand how our life journey may change as we walk with the many different forms of grief that we may experience in life. Your experience is unique, but you do not have to walk alone. We hope to see you there.

Offerings include:

- Speakers with lived experience
- Conversation & Connection
- Compassionate Listening
- Connecting with Joy
- Sampling of Simple Supportive Practices

FREE!
OPEN TO ALL



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Contact: Phoenix Kawamoto
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BUILDING RENOVATION NEWS

The Building Renovation committee has prepared a document of their findings and has presented it to the vestry. See Allison's report in last week's Parish Email.

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.

THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week Valerie, Kappa, Martin, Jennifer, Janet. Dean 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.

An extra special thank you to Brenda and David and everyone else who made the Friends & Family BBQ Celebration a success, and to the musicians Janet, Charles, Laurel and the others... **THANK YOU!** And a really big thank you to everyone who came and everyone who donated to St. Andrew's. To date we have received \$4,670 in donations!

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, The Copeland and Ward Families, Charlene.***