

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Genesis 1:1-27; Matthew 6:25-29, 33

[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

Last Sunday I tried to preach about how the powerful story of God freeing Israel from enslavement gets humans in trouble when we only identify with the Hebrews and rejoice with them at the death of Egyptian soldiers. Liberation of oppressed people is wonderful, but rejoicing at the suffering of enemies is dangerous. Narratives that accept, even endorse violence and the humiliation of one's enemies, only perpetuate a cycle of violence without end.

Sunday afternoon I started reading a book that says everything I wished I had been able to think or say. *The Future is Peace: A shared journey across the Holy Land*, by Aziz Abu Sarah and Maoz Inon, is a dialogue between an Israeli Jew and Palestinian Muslim who both lost loved ones as a consequence of the war between Israel and the Palestinian people. They record impressions of a pilgrimage through the Holy Land, visiting sites important to their personal and political stories. They are honest about their grief, rage, sense of impotence, their real disagreements with each other and their governments, and yet they are both sure that slow painful work towards a shared peace is the only way forward.

They reference Jesus as an outsider to both of their traditions whose commitment to love, forgiveness, listening and learning to empathize with "the outsider" is central to peacemaking. They connect their experiences to peacemaking efforts in Northern Ireland, Syria, and other places of persistent conflict. I recommend it highly, and would welcome a discussion with others who have read it, not so much as a political strategy, although peacemaking is that, but as a faith commitment. See what you think!

SCHEDULE AT ST. ANDREW'S FOR SUNDAY (September 20)

LEM: Valerie McAllister
Acolyte: Abby Brown
Lector: Julie Mazur
Usher: Jane Conger
Altar Guild: Susan Piowaty
Organist: Janet Frommer
Coffee Hour: Henry Weber
Live Stream Tech: Charlie Burgner

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Friends & Family Celebration Sunday, September 27, 2026

***Annual St. Andrew's Fundraiser &
Gathering of old friends and new***

See the sign-up sheet at the back of the church

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FAMILY SERVICES AT ST. ANDREW'S

Third Sunday of each month beginning
September 20th.

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SAVE THE DATE

September 20	Family Service
September 27	Friends & Family Celebration
October 3	Lamentations (at Redeemer) 6:00 pm
October 4	Sunday School begins regular schedule of 1 st & 3 rd Sundays of each month at Redeemer 10:30 – 11:30
October 4	Blessing of the Animals
November 7	Grief Support Project 1-4pm Community Center
December 21	Longest Night Service at New Connexions Methodist Church

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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>



New York Lamentations

**A dialogue between “residents”
of the St. James’ Hyde Park
cemetery about slavery and its
legacy in the Hudson Valley**

**Sat., Oct. 3, 2026 6pm
Redeemer Lutheran Church
90 S. Rte 32, New Paltz**

Free Will Offering

Talk back with the writer and producer

**Episcopal Diocese of NY
Reparations Commission
and Margaret Wade Lewis Center
contact standrewsrev@gmail.com**

For more info
about the play,



New York Lamentations

Allison says: Please help me share news of an amazing play, New York Lamentations, coming to Redeemer Lutheran Church, a partnership of the Diocesan Reparations Commission, Episcopal Campus Ministry, and the Margaret Wade-Lewis Center for Black History and Culture. It was written by the former rector of St. James Episcopal Church in Hyde Park, about some of the folks buried in their cemetery. The writer and producer will lead a talk-back session after the show. It would be fun for some of us to go together. The play is 90 minutes long.



9th ANNUAL

NEW VENUE!

RECOVERY FEST!

A CELEBRATION OF HOPE & RECOVERY
OFFERING INFORMATION,
INSPIRATION AND SUPPORT



FREE!

SEPTEMBER 20TH

1PM - 4PM

**HISTORIC HUGUENOT STREET
NEW PALTZ, NY**

FREE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- FREE BBQ
- BOUNCY HOUSE
- OUTDOOR GAMES
- FACE PAINTING
- OPEN MIC
- WORKSHOPS
- INFORMATION & RESOURCES
- SPEAKERS IN RECOVERY
- HOLISTIC HEALTH PRACTITIONERS



MORE DETAILS COMING SOON: NP thrivingtogether.org

**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**



**ULSTER COUNTY | Department of
Mental Health**

NEW PALTZ COMMUNITY DINNERS

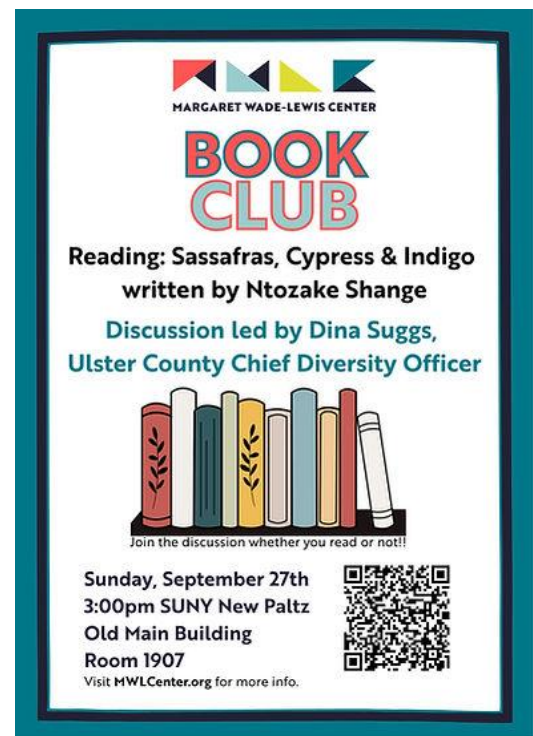
New Paltz Community dinners have begun again. They are held every third Wednesday this fall at New Connexions Church, Main Street at Grove Street, 6-7;30--sometimes there is a need for helpers but it's fun just to be there, eat, play cards and board games, and connect with others.

MARGARET WADE-LEWIS CENTER BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION

Margaret Wade-Lewis Center discussion of one of Allison's favorite books by Ntozake Shange, *Sassafras, Cypress and Indigo*, with discussion led by Dina Suggs. The Margaret Wade-Lewis Center invites us to join our neighbors for another thought-provoking discussion of Ntozake Shante's *Sassafras, Cypress & Indigo*. "Together, we'll discuss the poetry, letters, journal entries, and recipes combined in this novel to explore womanhood, the Black Arts Movement, female creativity, and ancestral spirituality. Your voice is welcome in this community conversation. Please join us even if you haven't read the book!"

Sunday, Sept. 27, 3:00 pm

Register below to reserve your free spot and receive event details.



LINK: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/mwlc-book-club-sassafras-cypress-and-indigo-by-ntozake-shante>

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.

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
Phone: 845-275-5413
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BUILDING RENOVATION NEWS

The Building Renovation committee is preparing a document of their findings and will be presenting it to the vestry this week.

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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ACTION CORNER

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

Action for this week

The Episcopal Diocese of New York asks that we Protect immigrant children

This year, instead of just filling backpacks for children, consider a donation:

In July, ICE arrested 175 children in New York City. Fourteen hundred children across New York are facing removal proceedings right now; more than 250 of them are in detention tonight.

- \$40 fills a backpack.
- \$100 fills two and helps a family learn their rights.
- \$250 covers the filing fee the federal government now charges a child to petition for protection.

Your support helps us to meet our goal— 400 backpacks and 20 filing fees by the end of September.

[Back to School Drive](#)

[Donate Here](#)

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MOVIES WITH SPIRIT

Waste Land, an award-winning documentary about dignity, art and the people who work one of the world's largest landfills, screens at 7 p.m. this Saturday, Sept. 19, at Unison Arts, 9 Paradies Lane, New Paltz.

THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week Brenda, Sally, David, Cathy, Janet, Dean, Charlene, 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, Renee, Terrell, Davette, Liz and family.**