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March 2026 from Pastor Amanda

As I was writing the list of "Prayers" for this edition of the Tidings, I mistakenly typed "countries in the Middle Easter" instead of "Middle East." I shook my head at myself and changed it, but then wondered if it was a "mistake" at all. Maybe it was a reminder.

A reminder that when things are tough, there is good around the corner.

A reminder that violence doesn't get the last word.

A reminder that even as another day of winter weather looms, spring is coming.

A reminder that love, not hate, triumphs in the end.

A reminder of Easter.

These are tough times, but keep hoping, keep praying, keep showing up.
Because Easter is coming.

Thanks be to God.

Peace,

Pastor Amanda



Mission Updates

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

“SERVING GOD THROUGH SERVING OUR COMMUNITY”

Food Pantry Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. Our next Food Pantry Sunday will be EASTER SUNDAY, April 5th. Donations of non-perishable food can be brought to in-person worship, or left outside the office door (first door with an overhang) anytime the week prior.

A snowy scene



2026 Monthly Missions



JANUARY Hudson Valley Humane Society



FEBRUARY Black History Month. MLK Jr. Multipurpose Center



MARCH **Nyack's Health Lifeline Clinic**



APRIL Earth Day month World Wildlife Fund



MAY World Hunger Month Spring Valley UMC Food Program



JUNE Rockland's Pride Center



JULY New City's Center for Safety and Change- a haven and advocacy center



AUGUST Mercy Ships bring Healthcare to the poorest areas



SEPTEMBER Nanuet's Foundation Recovery Community Center



OCTOBER UNICEF- help families in need worldwide



NOVEMBER Project Joy- gifts for Rockland County Children



DECEMBER Autism Research Institute

New City UMC Monthly Mission for March 2026

Health Lifeline Clinic

Dr. Norbert Rainford, a longtime member of our church, has been an integral part of this clinic for over 8 years. The clinic has served our community for over 20 years.

“It is the opportunity to do that which we went to medical school for – to help people”. Norbert Rainford

Health Lifeline, located in Nyack, is a free clinic that provides basic medical services for those who are uninsured.

No staff is paid for providing time or skills.

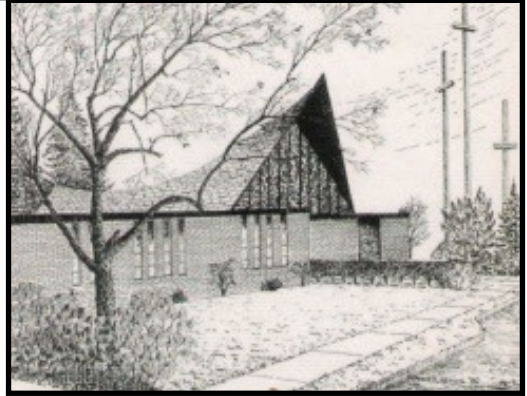
They depend on donations to keep the doors open and to cover the expenses such as utilities, equipment, first aid supplies, etc.

Thank you for your consideration of this mission. Donations can be made out to our church, with "Clinic" or "March Mission" in the memo line of your check. You can also donate at newcityumc.org



Dr. Rainford at the clinic. Thanks for all you do, Norbert!

**Worship Service Time: 10:30am Both
in-person in Fellowship Hall and on
Zoom**



Worship/Sermon Topics

We continue our "Names of Christ" worship series throughout the month of March, leading up to Easter.

March 1: 2nd Sunday in Lent. "Names of Christ" - Week 2: Bread of Life. Sacrament of Holy Communion. Food Pantry Sunday.

March 8: 3rd Sunday in Lent. "Names of Christ" - Week 3: Light of the World.

March 15: 4th Sunday in Lent. "Names of Christ" - Week 4: Good Shepherd.

March 22: 5th Sunday in Lent. "Names of Christ" - Week 5: Great Physician.

March 29: Palm Sunday. Processional of the Palms beginning in the courtyard. "Names of Christ" - Week 6: Lamb of God.

Children's Church Table

We're trying something new for our youngest worshippers this year.

We're calling it the "Children's Church Table." Our children (pre-k through 6th grade) will be invited to move to the Children's Church Table in the "narthex" (area just outside Fellowship Hall) after the Children's Message in worship. A Table "Host" will join them, and there they'll find activities geared toward the worship theme of the day. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer as a "Host," please speak with Pastor Amanda. Thank you to all our "hosts" and families!

Youth Group

We had a blast at the Pearl River UMC for our February gathering with some crazy games, tacos, and a great worship service.

March's gathering is Sunday, March 8 at the Suffern UMC (18 Parkside Dr, Suffern). 6PM-8PM. All youth in grades 6 thru high school are invited to join us for dinner, games, conversation, and worship.

Important Dates

Wednesday, March 4 - Trustees Meeting 7:30pm on Zoom

Thursday, March 5 - Bible study begins 7:00pm on Zoom (see p_)

Sunday, March 8 - Daylight Savings Time begins; Church Council Meeting 9:00am on Zoom; Regional Youth Group @ Suffern UMC 6:00-8:00pm

Tuesday, March 17 - Saint Patrick's Day

Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday (worship begins in the courtyard with the Processional of the Palms)



Angel's Attic Thrift Shop

Hours

Saturday's 9:00-2:00

Thursday's 10:00-12:00 noon

*****closed March 5th, 7th, and 12th as we switch to
SPRING*****

**To volunteer in any way, please call Sue Delo
(845-304-8798)**

Sorting is Monday's 9:00 am-12:00 pm



Volunteer Opportunities

Thrift shop sorting—We are in need of some additional sorters on Monday mornings and during Saturday shop hours. Come join a fun group of workers who love what they do and have a great time together! Monday sorting is 9am-12pm (unless otherwise noted in worship announcements). Saturday hours are 9am-2pm. Come for an hour, come for two, come for the whole time! Totally up to you. Any and all help is appreciated.

Work Our Thrift Shop!—Thrift shop hours are Thursdays 10-12 and Saturdays 9-2. We are in need of additional volunteers as cashiers and "floaters" on BOTH days. Speak to Sue Delo.

Fellowship Hour

Hooray for Fellowship Hour! Thank you to Joanne Hegarty who leads this important ministry. And thank you to all who set up, clean up, bake, and purchase goodies! To offer your time and talents, speak with Joanne or sign up on the Fellowship Hour sign-up sheet after worship.

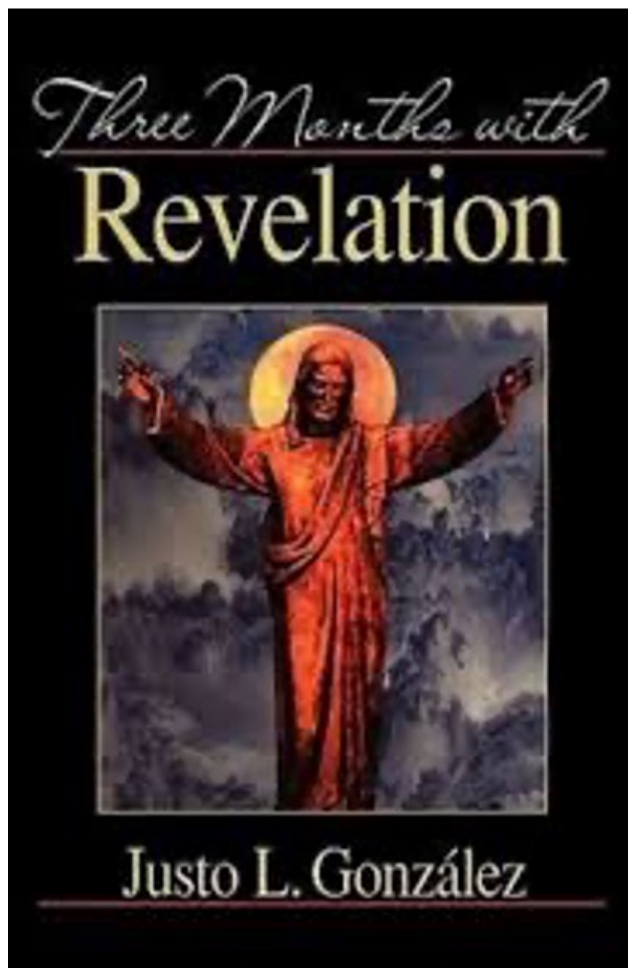


You are invited...

Upcoming Bible/Book Study

Three Months with Revelation

written by Justo L. González



14 Thursdays @ 7pm on Zoom. March 5 - June 11 (no class April 2).

Participants must acquire their own book. Please read the Introduction for March 5.

RSVP to Pastor Amanda by Monday, March 2 --
umcofnewcity@gmail.com
(email); 973-978-5162 (call or text)

Thank you to Winsome for preaching for MLK Sunday and African American Heritage Month!!



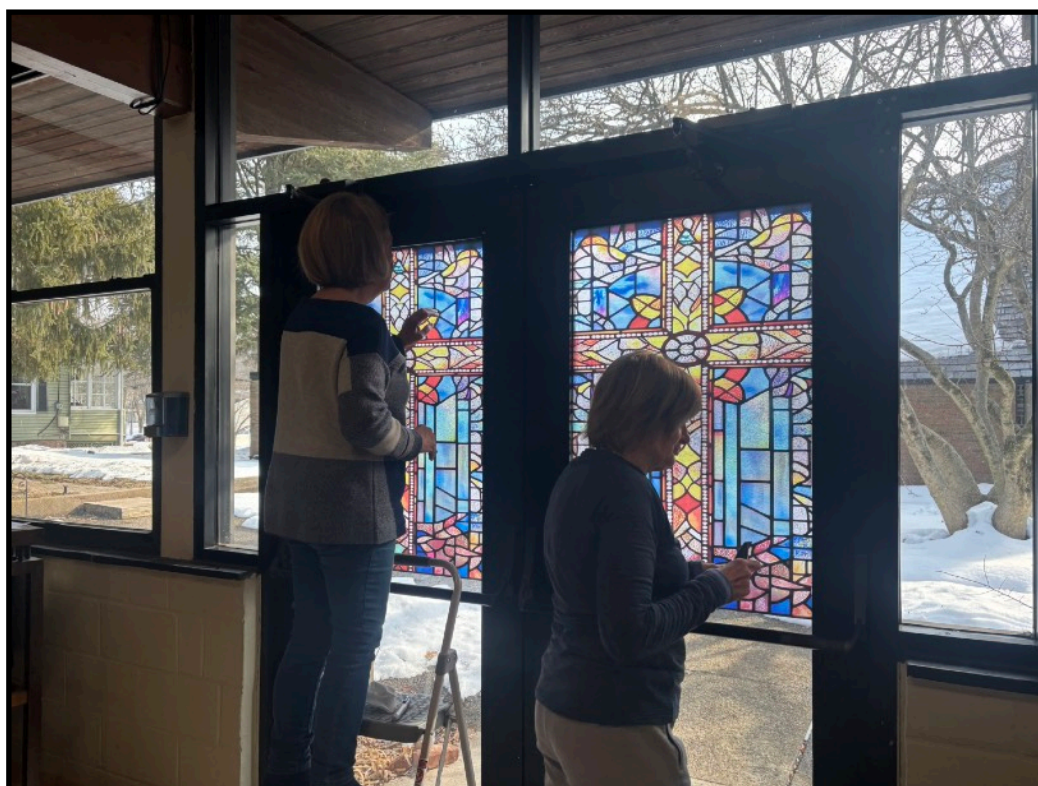
NEW (former) MEMBER LYN HARPER and family. Welcome home, Lyn!



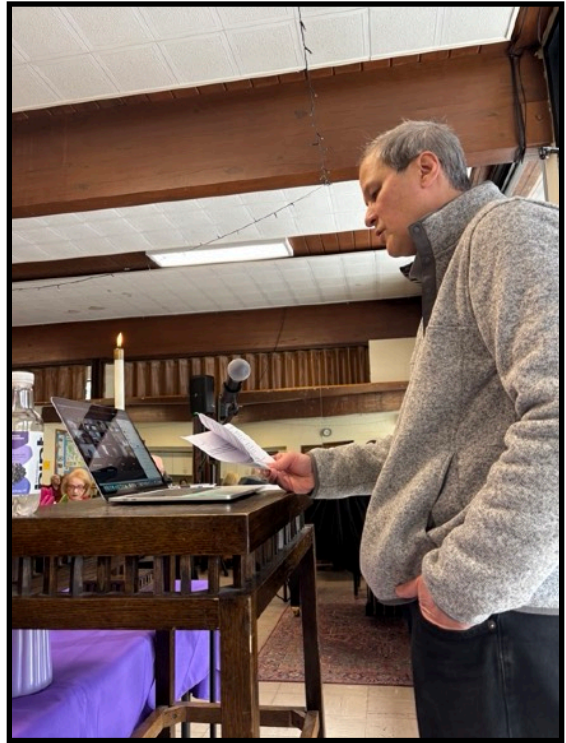
United Methodists marching for immigrant rights in Washington, DC



New cross decals being installed in Fellowship Hall



Some great readers



Ash Wednesday Worship

