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May 2026 from Pastor Amanda

Having a sick kid is no joke. As I'm writing this, it's Gregory's 6th week out of school (not including a free pass for spring break week). Home instruction began last week. We're hoping for a positive doctor's experience in the near future so we can get a handle on "Lyme relapse." In my 18 years as a pastor, I've never even worked with a family whose child was sick enough to be on home instruction; but here we are. People ask constantly if I'm alright. Honestly, most of the time, that answer is "Yes," though I wouldn't think that would be the case and I marvel at the truth of it. The reason why I'm doing ok? Because Gregory is. No, he's not physically ok. And half the time he's not cognitively ok, either. But spiritually he's good, and that's keeping me going. After a particularly difficult doctor's appointment during which we were told recovery could take months, I had a heart-to-heart with Greg. "How are you taking all this?" I asked. "Really, I'm ok," he said. What followed was a 16 year old's contemplation on time. Time keeps going, he rationalized, so even if

he can't do the things he'd like to do now, he'll have the chance to do them someday. So he's good. He's going with the flow. His heart and soul are at peace, even while his body isn't.

I call that a gift. I call that grace. I call that God.

And it's because Gregory is ok that I am ok. We'll get through this.

Take time to take care for your spiritual self. Because during the times that your physical and/or cognitive self are impaired, it's your spiritual side that will see you through. If you've got a good spiritual side, that gift will see others through as well. The grace of God works in and through us, even when our bodies betray us.

May your spirituality be strong, that, like Gregory, you may endure with peace and patience whatever comes. And may you know that the grace of God is with you, always.

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 June 7th. 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.



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

Monthly Mission for May 2026:



We're partnering with the Feeding Ministry at Spring Valley UMC!

Spring Valley UMC feeds approx. 70 people a free meal every Thursday evening. We will be providing the meal and helping to serve on Thursday, May 28.

What we need:

--7 volunteers to each prepare a meal for 10 people. Meals should include a meat, vegetable, and starch item. Easiest meals are "one dish" dinners that provide all three (casseroles, lasagnas, rice dishes, etc). Meals should be fully cooked and can be dropped off at the parsonage anytime before 4:30pm on May 28, or taken directly to the Spring Valley UMC at 5pm.

--2 volunteers to each prepare or purchase 35 individually wrapped desserts. Desserts can be dropped off at the parsonage anytime before 4:30pm on May 28, or taken directly to the Spring Valley UMC at 5pm.

--Up to 5 volunteers to help pack/hand out meals at the Spring Valley UMC. Arrival time: 5pm. Departure time: 8:30pm.



Please RSVP for any of the above to Pastor Amanda.

Let's help our neighbors in need!

Worship Service Time:

10:30am Both in-person in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom

**Worship/Sermon Topics**

During the months of May and June we will be looking at passages from "Forgotten Books of the Bible" - our lesser-known scriptures. We'll have some breaks in that schedule to celebrate AAPI Sunday with our Church & Society Committee, and some guest speakers on a couple Sundays when Pastor Amanda will be elsewhere. Join us!

May 3: 5th Sunday of Easter; "Forgotten Books of the Bible" - Week 1; Sacrament of Holy Communion; Food Pantry Sunday

May 10: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day; "Forgotten Books of the Bible" - Week 2

May 17: 7th Sunday of Easter; "Forgotten Books of the Bible" - Week 3

May 24: Pentecost; Celebration of AAPI Sunday with our Church & Society Committee - Mihea Kim preaching; Memorial Day Weekend

May 31: 1st Sunday after Pentecost; Konrad Soong preaching/leading worship (Pastor Amanda at Suffern UMC)

Youth Group

We had an amazing time at Regional Youth Group in April! We met at Thiells-Garnerville UMC, enjoyed some delicious lasagna, played some great games, worshipped together, and ate way too much whipped cream! We're on hiatus for May, as our pastors have way too much going on this month, but we look forward to a pool party in late June. Details TBA. **We are also looking for a new Youth Director**, as Pastor Kristine will be leaving us. If you know of anyone who would be awesome and interested, put them in touch with Pastor Amanda.



Angel's Attic Thrift Shop

Hours

Saturday's 9:00-2:00

Thursday's 10:00-12:00 noon

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

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



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!

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.

Important Dates

Monday, May 4 - Line Dancing w/Lyn (see p 10)

Tuesday, May 5 - Cinco de Mayo

Wednesday, May 6 - Trustees Meeting on Zoom, 7:30pm

Sunday, May 10 - Mother's Day

Sunday, May 17 - Church Council Meeting on Zoom, 9:00am

Sunday, May 17 - Tuesday, May 19 - Pastor Amanda and Doug Caulk (Lay Representative) at Annual Conference in Wildwood, NJ

Monday, May 18 - Line Dancing w/Lyn (see p 10)

Wednesday, May 20 - Pastor Amanda vacation day

Sunday, May 24 - Celebration of AAPI Month in worship - Mihea Kim preaching; Pentecost Sunday

Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day

Thursday, May 28 - Cooking/Serving for Spring Valley UMC's Feeding Ministry (see p 5)

Sunday, May 31 - Konrad Soong preaching & leading worship (Pastor Amanda at Suffern UMC)

BUILD THE ROOF. BLESS OUR COMMUNITY.

Dancing on the Ceiling

BEGINNER LINE DANCING LESSONS



1ST AND 3RD MONDAYS

\$15



7:00 – 8:30 PM



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW CITY

76 Congers Rd.

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Instructor: Lyn Harper

- + ✦ *No experience needed – just come ready to have fun!*
- + ✦ *Great exercise, great music, great community!*

All are welcome! Bring a friend!



Easter Flowers 2026

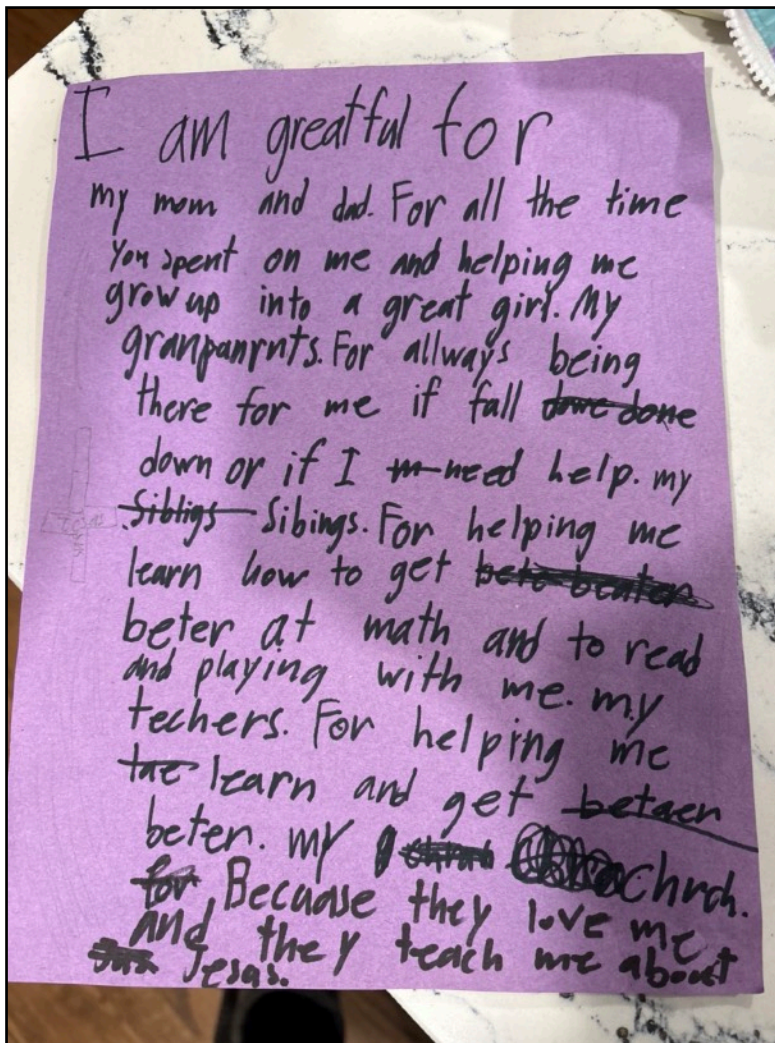


<u><i>Given in Memory of . . .</i></u>	<u><i>By . . .</i></u>
<i>Frank Brooks, Sr.</i>	<i>Joyce Brooks</i>
<i>Loved Ones</i>	<i>Joyce Brooks</i>
<i>Our Parents (2)</i>	<i>Sue & Chuck DeLo</i>
<i>My Parents (2)</i>	<i>Maureen Gallagher</i>
<i>Rev. Dr. Tanya Linn Bennett</i>	<i>Pastor Amanda</i>
<i>Mami y Papi</i>	<i>Rita Negrón Maslanek</i>
<i>Michael Maslanek & Edna Kendel</i>	<i>Rita Negrón Maslanek</i>
<i>Robert McMann</i>	<i>Betsy McMann</i>
<i>Patrick Nolan</i>	<i>The Nolan Family</i>
<i>John Rubbo, Sr.</i>	<i>Megan & Joe Rubbo</i>
<i>Love Ones</i>	<i>Megan & Joe Rubbo</i>
<i>JPJ, DMc, RH, ENJ, BSS (5)</i>	<i>The Sandberg Family</i>
<i>Vicki Meseroll</i>	<i>The Troia Family</i>
<i>Loved Ones</i>	<i>The Edwin Woolley Family</i>
<i>Robert Forsell (beloved brother)</i>	<i>Muriel Woolley</i>
<u><i>Given in Honor of . . .</i></u>	<u><i>By . . .</i></u>
<i>Our Building Committee</i>	<i>The Hemenetz Family</i>
<i>Our Fundraising Committee</i>	<i>The Hemenetz Family</i>
<i>Our Thrift Shop Volunteers</i>	<i>The Hemenetz Family</i>
<u><i>Given to the Glory of God by . . .</i></u>	
<i>The Soong Family (2)</i>	

-Note from a Donor to our Sanctuary of Hope Fund -

I was happy to hear about your efforts to refurbish your sanctuary from a new friend. The building was new when I was growing up and the design left quite an impression on me. My home church is Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Pearl River. I am happy to be able to make a small donation to your building fund.

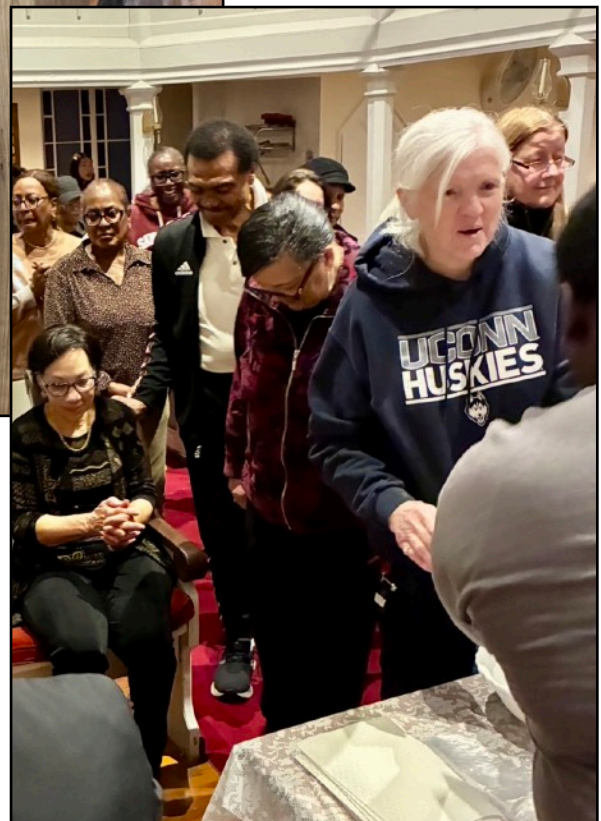
Note from one of our youngest worshippers











Easter Sunrise and Breakfast



Easter





Hughes Family Concert for Morning Music Club Scholarships



New Fellowship Hall floor and accordion door



Courtyard Magnolia

