



New City United Methodist Church

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August 2026 from Pastor Amanda

This year September feels different.

At the start of school, I'm usually both giddy to get Greg out of the house (so I can have the house to myself), and annoyed at having to again wake up so early (as Greg's classes begin at 7:25am). This year, though, I feel only one emotion -- Thankfulness.

I am thankful.

This past spring, we faced Greg's illness with as much courage and practicality as we could. From the doctor's appointment when we were told it would probably take six months for him to feel like himself again, to the home instruction for school which lasted three of those months, to the many specialists' appointments and Greg's "crashes" in which he slept, and slept, and slept -- We braved it, especially Greg, who rarely let it get to him. He survived. We survived. We even got to go on vacation, and Greg fully attended and enjoyed both Zoology and Marine Biology camp. And now, six months later, I am thankful.

I am thankful I have a child who is well enough to go to school.

Sometimes it's the little things that bring us to our knees. This is one them.

This September, what are you thankful for?

Peace,

Pastor Amanda



A healthy Greg riding the waves in August.

Birthdays...

September 5-Carter Castel
September 6-Christine Behr
September 7-Janice Raiford Shaw
September 8-Tyler Soong
September 9-Salvador Villanueva
September 11-Adrian Kryzkowski
September 13-Christina Hughes
September 16-Marlie M. Ansaldo
September 19-Kenneth R. Shaw
September 20-Sandra Weaver
September 22-Laura Alexandro
September 24-Jami Delo
September 25-Eve Murphy
September 27-Ayana Rainford; Nicholas Alexandro
September 29-Gifty Mensah

Anniversaries...

September 13-Jeannine & Peter Alexandro
September 19- Joanne and Jack Hegarty
September 22-Muriel & Edwin Woolley
September 24-Gifty & Patrick Mensah
September 27-Jean & Larry Rohrs

Prayers...

For the family of Burt Renfroe as they mourn his passing;
for Doug Caulk as he continues chemo;
for Ray Castel, as he recovers from his double lung transplant;
for Senya Renfroe and all those in nursing facilities;

for Ken Shaw as he awaits medical testing;
for Anita as she gets stronger in rehab;
for Joyce Brooks after her recent hospitalization;
for Bill Campbell who has health issues;
for Johanna Almiron-Johnson and her family as they move to St. Louis;
for Pastor Amanda and her medical testing;
for those with memory loss;
for those facing or recovering from surgery;
for all with cancer;
for those who are considering or have attempted suicide;
for those who are nearing the end of life;
for those who mourn;
for all our students, teachers, and staff going back to school;
for those going to college for the first time;
for the people of Ukraine and other war-torn areas of the world;
for those experiencing natural disasters;
for the women of Afghanistan;
for our troops, especially those on the USS Abraham Lincoln;
for our immigrants;
for our leadership to make better decisions;
for our country.





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 September 6th. 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

New City UMC's *September mission.*



Rockland Council Prevention and Recovery is a non-profit organization serving Rockland County with programs focused on prevention and addressing alcohol, drug, and gambling abuse.

The organization centers on supporting individuals, families, and schools with substance abuse prevention. Their programs are designed to raise awareness and reduce the harm associated with addiction.

They operate the Foundation Community Center at 25 Smith Street, Nanuet.



PREVENTION

Empowering youth, families, and communities through education, awareness, and prevention programs.



RECOVERY

Providing support, resources, and a path to healing for individuals and their loved ones.



COMMUNITY

Partnering with schools, organizations, and the community to create a healthier Rockland.



SUPPORT

A safe place to find help, build hope, and strengthen our community together.



To donate to this cause, please write **September Mission** or **Rockland Council** in the memo line of your check and put it in the offering plate or donate at **NewCityUMC.org**.

Worship Service Time:

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

**Worship/Sermon Topics**

"Beloved Community" -- Join us in September for a 4-week series created by the GNJ and EPA Conferences' Commissions on Religion and Race. We'll talk about Jesus' and the early church's idea of the beloved community and what that could look like today.

September 6: 15th Sunday after Pentecost; "Beloved Community" - Week 1; Sacrament of Holy Communion; Food Pantry Sunday

September 13: 16th Sunday after Pentecost; "Beloved Community" - Week 2; **Commemoration of 25 Years Since 9-11; Mets/Yankees Game Fundraiser after Church (see p 10)**

September 20: 17th Sunday after Pentecost; "Beloved Community" - Week 3

September 27: 18th Sunday after Pentecost; "Beloved Community" - Week 4

Angel's Attic Thrift Shop

Hours

Saturday's 9:00-2:00

Thursday's 10:00-12:00 noon

Angel's Attic is currently closed for the fall change-over. We re-open on Saturday, September 12th.

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!

Important Dates

Currently thru September 11 - Angel's Attic closed.

Wednesday, September 2 - Trustees Meeting on Zoom, 7:30pm.

Monday, September 7 - Labor Day; Line Dancing w/Lyn in Fellowship Hall (see p 9)

Saturday, September 12 - Angel's Attic reopens for fall (hours 9:00am - 2:00pm).

Sunday, September 13 - Church Council Meeting on Zoom, 9:00am;
Commemoration of 25 Years Since 9-11 in worship; Mets/Yankees Game Fundraiser (see p 10)

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.

Altar Flowers - Volunteer to provide flowers for our altar for worship! What you bring is up to you. It's also up to you whether you take them home again, offer them to a churchgoer, or leave them for Pastor Amanda to distribute. The first Sunday of each month is already taken! To volunteer, speak with Pastor Amanda. Also needed - someone to head up this ministry, make sign-up sheets, etc.

Membership/Directory Assistance - We are need of one or two people to help with contacts toward our new Directory. We've been working on this for quite some time, and we'd love to have it ready for this year's holiday season. Volunteers reach out with phone calls & emails to confirm info and check on those we haven't seen a while. If interested, please speak with Pastor Amanda.

Fellowship Hour

Yay for Fellowship Hour! Coffee, tea, and goodies will be back on September 13th following worship. To offer to help with set-up, clean-up, or providing food please speak with Joanne Hegarty.

**BUILD THE ROOF.
BLESS OUR COMMUNITY.**

Dancing = on the = Ceiling



BEGINNER LINE DANCING LESSONS

\$15
PER CLASS

 **1st & 3rd Mondays**
 **7:00 - 8:30 pm**
8:30 - 9:00 pm
Next level class +\$5

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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!



A DAY AT THE BALLPARK **METS vs YANKEES**

A FUNDRAISER BENEFITTING THE UMC of NEW CITY'S
BUILD THE ROOF - BLESS THE COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN

DATE & TIME
SUN SEPT 13

Game Time
1:35 PM

LOCATION & SEATS
YANKEE STADIUM

Section 234
Rows 13 & 14

TICKET PRICE
\$135 / TICKET

Limited Tickets
Available

INCLUDED

Round-trip transportation from
Tarrytown, NY to Yankee Stadium via MTA Metro-North

TO ORDER TICKETS

OPTION 1: CREDIT / DEBIT

Secure online payment:

1. [Click Here](#) for the website.
2. Scan the QR code:



OPTION 2: CASH / CHECK

Mail or drop payment off with
name, email, and cell:

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An email with more details will be sent the week prior to the game.

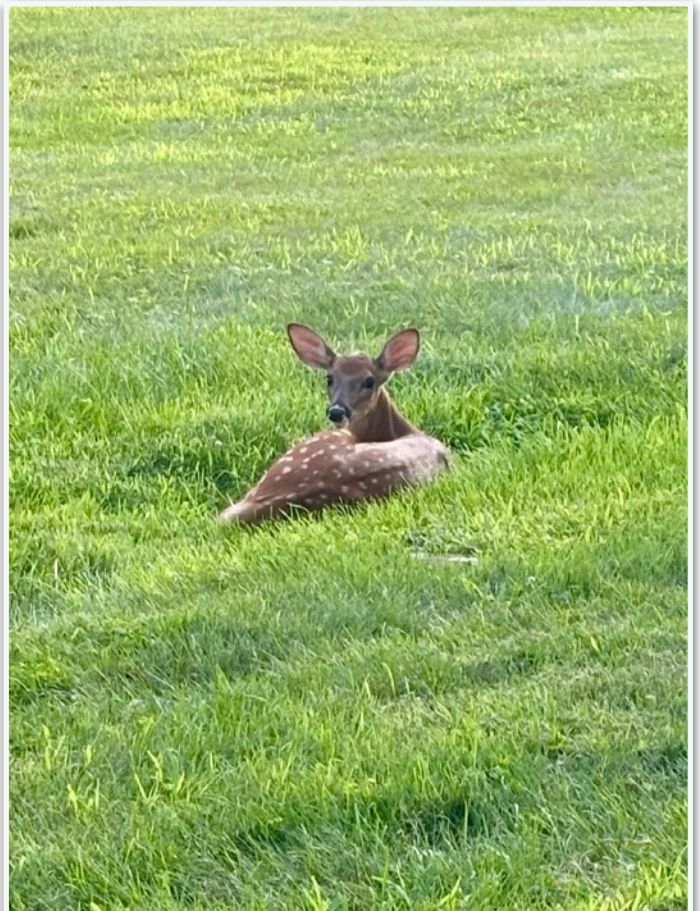
Questions or More Information?

Contact George Hemenetz | Cell/Text: 973-459-1319 | Email: george.hemenetz@gmail.com

A Thank-You

On behalf of the Helping Hands Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless of Rockland County, we extend our deepest gratitude for your generous donation of \$855.00. Your continued partnership - expressed so faithfully through both financial contributions and hands-on support - plays a vital role in enabling us to serve our Rockland County neighbors facing homelessness, housing instability, and food insecurity. Because of the compassionate commitment of communities like yours, we can offer direct relief, warmth, and hope to individuals in their time of dire need.

Some church friends



Sharing Roses - Thanks to all who are bringing in altar flowers!

