



## New City United Methodist Church

76 Congers Road  
New City NY 10956  
845-634-1758  
[www.newcityumc.org](http://www.newcityumc.org)

Rev. Amanda Hemenetz,  
Pastor  
973-978-5162  
[umcofnewcity@gmail.com](mailto:umcofnewcity@gmail.com)

Jean Craig, Editor  
[jeancraign@gmail.com](mailto:jeancraign@gmail.com)

### October 2026 from Pastor Amanda

*“Do not worry . . . Consider the lilies of the field . . .” – Matthew 25-33*

The leaves are still on the trees.

Recall our last two Octobers, and you’ll know what I’m talking about. We had overwhelmingly dry summers in 2025 and 2024, which led to leaves falling from their branches incredibly early. We had two years in a row of bare trees showing themselves around the time our children went back to school, with little color to show for it. We were raking in September.

But not this year. The leaves are still on the trees.

Which gives me hope, because leaves that have gotten enough water over the summer oftentimes show colors that burn brightly when they turn. I am looking forward to it.

At the same time, the fact that the leaves are still on the trees could be problematic. Some of our worst “winter” storms have happened in the fall, and heavy snow or ice on top of a leaf-laden tree means too much weight. We all know what happens then—the leaves and the tree fall at the same time. Downed trees, downed electrical lines, power outages—those are all possible, too.

But I choose to lean toward the beauty rather than the “what ifs.” I choose to anticipate an explosion of color and be thankful for it.

It’s always our choice. We can worry about our “what ifs,” or we can find something to be thankful for. Something to anticipate. Something to celebrate.

Jesus encouraged us to cast away worry by looking toward nature. “Consider the lilies of the field,” he said. I’ll do that next summer. But for now, I’m counting on the trees.

Peace,

Pastor Amanda



## Mission Updates

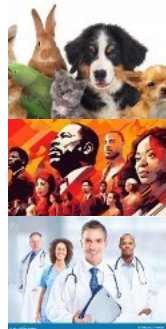
### OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

“SERVING GOD THROUGH SERVING OUR COMMUNITY”

Food Pantry Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. Our next Food Pantry Sunday will be October 4th. 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



**Worship Service Time:**

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

**Worship/Sermon Topics**

During the month of October, we'll be reading and learning from children's storybooks! Jesus said you could not enter the kingdom of heaven unless you became like a child . . .

October 4: 19th Sunday after Pentecost. "Like a Child" - Week 1: *Where You Are My Love Will Find You (written by Nancy Tillman)*. Sacrament of Holy Communion. Food Pantry Sunday.

October 11: 20th Sunday after Pentecost. "Like a Child" - Week 2: *Giraffes Can't Dance (written by Giles Andrede)*.

October 18: 21st Sunday after Pentecost. "Like a Child" - Week 3: *The Tale of the Three Trees (as retold by Angela Elwell Hunt)*.

October 25: 22nd Sunday after Pentecost. **Celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month with our Church & Society Committee.** Rita Negrón Maslanek preaching

### 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

Our Children's Church Table has been a success, so we're keeping it for the time being! Our children (potty-trained young ones thru 6th graders) are 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" (volunteer) joins them, and there they find activities built around a theme of faith. If you'd like to be trained as a "Host," please speak with Pastor Amanda. Thank you to all our "Hosts" and families!

### Important Dates

Sunday, October 4 - **New City Street Fair** (to volunteer for set-up, clean-up, or to "man" the table, reach out to Pastor Amanda).

Monday, October 5 - Line Dancing with Lyn in our Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm (see p 9)

Tuesday, October 6 - **Annual Church Conference** on Zoom, 7:00pm (see p 12)

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

Thursday, October 8 - Building Committee Meeting on Zoom, 7:00pm.

Sunday, October 11 - Church Council Meeting on Zoom, 9:00am; Faith & Politics Meeting at Thiells-Garnerville UMC , 7:00pm (see p 11)

Monday, October 12 - Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day

Friday, October 16 - **Thrift Shop Fashion Show**, 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall (see p 10)

Monday, October 19 - Line Dancing with Lyn in our Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm (see p 9)

Wednesday, October 21 - **Faith & Politics Worship Service** at Theills-Garnerville UMC, 7:00pm (see p 11)

Sunday, October 25 - **Celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month** with our Church & Society Committee. Rita Negrón Maslanek preaching.

## 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.

**A/V Help Needed** - Interested in being trained to set-up and run our sound and Zoom video system? It would be great if we had a couple more people trained in this important ministry. If interested, speak to George Hemenetz or Pastor Amanda.

## Fellowship Hour

Fellowship Hour is BACK! Thank you to those who have already volunteered to make or purchase goodies and to set-up & clean-up our coffee station. To offer your assistance, 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*

 **UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW CITY**  
 ..... 76 CONGERS RD. • NEW CITY, NY .....

**Instructor: Lyn Harper**

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



**All are welcome! Bring a friend!**



The poster features a black silhouette of a woman in a red dress and hat, holding shopping bags, walking on a red carpet. The background is a warm, golden glow with autumn leaves and stanchions. The text is arranged in a central column, with the title at the top, followed by the date and time, then the ticket price, and finally the event details and a QR code at the bottom.

# Angel's Attic

## FALL FASHION SHOW

Friday,  
October 16, 2026  
7:00 pm

*Tickets*  
**\$20**

**Door Prizes  
Refreshments**

*Wear something from Angel's Attic  
to the show for a bonus door prize ticket.*

 **United Methodist Church of New City**  
76 Congers Rd, New City, NY



## NEWS FROM "FAITH & POLITICS"

*(a combined effort of Rockland County UMCs)*

Politics can be holy, too, when centered in Jesus Christ. *We are faced with crazy times in which the church in the United States is often used to promote what is wrong rather than what is right. Let's change that.*

**We began our work in June, coming up with 4 projects for the 2026-2027 school year. Here are 3 ways you can be involved now:**

- Come to our next planning meeting, to be held on Sunday, October 11 at 7:00pm at the Thiells-Garnerville UMC (102 Rosman Road, Thiells, NY; enter through the door to the right of the sanctuary)

- Join us in our book study "The Flag and the Cross." 2 options - an online weekday class with our Conference of the UMC and the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference on Wednesdays in October 12noon-1pm.

[Click here for registration.](#)

OR

An online evening study on Thursdays November 12 - December 10 at 7:00pm taught by Pastor Amanda (New City UMC). To register call or text her at 973-978-5162 or email her at umcofnewcity@gmail.com

- Attend our upcoming Faith & Politics Worship Service to be held on Wednesday, October 21, 7:00pm at the Thiells-Garnerville UMC (102 Rosman Road, Thiells, NY)

*This is **NOT** Christian Nationalism; this is **CHRISTIANITY**, where the downtrodden are uplifted and we love all neighbors as we want to be loved ourselves.*

**JOIN US!**

## **2026 Annual Church Conference**

**Tuesday, October 6, 2024**

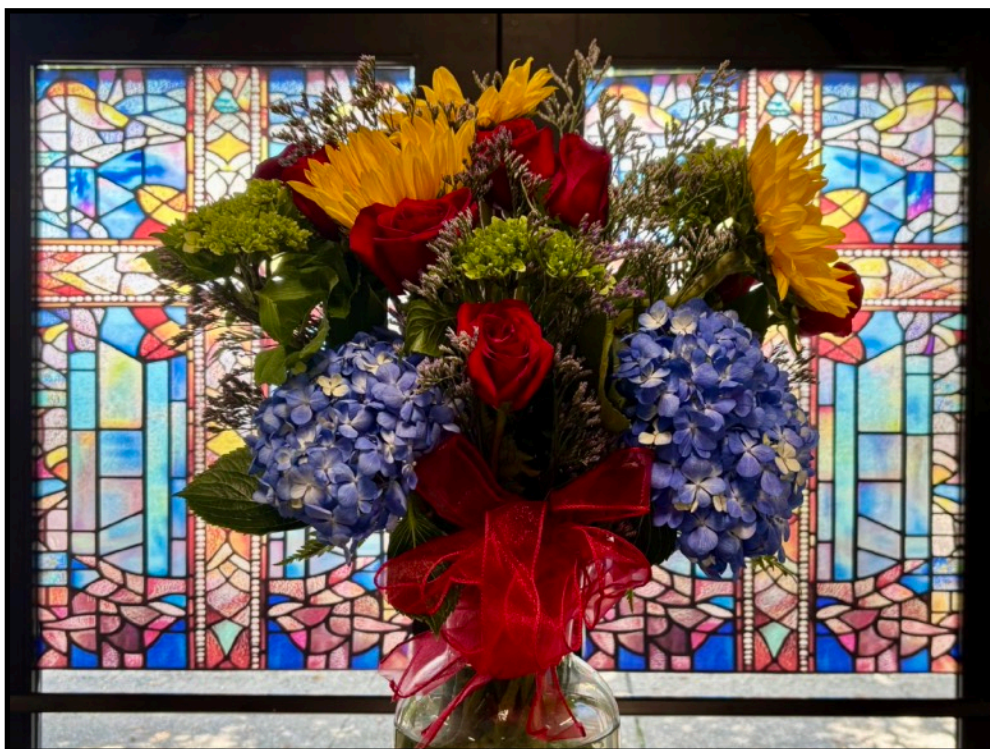
**7:00pm on Zoom**

Church Conference is held each year in accordance with The Discipline of the United Methodist Church at every United Methodist Church throughout the connection. Church Conference offers a chance to connect with The Greater New Jersey Annual Conference through greetings from our Conference staff, celebrating and evaluating our ministry, and setting goals for the future. Particulars within our local church are voted on, including the pastor's salary, those new to leadership positions, and reports regarding ministry from the previous calendar year. This year, this meeting will be presided over by Rev. Julie Lee, an Elder in our Conference.

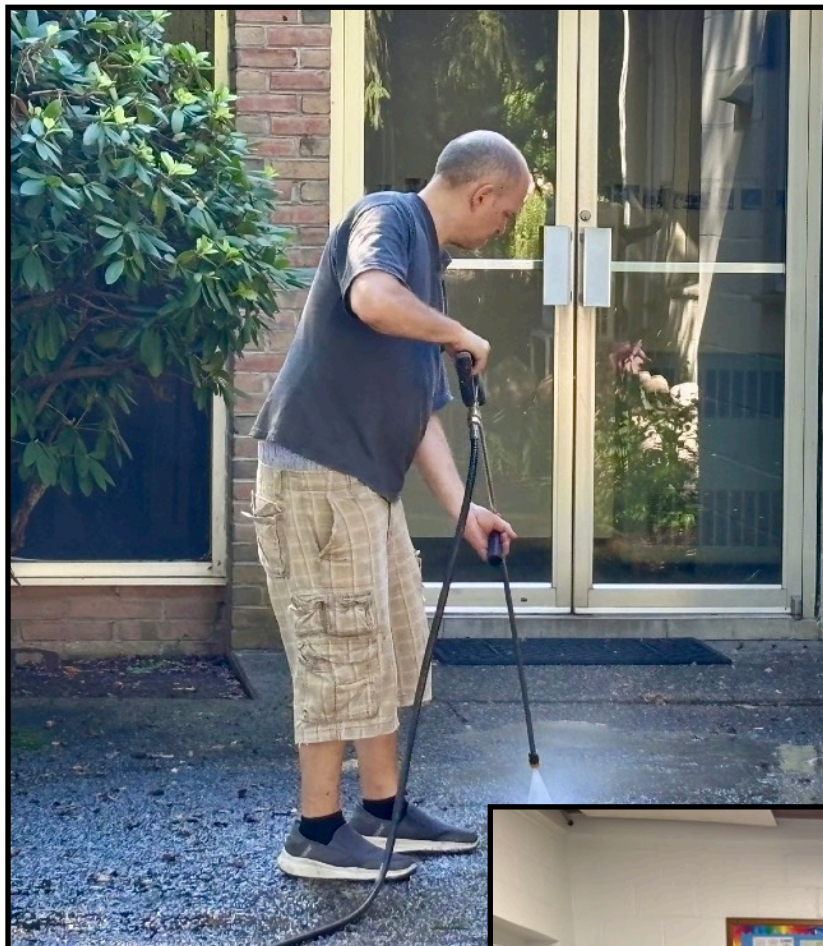
All professing members of the United Methodist Church of New City are encouraged to attend, participate, and vote. If you are unsure of your membership status, see Pastor Amanda.

Zoom link will be sent via email.

Lovely altar flowers



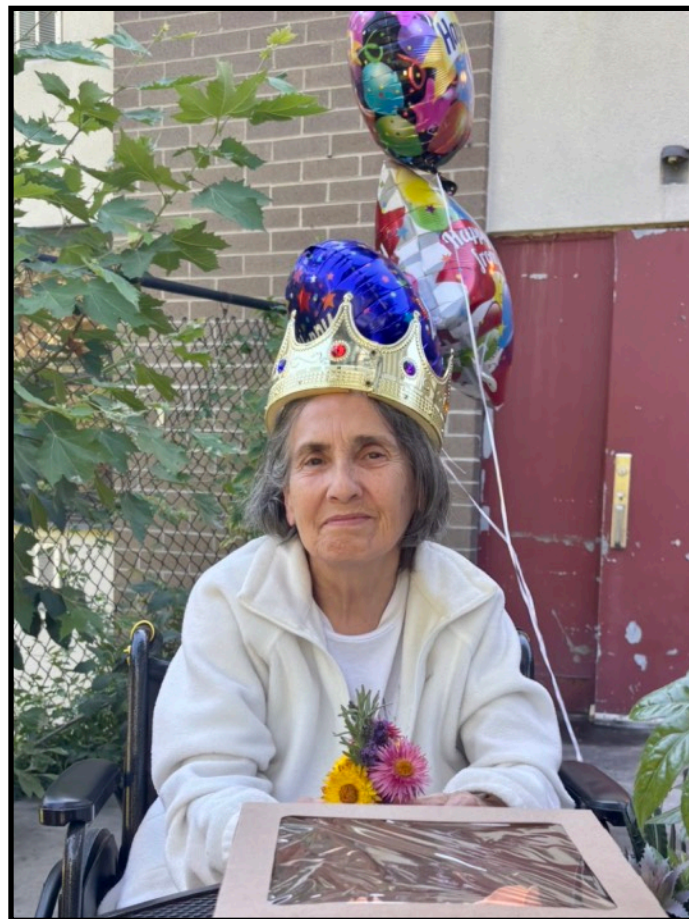
Thanks for powerwashing Sandro!



Our AMAZING thrift shop  
volunteers!

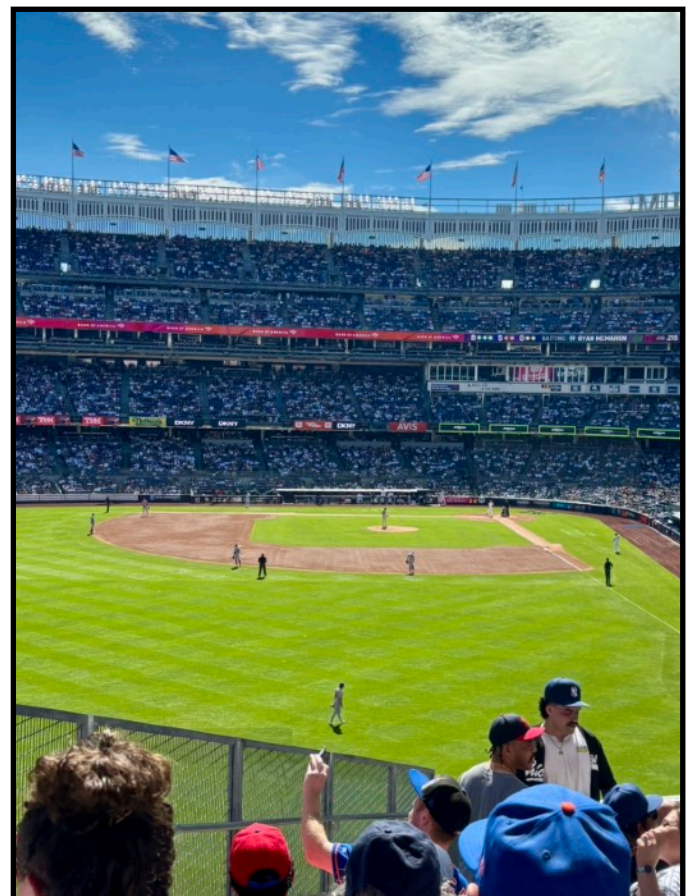


Happy 80th Birthday, Anita!



Line Dancing fun! 21 people on Labor Day!









Jean's altar flowers masterpiece

