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November 2026 from Pastor Amanda

It was the most fun I have EVER had at church.

I was skeptical -- "thrift shop" and "fashion show" don't seem to belong in the same sentence. And people would PAY to come see this? Really?

They did. And it was fun. REALLY FUN! We had a full house that night! Incredible models who let loose and hammed it up. Lovely door prizes. Excellent refreshments. And me made over $2000 for the sanctuary. At a THRIFT SHOP FASHION SHOW!!!!!!!

What a blessed, entertaining, joyful, hilarious evening! What a privilege to be there to witness it!

To our Thrift Shop volunteers and other church members who helped with the planning -- thank you for your creativity and hard work. To our models, many of whom were church members and thrift shop volunteers -- thank you for your willingness to be a little silly for a great cause. To all who came -- thank you for your support. And to anyone else who, like me, wasn't so sure about all of this -- I thank God for the times we are proven wrong.

You never know where you'll find the Spirit moving. You never know where you'll find some joy. It may just be at a Thrift Shop Fashion Show, where the music was pumping, hands were clapping, and laughter was contagious. I think Jesus himself may have walked the runway.

In awe of all of you,

Pastor Amanda

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



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 December 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.



PROJECT JOY IS COMING

For decades, our church family has provided gifts for Rockland kids from families who are struggling. As soon as People to People has information available about this year's Project Joy, we will let you know. Then you can join this heart-warming tradition.

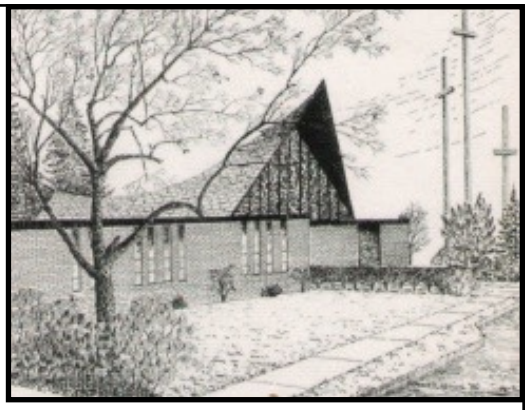


Chrismon Decorating!

Join us after worship on November 15 as we prepare some more Chrismons for use on Greening Sunday. All supplies will be available, but if you would like to bring some additional white, gold, or silver decorations you are welcome to do so. A pizza lunch will be provided. All are welcome.

Worship Service Time:

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



Worship/Sermon Topics

November is Stewardship Month! Don't worry - we won't be talking about money the whole time. The topics are Stewardship of the Past, Present, and Future. Then we'll celebrate our blessings (and our pledges toward the 2027 budget) with our Thanksgiving Celebration on November 22. Hope to see you often during the month of November!

November 1: **All Saints Day**, Food Pantry Sunday, Sacrament of Holy Communion, "Stewardship of our PAST," **Daylight Savings Time ends**.

November 8: 24th Sunday after Pentecost. "Stewardship of our PRESENT." **Konrad Soong preaching (Pastor Amanda on vacation).**

November 15: 25th Sunday after Pentecost. "Stewardship of our FUTURE." **Chrismon decorating after worship (see p 4).**

November 22: **Thanksgiving Celebration. Stewardship Sunday** (receiving of our pledges toward the 2027 budget, see p 12).
Jazz Concert Fundraiser in evening (see p 10).

November 29: **First Sunday of Advent.**

Pastor Amanda Vacation Days -

Pastor Amanda will be on vacation beginning Thursday, November 5 thru Tuesday, November 10. Rev. Gabrielle Corbett is on-call for pastoral care emergencies. Her cell: 201-410-6518

Save the Date: Greening Sunday will be December 6!

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, November 1: **All Saints Day, Daylight Savings Time ends**

Monday, November 2: Line Dancing 7pm (see p 8)

Tuesday, November 3: **Election Day**

Wednesday, November 4: Trustees Meeting 7pm on Zoom

Thursday, November 5 - Tuesday, November 10: **Pastor Amanda on vacation.** Rev. Gabrielle Corbett is on-call for pastoral care emergencies. Her cell: 201-410-6518

Wednesday, November 11: **Veteran's Day**

Sunday, November 15: Church Council Meeting 9am on Zoom**, Chrismon Decorating after worship**

Monday, November 16: Line Dancing 7pm (see p 8)

Sunday, November 22: **Thanksgiving Celebration in worship** (bring your completed pledge card, see p 12), **Jazz Concert Fundraiser** 7:30pm (see p 9)

Thursday, November 26: **Thanksgiving Day**

Sunday, November 29: **First Day of Advent**

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

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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!

MY BILL EVANS

A Personal Conversation

THE JOEL ZELNIK TRIO

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FUNDRAISER TO REPAIR SANCTURARY ROOF

Sunday, November 22, 2026 7:30pm

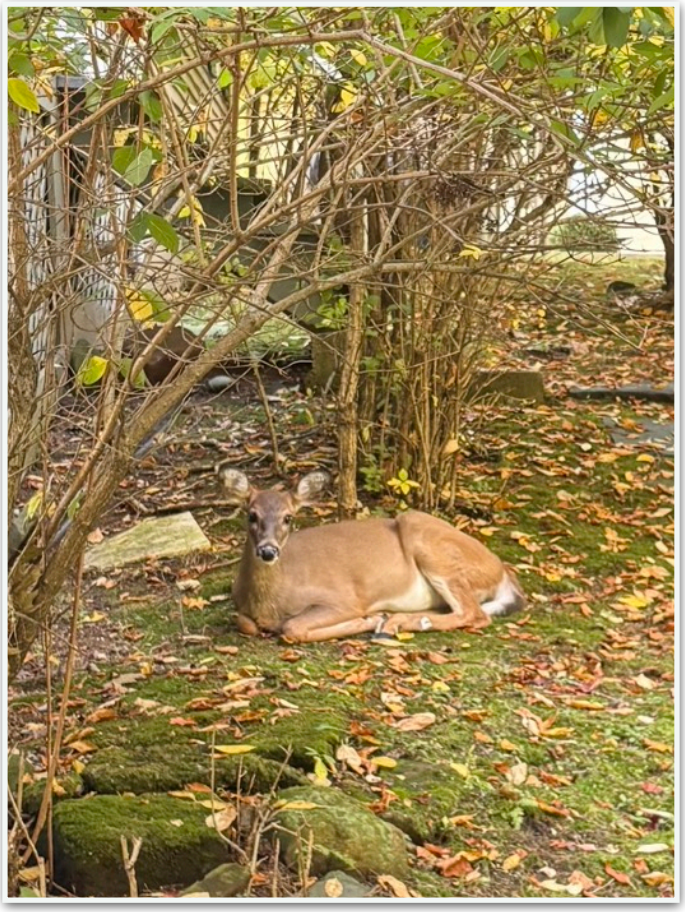
Join us for a heartfelt tribute to jazz legend Bill Evans, inspired by the conversations between Closter NJ resident Joel Zelnik and the seven-time Grammy winner. The program features Evans' iconic works alongside pieces reflecting Joel's admiration and influence. During the 1960s, Joel played at the Top of the Gate in NYC, alternating sets with Evans's trio, who once told him, "It's not what you play, but how you play it." Born in NJ and a Closter resident in the 1970s, Evans is celebrated as one of jazz's most innovative pianists. His humor, humility, and great musicianship continue to inspire. Learn more at www.joelzelnik.com.

Joel Zelnik – Piano
David Cox – Drums
Brian Glassman – Bass

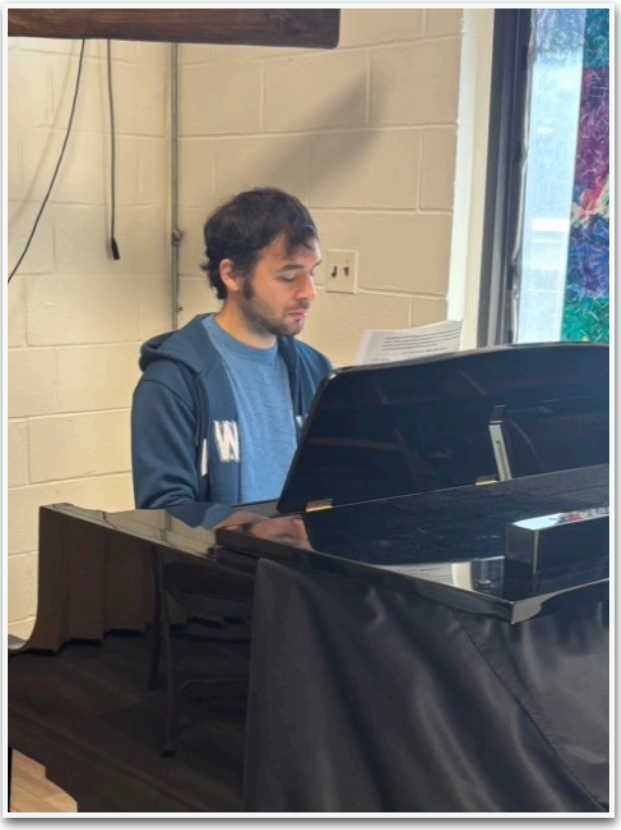
Another Jean A Masterpiece



Parsonage Visitor



Albert playing piano





Stewardship of our Past, Present, and Future - 2026 Stewardship Appeal
United Methodist Church of New City

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter this stewardship season, we are invited to reflect on what our church means to us and the blessings we share through our community of faith.

Our mission is "Serving God through Serving the Community." Through worship, teaching, fellowship, prayer, and outreach, we nurture faith, support one another through life's joys and hardships, and share God's love with our neighbors.

How do we measure the comfort, hope, and encouragement we receive through our church? While these blessings cannot be measured in dollars, sustaining our ministries and place of worship requires our faithful support.

Please prayerfully consider your pledge for the coming year. Your gifts support our daily ministries through the General Operating Fund and help maintain our buildings and grounds through the Capital Improvement Fund. A separate Sanctuary of Hope campaign addressing the sanctuary roof will be introduced in 2027.

You are invited to fill out the attached pledge card and bring it with you to worship for our Thanksgiving Celebration on Sunday, November 22 (10:30am worship service). If you are unable to attend in-person, you can drop your card in the church mail slot or mail by post to the church anytime between now and the end of the year.

Thank you for your continued generosity and faithfulness. Together, we can ensure our church remains a place where faith grows, love is shared, and hope is alive for generations to come.

May your pledge be guided by faith and rooted in gratitude.

With blessings,

Konrad Soong, Co-Treasurer, Finance Committee **Rev. Dr. Amanda Hemenetz**, Pastor

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

Toward the 2027 Budget of The United Methodist Church of New City

Name:_____ Email Address_____

Street Address:_____ City:_____
State:_____ Zip:_____

Best Phone Contact:_____

In faithful participation in the ministries of our church as we "Serve God through serving the community," I plan to give the following in 2027:

To the General Operating Fund: $_____ Per Week / Per Month / Per Year (circle one)

To the Capital Fund (listed as 'Building Fun' on envelopes): $_____ Per Week / Per Month / Per Year (circle one)

Note: This pledge is NOT for sanctuary repair. We anticipate beginning a separate campaign for the sanctuary in early 2027.



"*Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.*" -- *2 Corinthians 9:7-8*

Building Committee Update: Sanctuary Roof

The Building Committee continues to make progress on plans to stabilize and preserve our sanctuary roof. At our October 8th meeting, the committee reviewed architect Michael Campbell's latest design and voted to accept it as the basis for moving forward. The proposed design focuses on reinforcing the existing roof structure with steel arches and purlins, with wood cladding incorporated into the design. This approach seeks to combine modern structural reinforcement with an appearance that complements the church's existing character.

Michael's next steps are to prepare detailed drawings and specifications, along with a contract, for the congregation to review. These documents will also allow the project to be put out for bids and help us better understand the final costs, which are estimated to be around $750,000.00.

Meanwhile, the committee will explore financing options and determine how best to proceed. Our current Sanctuary of Hope fund is $140,000.00. We are grateful for everyone's continued interest, prayers, and support as we work together to preserve our church home for future generations.

Faithfully yours,

Konrad Soong, Building Committee Liaison


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