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November 2024 from Pastor Amanda

November is a time to be thankful. What are you thankful for this year?

I'm thankful for my health, though it's always a little rocky. I did NOT have to have ankle surgery this past summer, which was quite the unexpected blessing. Yes, I still have the coxsackie virus in my system (going on five months of fevers), but I've experienced no complications. And as of this writing, though I'm coughing, I've been much worse in the past, so I'm a happy girl!

I'm thankful for twenty years of marriage to a great guy, who still likes me after all this time (and I still like him). We may not be as lovey-dovey as we were in high school, but the love is still strong and will continue to be, even though he's a Yankees fan . . .

I'm thankful for my kid -- such a great kid! -- and all the blessings he brings with him each and every day. He's doing great in high school, and continues to be my pride and joy. He'll be my "little" boy forever, though he's now a good six inches taller than I am.

And I'm thankful for my church -- this church -- you. I'm thankful that we've made it through A WHOLE YEAR without our sanctuary, and continue to love and serve one another, God, and the community. I'm thankful for the thrift shop, our volunteers, and our customers. I'm thankful for our committee members, and all who work behind the scenes to make ministry happen. I'm thankful for our worship volunteers -- ushers, readers, preachers, the choir, acolytes, those who contribute to our Fellowship Hour, Walter and George who set up our new sound system. I'm thankful for our Sunday School children and our new teachers! I'm thankful for book studies and Bible studies, our hiking group and our book club. I'm thankful for those who give; it is through your giving that ministry is possible. I'M THANKFUL FOR ALL OF YOU!

So please know that as George, Gregory, and I sit down to our Thanksgiving table, YOU will be remembered as a blessing.

What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving? If it's a person or an organization, tell them. Hopefully you're also thankful to Jesus. Tell Him, too. I know I will.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours!

Peace,

Pastor Amanda

Birthdays

November 4-Mary Kryzkowski
November 12-Kristen Sandberg
November 17-Liz Samini
November 22-April Morris
November 23-Larry Rohrs



Anniversaries

November 18-Rev. Rich & Patti Wittig
November 27-Linda & Pete Kontos



Prayers.....

for Burt & Senya Renfroe and all those in nursing facilities;
for Doug Caulk as he continues chemo;
For Norbert Rainford as he recovers from surgery, and on the loss of his brother Neville;
for Betsy McCann who is recovering after hospitalization;
for the family of Lee Mazza on her passing;
for Doris Atzl who has shingles;
for Jean Craig, her community in NC, and all those affected by the hurricanes;
for all who are or have been hospitalized;
for those who mourn;
for climate change to be seen as a crisis and something to be done about it;
for war-torn areas in the world including Gaza, Israel, Lebanon, Ukraine, the Sudan; for those in rehab facilities;
for all who have cancer;
for all in our thrift shop community.



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 November 3rd. 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.

It's Project Joy time already! Stay tuned for information about how we will help provide clothing and toys for Rockland County kids.



MONTHLY MISSIONS FOR 2024



JANUARY: New City’s fire department and ambulance corps – support heroes who protect our church



FEBRUARY: Martin Luther King Jr. Multipurpose Center – for education, health, employment, advocacy

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MARCH: United Nations gender equality project – empower women & girls everywhere



APRIL: Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc. – protect Hudson River & wetlands with education & advocacy



MAY: Health Lifeline Clinic – free healthcare for those in need, run by our own Dr. Norbert Rainford



JUNE: Boys & Girls Club of Rosebud – serve youth in South Dakota reservation in Charleen Caulk’s memory



JULY: Alzheimer’s research- support research and clinical trial to prevent, ameliorate and cure.



AUGUST: Doctors Without Borders –care for people affected by conflict and disasters.



SEPTEMBER: Tanzanian clergy support & US Methodist student scholarships



OCTOBER: Volunteer to help in a local food program



NOVEMBER: Project Joy – give Rockland County kids clothing and toys for a joyous Christmas



DECEMBER: Alternative Christmas - support Meals on Wheels in Mary Gardella’s memory

Worship Service Time: 10:30am

Both in-person in Fellowship Hall (masks optional)
and on Zoom

**Worship/Sermon Topics**

November 3: All Saints Day--We will take time to remember our loved ones who have died over the past year. Sacrament of Holy Communion. Food Pantry Sunday. "The Sermon on the Mount" —Week 8: Ask, Seek, Knock (Matthew 7:7-11)

November 10: 25th Sunday after Pentecost. "The Sermon on the Mount" — Week 9: Golden Rule/Narrow Gate (Matthew 7:12-14)

November 17: 26th Sunday after Pentecost. Final week of "The Sermon on the Mount" — House on Rock/Sand (Matthew 7:24-29)

November 24: Thanksgiving Celebration. Christ the King Sunday. Pledges received toward the 2025 budget (see p 8).

ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY

Join us on November 3 as we remember those whom we loved who have died in the past year. We'll lift up praise to God for their lives, and commit to be living saints here on earth until we are reunited with those who have gone before. 10:30am worship.

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION AND COMMITMENT SUNDAY!

Join us Sunday, November 24 as we celebrate Thanksgiving and offer our pledges toward the 2025 church budget. Pledge form and information can be found on page 8. Let us give our thanks to God for our blessings, and pledge to be a blessing to others!

SAVE THE DATE: GREENING SUNDAY!

We'll be celebrating our favorite service of the year on Sunday, December 8. Details to follow.

Volunteer Opportunities

Contact Pastor Amanda to volunteer or with questions.

Be a Sunday School Assistant! — Get to know our kids and help out in the classroom on a rotating schedule. No prep work involved. Speak with Pastor Amanda if interested.

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.

Events Team Members — We're looking to put together an "Events Team" that will brainstorm fun things we can do together after church the first Sunday of each month. Interested? Reach out to Pastor Amanda.

Fellowship Hour

We need volunteers for set-up, clean-up, and to provide food.

THANK YOU to Joanne Hegarty for heading this important ministry!



Trustees Mini Report

Recent activities by your trustees include:

Signing a new contract for trash collection which will save the church more than \$100 a month.

Our fearless leader, Steve Seward, added a part to the faucet in the janitor's closet to stop an expensive leak.

We continued to contact the company that will repair the back entry door. Parts have been ordered, and we hope the work will be completed before cold weather.

Our mowing company is switching from mowing grass to dealing with fallen leaves.

Important Dates

Tuesday, November 5: Election Day (see page 9 for prayer).

Wednesday, November 6: Trustees Meeting 7pm on Zoom.

Sunday, November 10: Church Council Meeting 9am on Zoom.

Sunday, November 10 - Saturday, November 16: Pastor Amanda in Florida (working from there). Rev. Warren Brandt on call for emergencies. His cell: 845-800-0113.

Sunday, November 24: Thanksgiving Celebration and Commitment Sunday (see p 8)

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



Sunday School

Sunday School is up and running!
We've been hearing GREAT reports
from both our students and teachers
since Sunday School began on
September 15!

Sunday School is for those Pre-K
(potty trained) through 6th grade



IT'S STEWARDSHIP TIME!

It's the most wonderful annoying time of the year . . .

Yes. We know.

BUT IT'S HOW WE DO MINISTRY.

Our goal this year is to receive as many pledges as we possibly can. Never pledged before? This is the year to start! Haven't pledged in a while? This is the year to begin again! Have been pledging and intend to? Thank you!

We know it's a little complicated this year as we're also anticipating a capital campaign specifically for the our sanctuary. This stewardship commitment DOES NOT include our sanctuary project. This stewardship commitment is what makes our daily ministries possible.

The General Operating Fund: Covers ministry programming, salaries, utilities, and other basic expenses.

The Capital Fund: Covers any building/property upkeep or improvements to the church and parsonage that are expected to last more than one year.

Pledges will be collected during our THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION in worship on Sunday, November 24. THANK YOU for your partnership!

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

Toward the 2025 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 2025:

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)

"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



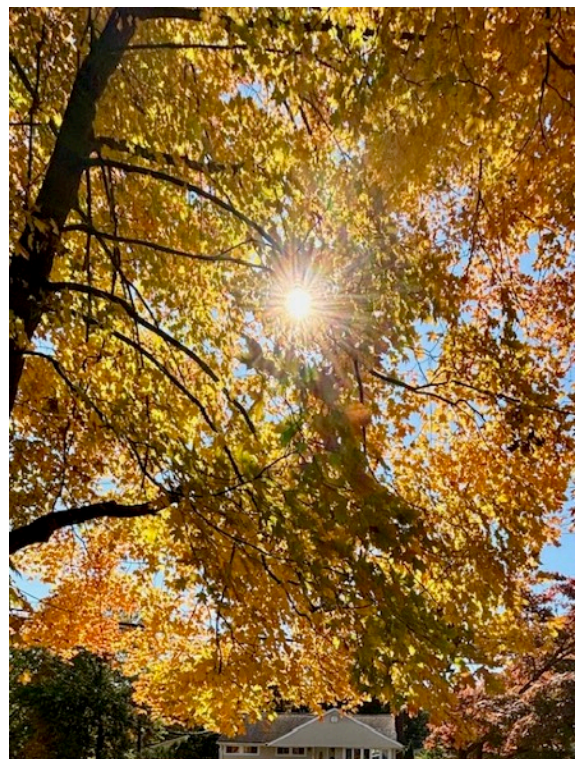
Election Day Prayer

Almighty God, prepare our hearts and minds as we head toward voting. We express gratitude for the right to vote, and we lament the brokenness of our democracy and voting system—a system that continues to suffer from inequity. Empower us, O Lord, to make decisions rooted in the ways of Jesus rather than the ways of the world. Give us wisdom and discernment as we cast our votes with a humble spirit, and let our voting be an act of prayer. May we be reminded that the candidates we vote for are not our savior, but you are the bringer of the heavenly kingdom, and our ultimate hope rests in you. We commend this nation to your care, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

--Rev. Kimberly Deckel (Austin, Texas)



The parsonage's magic tree



Worship



Rev. Scott McKenzie from Horizons Stewardship

A special sermon from Rita





New City Street Fair



Communion



Thrift shop helpers



Pastor Amanda and our new Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi



A mini-mission project- Christmas cards for those in prison

