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Sunday Morning Adult Studies:

"Life Lessons" from the Bible We journey through Life Lessons with Max Lucado – The Gospel of John, which includes twelve lessons filled with intriguing questions, inspirational storytelling, profound reflections, and space for journaling. Join Bob and Anne Ciraulo-Room 32

"God's Power to Change Your Life," by Rick Warren- "We all have areas in our lives we'd like to change....Rick Warren lays the groundwork of personal transformation, then offers biblical insight and simple steps for ten areas of growth (Christianbook.com) Join Frank Kolarik-Room 35

To Clarify: several months ago, ***PUMC hired a Cleaning Service***, they clean, they are not custodians, so, chores that were previously done by the custodian, that are not part of cleaning, must be done by the group or committee using the building. We will again try to establish a list of people who may be willing to help with setting up, taking down and/or moving things around. If you would be willing to help on an **occasional** basis please contact the church office. If you have any ideas or suggestions, call or email the office.

Welcome to Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church. We are delighted to have you worship with us today! Please join us in Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee. If you are new to us feel free to take one of the brochures in the pews and see other information that is available on the literature racks in the sanctuary entrance of the church and across from Fellowship Hall.

We want to be your family of faith. We hope that you feel at home in our church family, and we encourage those interested in membership to mark the Attendance Sheets "Wish to Join." If you wish to learn more about our congregation, please write "more info."

Please sign the Attendance Sheet found on the inside of the center aisle pews each Sunday, and pass it to your neighbor.

Poinsettia Tree-The Visitation Ministry invites you to participate in delivering poinsettias to our church members and friends who cannot attend worship services. In the Fellowship Hall look for the tree with the paper ornaments, each with a different name and address on the back. Take one or more ornaments from the tree. Soon after the last Christmas worship service (but not before), pick up a poinsettia(s) from the sanctuary and deliver it to the name(s) you have chosen from the tree. Please deliver only one per address. Those we visit regularly throughout the year will appreciate your visit and know that their church family is remembering them. Thank you from the Visitation Ministry.

Everything you always wanted to know about being a church leader – The NY-CT District of the NYAC will have its annual Leadership Training sessions on Sunday January 24, 2016 and Sunday January 31, 2016. If you were elected to a committee, this is a great opportunity to mingle with your counterparts from local Methodist churches and learn about effective leadership. So, save the dates! More details will follow.

In order to start the Contemporary Service promptly at 8:30 am, we have moved the announcements to 8:25.

Offering envelopes for 2016 may be picked up in the Church Office after each service today. When you use envelopes, we are better able to identify and record your gifts properly. So, whether or not you pledge, if you give regularly to PUMC, please pick up and use offering envelopes.

Upcoming Youth Events

Sun	Dec 13	6pm-8pm	Youth Fellowship (Youth Service kick-off)
Tue	Dec 15	4pm-6pm	Angel Tree (Gannett House)
Sun	Dec 20	6pm-8pm	Youth Fellowship (Progressive Dinner)
Sun	Dec 27	-----	No Youth Fellowship (Merry Christmas)
Sat	Jan 2	6:30pm-9:30pm	Christmas Ball

Candy Fundraiser - The youth are selling assorted fudge and truffles after each service that they made to raise funds for summer mission trips. Boxes can be purchased for \$6 and make a great gift for you and others!

New Young Adult Group - We have started a Young Adult Group for graduating seniors, college students both in and out of town, and anyone else 18-29 who is interested. The group is meeting each Friday 7pm-9pm but due to events, days/times may fluctuate so please contact Bridget Marrine ([845-380-4350](tel:845-380-4350)) for information/questions so you can get on the distribution and stay informed.

“Blue Christmas” Service December 19 - Our second annual ecumenical ***“Blue Christmas” Service will be held on Saturday, December 19th, at 3 p.m.*** The service is designed to meet the needs of people who are hurting during the Christmas season, whether it is because of the loss of a loved one, job loss, depression, divorce, or just plain loneliness. At a time when the community is filled with holiday festivities, some people have a difficult time celebrating the way they used to. “Blue Christmas” or “Longest Night” services provide a way for them to observe Christmas while recognizing the pain they are feeling. The service is a joint effort of the church's healing prayer, worship, and church growth/evangelism teams. We can celebrate the true joy of Christmas while acknowledging our loss. We are all broken, and Christ offers us comfort and a chance to minister to others through our shared sorrow. Please join us for an uplifting service that addresses your pain and offers comfort. Please feel free to invite friends who are suffering. The service is open to all.

The Monday, December 28 Soaking prayer is canceled. We will be having it between services from 9:45-10:30 in the Lounge on the two Sundays after Christmas (December 27 and January 3). All are welcome!

Women of the Word- a book study, Saturday mornings, at 9 am, we are reading the book *Simply Tuesday* by Emily P. Freeman. If you've grown weary of *do more* and *dream bigger*, small-moment living is just what you need. Contact Patricia Owen at 473-3142 or powen789@aol.com. Cost of the book is about \$10.00.

Hurricane Sandy Relief

It's a common misconception that Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts have been completed. The sheer magnitude of the destruction means that professional contractors and volunteers still have thousands waiting for help. Within the bounds of our New York Annual Conference, many remain in temporary living quarters or living with family and friends. The NYAC offers opportunities for volunteer teams to serve for a week, a weekend, or as part of our Done-in-a-Day program. Please see Contact Barbara Burnside, Sandy Recovery Volunteer Coordinator at sandyrecovery@nyac-umc.com for additional information or to volunteer. More information can be found on-line at www.nyac.com/recovery or on the bulletin board outside of the church office.

The Youth Group is collecting non-perishable, not opened, new food For Dutchess Outreach. This is an ongoing food collection. Please place the food in one of the bins, either in Fellowship Hall or in the Narthex and Sarah and John Hicks will see it is delivered.

New Years Eve Recovery Celebration - We will be holding an alcohol-free alternative ***New Year's Eve party for people in recovery from alcohol or substance abuse on Thursday, December 31, at 8 p.m.*** The party is open to the community and is designed to affirm and support those who have struggled with addiction at a time when stress and an endless whirl of parties increase the risk for relapse. Volunteers are needed to provide hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, serve, and welcome our guests. We also need help with publicity, decorations, security, and a DJ. Watch the Bulletin Board by the office for sign-up sheets and please support us in your prayers. For more information, please contact Jenny Arden at ardenrock@verizon.net.

Opportunities for You This Week

SUNDAY, December 13, 2015

Consecration Sunday

8:30 am Contemporary Service
9:30 Fellowship Time
9:45 Sunday School – 3 years–12th grade &
Adult Studies
10:45 Traditional Service
Sunday School – 3 years – 6th Grade
11:45 Fellowship Time
12:00 pm Stewardship Luncheon
2:00 Parkside Alcoholics Anonymous
6:00 Youth Fellowship

7:00

MONDAY, December 14, 2015

6:30 pm Gamblers Anonymous Christmas

TUESDAY, December 15, 2015

9:00 am Men's Bible Study
1:30 pm Art Group
5:30 Primary Purpose Alcoholics Anonymous
6:30 Joyful Ringers

WEDNESDAY, December 16, 2015

7:30 am Prayers and Communion
9:15 CNS Jr.
7:00 pm Voices in Praise
7:30 Finance Committee

THURSDAY, December 17, 2015

11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study
2:00 pm Collate Bulletins
5:30 Primary Purpose Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 Chancel Choir
Gamblers Anonymous

FRIDAY, December 18, 2015

8:30 am Collate Journey
7:00 pm Young Adult Group
Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, December 19, 2015

8:30 am Men's Breakfast
3:00 pm Blue Christmas Service

SUNDAY, December 20, 2015

8:30 am Contemporary Service
9:30 Fellowship Time
9:45 Sunday School – 3 years–12th grade & Adult Studies
10:45 Traditional Service
Sunday School – 3 years – 6th Grade
11:45 Fellowship Time
2:00 pm Parkside Alcoholics Anonymous
6:00 Youth Fellowship

Homemade Christmas Candies are coming!

Available Sundays, December 6, 13 and 20, \$6 per box

**Chocolate Truffles * Peppermint Truffles
Christmas Almond Truffles
Chocolate-Hazelnut Truffles
Chocolate Fudge * Peanut Butter Fudge
Chocolate Walnut Fudge
Perfect gifts for neighbors, teachers, bus
Drivers, yourself!!**

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