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The Women of the Word DVD study on Saturday mornings from 9:30am-10:30am. We will be watching DVDs from the Rob Bell "Nooma" series of short videos on various Christian topics. All are welcome to attend any or all meetings for discussion and fellowship. Contact Nancy Marrine (471-6492) for information.

Joyful Ringers, our Handbell Choir, is looking for new members! Our first meeting of the New Year will be Tuesday, January 12, at 6:30 pm. Contact Polly James or Pat McCullough for more information. If you can count, you can ring.

Calling all Church Leaders: The NY-CT district of the New York Annual Conference will hold two Leader to Leader training sessions in January: Sunday January 24th , 3pm @ Darien UMC.345 Middlesex Rd Darien, CT, or

Saturday January 30th , 9:30am @ Poughkeepsie UMC ;

Do you serve in a new position in your church this year? Are you serving on a committee that you've never been on before? Are you curious about the workings of some of the committees in the United Methodist church and do you want to know more about how we do the business of being church? Then don't miss this year's District Lay Training Events! Choose between two dates/locations.

Single Women's Lunch: Today! at Uno's, Rts. 44/55 Town of Poughkeepsie. Meet at North Door after the second service. All single women are welcome!

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.

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

Calling all mothers of young children! A new Sunday school class is seeking to band together moms of preschoolers and elementary-age children for bonding, support and Scripture study. In our time together we will be discussing the book of James and conversing about motherhood with a good dose of laughter and depth. Meet and greet on 1/10 and formal start on 1/17 at 9:45 pm. Room to be determined. For more information contact Rosaura Andújar-McNeil at andujr@gmail.com or (347) 232-1919.

Join us to discuss the book, Jesus Among Other Gods: The Absolute Claims of the Christian Message by Ravi Zacharias. Electronic and paperback versions are available on Amazon.com. We will begin on Sunday, January 31 ***In a world with so many religions, why Jesus?*** We are living in a time when you can believe anything, as long as you do not claim it to be true. In the name of "tolerance," our postmodern culture embraces everything from Eastern mysticism to New Age spirituality. But as Ravi Zacharias points out, such unquestioning acceptance of all things spiritual is absurd. All religions, plainly and simply, cannot be true. *Jesus Among Other Gods* provides the answers to the most fundamental claims about Christianity.

Upcoming Youth Events

Sun Jan 24	-----	No Youth Fellowship
Sun Jan 31	6pm-8pm	Youth Fellowship (Youth Service practice)
Sun Feb 7	8am-12pm -----	Super Bowl Sub Making & Delivery No Youth Fellowship (Enjoy the game!)

Super Bowl Sub Sale - Order your Super Bowl subs today after each service to make the big game more enjoyable. All orders must be received by January 31st with all proceeds go towards the summer mission trips.

Shrove Pancake Supper - The youth would like to invite you and your family to a Shrove Pancake Supper on February 9th. There will be a free will offering the night of the event with proceeds going towards the youth summer mission trips. Come and enjoy food and fellowship. Youth and parents - please sign up on the youth bulletin board if you can help by providing some of the food for the event.

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.

Youth Band / Youth Service Band (Youth Requested) - Our Youth Band is looking for more members, especially for our Youth Service. If you play an instrument and are interested in joining, please contact Eric Wright (845-549-2126) or John Bisson (845-249-5697).

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***Copies of our PUMC Directory are available*** for purchase in the church office. We are asking everyone to donate \$5.00 per copy to cover the printing and shipping costs. Thanks for your patience!

### ***The Sunday evening book club meets monthly 6pm in the church***

***lounge***. We will resume February 14th at 6pm with a discussion of the book "The Humor of Christ" by Elton Trueblood. This author explains the wit and wisdom of Jesus as it was meant to be understood by a diverse group of followers. Questions; please contact Diana Neno [845-462-2779](tel:845-462-2779). Emails are not read daily therefore a phone call is the best way to reach me.

***Super Bowl Sub Sale February 7<sup>th</sup> 2016*** - It is that time of year again. The youth of PUMC will be making delicious subs and Chili for you to enjoy while watching the big game OR just to enjoy on a Sunday afternoon. All money raised for this event will go to subsidize the cost of the youth mission trips. Orders will be taken on January, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Pre-order your subs and Chile to make sure you don't miss out.

***The Sign-up Sheet for Flowers*** is posted in the Narthex. If you would like to donate Altar Flowers on a Sunday, please sign the chart for the date you wish to have your flowers on the Altar, and complete a form indicating if the flowers are in memory of, or in honor of a friend, relative or for a special occasion. The flowers are \$45.00. Checks should be made payable to PUMC and Altar Flowers noted on the memo line. Questions, call the church office at 452-2933.

***Love INC. Cookie Walk*** - Mid-Hudson Love In the Name Of Christ will be holding their 8<sup>th</sup> annual **Cookie Walk** to benefit those less fortunate in the Hudson Valley. The event will be held on Saturday, February 13, 9am to 2pm at PUMC. Bakers are needed to make this fund raiser a sweet success! A sign-up sheet is located in Fellowship Hall or please contact church liaison, Patricia Owen at 473-3142, or [powen789@aol.com](mailto:powen789@aol.com). Hope to see you there!!

***Homeless Shelter Meals: Volunteers are needed to prepare and/or serve the meal for March 26 and June 25*** at the Dutchess County Coalition for the Homeless Overnight Shelter. There is a sign-up sheet on the Missions bulletin board near the restrooms. Receipts can be submitted for reimbursement of food costs. Contact Laurie/Larry Wilson or the Church Office for more information.

## ***Opportunities for You This Week***

### **SUNDAY, January 24, 2016**

8:30 am Contemporary Service  
9:30 Fellowship Time  
9:45 Sunday School – 3 years–12<sup>th</sup> grade & Adult Studies  
10:45 Traditional Service – Greeney Baptism  
Sunday School – 3 years – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
11:45 Fellowship Time  
2:00 pm Parkside Alcoholics Anonymous  
6:00 **No** Youth Fellowship

### **MONDAY, January 25, 2016**

6:30 pm Soaking Prayer  
7:00 Gamblers Anonymous

### **TUESDAY, January 26, 2016**

9:00 am Men's Bible Study  
10:00 Strength and Balance  
1:30 pm Art Group  
5:30 Primary Purpose Alcoholics Anonymous  
6:30 Joyful Ringers  
7:00 Administrative Board

### **WEDNESDAY, January 27, 2016**

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

### **THURSDAY, January 28, 2016**

10:00 am Strength and Balance  
11:00 Pastor's Bible Study  
2:00 pm Collate Bulletins  
5:30 Primary Purpose Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:00 Chancel Choir  
Gamblers Anonymous

### **FRIDAY, January 29, 2016**

7:00 pm Young Adult Group  
Narcotics Anonymous

### **SATURDAY, January 30, 2016**

8:30 am Men's Breakfast  
9:30 District Training

### **SUNDAY, January 31, 2016**

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

**Year-end statements are available to be picked up on the table in the Narthex.**

**Offering envelopes for 2016 may be picked up in the Church Office after each service or during the week between 9 am and 3 pm .** If you give regularly to PUMC, please pick up and use offering envelopes.

**Harriet Tubman Academic Skills Center** - We would like to thank Marvin (Docky) Shaw for coordinating the January JAM fundraising concert held here at PUMC on Jan. 15th. There were 4 acts and all who attended had a great time. We raised a little under \$300! Since he's been back in town, Marvin has helped us with this and our last Barnes & Noble fundraiser. We appreciate your efforts and we wish you the best as you travel to Plattsburgh to start college!