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Adult Studies:

Life Lessons with Max Lucado – Book of Galatians, includes lessons filled with intriguing questions, inspirational storytelling, profound reflections, and space for journaling. Please contact Bob or Anne Ciraulo at 845-462-5582 or bobeepbeep@hotmail.com for more information. Room 32

Mom's Sunday School - gathering mothers of infants to elementary-age children. Join us as we study the "I AM" statements of Jesus in the book of John, share, laugh and serve together. Room 35.

Women of the Word, W.O.W. book study on Lee Strobel's *The Case for Christ*. Meets Saturday mornings at 9 am.

During the month of November the Youth Group collects non-perishable, not opened, not expired food for Castle Point VA. Please place the food in one of the bins, either in Fellowship Hall or the Narthex and Sarah Hicks will see that it gets delivered.

No Pastor's Bible Study Wednesday and Thursday, November 23 and 24, the week of Thanksgiving. The following week we will begin studying the Old Testament lectionary promises of a coming savior. There is still room in all the classes and all 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.

Friendship Circle will meet Monday, November 14 at 1 pm in Fellowship Hall. George Sidgwick will present the program: "The Story of a World War II Prisoner". Refreshments and a business meeting will follow. For more information call circle chair Carla Vinson (845-849-1706).

Blue Christmas Service Our Thirds Annual Blue Christmas service will be on Saturday, December 17 at 3 pm. This service is designed to meet the needs of people who are hurting during the Christmas season. Please join us for an uplifting service. Feel free to invite friends who are suffering. All are welcome.

Soaking Prayer, Monday November 28 at 6:30 pm. In the Sanctuary. Sit quietly while soft worship music plays, and soak in the presence of our Lord. Pray, read the bible, write or just rest in Him. Childcare is available.

Advent Potluck Dinner, Saturday, December 3 at 4 pm; we will decorate the sanctuary, tree and building, and children will have crafts available, followed by dinner at 5 pm. We will have a carol sing with dessert. There is a sign-up sheet by Fellowship Hall for you to write the number attending and the dish you will be preparing.

There will be one service at 10 am on Consecration Sunday, November 20, followed by a Celebration Luncheon in Fellowship Hall at 12 pm.

Upcoming Youth Events

Sun Nov 13	9:30am-10:30am 6pm-8pm	Veterans Breakfast Youth Fellowship (Christmas Shoe Boxes)
Sun Nov 20	6pm-8pm	Youth Fellowship
Sun Nov 27	6pm-8pm	Youth Fellowship (College Packages)

Please note that the youth will not be hosting the Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon due to the Consecration Sunday Luncheon planned. We plan to reschedule for early 2017.

Veterans Breakfast - The youth would like to invite Veterans, spouses of Veterans, and family members as well as anyone with immediate family members in the armed forces to a 9:30am breakfast **TODAY** to honor their service. *We invite you to bring any memorabilia to share* (no firearms or the like please). Please feel free to attend even if you didn't sign-up.

Operation Christmas Child - The youth will be filling shoe boxes **TONIGHT** at Youth Group for the Operation Christmas Child service project. If you would like to participate, please donate a filled shoe box or items to be used to fill the boxes in the marked containers in Fellowship Hall and the Narthex by 6pm. A list of the kinds of items allowed are with the containers. Contact Nancy Marrine ([845-471-6492](tel:845-471-6492)) for details.

Young Adult Group - We have 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.

LOVE INC is in DESPERATE need of blankets, bath towels and furniture. Winter is coming! Please leave in Fellowship Hall or call 471-0102 to arrange pickup. Thanks!!!

Dutchess County Interfaith Council's [DCIC] 41st Annual Interfaith Music Festival is **TODAY** at 3:30PM at St. Mary's Church, Our Lady of the Falls, 11 Clinton Street, Wappingers Falls (i.e., off of Route 9D).

The program's theme is "Many Faiths, Many Voices" and will present a sampling of music and performances from various faith traditions. The Interfaith Singers will offer works by composers Maris Kristapson and Gretchen Gould, and gospel selection will be directed by Melinda Aaron. Our own Polly James and Barbara Davis from Bethel Missionary Baptist Church are being honored for the many years spent sharing their talents at the Music Festival and with DCIC.

So please plan to attend and support the ongoing efforts of the DCIC to bring people of different faiths together in peace. A suggested donation at the door is fifteen dollars.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, November 13, 2016

8:30 am Contemporary Service
9:30 Fellowship Time
9:45 Sunday School – 3 years – 12th grade and Adult Studies
Veteran's Breakfast
10:45 Traditional Service
Sunday School – 3 years – 7th Grade
11:45 Fellowship Time
2:00 pm Parkside Alcoholics Anonymous
6:00 Youth Fellowship

MONDAY, November 14, 2016

1:00 am Friendship Circle
7:00 pm Gamblers Anonymous

TUESDAY, November 15, 2016

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

WEDNESDAY, November 16, 2016

7:30 am Prayers and Communion
2:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study
7:00 Voices in Praise
Youth Bible Study
7:30 Finance Committee

THURSDAY, November 17, 2016

8:30 am CNS Pictures
9:30 CNS Jr.
Strength and Balance
10:30 Pastor's Bible Study
2:00 pm Collate Bulletins
5:30 Primary Purpose Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 Pastor's Bible Study
Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, November 18, 2016

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

SATURDAY, November 19, 2016

8:30 am Men's Breakfast
9:00 W.O.W Book Study

SUNDAY, November 20, 2016

Consecration Sunday

Thanksgiving Baskets to Reformed Church

10:00 am Combined Service
Sunday School – 3 years – 7th Grade
11:45 Fellowship Time
12:00 pm Celebration Luncheon
2:00 Parkside Alcoholics Anonymous
6:00 Youth Fellowship

Outreach Opportunity - Come, Learn How You Can Help!

Church World Service is pleased to share that in 2017 Poughkeepsie will be one of the communities across the US acting on our country's tradition of equality and freedom to welcome refugees as contributing members of our neighborhoods, businesses and schools. Hand in hand, faith community partners, educators, employers, volunteers, local government leaders, neighbors and Church World Service Poughkeepsie will help a small number of refugee families and individuals adjust and become members of the Poughkeepsie community.

In furtherance of this humanitarian work, the Poughkeepsie UMC will be hosting Church World Service as it offers a community resourcing day on Saturday, December 10th from 2pm to 4pm in the fellowship hall. More details to follow shortly.

Thanksgiving Baskets

Our Church will again be collecting food and monies to provide a nutritious Thanksgiving meal for needy families in the Poughkeepsie area. We hope to be able to feed 250 families this year. We are asking those that can to provide the following items to feed a family of 4:

Box instant mashed potatoes (fresh are too heavy)
Box of stuffing mix
4 cans of vegetables
1 can of yams
1 can of cranberry sauce
2 packages of gravy mix
\$10.00 to offset cost of turkey, pie and rolls

Donated funds help pay for a turkey, rolls and a pie to be included for each family. You can make a check out to the church or place cash in an envelope noted clearly with "Thanksgiving Baskets". We will also happily accept donations of turkeys.

In fairness to all recipients, we would like to limit the food given, to the above items and quantities to feed a family of 4. Larger families will receive quantities sufficient to feed their families. If you wish, you may sponsor more than one family.

Please sign up to sponsor a family, donate a turkey, or contribute funds in fellowship hall on the following Sundays: October 9th, 16th 23rd and 30th. The groceries and turkeys need to be brought to the church by or on Sunday, November 20th and placed in the Narthex or the coat rack near fellowship Hall.

The ingredients for the Thanksgiving dinners will be distributed on Tuesday, November 22nd at The Reformed Church of Poughkeepsie, 70 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie.

We will need volunteers to bring the food to The Reformed Church, on Sunday, November 20th, after our second service. Also volunteers are needed on Tuesday, November 22nd when the food will be distributed. For more information, please contact the church office at (845)452-2933 or Laurie Wilson at (845)544-4353.

The Funtastic and High-Flying Harlem Wizards

Are coming to town!

Come, bring your family, bring your friends for some "Funtastic, Highflying entertainment to see the Harlem Wizards Basketball team (think Harlem Globetrotters), play our amazing Arlington Public School teachers in fast paced basketball Full of highjinx and laughter.

There are two shows/games on Sunday December 4th at 1 pm and 5:30 pm in the Arlington High School gymnasium. This event is a fundraiser for the Arlington Central School District PTA.

To buy tickets, please go to www.harlemwizards.com and choose Lagrange Middle School in the pulldown menu. That is Barak Tucker's school. Or see Shona Tucker 347-524-6221.

Homeless Shelter Meals: Volunteers are needed to prepare and/or serve the meal for November 26 at the Dutchess County Coalition for the Homeless Overnight Shelter. If you cannot serve the meals, perhaps you can prepare dishes for others to serve. 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 laurielanewilson@yahoo.com or the Church Office for more information.