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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

**The Women's Sunday night book club** meets once a month on the first Sunday of the month at 6 pm in the church lounge. Everyone is welcome. We have completed "Ghostbread" and for December we will discuss Dave Barry's *"The Shepherd, the Angel and Walter the Christmas Miracle Dog"*. This book is funny, nostalgic and has a great Christmas message for everyone. Join Us! We will not be meeting in January but will resume after the Super Bowl February 14th to discuss "The Humor of Christ" by Elton Trueblood. See the Gospel as Jesus meant it with irony and satire. Contact is Diana Neno 845-462-2779. Email: [diananeno1@gmail.com](mailto:diananeno1@gmail.com)

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

**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.

**The PUMC Finance Committee** has created a message to the congregation that summarizes the operations budget results as of the end of September. The committee now has sufficient financial data and historical giving data that the full year projection can be made with reasonable accuracy. The PUMC congregation's assistance will be needed in order to close 2015 in the black. If you have not picked up the hard copy message that is located in the narthex, please do so. "Curtis Vinson will be in Fellowship Hall after each service for any questions regarding the PUMC finances".

**The Annual Family Advent Potluck Dinner** will be Saturday, December 5, at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall. There is a sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board outside of Fellowship Hall, or you can call the church office (452-2933). Let us know how many will attend and what you will bring (main dish, salad, vegetable or dessert). There will be a carol sing-a-long after dinner and we will decorate the church. All welcome!

**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.

## ***Upcoming Youth Events***

Sun	Nov 29	6pm-8pm	Youth Fellowship (College packages)
Fri	Dec 4	5:30pm-9pm	TGIF - Celebration of Lights
Sat	Dec 5	9:30am-3:30pm	Candy Making Fundraiser
Sun	Dec 6	6pm-8pm	Youth Fellowship (Gingerbread Houses)
Sun	Dec 13	6pm-8pm	Youth Fellowship (Youth Service kick-off)

***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.

***The Angels Are Coming-*** They are You! We have served the homeless children at Hudson River Housing for many years. This year we have more than 120 names to choose from. You and your family can be an angel by picking a tag and purchasing a gift. The tree will be in fellowship hall to choose a name from. The gifts on the tag are just for suggestion. We would request that gifts remain in the modest category since all the children open their gifts together. You may have chosen a child from the same family as another so we would like them to be similar in giving. If your heart is still wanting to give more consider choosing an additional child.

If you would like to be an angel- but would rather have someone else shop for you-I would be happy to do that. Just let me know if you would like to choose a tag or let me do it for you.

Four easy steps:

1. Choose a gift tag from the angel tree in Fellowship Hall.
2. Purchase-One gift and a pair of pajamas or a sweatsuit per child.
3. Wrap and tag with the tag you take from the tree.
4. Return under the tree no later than December 6.

Thank you, you really do make a difference. For more information contact Pam Terwilliger at 452-7022 or [p\\_terwilliger@hotmail.com](mailto:p_terwilliger@hotmail.com).

***“Blue Christmas” Service December 19*** - Our second annual ecumenical **“Blue Christmas” Service will be held on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.

***Single Women’s Lunch*** – The next Single Women’s Lunch will take place December 13. More information to follow.

***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. **A planning meeting will take place Wednesday, December 2nd, at 7 p.m.** in the lounge for anyone interested in helping. 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](mailto:ardenrock@verizon.net).

***Second Hand Rose***, our church sponsored thrift store, has a critical need for able bodied volunteers to serve its customers as a sales clerk in the front room. We are asking you to *prayerfully* consider volunteering one day each month, working with one or two others as store sales clerks. Don't worry, you will be with an experienced volunteer. The store currently operates Tuesday through Saturday, from 10AM until 2PM; our most needed time is Wednesday through Saturday. Please join the current volunteers at Rose, so we can continue this much needed and appreciated outreach program in our community. To investigate, learn more about Rose, or volunteer, please contact either Kathy Timm (845-462-5667) or Joyce Norman (845-297-7700).

**Opportunities for You This Week**

**SUNDAY, November 29, 2015**

**First Sunday of Advent**

8:30 am Contemporary Service - Jones Baptism  
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

**MONDAY, November 30, 2015**

7:00 pm Gamblers Anonymous

**TUESDAY, December 1, 2015**

9:00 am Men's Bible Study  
10:00 Strength and Balance  
5:30 pm Primary Purpose Alcoholics Anonymous  
6:30 Joyful Ringers

**WEDNESDAY, December 2, 2015**

7:30 am Prayers and Communion  
7:00 pm New Year's Eve Committee  
Voices In Praise

**THURSDAY, December 3, 2015**

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, December 4, 2015**

7:00 pm Young Adult Group  
TGIF  
Narcotics Anonymous

**SATURDAY, December 5, 2015**

8:30 am Men's Breakfast  
9:30 Youth Candy Making  
6:00 pm Advent Potluck Dinner

**SUNDAY, December 6, 2015**

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  
12:00 pm Healing Prayer Meeting  
12:15 Bereavement Group  
2:00 Parkside Alcoholics Anonymous  
6:00 Youth Fellowship  
6:30 WOW Book Club

**Poinsettia/  
Sunday, December 6**



Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In Loving memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \$10.00 each

I will take my flowers after the 11:00 pm Service (circle one)

YES NO

Return this form to the church office or call 452-2933 to order.

**The Youth Group is collecting non-perishable, not opened, new food. During November the food goes to Castle Point VA.** 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.

**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](mailto:powen789@aol.com). Cost of the book is about \$10.00.

#### **UMC #GivingTuesday is Dec. 1**

On Dec. 1, United Methodists will once again come together to support the work of Advance projects and missionaries on UMC #GivingTuesday. And once again, every gift made online through The Advance at [www.umcmision.org/give](http://www.umcmision.org/give) on Dec. 1, 2015 will be matched up to \$1 milion. The missionary who receives the highest amount of online donations on UMC #GivingTuesday will be able to direct \$10,000 to an Advance project of his/her choice!

Please consider putting love in action to change lives by donating *on-line* on Dec. 1. Thank you! More details can be found on-line or on the bulletin board outside of the church office.

#### **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](mailto:sandyrecovery@nyac-umc.com) for additional information or to volunteer. More information can be found on-line at [www.nyac.com/recovery](http://www.nyac.com/recovery) or on the bulletin board outside of the church office.