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Friendship Circle Come and join us at our annual luncheon to be held at Coppola's, South Rd., Monday, January 9th, at 12:30. Menu choices at the luncheon: Chicken Marsala, Eggplant Rollatini, or Baked Cod with seasoned bread crumbs. All entrees include salad, pasta, ice cream dessert, and coffee or tea. The cost is \$19.00, including tax and gratuity. To reserve, please call Doris Stahl at 462-1922, or see her in church. Checks should be made out to Doris Stahl, (5 Daisy Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603) and received before January 2nd.

The Pastor's Bible Study is exploring the assigned readings from the book of the prophet Isaiah during Advent. We gather at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and both 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays. Our schedule for the next four weeks: Isaiah 35:1-10, Isaiah 7:10-16, Isaiah 52:7-10, Isaiah 63:7-9. All are welcome!

Are you interested in Disciple Bible Study? If so, please contact the church office to indicate your interest and preferred day/time (Wednesday afternoon, Thursday morning, or Thursday evening). One of the pastor's Bible Study sessions will be converted to a Disciple study if there is sufficient interest; however 8-12 people are needed to make for a productive time together.

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.

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.

The farewell for Polly is not happening this week due to some scheduling conflicts. It is being rescheduled for a date in January.

Christmas Eve Services will be at 6 pm and 10 pm. There will be one service on Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day at 10 am, and one service on Sunday, January 1, New Year's Day at 10 am.

Children are needed for reenacting the Christmas story at the 6:00 service on Christmas Eve. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by fellowship hall.

Upcoming Youth Events

Sun Dec 18	6pm-8pm	Youth Fellowship (Progressive Dinner)
Tues Dec 20	4pm-6pm	Angel Tree (Gannett House)
Sun Dec 25	-----	No Youth Group (Merry Christmas)
Sat Jan 7	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!

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.

The Youth Group is collecting non-perishable, not opened, new food for Dutchess Outreach, such as beans, canned pastas, Mac and Cheese, etc. 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.

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

Homeless Shelter Meals: Volunteers are needed to prepare and/or serve the meal for December and January 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.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, December 18, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Contemporary Service
 9:30 Fellowship Time
 9:45 Sunday School – 3 years – 12th Grade
 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, December 19, 2016

7:00 pm Gamblers Anonymous

TUESDAY, December 20, 2016

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

WEDNESDAY, December 21, 2016

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

THURSDAY, December 22, 2016

9:00 am CNS Sing-a-Long
 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, December 23, 2016

9:00 am CNS Sing-a-Long
 7:00 pm Young Adult Group
 Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, December 24, 2016
Christmas Eve

6:00 pm Family Service
 10:00 Traditional Service

SUNDAY, December 25, 2016
Christmas Day

10:00 am Christmas Service
 No Sunday School
 2:00 pm Parkside Alcoholics Anonymous

Poinsettia Tree – The Visitation Ministry invites you to participate in delivering poinsettias to our church members and friends who cannot attend worship services. Look for the tree in Fellowship Hall 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 Christmas Day service, (but not before), pick up a poinsettia(s) from the sanctuary and deliver it to the name(s) you have chosen. Please deliver only one per address. Those we visit regularly throughout the year will appreciate your visit and know that their church family remembers them. Thank you from the Visitation Ministry.