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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.

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 **TODAY'S** 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.

Upcoming Youth Events

Sun	Dec 25	-----	No Youth Fellowship (Merry Christmas!)
Sat	Jan 7	6:30pm-9:30pm	Christmas Ball
Sun	Jan 8	-----	No Youth Fellowship
Fri-Sun	Jan 13-15	7pm-12pm	Young Adult Group Retreat
Sun	Jan 15	6pm-8pm	Youth Fellowship (Youth Service practice/MLK)

MFUGE / Mexico Mission Trips - The MFUGE application to provide a week of service in the Philadelphia and the MEXICO application to provide a week of VBS in Ensenada are available on the youth bulletin board and church website (under Youth / Parent tabs). Please submit the application and associated fee by January 15th so that the team meetings and activities can be planned.

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.

Homeless Shelter Meals: Volunteers are needed to prepare and/or serve the meal for February 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 25, 2016

Christmas Day

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

MONDAY, December 26, 2016

7:00 pm	Gamblers Anonymous
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TUESDAY, December 27, 2016

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

WEDNESDAY, December 28, 2016

7:30 am	Prayers and Communion
2:30 pm	Pastor's Bible Study

THURSDAY, December 29, 2016

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 30, 2016

7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous
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SATURDAY, December 31, 2016

New Year's Eve

SUNDAY, January 1, 2017

New Year's Day

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