

## ***Our Staff is Here to Help You***

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**Harriet Tubman Academic Skills Center:** The HTASC board is in need of a Treasurer. The requirements are listed on the bulletin boards. This organization assists under privileged students, K-8, in the city of Poughkeepsie, with their homework and provides instruction in basic reading, writing, and mathematics. We would greatly appreciate this help! Contact Jeff Hart for more information.

**Friendship Circle** - The Friendship Circle planning committee has something special in mind to begin our next meeting (Wednesday, 2/17/16, at 7 p.m. in the Lounge), and from there we will discuss the future direction of our group. All are welcome to be a part of the fellowship and laughter that highlight our meetings. Please join us!

**Visitation Ministry** will meet TODAY at 12 noon in Room 24, the lounge. All are welcome to join us. If you want to know more about Visitation Ministry or have questions, drop in.

**NEEDED: Ushers and Greeters for the 8:30 service.** Please contact Sue Parker ASAP at [sueparker31@gmail.com](mailto:sueparker31@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.

### **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

**Mom's Sunday School.** Moms are movers and shakers in the home, church and marketplace. How do we stay sharp, focus in Jesus and our families in this confusing and ever-demanding world? Band with other mothers of infants, preschoolers and elementary-age children to seek answers to this puzzling question, study the book of James, and share in each other's lives with a good dose of laughter and depth. Room 35(child care/Sunday school for children available at this time). For information contact Rosaura Andújar-McNeil at [andujr@gmail.com](mailto: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. **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. 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. For Information contact Vickey Carroll [VLC718@gmail.com](mailto:VLC718@gmail.com) or (845) 242-8750. Room 24 (the Lounge).

## ***Upcoming Youth Events***

Sun Feb 14	4pm-6pm 6pm-8pm	Mexico Team Meeting Youth Fellowship (Lent Event)
Sun Feb 21	6pm-8pm	Youth Fellowship (Youth Service practice)
Sun Feb 28	6pm-8pm	Youth Fellowship (Living by Faith guest)

***Taconic Retreat*** - The annual Taconic Retreat, including other area churches, is March 4th-6th. Applications and fees are due by February 21st and can be found on the youth bulletin board and on our church website (under Youth/Parent tabs). We hope to see you there!

***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](tel:845-549-2126)) or John Bisson ([845-249-5697](tel:845-249-5697)).

***New 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.

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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!

***New Member Class*** - There will be two opportunities to attend a new member class on Sunday, February 28, **OR** Monday, February 29, at 7 pm in the Lounge (Room 24). If you have requested to join or transfer your membership to PUMC please attend one of these classes. Call the church office 452-2933 to let us know which class you will attend.

***We are offering Lenten programs***, on Wednesday, February 17 and Wednesday, March 9, at 12 noon. Join us for "*Soup and Scripture*". Lunch followed by a short session based on the "I AM" sayings by Jesus. There is a short DVD and a discussion period. We plan to keep the program to an hour. There is a sign-up sheet by Fellowship Hall for those who are interested. For further information contact the church office or Kaye Schrock at 845-797-2568.

***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.

***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.

***The Women of the Word DVD study*** on Saturday mornings from 9:30am-10:30am. We are 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.

***VBS volunteers*** - This year I need at least 10 adult volunteers to run the VBS program. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. If I get enough senior high youth then I will not need as many, but in the last few years only the younger youth have been signing up. Contact Marcy if you have any questions.

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

### **SUNDAY, February 14, 2016**

#### **Boy Scout Sunday**

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 Visitation Ministry  
 2:00 Parkside Alcoholics Anonymous  
 4:30 Mexico Meeting  
 6:00 Youth Fellowship

### **MONDAY, February 15, 2016**

7:00 pm Gamblers Anonymous

### **TUESDAY, February 16, 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 Staff/Parish Relations Committee

### **WEDNESDAY, February 17, 2016**

#### **Deadline March Journey**

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

### **THURSDAY, February 18, 2016**

10:00 am Strength and Balance  
 11:00 Pastor's Bible Study  
 2:00 pm Collate Bulletins  
 5:30 Primary Purpose Alcoholics Anonymous  
 5:45 Education Commission  
 7:00 Chancel Choir  
 Gamblers Anonymous

### **FRIDAY, February 19, 2016**

7:00 pm Young Adult Group  
 Narcotics Anonymous

### **SATURDAY, February 20, 2016**

8:30 am Men's Breakfast

### **SUNDAY, February 21, 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: any statements that were not picked up have been mailed.**

**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.