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VBS volunteers - This year VBS is July 18 – 22. 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.

Friendship Circle - Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m., in the PUMC Lounge. Several members will "Show N' Tell" about something from home that is a treasured memory to them. This is part of our "Getting To Know You" activity and developing friendships. Also, please remember to bring your baby picture. Place it in an envelope, and hand it to Janet Cole without showing it to anyone at this time. These pictures will be used at the April meeting as another activity in the "Getting To Know You" program. We will also begin our monthly contributions to the Love, INC. program. For more information call Carla Vinson (849-1706). All are welcome!

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

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

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 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 or (845) 242-8750. Room 24 (the Lounge).

Upcoming Youth Events

Sun Mar 13	4pm-6pm 6pm-8pm	Mexico Team Meeting Youth Fellowship (Youth Service practice)
Fri-Sat Mar 18-19	7pm-9am	Youth Lock-in (Youth Service practice & fun)
Sun Mar 20	-----	No Youth Fellowship
Sun Mar 27	9:30am-10:30am -----	Easter Egg Hunt No Youth Fellowship (Happy Easter)

Ultimate Discount Cards - The youth will be taking part in a Bridge Builder's service project to build a handicap accessible ramp/deck for the Sound of Life Radio Station. These popular Discount Cards to local restaurants and stores will be available starting March 20th and will be on sale in Fellowship Hall after each service to raise funds toward this project. Reminder that the current cards expire April 1st so why not stop by and purchase a new one for 2016.

The Youth Group is collecting non-perishable, not opened, new food for Dutchess Outreach. This is an ongoing food collection. Please place the food in one of the bins, either in Fellowship Hall or the Narthex and Laurel Hicks will see that it gets delivered.

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!

Visitation Ministry - will meet in the church lounge on Monday evening, April 4, at 7 pm. During the meeting, suggestions for upcoming speakers will be entertained. The Visitation Ministry contacts and visits with our church shut-ins as well as other church friends who are home-bound. If this is an area you think you would like to assist with, please join us at the April 4 meeting. Any questions or for information contact Margaret Slomin, 845-462-0107, or Wanda Traver, 845-453-0188.
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Easter Cross of Flowers! On Easter Sunday we will again have the opportunity to contribute fresh (or faux) flowers for a cross constructed by one of the Worship Commission members. This is a beautiful reminder of the glory of Jesus' resurrection! It also provides a lovely backdrop for family photos. Please bring a few flowers to church on Easter Sunday and place them on the cross. At the beginning of the morning, the cross will be bare, but by the end of the second service it will be in full bloom, reminding us of the new life we have in Jesus Christ.

Easter Flower Tree – The Visitation ministry will again have the Easter Flower Tree up in Fellowship Hall prior to Easter. There will be ornaments on the tree with the names and addresses of those we visit. We ask members of the congregation to take an ornament and pick up a flower from the sanctuary after the last worship service on Easter Sunday and deliver it to the person whose name is on the ornament. This is an opportunity for a grace-filled visit and an expression of our continued caring for those who cannot get to church to worship with us in person.

PLEASE, if you know someone who is ill, a shut-in, or in a nursing home and you would like them to receive an Easter Flower, call or e-mail the church office with the name and address of that person so we add them to the list. It is important to know how many flowers are needed so that we order enough.

Strength and Balance Exercise and Fellowship meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 am in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to join, or come and check us out! Men and Women at Welcome! Exercise at your own level. For more information contact Geri Hoernes at 462-2316.

2:00 pm Collate Bulletins
 5:00 St. Patrick's Dinner
 5:30 Primary Purpose Alcoholics Anonymous
 7:00 Chancel Choir
 Gamblers Anonymous

Opportunities for You This Week

SUNDAY, March 13, 2016

Girl Scout Sunday

8:30 am Contemporary Service
 9:30 Fellowship Time
 9:45 Sunday School – 3 years–12th grade & Adult Studies
 Confirmation
 10:45 Traditional Service
 Sunday School – 3 years – 6th Grade
 11:45 Fellowship Time
 12:00 pm Healing Prayer Meeting
 2:00 Parkside Alcoholics Anonymous
 4:00 Mexico Team Meeting
 6:00 Youth Fellowship

MONDAY, March 14, 2016

7:00 pm Gamblers Anonymous

TUESDAY, March 15, 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

WEDNESDAY, March 16, 2016

Deadline April Journey

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

THURSDAY, March 17, 2016

10:00 am Strength and Balance
 11:00 Pastor's Bible Study

FRIDAY, March 18, 2016

7:00 pm Young Adult Group
 Youth Lock In
 Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, March 19, 2016

8:30 am Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY, March 20, 2016

8:30 am Contemporary Service
 9:30 Fellowship Time
 9:45 Special Holy Week Program – A Child's Walk with Jesus
 Confirmation
 10:45 Traditional Service
 11:45 Fellowship Time
 2:00 pm Parkside Alcoholics Anonymous
 6:00 No Youth Fellowship

Mid-Hudson Love INC. From Patricia Owen- I have faithfully served as liaison for Love INC. for many years. It is time now that I step away (I will still be chair of the Cookie Walk) and focus my efforts on other missions. I am pleased to announce that Kathy Betz will be taking over as church liaison to Love INC. Kathy is an active member of PUMC having served as Chairwoman of Second Hand Rose as well as other missions and outreach programs. Kathy and her family worship at the 8:30 service but can often be found in Fellowship Hall between services. Her email is katherinebetz1@gmail.com and phone 240-1779. Please let Kathy know if you are interested in getting involved with Love INC. Also, thank you all for your past support of me and Love INC.!

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.

Single Women's Luncheon, April 17: The Single Women will enjoy luncheon on Sunday, April 17, 2016 at a local restaurant (watch Sunday bulletin for location). The group meets the third Sunday of the month and gathers after second service on that Sunday. For car pooling we meet at the North entrance of the church. Any single ladies are welcome to join us. For questions or further