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***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 are Welcome! Exercise at your own level. For more information contact Geri Hoernes at 462-2316.

***NEEDED: Ushers and Greeters for both services. If you can help at the 8:30 service***, contact Sue Parker ASAP at [sueparker31@gmail.com](mailto:sueparker31@gmail.com). ***If you can help at 10:45***, contact Will Cass at [awc1920@yahoo.com](mailto:awc1920@yahoo.com).

***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.

***Please Welcome the following new Members*** joining our congregation this morning: Amilcar Arvelo, Elaine Gerstenkorn, Rebecca Ortiz, Brittany Wyckhuysen and Mary Grace Wyckhuysen.

***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.*** We meet with other mothers of infants, preschoolers and elementary-age children to study the book of James, and share in each other's lives with a good dose of laughter and depth. Room 35. 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. ***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. *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.

***Easter Flower Tree*** – Visitation Ministry again has the Easter Flower Tree in Fellowship Hall. There are 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 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.

## ***Upcoming Youth Events***

Sun Mar 27	9:30am-10:30am -----	Easter Egg Hunt <b>No</b> Youth Fellowship (Happy Easter)
Sun Apr 3	4:30pm-6pm 6pm-8pm	MFUGE Team Meeting Youth Fellowship (Youth Service practice)
Fri Apr 8	7pm-9pm	TGIF
Sun Apr 10	6pm-8pm	Youth Fellowship (Youth Service practice)

***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 Today 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.

***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.

***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 Sarah Hicks will see that it gets delivered.

***Copies of our PUMC Directory are still available*** 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!

***The 2015 Church Charge Conference booklets are available in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall and the office.***

***Adopt-a-Highway Program - Volunteers Needed.*** PUMC has committed to the NYS Adopt-A-Highway Program by agreeing to pick up litter along a 2.2 mile stretch of New Hackensack Rd. which includes the roadsides in front of our property.

We'll loan you a reflective safety vest, a yellow hard hat, a sharp-pointed litter pick-up stick and a supply of clear plastic trash bags so you can better enjoy the roadside landscape for approximately 1 1/2 hours on specific Saturday mornings. You are encouraged to join us with YOUR pair of gardening or work gloves, vintage long trousers and closed toe/hard soled shoes or boots. If you wish, you may bring hydration fluid and your own litter pick-up device. If you have back issues, DO NOT volunteer for this project.

Please advise a church secretary or us of your name, phone number and email address so you can be initiated into the Adopt-A-Highway Program Team. Four work dates, approximately 2 months apart, will be scheduled and published in 'The Journey'.

The INITIAL pick up date is SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2016. We meet in the church parking area closest to New Hackensack Rd. at 8:00 AM. Thank you and God Bless, Eric and Hank Eichenhofer, Co-Chairmen: (845) 473-2198  
[naneich@aol.com](mailto:naneich@aol.com)

***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 information, contact Irene Feller, 845-462-6174, or Wanda Traver, 845-453-0188.

***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.

***Thank you to Kaye Schrock*** for making the Palm Cross that adorned the altar on Palm Sunday.

## Opportunities for You This Week

### SUNDAY, March 27, 2016

#### Easter

8:30 am	Contemporary Service
9:30	Fellowship Time
9:45	Easter Egg Hunt
10:45	Traditional Service
11:45	Fellowship Time
2:00 pm	Parkside Alcoholics Anonymous
6:00	No Youth Fellowship

### MONDAY, March 28, 2016

6:30 pm	Soaking Prayer
7:00	Gamblers Anonymous

### TUESDAY, March 29, 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 30, 2016

7:30 am	Prayers and Communion
7:00 pm	Voices in Praise

### THURSDAY, March 31, 2016

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, April 1, 2016

7:00 pm	Young Adult Group
	Narcotics Anonymous

### SATURDAY, April 2, 2016

8:30 am	Men's Breakfast
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### SUNDAY, April 3, 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
12:00 pm	Healing Prayer Meeting
2:00	Parkside Alcoholics Anonymous
4:30	M-Fuge Meeting
6:00	Youth Fellowship

**The Sign-up Sheet for Altar 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.

**Christ is so diverse!** I look forward to celebrating Native American Ministries Sunday on April 10, 2016, along with many other United Methodist congregations. Did you know that when our churches support [Native American Ministries Sunday](#) (NAMS), we equip seminary students and empower Native American congregations to find fresh, new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ?

**Harriet Tubman Academic Skills Center:** Great news for OUR program! We have been awarded a grant from the Dyson Foundation to fund a portion of the remaining school year and approx. 1/4 of operating costs for next year. I want to thank our staff, our Board, and all the supporters at PUMC for believing in this program that provides a quality after school program for our 40 registered students! Please continue to pray that more funding opportunities come through this month, as we are awaiting news from two county funding programs.