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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.

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.

Today, March 6, we have a special offering for **“One Great Hour of Sharing.”** Your gift today makes it possible to show the love of Christ when disaster strikes. Donations cover the operating expenses of UMCOR and allows 100% of designated donations to get to those who need them most. There are special envelopes enclosed in your bulletin.

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

Fi-Sun	Mar 4-6	7pm-2pm	Taconic Retreat
Sun	Mar 6	-----	No Youth Fellowship
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

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 13th 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.

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!

The Next Lenten program, will be 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.

Ulster Savings Bank is sponsoring the Mid-Hudson Heroes Campaign to benefit nominated Non-Profit organizations. The Harriet Tubman Academic Skills Center has been nominated! All YOU have to do is visit <http://www.midhudsonheroes.com/> and vote for us ONCE A DAY between March 2, 2016, at 12:00:01 A.M. Eastern Time and March 11, 2016, at 11:59:59 P.M. Eastern Time. The organization with the most votes will receive a donation of \$3,000, 2nd place - \$1,500 and 3rd place - \$500. All other organizations that receive 300 votes or more, but are not a declared winner of the contest, will automatically be entered in a drawing to win a \$250 gift card. PLEASE, set your alarms, update your calendars and VOTE for your favorite after school program in Poughkeepsie! Jeff Hart

The WOW women's book club will not be meeting in March. Diana Neno will not be planning any further meetings until announced.

Opportunities for You This Week

SUNDAY, March 6, 2016

8:30 am Contemporary Service
 9:30 Fellowship Time
 9:45 Sunday School – 3 years–12th grade & Adult Studies
 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
 Youth Return from Taconic Retreat
 6:00 No Youth Fellowship

MONDAY, March 7, 2016

7:00 pm Gamblers Anonymous

TUESDAY, March 8, 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 9, 2016

7:30 am Prayers and Communion
 9:15 CNS Jr.
 10:00 Memorial Committee
 12:00 pm Soup and Scripture
 7:00 Voices in Praise

THURSDAY, March 10, 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, March 11, 2016

9:00 am CNS Dance Celebration
 Young Adult Group
 Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, March 12, 2016

8:30 am Men's Breakfast
 9:00 Prayer Team Meeting

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME -TURN CLOCKS FORWARD

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
 2:00 pm Parkside Alcoholics Anonymous
 6:00 Youth Fellowship

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.

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.