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Transition Meeting TODAY at 3 pm. This is an opportunity to meet our new Pastor, Rev. Adrienne Brewington, and to interface with Rev. Brewington and Pastor Peggy. All members, friends and potential members of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

There will be a reception for new members after the 2nd service on Sunday May 22. This occasion will include all those who have joined the church during the past 3 years. Please join us in Fellowship Hall to share some light refreshments, welcome our new members and enjoy each other's company.

Visitation The Visitation Committee would like to invite all members to attend our June luncheon meeting to be held at Christos on Wednesday June 8th at noon. The cost of the buffet luncheon is \$9.95 and we look forward to catching up with all our members at this spring event. Christos is located at 155 Wilbur Blvd. in Poughkeepsie and there is ample parking. For more information or to RSVP please email Margaret Slomin at mslomin@optonline.net or call 845.462.0107.

Friendship Circle will gather on Wednesday afternoon, May 23, for a tour of Top Cottage in Hyde Park. For more information, please call Carla Vinson, 849-1706.

Adult and Youth volunteers needed for VBS. Sign-up sheet is on bulletin board. VBS is from July 18 - 22. 9:00 am - 12 Noon.

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. 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 or [\(347\) 232-1919](tel: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?** *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.

Request from the Bishop: Bishop Jane Allen Middleton has asked PUMC to be a leader in generous giving toward the repair and renovation of the NYAC Conference Center in White Plains. She gave a presentation about the project to our Ad Board on April 26. We will hold **ONE** congregational meeting to discuss our church finances, what is possible for us to give, and ultimately what is God calling us to contribute to the project. The meeting date is Saturday, May 21 at 1 pm. Lunch will be served. There will be NO meeting on Sunday June 5. Members will have until June 5th to indicate whether they support the Conference Center project, via a survey available in the Sunday bulletins (5/22 and 6/5) or in the June issue of the Journey. Please mark your calendars, and be a part of this important church decision.

Upcoming Youth Events

Sun May 15	4pm-6pm 6pm-8pm	Mexico Team Meeting Youth Fellowship (Youth Service video)
Sat May 21	9am-11am	Posting Memorial Flags (Rural Cemetery)
Sun May 22	6pm-8pm	Youth Fellowship
Sun May 29	5:30pm-8pm	Youth Fellowship (Rail Trail at Marrines)

Stock Sale - Please take stock in our youth going on summer mission trips by purchasing a 'Stock' certificate available after each service. This certificate gets you a note from one of the youth while they are on their trip and an invitation to a presentation ceremony in the fall.

Flea Market & Car Wash - The annual Flea Market will be June 4, 8am-4pm. Vendors, please contact John Marrine (471-6492) or the church office (452-2933) to register your space. Donations for the rummage sale will be accepted ONLY after May 22 and can be dropped off at the Fellowship Hall stage. Please no big electronic equipment like computers, TVs, etc. All proceeds go toward the youth summer mission teams.

Graduates - If you know of a college or high school youth graduating this year, please fill out the available forms (located in sanctuary, youth bulletin board, and church website (Youth/Parent tabs)) and return to John Marrine (471-6492) or church office (452-2933) by June 5th. The graduates will be recognized at the June 12th services.

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

Health kits for annual conference The children are putting together health kits for UMCOR to be delivered at Annual Conference in June. We are asking for the congregation to help with this mission. There is a list of items needed on the bulletin board.

The Youth Group is collecting non-perishable, not opened, new food for Castle Point Veterans Hospital. 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.

Strength and Balance Chair 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.

Are our bulletin covers inspiring? If so, you'll be interested to know that Jim Bennett, the artist/calligrapher who does them, has recently published a collection of 100 of his designs from the last two years. The title of his book is **Bible Calligraphy - 100 Scriptures**, and it's available now on Amazon. For more information and the Amazon link, please visit biblecalligraphy.com. Also, Jim would greatly appreciate people's reviewing his book on Amazon.

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

There are many openings for Altar Flowers: there is a sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex. If you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday, please sign the chart with the date you wish to have your flowers on the Altar and complete the yellow form indicating if the flowers are in memory of, or in honor of a friend, relative or 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.

Opportunities for You This Week

SUNDAY, May 15, 2016 Confirmation Sunday

10:00 am Blended Service
 Sunday School – 3 years – 6th Grade
 11:00 Fellowship Time
 2:00 pm Parkside Alcoholics Anonymous
 3:00 Transition Meeting – Meet the new Pastor
 4:30 Mexico Meeting
 6:00 Youth Fellowship

MONDAY, May 16, 2016

7:00 pm Gamblers Anonymous

TUESDAY, May 17, 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 Program Council

WEDNESDAY, May 18, 2016

7:30 am Prayers and Communion
 9:00 CNS Jr.
 7:00 pm Finance Committee

THURSDAY, May 19, 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, May 20, 2016

8:30 am Collate Journey
 7:00 pm Young Adults Group
 Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, May 21, 2016

8:00 am PUMC Work Day!
 8:30 Men's Breakfast
 1:00 pm Congregational Meeting with Lunch

SUNDAY, May 22, 2016

8:30 am Contemporary Service
 9:30 Fellowship Time
 9:45 Sunday School – 3 years – 12th grade and Adult Studies
 10:45 am Traditional Service – Winslow Baptism
 Sunday School – 3 years – 6th Grade
 11:45 Fellowship Time
 2:00 pm Parkside Alcoholics Anonymous
 6:00 Youth Fellowship

On May 22, we will take an offering for Peace with Justice. The monies collected each year is divided, with half retained by the New York Annual Conference to fund our social justice ministries. The other half is sent to the General Board in Washington, DC. Together, this money helps us spread the gospel of peace and justice in 136 countries around the world and right here in our six conference districts. We are making a difference from Liberia to Long Island, from Pakistan to Poughkeepsie!

Wesley Circle Luncheon: Please note the date change for the Wesley Circle luncheon. It will be Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at the Red Lobster Restaurant, South Road, at 12:30 pm. Car pooling will be available. All ladies are welcome. Any questions, call Wanda Traver at 845-453-0188.

Single Women's Luncheon: The Single Women's Luncheon will be the fourth Sunday of May, following second service, on May 22nd. Watch Sunday bulletins for location. Questions or further info, contact Irene Feller at 845-462-6174 or Wanda Traver at 845-453-0188.

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. You may bring hydration fluid and your own litter pick-up device.

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. The second work date is SATURDAY, June 4. 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