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Adult Studies:

We begin our journey through Life Lessons with Max Lucado – Book of Galatians , which includes twelve lessons filled with intriguing questions, inspirational storytelling, profound reflections, and space for journaling. Max Lucado is the author of multiple best-selling books of the Christian faith, and is America’s Leading Inspirational Author. Please contact Bob or Anne Ciraulo at 845-462-5582 or bobeepbeep@hotmail.com for more information. Room 32

Adult Coloring Fellowship - join us for a time of fellowship and peaceful meditation as we color scripture designs together. Jim Bennett, who creates our bulletin covers, will provide all materials. (Bring your own markers if you would like!) Leave with an inspiring scripture design you can hang on your refrigerator during the week. Room 33

Mom’s Sunday School The Sunday school class gathering mothers of infants to elementary-age children is making a comeback! What are we about? We are about uncovering the person of Jesus, letting his words and actions influence us, and sharing in this crazy ride call motherhood. Join us as we study the "I AM" statements of Jesus in the book of John, share, laugh and serve together. Room #35.

Pastor’s Bible Study – there will be three choices, please note there have been some time adjustments: **starting the first week in October**, 10/5 Wednesday afternoons at 2:30 pm., 10/ 6 Thursday mornings at 10:30 am; or Thursday evenings at 7 pm. Please contact the church office by September 18 with your choice so we may order materials. Room 24

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.

The New York Annual Conference will welcome our new Bishop, Bishop Thomas Bickerton, at a service of celebration on Sunday, September 25th at 3pm in the sanctuary of Salem United Methodist Church in New York City. Pastor Adrienne is planning to attend. If you would like to accompany her, please leave a message in the church office.

PUMCs Church Conference is scheduled for Sunday, October 2. All church members are welcome and have voting privileges. There will be an election of Trustees for the Class of 2019. District Superintendent Rev. Elizabeth Ott will join us at Worship with the Church Conference to follow at 12:30.

Combined Service: On October 2, there will be one Service at 10:45 am, followed by the Church Conference.

Annual Reports are due, Friday, September 23. Chair Persons of Commissions, Committees and Groups that usually do reports for the annual book should make every effort to meet this deadline as we will not be able to print late reports. The reports should cover from January 1 through September 30.

Single Women’s Luncheon: – Luncheon will be at 12:30 pm **TODAY**, at the Acropolis Diner, Main Street (Arlington). All single women are welcome. We will meet at the North Entrance right after the second service. Carpooling will be available. For questions or further info contact Irene Feller at 845-416-1536 or Wanda Traver at 845-453-0188.

Upcoming Youth Events

Sun	Sep 18	6pm-8pm	Youth Fellowship
Sun	Sep 25	12:30pm-2pm	Apple Picking
Wed	Sep 28	7am	'See You at the Pole' event at individual schools
Sun	Oct 2	6pm-8pm	Youth Fellowship Jr. & Sr. High Retreat applications due

College Students - We would like to stay in touch with our college students throughout the year to support them, starting in September. Please let John Marrine (471-6492) or the church office (452-2933) know of the student's college address and we'll make sure to include them in our mailings.

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.

On Sunday, October 2nd, we will be celebrating World Communion Sunday during worship. World Communication Sunday calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children. We will be receiving a special offering that day. The special offering provides World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program. You can find more information about World Communion Sunday at <http://www.umcgiving.org/question-articles/world-communion-sunday-faq>.

There is a need for food at Dutchess Outreach, such as beans, canned pastas, Mac and Cheese, etc. The Youth Group is collecting non-perishable, not opened, new food. 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.

Memorial Committee - All Memorial Fund donations received in memory of James Benson, who touched the lives of many young children through his long and successful teaching career, were recently transferred to the Harriet Tubman Academic Skills Center (HTASC) Program.

Art Group: "Art Group" is open to all who enjoy painting and being with others who encourage and inspire each other. While the primary medium is watercolor, you are welcome to bring what is of interest to you. We will start meeting again on **Tuesday, Sept. 20**, in the Fellowship Hall, from 1:30 - 3:30. Hope to see many of you there. Questions: call Doris Stahl, 462-1922 or Gerianne Hoernes, 462-2316

Blood Drive at PUMC !! Sunday 9/25 from 9am to 1:30pm in fellowship hall. Please step up and give the gift of life! New York Blood Center needs you now more than ever! The record-breaking hot summer created massive blood shortages and NYBC is still recovering! Donors ages 16-75 (16 year olds need permission form from website and 75+ can donate with doctor's note). Be in good health Have Positive, ID, Drink and Eat before donating. Eligibility questions call 1-800-688-0900. You have the opportunity to save 3 lives, and pay it forward as a "thank you" for the blessings in your life! Please see Laurie Wilson to sign up, or walk-ins are always welcome!

Homeless Shelter Meals: Volunteers are needed to prepare and/or serve the meal for October 22, at the Dutchess County Coalition for the Homeless Overnight Shelter. There is a sign-up sheet on the Missions bulletin board near the restrooms. Receipts can be submitted for reimbursement of food costs. Contact Laurie/Larry Wilson or the Church Office for more information.

Women of the Word, W.O.W. will be having a book study on Lee Strobel's The Case for Christ. The six week book/DVD study, (starting Oct. 15th, ending Nov. 19th) delves into the author's own search for the truth about Jesus as God's Son. We will cover such topics as Eyewitness Evidence, Evidence for the Resurrection and Analyzing Jesus. Books are available, but not necessary. Please see the sign up in Fellowship Hall or call Patricia Owen - 473-3142.

Soaking Prayer – Monday, September 26, at 6:30 pm - Soaking Prayer is for any season of your life. Sit quietly while soft worship music plays, and soak in the presence of Our Lord. You may pray, read the bible, write, or just rest in Him – even sleeping is permitted.

Opportunities for You This Week

SUNDAY, September 18, 2016

8:30 am Contemporary Service
9:30 Fellowship Time
9:45 Sunday School – 3 years – 6th grade and Adult Studies
10:45 Traditional Service
Sunday School – 3 years – 5th Grade
11:45 Fellowship Time
2:00 pm Parkside Alcoholics Anonymous
6:00 Youth Fellowship

Monday, September 19, 2016

7:00 pm Gamblers Anonymous

TUESDAY, September 20, 2016

9:00 am Men's Bible Study
CNS Orientation
10:00 Strength and Balance
1:30 pm Art Group
5:30 Primary Purpose Alcoholics Anonymous
6:30 Joyful Ringers
7:00 Worship Commission

WEDNESDAY, September 21, 2016

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

THURSDAY, September 22, 2016

10:00 am Strength and Balance
2:00 pm Collate Bulletins
5:30 Primary Purpose Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, September 23, 2016

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

SATURDAY, September 24, 2016

8:30 am Men's Breakfast
3:00 pm Homeless Shelter – Owen Family

SUNDAY, September 25, 2016

8:30 am Contemporary Service
9:00 Blood Drive
9:30 Fellowship Time
9:45 Sunday School – 3 years – 6th grade and Adult Studies
10:45 Traditional Service
Sunday School – 3 years – 5th Grade
11:45 Fellowship Time
12:30 pm Youth Apple Picking
2:00 Parkside Alcoholics Anonymous

The Harriet Tubman Academic Skills Center is in need of some specific items for this school year, including:

Plastic Cups
Paper Towels
Tissues
Disinfectant Wipes
Hand Sanitizer
7" "Student Scissors" for Ages 12+ (10 requested)
Glue Sticks (We have enough glue bottles.)
Tempera Paint (ROYGBIV, black, white, tan)
Paint Brushes - small and medium
Sharpies
Thank you for your support. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Megan Joslin, RaVaé Grant, Dara Brands