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Lenten Devotional Sessions (AKA Soup and Scripture) - Good news! We will again be offering a Lenten series as we did last year. But...this year we will be offering a luncheon at Noon on Wednesdays (**This will take the place of Wednesday afternoon Bible Study**); AND, a light supper on Thursdays at 6:00PM (**This will take the place of Thursday evening Bible Study**). We're hoping that those who could not attend because of work obligations last year can attend the Thursday offering. The series will be Opening ourselves to Grace: Basic Christian Practices. This is a study exploring the means of Grace in the Wesleyan tradition. In order for everyone to be on the same page, we're asking how many would be interested in attending so the necessary amount of materials can be ordered.

The start date will be Wednesday, March 1 (otherwise known this year as Ash Wednesday), and we will complete the series on Thursday, April 13 (possibly followed by a Maundy Thursday service). There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by Fellowship Hall, or call the office with your interest.

New Member Class – there will be a New Member Class Wednesdays March 8 and 15 at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to join PUMC or would just like to know more about us, please call the church office.

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.

Adult Studies:

Life Lessons with Max Lucado – Book of Galatians , includes lessons filled with intriguing questions, inspirational storytelling, profound reflections, and space for journaling. Please contact Bob or Anne Ciraulo at 845-462-5582 or bobeepbeep@hotmail.com for more information. Room 32

Mom's Sunday School - 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 called motherhood. Join us during the 9:45 Sunday School hour as we pray, share, laugh and serve together. Room 35.

The Pastor’s Bible Study will meet during Lent on Thursdays at 10:30 am and 7:00 pm. Come join us for thought provoking conversations that help us apply scriptures to life circumstances.

Three Opportunities for Lenten School of Religion at PUMC: Saturday Mornings, March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April ; see insert. Registration required, deadline March 1.

Upcoming Youth Events

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| Fri-Sun Feb 24-26 | 6pm-2pm | Taconic Retreat |
| Sun Feb 26 | ----- | No Youth Fellowship |
| Tue Feb 28 | 5pm-7pm | Shrove Pancake Supper |
| Sun Mar 5 | 6pm-8pm | Youth Fellowship (Youth Service practice) |

Shrove Pancake Supper - The youth would like to invite you and the family to a Shrove Pancake Supper on February 28th 5pm-7pm. There will be a free will offering the night of the event with proceeds going towards the youth summer mission trips. Come and enjoy food and fellowship. Youth and parents - please sign up on the youth bulletin board, if you can help, by providing some of the food for the event.

Ultimate Discount Cards - These cards for discounts to local restaurants and establishments are coming in March. Stay tuned!

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.

DRIVERS WANTED by the VISITATION MINISTRY: We are reaching out to our home bound members by inviting them to attend worship services on Palm Sunday, April 9. We wish to provide transportation for them for that Sunday. If you can help by bringing them to church, please call co-chairs Margaret Slomin 845-462-0107 (msslomin@optonline.net) or Wanda Traver 845-453-0188 (wandatraver@aol.com).

The Prayer Room has Moved - For a number of years, our Healing Ministry has offered prayers in the little room next to the office. Our team has grown, and the room is feeling cramped, especially when it needs to be used as an office. In order to have a more spiritual and healing atmosphere, we have moved into the room also used by the Christian Counselors on the lower level. It is handicapped accessible through the outer door and it has a cozier, more spiritual feel. Please come visit whether or not you are "standing in the need of prayer".

Offering envelopes for 2017 may be picked up in the Narthex. When you use envelopes, we are better able to identify and record your gifts properly. So, whether or not you pledge, if you give regularly to PUMC, please pick up and use offering envelopes. If you do not have envelopes or there are none for you, please place your name on the pad.

Year-end Statements are available on the table in the Narthex.

LOVE INC is in need of donations of groceries, cleaning supplies and gift cards for an upcoming ministry workshop. There is also a general need for toilet paper, paper towels, hair conditioner, and soap. Please leave donations in one of the LOVE INC. boxes in Fellowship Hall.

Homeless Shelter Meals: Volunteers are needed to prepare the meal for May, at the Dutchess County Coalition for the Homeless Overnight Shelter. If you cannot serve the meals, perhaps you can prepare dishes for others to serve. There is a sign-up sheet on the Missions bulletin board near the restrooms. Receipts can be submitted for reimbursement of food costs. Contact Cathy Close the Church Office for more information.

There will be no verbal announcements during Lent! If you have announcements to make during that time please submit them to the church office by Wednesday of each week.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, February 26, 2017

- 8:30 am Contemporary Service
9:30 Fellowship Time
Healing Prayer in Prayer Room (downstairs)
9:45 Sunday School – 3 yrs – 12th grade & Adult Studies
10:45 Traditional Service
Sunday School – 3 years – 7th Grade
11:45 Fellowship Time
2:00 pm Parkside Alcoholics Anonymous
Taconic Retreat Ends
6:00 NO Youth Fellowship

MONDAY, February 27, 2017

- 6:30 pm Soaking Prayer
7:00 Gamblers Anonymous

TUESDAY, February 28, 2017

- 9:00 am Men's Bible Study
9:30 Strength and Balance
1:00 pm Art Group
5:00 Shrove Pancake Dinner
5:30 Primary Purpose Alcoholics Anonymous
6:30 Joyful Ringers

WEDNESDAY, March 1, 2017

Ash Wednesday

- 7:30 am Prayers and Communion
11:00 Lay Leaders Meeting
12:00 pm Lenten Luncheon
7:00 Ash Wednesday Service

THURSDAY, March 2, 2017

- 9:30 am Strength and Balance
10:30 Pastor's Bible Study
2:00 pm Collate Bulletins
5:30 Primary Purpose Alcoholics Anonymous
6:00 Lenten Supper
7:00 Bridge Builder's Planning
Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, March 3, 2017

- 7:00 pm Young Adult Group
Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, March 4, 2017

- 8:30 am Men's Breakfast
9:00 Healing Prayer Team
10:00 Lenten Class

SUNDAY, March 5, 2017

Communion Sunday

- 8:30 am Contemporary Service
9:30 Fellowship Time
Healing Prayer in Prayer Room (downstairs)
9:45 Sunday School – 3 yrs – 12th grade & Adult Studies
10:45 Traditional Service
Sunday School – 3 years – 7th Grade
11:45 Fellowship Time
2:00 pm Parkside Alcoholics Anonymous
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