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The Pastor's Bible Study is exploring the assigned readings from the book of the prophet Isaiah during Advent. We gather at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and both 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays. Our schedule for the next four weeks: Isaiah 35:1-10, Isaiah 7:10-16, Isaiah 52:7-10, Isaiah 63:7-9. All are welcome!

Are you interested in Disciple Bible Study? Pastor Adrienne is willing to convert one of her Bible Study sessions into Disciple Bible Study beginning in January. Disciple is a 34-week curriculum for those who long to deepen their understanding of scripture, their relationship with God and their commitment to following Jesus. Participants will need to commit to 30 minutes of daily Bible reading and other work in preparation for the weekly group meetings. Weekly meetings will last between 2 and 2 ½ hours. Each participant will also need a work book, the price of which is approximately \$13.00. If you think you would like to make this journey, please contact the church office by December 21st, indicating your interest and your best date for participation (Wednesday afternoon, Thursday morning or Thursday evening). Responses will be tabulated and a decision made about whether this faith-building program can move ahead at this time.

Children are needed for reenacting the Christmas story at the 6:00 service on Christmas Eve. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by fellowship hall.

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. Join us as we study the "I AM" statements of Jesus in the book of John, share, laugh and serve together. Room 35.

Blue Christmas Service Our Third Annual Blue Christmas service will be on Saturday, December 17 at 3 pm. This service is designed to meet the needs of people who are hurting during the Christmas season. Please join us for an uplifting service. Feel free to invite friends who are suffering. All are welcome.

There will be a reception in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 18, in honor of Polly's James' retirement. ***Please plan to join Polly for cake and coffee after the second service.***

Christmas Eve Services will be at 6 pm and 10 pm. There will be one service on Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day at 10 am, and one service on Sunday, January 1, New Year's Day at 10 am.

Upcoming Youth Events

Sun Dec 11	6pm-8pm	Youth Fellowship (Youth Service Kickoff)
Tues Dec 13	4pm-6pm	Angel Tree (Gannett House)
Sun Dec 18	6pm-8pm	Youth Fellowship (Progressive Dinner)
Sun Dec 25	-----	No Youth Group (Merry Christmas)
Sat Jan 7	6:30pm-9:30pm	Christmas Ball

Candy Fundraiser - The youth are selling assorted fudge and truffles after each service that they made to raise funds for summer mission trips. Boxes can be purchased for \$6 and make a great gift for you and others!

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, such as beans, canned pastas, Mac and Cheese, etc. 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.

Women of the Word, W.O.W. book study on Lee Strobel's *The Case for Christ*. Meets Saturday mornings at 9 am.

Homeless Shelter Meals: Volunteers are needed to prepare and/or serve the meal for December and January 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 Laurie/Larry Wilson laurielanewilson@yahoo.com or the Church Office for more information.

Angels – Angels- Everywhere!



Are you an angel? You are if you find it in your heart to help make a child's wish come true for Christmas

Time to dust off those wings- although we know you have all been busy providing for others all year. Just stop by Fellowship Hall and pick an ornament from the tree, put your name on the tag, return it into the basket under the tree, take the ornament that accompanies and fill a wish.

Return your gifts under the tree wrapped and marked with the Angel Tag by **TODAY**. Enjoy the holidays knowing you have brought a smile to a special new friend. Please make sure to provide only one 'toy' and one clothing item. (Gifts are opened at a party and families find it difficult to explain why some gifts are more extravagant than others consider choosing more than one child if you want to provide more.) If you choose a request to provide a Gift Card please know you are empowering a child through your generosity. (Gift cards should be \$10-\$15. There are several siblings that request these so to keep a sense of equity please try to keep this guideline in mind.) (Some Children have specified a store.) If you prefer- I would be glad to shop for you just let me know. Thank you. For more info call Pam Terwilliger 452-7022 or 845-240-4564. p_terwilliger@hotmail.com

Poinsettia Tree – The Visitation Ministry invites you to participate in delivering poinsettias to our church members and friends who cannot attend worship services. Look for the tree in Fellowship Hall with the paper ornaments, each with a different name and address on the back. Take one or more ornaments from the tree. Soon after the Christmas Day service, (but not before), pick up a poinsettia(s) from the sanctuary and deliver it to the name(s) you have chosen. Please deliver only one per address. Those we visit regularly throughout the year will appreciate your visit and know that their church family remembers them. Thank you from the Visitation Ministry.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, December 11, 2016

Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Contemporary Service
9:30 Fellowship Time
9:45 Sunday School – 3 years – 12th Grade
10:45 Traditional Service
Sunday School – 3 years – 7th grade
11:45 Fellowship Time
12:00 pm Healing Prayer Meeting
2:00 Parkside Alcoholics Anonymous
6:00 Youth Fellowship

MONDAY, December 12, 2016

7:00 pm Gamblers Anonymous

TUESDAY, December 13, 2016

9:00 am Men's Bible Study
9:30 Strength and Balance
1:00 pm Art Group
5:30 Primary Purpose Alcoholics Anonymous
6:30 Joyful Ringers
7:00 Church Council

WEDNESDAY, December 14, 2016

7:30 am Prayers and Communion
2:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study
7:00 Staff/Parish Relations Ctte
Youth Bible Study
Voices in Praise

THURSDAY, December 15, 2016

9:30 am CNS Jr.
Strength and Balance
10:30 Pastor's Bible Study
2:00 pm Collate Bulletins
5:30 Primary Purpose Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 Pastor's Bible Study
Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, December 16, 2016

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

SATURDAY, December 17, 2016

8:30 am Men's Breakfast
3:00 pm Blue Christmas

SUNDAY, December 18, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Contemporary Service
9:30 Fellowship Time
9:45 Sunday School – 3 years – 12th Grade
10:45 Traditional Service
Sunday School – 3 years – 7th grade
11:45 Fellowship Time
2:00 pm Parkside Alcoholics Anonymous
6:00 Youth Fellowship

Seasons Greetings from the Harriet Tubman Academic Skills Center!

The students and staff are very busy getting ready for the holidays! We are preparing for our December Barnes & Noble book fair. You are invited to join us at the Barnes & Noble on South Road in Poughkeepsie on December 17, 2016 from 10am-3pm. During that time there will be seasonal crafts, activities and stories shared! Don't forget to bring our book fair voucher when you come to the store that day. The Harriet Tubman Academic Skills Center will receive a portion of all sales made using the voucher that day. The students, staff and families thank you in advance for your support.

We are also looking for volunteers who have a love of learning and working with children. During the months of December and January, we lose our Marist College student volunteers. They provide vital assistance in each classroom in addition to mentorship and leave a noticeable void when they are gone. Please prayerfully consider giving a portion of your time during the week to help mentor our students. We promise you, it will be one of the most rewarding and enriching things that you can do with your time.

Yours in Service,
Megan Joslin, Dara Brands & Ravae Grant