



# POUGHKEEPSIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JODY

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

— Isaiah 40:31, NIV)

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

I like words, and I like to know where those words come from. I find that a little study of the history of a word can add a new depth of understanding to it. As we stand at the beginning of another new year, there are three words on my mind right now, and I'd like us all to get to know them a little better: Resolution, Resiliency and Renewal.

You might immediately notice that all three of these words begin with the prefix “re.” Defining this little add-on is probably the best place to start. “Re,” as many of us were taught in elementary school, means “back” or “again”. It describes a sort of return to a previous state. This is an important first step in understanding these three words.

**Resolution:** Have you made any New Year's Resolutions? These are the commitments or promises we make to do something differently. But do we know what we're actually saying? Here's the history lesson: In the 14th century this word, from the Latin *resolutionem*, was used to describe the process of returning or reducing something into its simpler parts. Think, re- solving a math problem by breaking it down into easier bits. By the 16th century it was used to describe a firmness of characters and steadfastness of purpose. I wonder how those two meanings inform your choice of resolutions for the New Year. Are there any ways that you need to simplify or return to the basics in order to find certainty of purpose?

**Resiliency:** This is one of my favorite words of all time. This word has been used since the early 1600's and comes from the Latin word, *Salire*, to “leap” or “jump”. Knowing what we know about “re,” resiliency literally means to “jump back”, or perhaps more familiarly, to “bounce back”. Around the 1800's it started to be used in the world of science to describe a substance's ability to return to it's original shape after having pressure inflicted upon it. In time we have come to apply this phrase to the human spirit, a measure of our own ability to return to our original “shape” after enduring external pressure. Any ideas on how you might nurture your resiliency in 2023?

**Renewal:** This final word probably doesn't need as much of an explanation, and is certainly one that is used often in the culture and context of the Christian Church. It is a return to “newness”. Since the late 1600's this word has been describing a regenerative process whereby that which is depleted is given new life.

Resolution, Resiliency and Renewal. These are my hopes for each of you in the New Year. Whatever changes or challenges may come, may you be resolved in facing them. Try breaking them down into simpler parts, recognizing that you don't need to solve every piece in one moment, but step by step can handle what you are facing. Lean into your *God* given resiliency, knowing that what *God* called good can be so once again. *God* shaped you in *God's* own image. However life pressures you to change shape, know you can return to that God- shape in which you were first formed. Finally, through resolve and resilience, may you know renewal. May you experience a freshness of life, able to more fully recognize the ways *God* continues to make, “all things new.”

Many blessing to you in the year ahead!

In *Christ*, as best as I know how,  
Pastor Jody Spiak \_\_\_\_\_



## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS & SCHEDULING NEWS

### KOINONIA

Our monthly gathering where we build community, grow in faith and share *God's* love resumes on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. January's Theme will be Second Chances and New Beginnings.

### DISMANTLING RACISM

**Mission** — To identify, confront and dismantle racism in all its forms, in our church and community, in order that *God's Kin-dom* may come on earth as it is in heaven.

- **DISMANTLING RACISM TEAM MEETINGS** — Second Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Our next meeting is on January 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **LET'S TALK ABOUT IT (TED TALK WATCH PARTY)** — Held the second Monday of the month at 7pm, via Zoom. A link to each month's topic is sent the first of the month. Link to the meeting will be sent on the day of the meeting. If you wish to join the discussion, send email saying "I wish to join the discussion" to [editor@pokumc.org](mailto:editor@pokumc.org). **No discussion in December.**

### UPCOMING STUDIES

**PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY** — Pastor's Bible Study resumes on January 12th with a study of the Parables of *Jesus*. We'll be utilizing the resource [Short Stories by Jesus](#), by *Amy Jill Levine*.

## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

It was announced last month that I will be stepping away from full time ministry in the coming year. I want to thank so many of you for your kind words of caring support. The full length letter announcing this news is available from the church office if you'd like it, but here is a brief version for those of you who have not yet received this news:

“There is a time for everything, and a season for everything under heaven.”  
— Ecclesiastes 3:1

“Family and Friends of Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church,

After a great deal of personal reflection and prayerful consideration, I have made the difficult decision to not seek reappointment to a full time pastoral position next year . . . There are several things I feel it is important for you to know right now:

- 1) I have spent long hours contemplating and considering this decision.
- 2) This decision is not made out of crisis, but out of concern. I am okay. My family is okay.
- 3) The Bible speaks of *Jesus* going to, “the other side of the lake,” in search of rest and renewal. At this moment in my life, I feel the need to set sail in search of such renewal.
- 4) This decision is in no way related to the current conflict and splintering in Methodism. I am and shall remain a fully ordained United Methodist Pastor.

There are still many unknowns for me and my family regarding our next steps. I invite your prayers and request your patience as some of the details you may want to know simply have not yet been determined. I will work to communicate relevant information as our path forward takes shape.

Thank you to the people of this church for the kindness with which my family and I have been welcomed. Thank you for your faithfulness through challenging times. Thank you for your deep love and committed efforts to being the people called out in faith. And thank you in advance for your understanding and support. Our time together as pastor and parish may now have an end in sight, but there is still important work ahead. Let us remain committed and faithful in our efforts to build *God's* Kingdom together. You are and shall remain, forever, a blessing to me.”

## STEWARDSHIP

(Beth Borchert)

### SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP — IS IT A PUZZLEMENT?



We had a puzzle tradition in my family. Santa always gave our family a one thousand piece puzzle for Christmas. The challenge was to complete the puzzle before the new year. We each had our own approaches when figuring out how to fit the pieces together. Yet working as a family, we usually met the challenge – sometimes working right up until midnight on New Year’s Eve.

This year, the Stewardship team will be focusing on how all the different “pieces” of our personal Stewardship help to complete the “puzzle” that is our collective Stewardship. When we fit all of our Stewardship gifts together, PUMC can be a vibrant witness for *Jesus Christ* in our community and beyond.

We will face some challenges in 2023, but we have so many gifts and talents to offer! Let’s fit all the pieces together to complete a beautiful “puzzle” and bring glory to *God*

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same *God* who inspires them all in every one.”  
– I Corinthians 12:4-6 (NRSV)

### STEWARDSHIP RECHARGE REPORT PART I

As of November 28<sup>th</sup>, **pledged** giving for 2022 totaled \$259,968 or about 97.9% of the total pledged amount (\$265,616). Non-pledge donations totaled to \$48,521 for the first eleven months. Our Pledged giving battery is almost fully energized and we have surpassed our budget goal for non-pledge donations (\$45,000)! – thank you!

### STEWARDSHIP RECHARGE REPORT PART II

As of December 7<sup>th</sup>, 63 families had pledged \$207,076 for the 2023 budget year. This will go a long way toward supporting the proposed 2023 budget. Thank you to those who have already pledged! Thank you to those who are still prayerfully considering how to support the church in 2023.

## FEASTING ON FINANCE

### POUGHKEEPSIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH “VISION PRAYER”

**Almighty God, You are transforming us through *Jesus Christ*. Now let Your *Holy Spirit* guide us as disciples who long to follow You passionately, worship You wholeheartedly, serve You joyfully and love others genuinely. Equip us to share the Gospel message boldly and graciously, so that all might come to know the transforming grace of *Jesus Christ* in whose name we pray. Amen**

Over the past four years, there have been months when the cash flow of Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church would have made paying the expenses in support of our church & it’s missions, a challenge. Yes, the CARES ACT Payroll Protection Program plus the loan forgiveness by Trustee’s were both very helpful. But, there was not one month where cash inflows were not sufficient to cover cash out-flows. That is a testament to you, the congregation of Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church. And we thank you.

With your generosity, plus the Payroll Protection Program, plus Trustee’s loan forgiveness, Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church will end fiscal year 2022 with a positive fund balance (non-restricted checking + savings) greater than \$100,000. (see 2023 budget planning, below)

It is your generous spirit that will continue to drive Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church forward as we strive to fulfill our missions in service to *God*. Please be in prayer for our church, the members of the Finance Committee, and how you may serve in 2023.

# FEASTING ON FINANCE (CONTINUED)

## NOW, ON TO FINANCES

FROM THE PUMC BALANCE SHEET DATED NOVEMBER 28, 2022

	<u>Checking</u>		<u>Savings</u>
00540 Non-Restricted \$	95,147.49	00600 Seeds of Strength \$	33,000.12
00541 Restricted	25,036.84		
TOTAL \$	120,184.33		

In November, the Finance Committee moved \$11,750 from the non-restricted checking into SOS to bring the account back to its original fund balance. This funding was made possible, in part, by the Paycheck Protection Program of the CARES Act in 2020 and 2021. This funding was also made possible by you, the congregation.

A little history, in response to the financial crisis of 2007 to 2009, this Seeds of Strength account was created in Summer 2009 to provide a cash reserve “buffer” for PUMC. The original funding was \$23,914 in 2009. In 2010, an additional \$9,000 was raised, for total funding of \$32,914.

### BUDGET ACTUAL VS PLANNED

Revenues \$	320,538.28
Expenses	307,445.76
Net Ordinary Income \$	13,092.52

As of **November 28, 2022, 11 months** into the 12 month **fiscal year** (i.e.,91.67%), the **Total Revenue = 77.4%**, and **Total Expenses = 74.3%**.

For your information, apportionment payments are paid monthly and are current as of November 28, 2020.

### SOME OF WHAT YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 2022 INCLUDES:

- **Finalizing 2022 Budget** cash flows that included anticipated revenues and expenses of \$413,835. To balance the budget, anticipated revenues included allocating \$49,079.00 of prior year retained revenues. As of November 28<sup>th</sup> the revenues have exceeded expenses (see Net Ordinary Income, above).
- **2023 Budget Planning** is in process. The last piece will be the final **amount of pledged giving for 2023. TBD?** The 2023 budget proposal of anticipated revenues will include allocating a portion of prior year retained revenues, to balance the budget. The specific amount will be in the final budget proposal.
- **Audit of 2022 Church Finances** to commence in February 2023.
- **Shred Event** is tentatively planned for Wednesday, April 26, 2023, to reduce the volume of unneeded paper records. This event will be open to the congregation to bring your unneeded paper records to shred, for a small fee.
- **Employee Retention Credit (ERC) is part of the Paycheck Protection Program of the CARES Act.** This is a reimbursement credit against part of our employee salaries in both 2020 and 2021. The church bookkeeper, *Matt Regan*, CPA, is looking into our eligibility for this program.

As always, feel free to contact me.

In service,  
*Will Cass* \_\_\_\_\_  
Finance Committee Chair



## HELLO FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR

Hello PUMC family! Happy new year! It has been an absolute delight to serve you all by leading your amazing youth and the talented youth team so far. We have all gotten the chance to bond, serve, and have fun together as a group these last few months. Starting this month, we have chosen and will implement a new curriculum on friendship and developing healthy friendships. This is key for our youth at this time in their lives as they are developing their own personal identities. My goal is to develop *God* into their personalities and relationships now, so they will carry him with them forever. Not every meeting will be curriculum based, we still will incorporate fun and service into the meetings as well because the youth enjoy it so much. Thank you so much PUMC for supporting the youth group, my team, and myself. This job has been a blessing so far and has challenged me to be my best self too. I could not do it without you all. Stay tuned for more messages and activities from myself and our youth!



Many Blessings,  
*Courtney Mulkins* \_\_\_\_\_  
PUMC Youth Director



## NOTES FROM THE CHOIR ROOM

“Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky, the flying cloud, the frosty light. The year is dying in the night. Ring out the old, ring in the new. Ring happy bells across the snow. Ring out the false, ring in the new. Ring out, wild bells, and let it die”

Select verses: *Alfred Lord Tennyson (1809-1892)*

Your PUMC Choir will be singing these words on New Year’s Day — a new anthem complete with handbells! It is not easy for singers to transition from the excitement of Advent and Christmas. In fact we are well into music for January even as we practice for December! New year, new music.

With joy, the choir welcomed *Sharon* and *Dave Rawls*! There are still empty chairs and robes — it would be wonderful to fill those! My way of saying: COME JOIN US!

**Thank you, PUMC Choir! Each of you are a blessing to our church family and to me!**  
**“Ring Out The Old, Ring In The New”**

*Polly B. James* \_\_\_\_\_  
PUMC Choir Director



## HYMN BACKGROUNDS

Jennifer Harmer

A few months ago, I took a course online called Congregational Song: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow. Throughout the course we looked at music as a whole used in worship services, from the traditional hymns to more contemporary music, to anthems, to instruments used and everything in between. For our final project we had to choose any 5 hymns, do some research on them, and present the information in any way we chose to the class. I found the overall experience really interesting and thought I'd share some hymn details and fun facts as a regular newsletter submission.

Of course, many people now know my favorite hymn is "All Hail the Power of *Jesus Name*" – which, depending on what tune you want to use, you can find in our hymnal on pages 154 (Coronation tune) and 155 (Diadem tune, my favorite). So, I had to start with that one.

This hymn was written by *Edward Perronet*, a minister in the Church of England, in 1780. He actually worked with the Wesleys until there was a split over the question of administering the Sacraments. The original text of the hymn was posted in Gospel Magazine with the title "On the Resurrection"

There are three tunes associated with this hymn. The first was a tune called Miles Lane (*Shrubsole*), which was composed specifically for the hymn. The other two tunes I mentioned already, Coronation written by *Oliver Holden* and Diadem written by *James Ellor*. A fun fact about the tune Coronation – *Holden* wrote the tune originally to celebrate his daughter's birth, but after discovering *Perronet's* lyrics the tune was linked to the hymn's words. "All Hail the Power of *Jesus Name*" can currently be found in 3,243 different hymnals with a mix of those three hymn tunes and can be used during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and ordinary times in the Christian year.

The words of the hymn declare the majesty of *Christ* and encourage us to make that known to all. "We'll join the everlasting song" is a way to say that we, too, are part of the song.

References from [Hymnary.org](http://Hymnary.org)



## FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

The next gathering of Friendship Circle will be Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. We will have an interesting program called Puppies Behind Bars. This is a program that trains puppies in prison as service dogs for wounded veterans or for other community services.



# 15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL Cookie Walk

Saturday, February 11, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

PUMC will again host the Cookie Walk to benefit the ministry work of local churches through Love INC. Love INC supports those less fortunate through its various ministries and classes.

We hope to allow shoppers to select their own cookies this year. If Covid rates increase, the event will be a drive-thru like last year.

Please sign up to bake cookies in support of this event. Sign-up sheets are in Fellowship Hall and the Narthex. You may send an email to CookieWalk2023 to sign up. We like to know your Name, phone number and/or email, number of dozen cookies you will be baking, and type of cookie(s) if you know it.

## CAN YOU HELP SUPPORT OUR HOMELESS SHELTER MISSION?



Can you spare less than an hour to help those less fortunate? If so, here is January's recipe. Prepare this easy casserole and drop off (hot) at church Saturday, **January 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:45 PM**. Ten casseroles are needed. That's ten people making one casserole each or 5 people making 2 casseroles each. Please call or text either *Heidi Mills* or contact the Church office if you can help.

### Cheese-topped Beef Bake

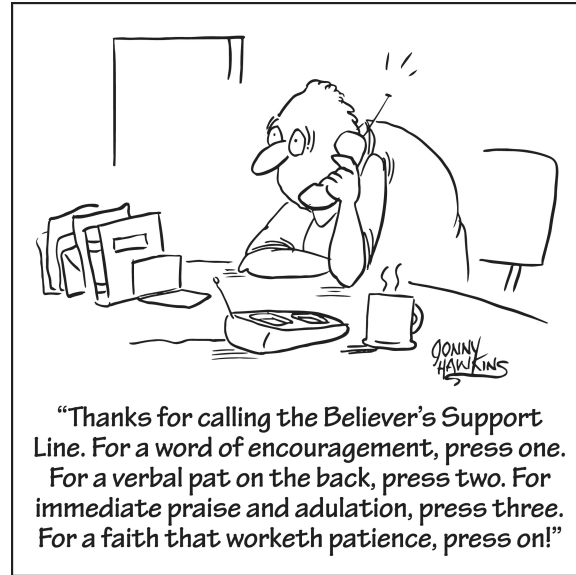
- 1 package (16 oz) medium pasta shells
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 jar (26 oz) spaghetti sauce
- 1 envelope taco seasoning
- 1 carton (8oz) spreadable chive and onion cream cheese.
- 1 cup (8 oz) sour cream
- 1 cup (4 oz) shredded cheddar cheese

Cook pasta according to package directions. Meanwhile in a large skillet, cook beef over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. Stir in the spaghetti sauce and taco seasoning. In a small bowl, combine cream cheese and sour cream; set aside.

Drain the pasta; stir into beef mixture. Transfer to a greased 13in x 9 in. baking dish. Spread with cream cheese. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 25 - 30 minutes or until the cheese is melted.



## CHORTLE



### URGENT – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

(PLEASE RESPONSE TO [EDITOR@POKUMC.ORG](mailto:EDITOR@POKUMC.ORG))

#### BACKUP FOR THE JOURNEY’S EDITOR

Want to try something new or revisit a previous newsletter experience? Do you have some computer skills, a creative bent, and like to work with a fine group of people? You might want to consider becoming a backup to the Editor of PUMC’s newsletter The Journey (and eventual Editor). On the job training is provided before any solo flight.

#### TALLYING PUMC’S OFFERINGS

We currently have 10 volunteers committed to counting the church offering once a month after Sunday service, and three substitutes, who serve when a regular volunteer is unavailable, and an Administrative Counter. What is now needed are three volunteers, one to serve as the **Administrative Counter’s Backup** and two as additional **Substitute Counters** (when needed).

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

### OUR MEMBERS & THEIR FAMILIES

Barbara Bates, Gladys Bierce, Bill Close Sr., Janet Cole, Ron Cole, Dylan Coughlin, Sandra DeGuzman, Irene Feller, Emily Griess, Betsy Grover, Tom Halloran, Sandra Hansen, Pat Hughes, Jane Jackson, Donna Jonnigan, Danny Jones, Betty Longobardi, Marge Michaloski, Gael Morey, Kathleen Nicodemus, Richard Nicodemus, Karla Quinlan, Gloria Sherban, Diana Silverman, Michelle Simonis, Wanda Traver, Harold Veeder, Kerianne Wendover, Catherine White, Marilyn Zier.

### FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH

Jonathan Brown, Georgia Kustas-Buerket, Cris and John Burke, Jerry Calvin, Jordan Fidler, Bryan Foy, Adonis Marzan, Hilary McAllister, Bill Prevatel, Jean Slater, Robert Thompson-Gee, Ronald Tomaso, Curtis Vinson, Jackie Triguero, Clifford Zier.

**Also all those impacted by the Coronavirus, and the people in Ukraine.**

### MEMBERS OF OUR MILITARY (BOTH THE ACTIVE AND/OR RETIRED)

**Airman Alexander Cymbar**, Sheppard AFB Wichita Falls, Texas; **Joshua Lord**, 1-69 Infantry Medical Platoon Sergeant, NYC; **Randal Middleton**, Naples, Italy Naval Base, **Major Jason Oliver**, Texas.

### DEARLY DEPARTED

**Patricia W. White**, 94, of Poughkeepsie, NY passed away on November 13, 2022, at Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital in Poughkeepsie. She was born in Ilion, NY on October 7, 1928, to the late *Charles* and *Marietta Turner Wright*. *Patricia* married *William H. White, Jr.* on April 2, 1955, in Ilion, NY. Prior to retirement, she worked for many years as a dietician at St Francis Hospital then as a teaching aide at Overlook Elementary School. She was a parishioner of Poughkeepsie Methodist Church, where she helped with countless church dinners, and volunteered over 20 years at Second Hand Rose thrift shop. She enjoyed reading, volunteering, family gatherings, camping trips and a good crossword. Later in life, genealogy became her passion. The family extends special thanks and heart-felt gratitude to the nurses and doctors at Mid-Hudson Regional who provided exceptional care for *Patricia*. She is survived by her loving husband *William* of Poughkeepsie, NY, her daughter *Paula (Leo) Stearns* of Poughkeepsie, NY. Also surviving are her nieces *Deborah (Joseph) McCarthy*, *Kelly Vivyan*, and nephews *Kevin (Terri) Vivyan*, and *Robin Vivyan*. She was predeceased by her sister *Margaret (Jim) Vivyan* and her nephew *Mark Vivyan*. please review the names on the list above & advise the church office of your additions & deletions.

**Christine P. Lucas**, 57, of Poughkeepsie passed away early Sunday, November 20, 2022, at Vassar Hospital while in the comforting presence of two of her closest friends. She was born July 3, 1965, in Binghamton, NY, of the late *Roger Peo* and *Judith (Briskie) Lucas*. *Chris* earned her Associates Degree in Nursing from Dutchess Community College while working as a staffing coordinator at Vassar Hospital. As a Registered Nurse she primarily worked at St Francis /Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital and later at CareMount Medical.


*Chris* was devoted in her Christian faith and was a parishioner at Poughkeepsie Methodist Church where she sang in the choir. She enjoyed traveling with her dear friend *Susan Jean*, gardening, making bracelets for her many friends, photography, a good cup of tea, and took great pride in her home. She was an amazing preceptor for new nurses, she displayed compassion and empathy toward others, and advocated strongly for her patients and peers. Having the experience of losing her mother just 8 months ago, *Chris* remained strong while fighting cancer with all her strength until it overpowered her.

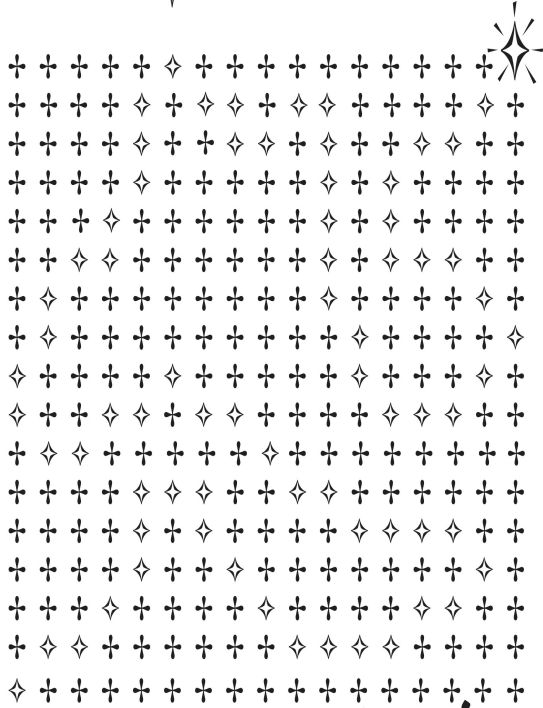
Left to cherish her memories are her stepfather *John "Jack" Lucas*, fur babies *Tuck* and *Aby*, her close friends whom she referred to them as her "Warrior Angels", and numerous other friends.

IF YOU HAVE A LOVED ONE OR FRIEND WHOSE NAME YOU WOULD LIKE INCLUDED, CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE.



# Puzzle!

Starting in the lower-left corner, help the wise men follow the  path that leads to baby Jesus.



  
START



Now unscramble these words to discover what gifts the wise men brought Jesus.

LDOG    NCAKNRIENFSE    RYHMR

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Answer: gold, frankincense, myrrh



## PLANS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Want to start the new year off right? Remember to always ask God for guidance.

Directions: Write each word (or word part) in the correct numbered box to complete Proverbs 16:3, NIV.

JANUARY 2013						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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Answer: "Commit to the LORD whatever you do and he will establish your plans." Proverbs 16:3, NIV

"Sugaring Off" by *Grandma Moses*, 1955



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## CALENDAR

<p><b>Sunday, January 1, 2023</b></p> <p>8:00AM CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER SERVICE 8:45AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00AM IN-PERSON &amp; STREAMING SERVICE 10:00AM CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL 1:00PM SMITH AME SERVICE 2:00PM PARKSIDE AA 6:00PM YOUTH GROUP</p>	<p><b>Thursday, January 5, 2023</b></p> <p>11:00AM PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM) 5:30PM PRIMARY PURPOSE AA 7:00PM CHOIR</p>	<p><b>Monday, January 9, 2023</b></p> <p>9:00AM MONDAY STUDY GROUP 10:00AM EXERCISE 1:00PM FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE 6:30PM POUGH GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS 7:00PM TED TALK WATCH PARTY</p>
<p><b>Monday, January 2, 2023</b></p>	<p><b>Friday, January 6, 2023</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday, January 10, 2023</b></p>
<p>9:00AM MONDAY STUDY GROUP 10:00AM EXERCISE 6:30PM POUGH GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS</p>	<p>10:00AM EXERCISE 7:30PM NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS</p>	<p>1:00PM ARTS &amp; CRAFTS GROUP 5:30PM PRIMARY PURPOSE AA 6:00PM JOYFUL RINGERS</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, January 3, 2023</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday, January 7, 2023</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday, January 11, 2023</b></p>
<p>1:00PM ARTS &amp; CRAFTS GROUP 5:30PM PRIMARY PURPOSE AA 6:00PM JOYFUL RINGERS</p>	<p>8:30AM GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS 8:30AM SCRIPTURE STROLL @ VASSAR FARM</p>	<p><b>THE JOURNEY DEADLINE</b> 7:30AM MORNING PRAYERS 1:00PM SANDY'S BIBLE STUDY 7:00PM SPRC</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, January 4, 2023</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday, January 8, 2023</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday, January 12, 2023</b></p>
<p>7:30AM MORNING PRAYERS 1:30PM NANCY'S BIBLE STUDY 7:00PM CHURCH COUNCIL</p>	<p>8:00AM CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER SERVICE 8:45AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00AM IN-PERSON &amp; STREAMING SERVICE 10:00AM CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL 1:00PM SMITH AME SERVICE 2:00PM PARKSIDE AA 6:00PM YOUTH GROUP</p>	<p>11:00AM PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM) 5:30PM PRIMARY PURPOSE AA 7:00PM CHOIR</p>

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<p><b>Friday, January 13, 2023</b></p> <p>10:00AM EXERCISE 7:30PM NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS</p>	<p><b>Thursday, January 19, 2023</b></p> <p>11:00AM PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM) 5:30PM PRIMARY PURPOSE AA 7:00PM CHOIR</p>	<p><b>Thursday, January 26, 2023</b></p> <p>11:00AM PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM) 5:30PM PRIMARY PURPOSE AA 7:00PM EVANGELISM &amp; CHURCH GROWTH 7:00PM CHOIR</p>
<p><b>Saturday, January 14, 2023</b></p> <p>8:30AM GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS 8:30AM SCRIPTURE STROLL @ VASSAR FARM</p>	<p><b>Friday, January 20, 2023</b></p> <p>8:30AM COLLATING/MAILING THE JOURNEY 10:00AM EXERCISE 7:30PM NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS</p>	<p><b>Friday, January 27, 2023</b></p> <p>10:00AM EXERCISE 7:30PM NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS</p>
<p><b>Sunday, January 15, 2023</b></p> <p>8:00AM CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER SERVICE 8:45AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00AM IN-PERSON &amp; STREAMING SERVICE 10:00AM CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL 1:00PM SMITH AME SERVICE 2:00PM PARKSIDE AA 6:00PM YOUTH GROUP</p>	<p><b>Saturday, January 21, 2023</b></p> <p>8:30AM GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS 8:30AM SCRIPTURE STROLL @ VASSAR FARM</p>	<p><b>Saturday, January 28, 2023</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;"><b>HOMELESS SHELTER</b></p> <p>8:30AM GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS 8:30AM SCRIPTURE STROLL @ VASSAR FARM</p>
<p><b>Monday, January 16, 2023</b></p> <p>9:00AM MONDAY STUDY GROUP 10:00AM EXERCISE 6:30PM POUGH GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS 7:00PM BOOK STUDY GROUP</p>	<p><b>Sunday, January 22, 2023</b></p> <p>8:00AM CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER SERVICE 8:45AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00AM IN-PERSON &amp; STREAMING SERVICE 10:00AM CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL 1:00PM SMITH AME SERVICE 2:00PM PARKSIDE AA 6:00PM YOUTH GROUP</p>	<p><b>Sunday, January 29, 2023</b></p> <p>8:00AM CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER SERVICE 8:45AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00AM IN-PERSON &amp; STREAMING SERVICE 10:00AM CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL 1:00PM SMITH AME SERVICE 2:00PM PARKSIDE AA 6:00PM YOUTH GROUP</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, January 17, 2023</b></p> <p>1:00PM ARTS &amp; CRAFTS GROUP 5:30PM PRIMARY PURPOSE AA 6:00PM JOYFUL RINGERS 7:00PM DISMANTLING RACISM</p>	<p><b>Monday, January 23, 2023</b></p> <p>9:00AM MONDAY STUDY GROUP 10:00AM EXERCISE 6:30PM POUGH GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS</p>	<p><b>Monday, January 30, 2023</b></p> <p>9:00AM MONDAY STUDY GROUP 10:00AM EXERCISE 6:30PM POUGH GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, January 18, 2023</b></p> <p>7:30AM MORNING PRAYERS 1:30PM NANCY'S BIBLE STUDY 7:00PM FINANCE</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, January 24, 2023</b></p> <p>1:00PM ARTS &amp; CRAFTS GROUP 5:30PM PRIMARY PURPOSE AA 5:30PM KOINONIA 6:00PM JOYFUL RINGERS</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, January 31, 2023</b></p> <p>1:00PM ARTS &amp; CRAFTS GROUP 5:30PM PRIMARY PURPOSE AA 6:00PM JOYFUL RINGERS</p>
	<p><b>Wednesday, January 25, 2023</b></p> <p>7:30AM MORNING PRAYERS 1:00PM SANDY'S BIBLE STUDY 7:00PM TRUSTEES</p>	



## A THOUGHT

Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.