



# POUGHKEEPSIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## The Journey

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## MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JODY

“So *God* created humankind in his own image, in the image of *God* he created them; male and female he created them.”

— Genesis 1:27)

Greetings Family and Friends of PUMC!

I love baking! In fact, my keyboard is currently covered in flour because I’m writing this article in between baking cookies for the Love INC Cookie Walk. I’ve always loved baking. I know that a part of it is indulging in the finished product. Many of you know that one of the main reasons I run recreationally is to offset my intake of sweets. I love a nice warm cookie with a nice cold glass of milk. Maybe the only thing I enjoy more than partaking a sweet treat alone is sharing it with someone else.

The joy of baking for me is not just in the making of something new (and hopefully tasty, but not always). What good is the making, the creating, if no one but me gets to experience it? This is the joy, and I believe the purpose, of the creative human spirit, to better the life of the self as well as the other. We make the world richer and tastier when we share that creative spirit with those around us.

We’re told that in the beginning, when *God* created human beings, they were made, “in the image of *God*.” That phrase can, and certainly does, mean a great many things. At least one thing that it means is that we have the same desire to create as *God*. We are in *God*’s image in this way: we want to make something new, just as *God* did with us, and everything else around us. *God*’s creativity is everywhere! It’s seen in varied landscapes, changing seasons, more colors in flowers than my mind can comprehend, and of course, in humanity. At the risk of carrying the baking illustration too far, we humans are anything but cookie-cutter. Each human being is intricately and wonderfully made. Each of us, I believe, have the desire to be co-creators in making life. Not that we can cause life to be, but we get to contribute to the beauty and abundance of life. We are creators who can offer new quality to what it means to be human.

A batch of cookies isn’t just a combination of the proper ratios of sugar, flour, butter, baking soda and (often) chocolate. It isn’t just a recipe that gets completed and then is done. A creation finds it’s purpose in being enjoyed. As a co-creator in the abundance of life *God* is offering this world, what is it you want to share?

My timer just went off, but that doesn’t mean my work is done. After the cookies have cooled, they have to be packed up and made ready to be delivered for the Cookie Walk. They have to be shared with someone. Even if they are not the greatest batch I or anyone else has ever made, I hope I made something that will bring a smile to someone’s face and some joy to their heart. I hope the same for you.

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.

- March 28<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm- Grill the Pastor/Religious Q&A
- April 25<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm- Earth Day/Stewards of Creation.
- May — No Koinonia
- June 28<sup>th</sup> — We are the Church! BBQ Picnic.

### HOLY WEEK SNEAK PEEK

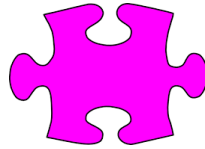
- This is a preview of our Holy Week Service in April.
- April 6th Maundy Thursday — 6:30pm service of foot washing & 7pm Service of the Upper Room (communion).
- April 7th Good Friday — 7pm Reflections from the Cross.
- April 8th Holy Saturday — 9-12pm Easter Vigil (movie and prayer service until midnight)
- April 9th Easter Sunday — 6am Sunrise, 8am Contemplative Worship, 10am Easter Celebration.

## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- An update on Pastor Jody and family: since it was announced that I'd be stepping away from full time pastoral ministry I have gotten many questions about what is next for me and my family. Until recently I have not been able to offer very much in the way of answers, but the future is starting to come into clearer focus and I wanted to take a moment to share these new developments with you.
- Several weeks ago, within 10 minutes of each other, I dropped off a check for the downpayment for a new (to us) home, and was offered a new job. We expect to have closed on the house by mid-February, but will continue to reside primarily in the parsonage until June at which time we'll be moving to High Falls, NY. The job I was offered was as the chaplain at Northern Dutchess Hospital, which is a new position for that facility. I'm glad to be continuing in ministry and look forward to this next chapter. I have a heart for chaplaincy and hope I can help people through the tender and trying moments of their lives. I will start working part-time at the hospital while also completing my pastoral appointment through the end of June at PUMC.
- These changes and transitions will require adjusting my schedule and will keep me more busy than usual for the next few months. I will primarily be available during the days on Tuesday and Thursdays, and in the evenings on Mondays and Wednesdays. Fridays will remain my day off from the church. I am committed to faithfully fulfilling my call to be your pastor, but will need to be conscious of prioritizing and managing my time responsibly. I thank you for your support through this process and with these upcoming changes. To say I am blessed by being surrounded by such kind and caring people falls short.
- I look forward, in the coming months, to helping prepare this congregation and community for the next exciting new chapter in the story of God's love for this community!

# STEWARDSHIP

(Beth Borchert)



## SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP: PIECE # 2 - TECHNOLOGY

I don't know about you, but I have a rather mixed relationship with technology. Sometimes I love it, sometimes I hate it, and sometimes I am just overwhelmed by it. I am so thankful for the team of folks at church who make it possible to air our services on YouTube each Sunday. I love that we can reach people all over the globe! (I also love that we can make donations electronically in several ways.) I get very frustrated with the automatic phone decision trees when I call my doctor's office; I just want to talk to a person! And then there is trying to file my tax returns on-line.

No matter what our relationship to technology is, it is important to be mindful of our digital decisions. How much time we spend on our phones, what kinds of things we look at on-line and what we choose to post on social media all impact the quality of our life, especially our interpersonal relationships and our relationship with *God*. Our prayer chain ministry uses technology to swiftly share prayer concerns and blanket those in need with our prayers. Our finance team has access to digital services that make financial transactions easier and more secure. Our children and youth teams use a variety of technology venues to teach and to connect with our younger members. There are so many ways to use technology to further *God's* kin-dom!

This month I am asking myself, "How am I using technology? Can I learn something new, and do a better job of using technology for *God*?" How about you?

I Timothy 6:20-21 (NIV) <sup>20</sup> Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, <sup>21</sup> which some have professed and in so doing have departed from the faith.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR 2022

The final numbers are in! **As of December 31, 2022**

	<u>Full Year</u>	<u>Actual Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>Pledged Giving</u>	\$277,295	\$265,616	\$11,679
<u>Non Pledged Giving</u>	\$ 67,326	\$ 45,000	\$22,326
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$344,621	\$310,616	\$34,005

These totals may look a little different than what was reported in January. Some donations to the Harriet Tubman After School Center were coded to Pledged giving in our initial reports. In the end, between pledged and non-pledged giving, we gave 109% of our budget goals in 2022. **Thank you!**

## CELEBRATING OUR STEWARDSHIP IN 2023

We added a few more pledging families in January. Thank you for your continuing support of PUMC's ministries!! For those who are still prayerfully considering a 2023 pledge, it is never late! Please send pledge cards to *Kaye Schrock*, our Financial Secretary.

## FITTING TOGETHER OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP PUZZLE FOR 2023

Pledged giving for January was \$17,854; Non-Pledged giving for January was \$3,387. We're off to a good start!

# 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

## NOW ON TO FINANCES

FROM THE PUMC BALANCE SHEET DATED JANUARY 31, 2023

### CHECKING

\$114,031.05 00540 Non Restricted  
24,976.84 00541 Restricted

### SAVING

\$33,001.42 00600 Seeds of Strength

FROM THE PUMC P&L DATED JANUARY 31, 2023

Revenues	\$34,415.91
Expenses	<u>36,670.63</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<b>-\$2,254.72</b>

**Actuals vs Plan** as of **January 31<sup>st</sup>**, the end of the **first month of the 12 month fiscal year**, the **Total Revenue = 8.8%**, and **Total Expenses = 9.4%**.

For your information, apportionment payments are paid monthly and are current as of **January 31<sup>st</sup>**.

## SOME OF WHAT YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE LOOKS FORWARD TO IN 2023 INCLUDES

- **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, has completed his research and prepared the applications for PUMC. All applications have been submitted.

As always, feel free to contact me.

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



## PUMC GIVING STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE

... to be picked up at the church. If you would like a PDF-file via email please contact the church office (845-452-2933 or [office@pokumc.org](mailto:office@pokumc.org)).

## FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE



Join an enthusiastic group of members on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, for the next Friendship Circle meeting. It will take place at 1pm in Fellowship Hall. We'll have a time for fellowship and sharing.

Come prepared to move around the room and find out about the varied interests of our members. Refreshments will be provided by *Sandy Pullinger*, *Marie Sidgwick*, and *Gwen Higgins* and devotions will be led by *Priscilla Wendover*. Our business meeting will focus on upcoming events and community outreach.

Meetings are open to all, so please plan to come!

## CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

A meeting of the Church Council was held on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Highlights included:

- Additions to the Nominations Committee report on the slate of officers were approved.
- Discussions are being held about a PUMC scholarship for graduating seniors. Council members will provide input to the scholarship committee and the Finance Committee will continue to explore funding options.
- An update was given on the possibility of a baby grand piano being donated. *Stephen Siktberg* will continue to follow up.
- The format of the meetings may change so that there is more opportunity for mission program interaction and sharing. Members of the congregation would also have the chance to take part in the discussions.
- *Steve Allen* and *Jim Bennett* are organizing Contemplative Circles on Zoom to provide more opportunities for contemplation and sharing.
- Ways to cope with emergency housing needs were explored. Since there have been several local apartment fires, some residents are facing dire situations.
- Meals for the homeless shelter now are for 150 people. *Heidi Mills* is organizing the events and sharing recipes for members to help prepare the meals.
- The next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

## YOUTH HANDBELL CHOIR



February 12<sup>th</sup> there will be a demonstration for kids interested in ringing handbells. When they are dismissed after the Children's Sermon to go to Sunday school, they can first enter a classroom to watch the Joyful Ringers play some music and show some of the ways bells are rung. Then they have an opportunity to put on special gloves and give it a try!

The Youth Handbell Choir will accept youth from 8 years old (or in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) through teens. If younger children show an interest, I will also have a different set of bells that are appropriate for young children. Gloves are not necessary for those. Parents are welcomed to accompany their children. Rehearsals will start in late February or early March, and will be held after church services and last for half an hour.

If anyone have questions, contact the Handbell Choir Director *Pat McCullough*.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CALLING ALL STELLAR ASTRONAUTS!



Vacation Bible School is back the week of July 10<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 8pm.

More information coming soon.

## MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH COORDINATOR

Hello PUMC family!

The Youth and Sunday School had a great time celebrating *Pastor Jody*! They asked many interesting questions, and many thank yous were shared. I want to thank all the Youth families for bringing desserts, and my team for helping put this party together! *Pastor Jody* promised to visit with us again before he leaves, so we will schedule that to happen.



This coming month we have plans to continue learning about friendships/relationships along with some special events like a Pajama Party+ Bring a friend night, Bring a dessert night, and we have some guests and special visitors we are working on to come visit with us as well!

Finally, thank you congregation for supporting us on our project to redo the youth rooms! A huge thank you to *Patty Little* for organizing what is already there, and the Trustees for supporting this endeavor. We're looking forward to fresh paint and a fresh new ambiance for our youth to spend time in. I promise to keep you all updated as more decisions are made.

What a blessing to be your Youth Coordinator, with all these fun and powerful experiences that are happening for the youth! We could not do this without your love and support! Thank you Church!

Blessings,  
*Courtney Mulkins*  
Youth Coordinator



## NOTES FROM THE CHOIR ROOM

“Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.”

— *Claudia F. Hernaman*, 1873 United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) page 269, verse 1

**THE SEASON OF LENT!** Now’s the time to walk slowly and meditate on the Life of our Savior, *Jesus the Christ*. That reminds me of the hymn “I Want *Jesus* to Walk with Me” also known as “Walk with Me”. It is not in our church hymnal! I found it in The New National Baptist Hymnal. That hymnal was a gift from a student during my tenure at Ketcham High School. (Did you know I collect hymnals?) Perhaps you will hear this Spiritual from our Poughkeepsie United Church Choir!

When you walk during this Lenten season, be filled with peace and know the great gift that comes to you through the life and death of our Savior, *Jesus the Christ*!

“Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.” — *Claudia F. Hernaman*, UMH Page 269, verse 5

In Christ’s service,  
*Polly James* \_\_\_\_\_  
PUMC Choir Director



## HYMN’S BACKGROUND

*Jennifer Harmer*

Another favorite hymn of mine is “O Worship the King,” found in our United Methodist Hymnal on page 73. It also was one of the suggested hymns from Discipleship Ministries for the first Sunday in Advent. As I’m writing this a few weeks before that Sunday, time will tell whether we use that hymn or not.

*Robert Grant*, a member of British Parliament who was also knighted in 1834 wrote this hymn, being influenced by *William Kethe’s* paraphrase of Psalm 104.

Similar to January’s hymn, there are three tunes associated with this hymn as well. The tune in our hymnal is called Lyons. This tune can be attributed to multiple writers — *Joseph Martin Kraus* and *Michael Haydn*, the younger brother of *Franz Josef Haydn*. A tune similar to Lyons is called Hanover, written by *William Croft* in 1708. The last tune is listed as Old 104<sup>th</sup>, which came from Whole Book of Psalms written in 1621. “O Worship the King” can be found in over 1,000 hymnals with a mix of those three hymn tunes. It is an appropriate hymn for Ordinary Time within all three lectionary years as well as during the Easter Season in Years A and B and the first Sunday after Christmas Day in Year A.

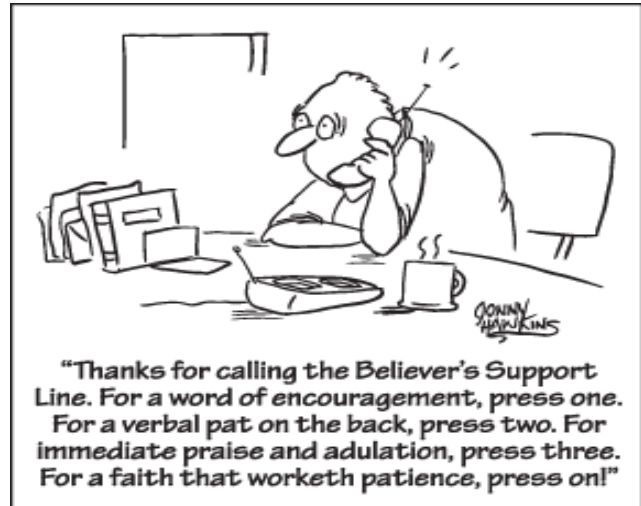
“O Worship the King” is a hymn of the Creation story — a focus on how creation is a testimony to *God’s* measureless might. It celebrates not just the days of Creation but also *God’s* saving grace to the Creation that ways made. The hymn also draws inspiration from Psalm 104, specifically verses 1-10 and 24-33 as the majesty of *God* is revealed in creation using rich poetic imagery.

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References from Hymnary.org



## CHORTLE



## VOLUNTEERS STILL URGENTLY 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? Please 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 paired volunteers committed to counting the church offering once a month, **usually** after Sunday service. There are also three substitutes, who serve when a regular volunteer is unavailable, and an Administrative Counter. What is now needed are three volunteers, two as additional **Substitute Counters**, and one to serve as the **Administrative Counter's Backup**. Pick a Sunday, and we can arrange for you to observe the process. Note, once you volunteer you will always begin by being paired with someone experienced with the process.



### A THOUGHT

For every minute you are angry with someone, you lose 60 seconds of happiness that you can never get back.



# Envelope EMBRACE

Show long-distance love to grandparents and other relatives by sending a flat hug!



**What you need:**

- Craft paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Markers
- Envelope



**What you do:**

1. Roll out some craft paper (long enough to spread your arms across it).
2. Lie down on your back on the paper, with arms outstretched. Have someone trace around your arms, hands and head with a pencil.
3. Cut out the outline of your hug.
4. Draw your face and features on the paper. Use markers to color your hug to look like yourself. Write a note on the back.
5. Fold up and mail your two-dimensional hug to a loved one.

# Puzzle!

Slow down and uncover this message and Bible verse, using the code below.

A	1	B	F	2	G	K	3	L	O	4	R	U	5	V
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 2 4 4 2 4 1  
 " 1 1 4 4 2 3 3 1 3 1  
 3 3 4 5 4 2 1 4  
 2 1 3 2 4 1 "

Answer: We must talk to God and listen for God. "Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)

## 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, Julia Miller, Kathleen Nicodemus, Karla Quinlan, Diana Silverman, Michelle Simonis, Jeff Tryon, Harold Veeder, Curtis Vinson, 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, 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

**Wanda (West) Arlene Traver** of Poughkeepsie, New York died on Sunday, January 15, 2023, at Vassar Brother's Medical Center in Poughkeepsie. She was born to the late *Charles O.* and *Helen Lane West* at Catskill, Greene County, New York on April 14, 1934.

On June 24, 1967, she married *Ramon (Ray) Traver* at the Catskill United Methodist Church. Her husband pre-deceased her in 1990. There were no children. Surviving cousins are: *Phyllis (Jerome) Raeder* of Prattsville, NY; *Bette (Robert) Rhoades* of Maplecrest, NY; and *Kay (Donald) Sellers* of Indianapolis, Indiana. Surviving nieces and nephews are: *Katie (Tom) Gleason*, Staatsburg, NY; *Mary (Patrick) Cardella*, Pleasant Valley, NY; *Paula (Doug) Bell*, Carmel, NY; *Matthew (Heather) Woodard*, Poughkeepsie, NY; and *Kelly Traver*, Poughkeepsie, NY. Several great nephews and nieces along with a great, great niece are among the survivors. Sisters-in-law, *Joyce Woodard*, *Beverly Traver*, and *Faith Johns* pre-deceased her.

*Mrs. Traver* worked for over forty years as a medical records professional, lastly as a consultant, but with more than twenty years of leadership in the Medical Records Department at the Vassar Brothers Medical Center, Poughkeepsie, NY. Her musical talents included serving as substitute organist at various area churches in Dutchess and Greene Counties, most recently having retired as the permanent organist-choir director at the Arlington Reformed Church, Poughkeepsie. She may also be remembered as a vocal soloist and choral group member with area musical organizations and churches of Dutchess and Greene Counties.

*Wanda* was a member of the Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church. She also was a member of the On-Ti-Ora Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Catskill, NY. She was an amateur radio operator her call sign being N2JBK and was a member of the Mt. Beacon Amateur Radio Club.

**Donna M. O'Neill**, 86, of Wappingers Falls, NY, passed away on January 27<sup>th</sup> from complications due to heart disease. *Donna* was born in Beacon, NY on April 15, 1936 to *Westwood* and *Harriett Kittredge Leek*. On July 22, 1956, *Donna* married *James O'Neill* in St. John's Church, Beacon, NY.

*Donna* worked for many years as a volunteer at the Second Hand Rose in Poughkeepsie, NY, and was an active member of the Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church where she sang in the choir. Born during the depression, *Donna* learned at an early age not to waste anything unless it was completely consumed . . . notably demonstrated by a 30-year old can of Oregano found in the spice cabinet! *Donna* was a talented seamstress who easily made everything from clothing for her children, outfits for any occasion, and leather vests, to window treatments and furniture reupholstery. She enjoyed camping trips with family and "the gang," crossword puzzles, and Scrabble. *Donna* had a strong sense of humor, easy laugh, and liked to convey her thoughts at times with a simple "eye roll," "it is what it is," or "whatever!!" She was greatly loved by her family and friends and will be deeply missed.

*Donna* is predeceased by her parents, *Westwood* and *Harriett Leek*, her husband, *James O'Neill*, her sister, *Doris Dedrick*, and her brother, *Walter Leek*. She is survived by her sister, *Shirley Colabella*, her four children, *Patrick O'Neill* and his wife *Kathryn* of Wappingers Falls, *Thomas O'Neill* and his wife *Sheila*, of Poughkeepsie, *Peggy Frace* and her husband, *PJ* of Hudson Falls, NY, and *Kathleen Nowers* and her husband, *Mark*, of Clifton, VA; seven grandchildren, *Kyle*, *Meghan*, *Sarah*, *Ryan*, *Lauren*, *Callie*, *Sean*, and great grandchildren, *Brianna*, *Aaliyah*, and *Joshua*.

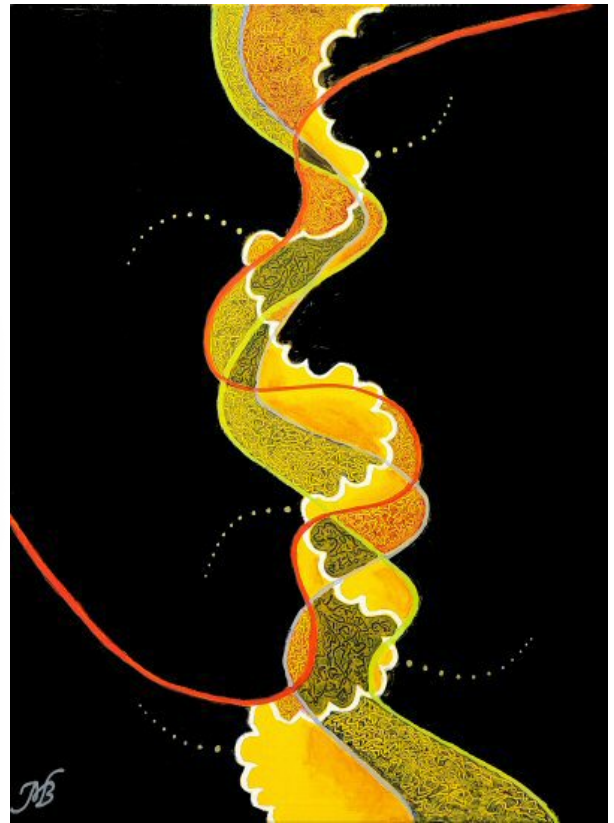
**DEADLY DEPARTED (CONTINUED)**

**Richard A. Nicodemus**, 88, of Wappinger Falls, NY passed away on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at Vassar Brother's Medical Center in Poughkeepsie. He was born on January 19, 1934, in Kakinada, India, the son of *Hezekiah* and *Grace Devanadam Nicodemus*. *Richard* married the love of his life, *Kathleen Greene*, on September 10, 1998 in New Paltz, NY.

He was actively involved in the Poughkeepsie Methodist Church, always helping out wherever he could. *Richard* loved to bowl, and it was during his time bowling that he met his wife, *Kathleen*. He was the ultimate people person; you couldn't help but love him. *Richard* was incredibly smart, and he was in the process of writing a book. He was a kind, gentle, loving man. A true gentleman. *Richard* was a fantastic, loving husband and will be missed immensely. *Richard* is survived by his loving wife, *Kathleen Greene-Nicodemus* of Wappinger Falls, NY, his step-son *Arthur Tumbleson* of California and his daughters *Kani Nicodemus* of Florida and *Indrani (Paul) Rivera* of New York City. Also surviving are his 3 sisters, 2 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

"The Secret of Queen Anne's Lace Swaying in the Breeze"

Acrylic on Canvas, by *James Bennett*



**MARCH CALENDAR**

<b>Wednesday, March 1, 2023</b>	<b>Thursday, March 2, 2023</b>	<b>Friday, March 3, 2023</b>
7:30AM MORNING PRAYERS 1:30PM NANCY'S BIBLE STUDY 7:00PM CHURCH COUNCIL	11:00AM PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM) 5:30PM PRIMARY PURPOSE AA 7:00PM CHOIR	10:00AM EXERCISE 7:30PM NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

## CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

<p><b>Saturday, March 4, 2023</b></p> <p>8:30AM GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS</p>	<p><b>Monday, March 13, 2023</b></p> <p>9:00AM MONDAY STUDY GROUP 10:00AM EXERCISE 1:00PM FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE 6:30PM POUGH GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS 6:30PM LAY SERVANT COURSE 7:00PM TED TALK WATCH PARTY</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, March 22, 2023</b></p> <p>7:30AM MORNING PRAYERS 1:00PM SANDY'S BIBLE STUDY 7:00PM TRUSTEES</p>
<p><b>Sunday, March 5, 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, March 14, 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>Thursday, March 23, 2023</b></p> <p>11:00AM PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM) 5:30PM PRIMARY PURPOSE AA 7:00PM CHOIR 7:00PM EVANGELISM &amp; CHURCH GROWTH</p>
<p><b>Monday, March 6, 2023</b></p> <p>9:00AM MONDAY STUDY GROUP 10:00AM EXERCISE 6:00PM STEWARSHIP 6:30PM POUGH GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS 6:30PM LAY SERVANT COURSE 7:00PM RADIO CONTROL BOARD</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, March 15, 2023</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;"><b>THE JOURNEY DEADLINE</b></p> <p>7:30AM MORNING PRAYERS 1:30PM NANCY'S BIBLE STUDY 7:00PM FINANCE</p>	<p><b>Friday, March 24, 2023</b></p> <p>8:30AM COLLATING/MAILING THE JOURNEY 10:00AM EXERCISE 7:30PM NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, March 7, 2023</b></p> <p>1:00PM ARTS &amp; CRAFTS GROUP 5:30PM PRIMARY PURPOSE AA 6:00PM JOYFUL RINGERS</p>	<p><b>Thursday, March 16, 2023</b></p> <p>11:00AM PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM) 5:30PM PRIMARY PURPOSE AA 7:00PM CHOIR</p>	<p><b>Saturday, March 25, 2023</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;"><b>HOMELESS SHELTER</b></p> <p>8:30AM GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS 1:00PM SOTO-WHITE EVENT</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, March 8, 2023</b></p> <p>7:30AM MORNING PRAYERS 1:00PM SANDY'S BIBLE STUDY 7:00PM SPRC</p>	<p><b>Friday, March 17, 2023</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;"><b>ST. PATRICK'S DAY</b></p> <p>10:00AM EXERCISE 7:30PM NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS</p>	<p><b>Sunday, March 26, 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 2:00PM PARKSIDE AA 6:00PM YOUTH GROUP</p>
<p><b>Thursday, March 9, 2023</b></p> <p>11:00AM PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM) 5:30PM PRIMARY PURPOSE AA 7:00PM CHOIR</p>	<p><b>Saturday, March 18, 2023</b></p> <p>8:30AM GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS</p>	<p><b>Monday, March 27, 2023</b></p> <p>9:00AM MONDAY STUDY GROUP 10:00AM EXERCISE 6:30PM POUGH GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS 6:30PM LAY SERVANT COURSE</p>
<p><b>Friday, March 10, 2023</b></p> <p>10:00AM EXERCISE 7:30PM NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS</p>	<p><b>Sunday, March 19, 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 2:00PM PARKSIDE AA 6:00PM YOUTH GROUP</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, March 28, 2023</b></p> <p>1:00PM ARTS &amp; CRAFTS GROUP 5:30PM PRIMARY PURPOSE AA 6:00PM JOYFUL RINGERS</p>
<p><b>Saturday, March 11, 2023</b></p> <p>8:30AM GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS 1:00PM LELANDRO EVENT</p>	<p><b>Monday, March 20, 2023</b></p> <p>9:00AM MONDAY STUDY GROUP 10:00AM EXERCISE 6:30PM POUGH GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS 6:30PM LAY SERVANT COURSE</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, March 29, 2023</b></p> <p>7:30AM MORNING PRAYERS</p>
<p><b>Sunday, March 12, 2023</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;"><b>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME</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 2:00PM PARKSIDE AA 6:00PM YOUTH GROUP</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, March 21, 2023</b></p> <p>1:00PM ARTS &amp; CRAFTS GROUP 5:30PM PRIMARY PURPOSE AA 6:00PM JOYFUL RINGERS</p>	<p><b>Thursday, March 30, 2023</b></p> <p>11:00AM PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM) 5:30PM PRIMARY PURPOSE AA 7:00PM CHOIR</p>
		<p><b>Friday, March 31, 2023</b></p> <p>10:00AM EXERCISE 7:30PM NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS</p>