



# POUGHKEEPSIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## The Journey

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

<sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

— John 20:21-23

"I look back upon my youth and realize how so many people gave me help, understanding, courage — very important things to me — and they never knew it. They entered into my life and became powers within me. All of us live spiritually by what others have given us, often unwittingly, in the significant hours of our life. At the time these significant hours may not even be perceived. We may not recognize them until years later when we look back, as one remembers some long-ago music or a boyhood landscape. We all owe to others much of gentleness and wisdom that we have made our own; and we may well ask ourselves what will others owe to us." (by Albert Schweitzer, *Bit & Pieces*, September 14, 1995)

Throughout his life, *Jesus* supplied those around him with spiritual gifts. Often, the disciples could not understand what he said or did. At the time, most of his actions, in their immediate context, made little sense to them. To the disciples, before the resurrection, he was a friendly mystical rabbi who, while talking with authority, mainly spoke in riddles.

*Jesus* knew what *He* was saying and knew that their collective memory would be able to account for the truth of his testimony. The above scripture takes place after the resurrection. The gathered disciples are now given, through a formal act, the authority of the *Holy Spirit* and are sent out even as *Jesus* himself went out. The *Spirit* torch was passed as the church's life and has been ever since: "All of us live spiritually by what others have given us...."

All of us inherit from those who have come before us a sense of the holy and a predisposition toward life. Sometimes, we have to overcome some of this acculturation, for it is occasionally not positive, but it often acts as a springboard to our development. We are taught about *God*. We learn the spirituality of others. We develop labels to attach to our experience as our reality grows.

In my years of ministry, I have encountered parents who proudly say that they did not bring their children to church because they wanted to let their children have a free choice to make a religious decision on their own, but if they do not know what it means to be a spiritual being, how can they choose? It's like opting to eat something you have never learned to be edible. Often, we decide not to risk a taste.

Spiritually, others, not only in the church, rely on us for their future, a future of joy and meaning: "All of us live spiritually by what others have given us... in the significant hours of our life." What are you giving to others? Are you providing the Spiritual nurture of life and food for the journey? Are you giving yourself? *Jesus* examples the path for us: "Peace be with you! As the *Father* has sent me, I am sending you." It is on our shoulders that the next generation seeks to stand, having in our example tasted and seen that the *Lord* is good.

Yours in *Christ*,  
Kregg \_\_\_\_\_



## PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

— John 13:34-35

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, and October 8<sup>th</sup> is Pastor Appreciation Sunday! Be sure to keep *Pastor Kregg* in your prayers, and do not hesitate to let him know how much we appreciate him and how grateful we are that *God* led him to us.

## LEADERS OF OUR YOUTH MINISTRY

It is with great joy and excitement that we introduce to you *Alexander* and *Jennifer Glaz* as leaders of our youth ministry! Both *Alex* and *Jen* come to PUMC from the classical performing arts. *Alex* is a retired international ballet dancer who after his career went on to teach students and direct large scale productions. *Jen* is a lyric coloratura soprano who also distinguished herself on the world's stage and currently teaches students. *Jen* founded and leads a nationally renowned arts not for profit. Both are thrilled to bring the living word of the *Lord* to our youth through the expression of music and dance as it says in Psalm 149:3 (KJV) —

“Let them praise *His* name in the dance:  
let them sing praises unto *Him* with the timbrel and harp.”

*Alex* has developed and codified a curriculum of liturgical dancing that is Holy scripture based accompanied by fun, *Christ* centered music featuring various artists from around the world. This is an exciting opportunity for our youth and their friends to be immersed in the Holy Scripture in a fun and engaging way. *Alex* and *Jen* bring a faith based, innovative approach to educating young people about the nature of *God* and how *He* can be relevant in their daily lives through the performing arts.

Additionally local outreach opportunities will be organized throughout the school year to be announced. Youth ministry will begin on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at PUMC from 6-8pm.



- The *Borchert* family extends its heartfelt thanks for all the prayers, and expressions of support and sympathy after the hospitalization and passing of *Beth's* mother, *Lois Wells*, this summer. We were truly blessed and sustained by our church family.
- *Polly* and *Dick James* sends this note of thanks for all the well wishes and prayers for *Dick*. Thank you also, for the gift of a “Frog” and beautiful knitted lap blanket! We have been truly blessed!
- Love Inc conveys its appreciation to PUMC for the use of the parking lot to host the Mid-Hudson Love INC 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fill The Truck. This is an event where we receive donations from many generous people that provide incentives for our neighbors taking our classes. The truck was overflowing, requiring four vehicles to cart the items to our office. They so much appreciate it and we do too! Thank You!



## FEASTING ON FINANCE

I am writing this article on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, as *Cheryl* and I will be on vacation, the next 11 day's. The August financial reports will not be available until after I have departed.

So, this month I thought I would write about one of my favorite topics **Leadership**.

Who am I?

What have I accomplished?

What will I accomplish?

What will be My legacy?

How will the World be a better place for My having Lived?

Back in February, during a Service, I said that *God* had placed a call on my heart to go meet and connect with people who attend church, and those who are unchurched. It began with a realization, I was to step outside the confines of my church and my church family. To go to places I have never been and would otherwise never go. To meet people I would never meet. To learn their stories and to share those stories with other people.

**Why?** I did not know. Just that I was to go . . . and I have. As far as East Jewett UMC in the Catskills. As close as Living Water in LaGrange. I have been welcomed warmly and, well, ignored.

The conversation has been interesting listening to people and hearing their stories. **But why?**

Then, one day the last week of August, I was looking at my bookshelf and my eyes stopped on a book I had started many years ago and had stopped after only a few pages "**Leadership and the Power of Ideas**" by *Martin Tarcher* (I've had this book since 1993). I picked it off the shelf and started to read it, again. After reading a few pages I was reminded of a leadership podcast I had started in 2016 and stopped after only two episodes the **Craig Groeschel Leadership Podcast**.

Hmmm, leadership. Could the call *God* has placed on my heart have to do with leadership? The answer in my heart said **YES**. OK *Lord*, you have called me, I will go. How do I do this? I am studying leadership and hopefully learning leadership. But, dear *Lord*, how am I to do this? How am I to connect these people in disparate churches, and disparate faiths, far apart?

In listening to the third episode of the *Craig Groeschel Leadership Podcast*, *Pastor Craig* talked about when he started his church, they focused on only five things: Weekend worship, small groups, kids ministry, student ministry and missions. And, I had my answer to the question of How do I lead? I am to lead a **small group**.

I said to myself, I have never organized, lead or managed a small group. Immediately I realized acolytes, ushers and finance committee are all small groups. Am I leading them as a small group leader? I think not. It is time for me to learn to be a small group leader and lead.

I began this article with the **five questions** I write to begin every page in my Personal Journal. I have heard *God's* call. I do not know when, where or how this goes. Just that I am called to go . . .

I would ask you to ponder a **sixth question**: Where is *God* calling you, to go and lead?

*God*, our provider, in *Christ* you give us a spring of pure water that overflows to eternal life. Your love and hope fill our hearts, so we want to worship you in *Spirit* and truth. Open our eyes to see the places in this community where our church's ministries could reach new people. Direct our energies for your purposes and the fulfillment of your mission, so that our community will become like a field ripe for harvest. We ask this through *Christ*, our risen *Lord*. Amen

To him who by means of his power working in us is able to do so much more than we can ever ask for, or even think of: to *God* be the glory in the church and in *Christ Jesus* for all time, forever and ever! Amen.

— Ephesians 3:20

**FEASTING ON FINANCE (CONTINUED)**  
**NOW, ON TO FINANCES**

**From the PUMC Balance Sheet dated August 25, 2023**

	<b>Checking</b>		<b>Savings</b>
00540 Non-Restricted	\$63,963.24 ❖	00610 Seeds of Strength	\$33,004.70
00541 Restricted	25,505.25		

❖ Does not include **Accounts Receivable** of \$3,220.72

**From the PUMC P&L dated August 25, 2023**

Revenues	\$207,720.76	
Expenses	256,066.6 ★	
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-\$48,345.84</b>	

★ Includes additional, **unbudgeted**, expenses funded with PPP fund

**Budget Actual vs Planned**

- as of **August 25<sup>th</sup>** we are almost **8 months**, or **66.67%**, into the 12 month **fiscal year**.
- 53.3% of Total Fiscal Year Revenue, to date.
- 65.7% of Total Fiscal Year Expense, to date

FYI, apportionment payments are paid monthly and are current as of **August 31<sup>th</sup>**.

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

- **Audit of 2022 Church Finances** is complete.
  - ◆ Electronic copy of audit was sent to NYAC
  - ◆ Paper copy of audit is on file in PUMC Office.
    - All paper source documents are on file at PUMC
    - I am exploring electronic storage of the audit + source documents. TBD.
- **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 for CNS, HTASC and PUMC in both 2020 and 2021. Any ERC funds received will be distributed **pro rata** to CNS, HTASC & PUMC.
- **2024 Budget** — In September, the Finance Committee will begin developing the 2024 Budget.
- **United Methodist Special Sunday's in 2023**
  - ◆ 10-01-2023 World Communion Sunday
  - ◆ 11-26-2023 United Methodist Student Day Sunday

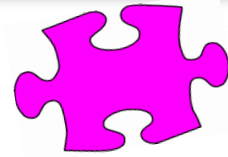
As always, feel free to contact me.

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



# STEWARDSHIP

(Beth Borchert)



## SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP: PIECE # TREASURE

Our church celebrates Consecration Sunday in October. It is a time when we prayerfully make a promise to financially support the church in the coming year. It is a time to take stock of our Treasures. Many years ago, before Dale and I moved to Poughkeepsie, we belonged to a church that had a sudden extraordinary expense one year. The church bell fell one Sunday morning and crashed into the Narthex. In response, the church trained a large “committee” to visit church members and solicit donations to repair the damage and fortify the bell tower. Dale and I were in a financially stable position at the time: two incomes, no kids, no mortgage, and minimal student loan debt. An additional pledge was not hard for us. As we visited church members from all walks of life, I was humbled by their willingness to do what they could. One woman, who was in a more tenuous financial situation, prayed with us and then made an additional pledge. It was not much monetarily, but it was certainly a sacrificial gift. I thought about the story of the poor widow giving her two coins to the temple – *Jesus* recognized that she had given more than all the wealthy donors. I realized this woman had pledged more than we had.

Fast forward to today, and I see that same generous spirit at PUMC. Members from all walks of life giving what they can financially, to keep the ministries of our church vibrant. It warms my heart; and it can still be humbling.

This month I am asking myself, what does *God* want me to do with my treasure? How about you?

“But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling his disciples to him, *Jesus* said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others.” — Mark 12: 42-43 (NIV)

## FITTING TOGETHER OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP PUZZLE FOR 2023

Pledged giving through August 31, 2023 was \$161,463 or 68.7% of our budget goal (\$235,000). Non-Pledged giving through August 25, 2023 was \$26,609 or 35.5% of our budget goal (\$75,000). Our combined giving was almost 61% of our budget goal. Pledged giving continues to stay on track. Non-pledge giving has been consistent all year, but it is lagging behind 2022 giving, and thus is below our non-pledge budget estimate. Praise *God* for all of our faithful givers! Please do keep our church finances in your prayers.

## CELEBRATING OUR STEWARDSHIP

This year we will celebrate Consecration Sunday, on October 29<sup>th</sup>, with a pot-luck luncheon in Fellowship Hall, after the 10am service. There is a sign-up form in this newsletter (page 8). Just fill it out and drop it off in the church office. There will also be a sign-up sheet posted outside Fellowship Hall beginning October 15<sup>th</sup>. Come and celebrate our good Stewardship of PUMC!



# CONSECRATION SUNDAY

## STEWARDSHIP



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#### FOUR DIMENSIONS OF STEWARDSHIP – GRACE, FAITH, SERVICE, MISSION

Every year we ask our church family to consider the ways in which they might support *God's* ministry and mission which is done through our local church. This year we ask you to consider what it means to be a steward of all of *God's* gifts, and to commit through prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness, to helping our church grow and thrive. Please consider what part you can play in this important work.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

STEP	PLEASE CHECK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THE APPLICABLE BOXES BELOW	
<b>1 Give financially toward the ongoing ministry and mission of the church</b>	I expect that my giving to the <b>2024 expense budget</b> will be \$ _____ per <input type="checkbox"/> week <input type="checkbox"/> month <input type="checkbox"/> quarter <input type="checkbox"/> year	<input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in signing up for Automatic electronic withdrawal for my regular giving (paperwork will be provided) <input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in having envelopes for giving
<b>2 Give a one time gift to the immediate financial needs of the Church.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to support the important work of the church by donating \$ _____ (you may include your gift with this form and it will be applied toward your current year giving record) <input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in making a stock or IRA charitable rollover gift to the church (paperwork will be provided)	
<b>3 Give toward the long term future and sustainability of the church</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I will make a one time donation toward an investment fund for the church in the amount of \$ _____. <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to discuss remembering the church in my estate planning with someone.	
<b>4 Give of your time and talents</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I'd be interested in _____ _____ (Ex: Ministries/missions you'd like to be involved in, committee service, ideas you have, gifts you'd like to share)	
<b>5 Give of your prayers</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I commit to praying each week for the needs and ministries of the church.	
<b>6 Give of yourself</b>	I would like to continue in my discipleship journey and grow in these spiritual practices . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Worship <input type="checkbox"/> Scripture Knowledge/Study <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Group/Services <input type="checkbox"/> Acts of Service <input type="checkbox"/> Lay Servant Ministry <input type="checkbox"/> Wesley Covenant Group <input type="checkbox"/> Education/Discipleship Opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> Fellowship Gatherings <input type="checkbox"/> United Methodist Women /Friendship Circle <input type="checkbox"/> United Methodist Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Racism: A Faith Perspective <input type="checkbox"/> Human Sexuality: A Faith Perspective <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to speak to pastor about Baptism <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to join as a member of PUMC	

## CONSECRATION SUNDAY - POTLUCK LUNCH SIGN UP

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

(CHECK [✓])  Main Dish  Side Dish (  Vegetarian  Gluten Free )

(DESCRIPTION) \_\_\_\_\_

Salad \_\_\_\_\_

Please drop this form off in the church office or use the sign up sheet on the Fellowship Board.

## THE WHO, WHAT, WHEN, HOW, & WHERE OF . . .

### QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION (QCD) TO PUMC

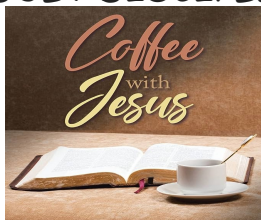
<b>Who?</b>	Anyone, charitably inclined, who would like to reduce their income tax “bill” & owns appreciated stock.
<b>What?</b>	A <b>donation of stock</b> is a transfer of shares of stock without having to sell the shares and being taxed on any increase in value (the capital gains). The shares may be in a brokerage account or, paper certificate(s) in your possession.
<b>When?</b>	To help ensure your donation will be credited in the year of your choosing, it is best to begin the stock transfer process on, or before, October 15 <sup>th</sup> . The date the church receives your donated shares is the date assigned to your donation.
<b>How?</b>	Contact the church office (845) 452-2933 to get started, in October.
<b>Where?</b>	Sources that may be of assistance includes your income tax advisor and/or <b>www.irs.gov</b>

### STOCK DONATION TO POUGHKEEPSIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

<b>Who?</b>	Anyone who has to take <b>Required Minimum Distributions</b> from their retirement account in 2023.
<b>What?</b>	A <b>Qualified Charitable Distribution, or QCD?</b> A QCD is a distribution taken out of your IRA, or other qualified (pre-tax) plan and sent <b>directly</b> from the <b>Plan Custodian to PUMC</b> . The distribution cannot be sent to you, your spouse or anyone else. By sending the distribution directly to the charity of your choice, you may be able to reduce the amount of taxable income you report in the year of the gift. By reducing the amount of your taxable income, you may also reduce the taxation of your Social Security.
<b>When?</b>	It is best to give your 401(k), IRA, or other qualified plan, custodian at least 2 months to complete your distribution.
<b>How?</b>	Talk with your income tax advisor to determine if a QCD is appropriate for you, and/or, your spouse. If a QCD is appropriate, contact your IRA (or other qualified plan) Custodian for their instructions to begin the QCD process.
<b>Where?</b>	Sources that may be of assistance includes your income tax advisor and/or <b>www.irs.gov</b>



## ADULT DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Sunday mornings @ 8:45am. This hour before the worship service will prepare our hearts, mind and soul to make our Sunday experience even more meaningful and personally relevant. Through guided conversation and shared testimony, we will discuss the lectionary message, timely issues and other topics on our hearts. Oh, . . . and as the name implies, there'll be fresh coffee and donuts!

**SPIRITUAL STROLLS** will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. Our October stroll will be at the nearby Vassar Farms. Beginning at 9:00am, the group will begin with prayer and invite participants to share devotionals. The strolls are relaxed and easy. A perfect opportunity to feel *God's* presence in His magnificent outdoors.

### **CURRENT EVENTS AND WHAT WOULD JESUS DO**

As a wrap up of the study of the UMC Social Principals, all are invited to carry on the lively, but always respectful, discussion on contemporary social issues. As we talk about issues in the news, we'll always frame the discussion in the context of "what would *Jesus* do about this?" This small group will meet the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the Lounge. Our first gathering will be October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Light refreshments (COOKIES!) will available!

## NOTES FROM THE **CHOIR** ROOM

[*Polly James* — PUMC Choir Director]

"O FRIENDS, IN GLADNESS LET US SING, SUPERNAL ANTHEMS ECHOING. ALLELUIA!"  
From "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" UMH#90 John Riley, 1906

Ever walk past the choir room and hear happiness mixed with singing, laughter and love? Your PUMC Choir has returned from their August vacation and are once again showering us with anthems and songs of praise! What a joy it is to work with this group!

Whether the music is easy or hard, they put their hearts in to every note—even if our hearts are heavy or tired or sad. And then we laugh or complain or listen to requests for prayers. Then we bow our heads and speak with *God* through the voices of many—both *Steves, Beth, Joyce, Jenn, Kaye* offer prayers on behalf of all of us . . .

AND WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THEIR GIFT OF PRAYING!  
I AM THANKFUL FOR EVERY SINGER — THEY ARE ALL GIFTS FROM *GOD!*

Blessings Always,  
Polly James \_\_\_\_\_

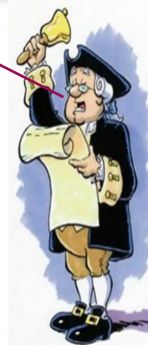


## HALO BELLS & JOYFUL RINGER

[*Pat McCullough* - Handbell Choir Director]

Handbells will be ringing again in the Fall. **Halo Bells** (kids 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older) started rehearsing after services on September 17<sup>th</sup>. **Joyful Ringers** (adults) will rehearse Tuesdays, 6-7pm, starting October 17<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested please contact me as soon as possible.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!



**Vickey Truett**, Singer/Songwriter  
October 1, 2023, 10:00am (During the Worship Service)



*Vickey Truett* (the sister of former church member *Debbie Foy*) will once again be joining us and participating in the 10am worship service on October 1<sup>st</sup>. A free will offering will be taken and her music will be available for purchase.

#### WHY DO I SING?

Because the *Lord* has given me the gift of touching the hearts of others through music. Using spoken testimony, insightful lyrics and Biblical principles I reach out to those who hurt.

I graduated from the Word of Life Bible Institute where I was part of two national tours with the "Collegians" and recorded the album "Let Freedom Ring."

I have been compelled to sharpen my ministry with a focus on helping those who are suffering. Sharing the gospel of *Jesus Christ* with the unsaved and encouraging believers in their daily walk with the *Lord*.

Seeing the overwhelming need in today's church, my mission is to "encourage them in heart, unite them in love... that they may see *Christ*."

I sincerely believe that because of the seasoning with grace I have experienced in my own life, the *Lord* uses my music as a source of encouragement to the believer and as a magnet to draw those with no knowledge of the *Lord* to *His* saving grace.

## CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Church Council met on Wednesday, September 6 on Zoom and in person.

Highlights included:

- Volunteers are being sought for the PUMC table at the Arlington Street Fair on September 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Our new Coordinator of Youth Ministries, Alex Graf, will be introduced in church on September 17<sup>th</sup>. He is anxious to be involved in the youth programming.
- Consecration Sunday will be held on October 29<sup>th</sup> and a potluck luncheon will be sponsored by the Stewardship Committee.
- A brochure on PUMC missions and programs is being developed and photos are being sought by Jennie Arden.
- The Trunk or Treat event will take place on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Positive decorations and lots of candy will be needed!
- The move to our new website is still in progress.
- A template listing all church leaders is being developed as a bulletin insert.
- A request has been made for an updated pictorial directory and that is being pursued.
- Volunteers are still needed as the Administrative Counter's backup and substitute counters.
- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

## FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE PROGRESSIVE LUNCH



Members of Friendship Circle are on the move! Our October meeting will be a progressive lunch. We'll all start at church for appetizers. Two groups will then head out in different directions. The Poughkeepsie group will go to *Nancy Marrine's* for the main course and *Betty Harrel's* for dessert. The Highland contingent will have their main course at *Marie Sidgwick's* and dessert at *Sandy Pullinger's*.

The program will be on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> starting at twelve noon. Members are asked to sign up to bring an appetizer, main dish, salad or veggie, dessert, or volunteer to set up and clean up at church. Carpools will leave from church and members can choose to drive or ride. For those who don't want to travel, anyone is welcome to join the fun for the appetizer portion at church.

To sign up, please contact *Betty Harrel*.

See you on the road!

## THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Our Church will again be sponsoring the Adopt-a-Family for Thanksgiving Program. We hope to provide a nutritious, traditional meal. We are asking those who can to provide a family of 4 the following items:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Box of instant potatoes</li> <li>• Box of stuffing mix</li> <li>• 2 cans of vegetables</li> <li>• 1 can of yams</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 can of cranberry sauce</li> <li>• 2 envelopes of gravy mix and</li> <li>• a \$15 check to cover cost of the turkey, pie &amp; rolls</li> </ul>
<p>OR</p> <p>Donate funds so that the items can be purchased. You can make a check payable to the PUMC and note clearly on the check "Thanksgiving Baskets" or place cash in an envelope marked "Thanksgiving Baskets" and place it in the offering or send it to Church. We also would appreciate a donation of a turkey.</p>	

Sign-ups for donating a bag of food and money donations can be done in Fellowship Hall during the month of October. You can also contact *Nancy Marrine* if you can provide a basket. If you are not shopping and want to contribute a basket please let us know and we can shop for you.

The groceries and checks and turkeys will be brought to Church by Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> and will be placed in the Narthex or by the coat rack near Fellowship Hall. The Thanksgiving baskets will be distributed on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Family Partnership Center on North Hamilton Street.

We also need helpers in the Church office on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, and November 31<sup>st</sup>, to take telephone calls for baskets. Additional assistance will be needed to bring the bags of food to the Family Partnership Center and assist in the distribution. For information or to volunteer, call the Church Office or *Nancy Marrine*.

# ATTENTION ALL TRICK OR TREATERS!

Saturday, October 28th, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

PUMC Parking Lot



**No scary costume or decorations please!**

**We will have a sign-up sheet for people who want to decorate their trunks and hand out candy. Please contact *Angela Soto-White* for more info.**

## KIDS' CORNER



# Puzzle!

Use the clues to discover the names of some Old Testament prophets. Then unscramble the circled letters to describe what prophets are.

I was called to preach to the people of Nineveh but ran from God instead. (My book is #32 in the Bible.)

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I spoke God's message when the temple was being built. (My book is #37.)

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Israel's unfaithfulness to God is compared to my unfaithful wife. (My book is #28.)

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My book predicts punishment for wickedness and promises comfort. (It is #23.)

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I had dreams and visions. (My book is #27.)

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Because of my predictions, I was often in danger and angered officials. (My book is #24.)

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I was a shepherd from Judah who called people to turn to God and leave their selfish lives. (My book is #30.)

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My book contains descriptions of strange visions. (It is #26.)

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PROPHETS ARE — — — — — .

Answers: Jonah, Haggai, Hosea, Isaiah, Daniel, Jeremiah, Amos, Ezekiel; Messengers

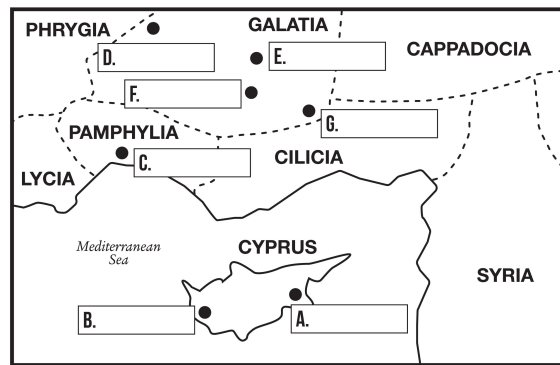
# PUZZLE CITY SEARCH

God used Paul to spread the Gospel to many cities during his first missionary journey. Can you find them all?

Directions: From the fragments, guess each city and locate it on the map. Use the Bible references to help.



- A. SALAMIS (ACTS 13:5)
- B. PAPHOS (ACTS 13:6)
- C. PERGA (ACTS 13:13)
- D. ANTIOCH (ACTS 13:14)
- E. ICONIUM (ACTS 13:51)
- F. LYSTRA (ACTS 14:6)
- G. DERBE (ACTS 14:6)



Answers: Salamis, Paphos, Perga, Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe



## HEALING PRAYER ROOM



Great news! We now have a dedicated prayer room again. What used to be the Cribbery will now be our Healing Prayer Room. There is new paint, new framed scriptures, a new carpet and LOTS of prayer!

Healing prayer will continue to be offered during Communion, but anyone can come to the prayer room any time for more private prayer. It will be staffed after every Sunday service, and appointments can be made for prayer weekdays. We invite anyone interested in joining our Prayer Team to contact *Vickey Carroll, Lloyd Wright, Pam Terwilliger* or *Kaye Schrock* for further information. Prayer is powerful . . . Come . . . Pray.

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

### OUR MEMBERS & THEIR FAMILIES

Barbara Bates, Gladys Bierce, Cathy Close, Janet Cole, Ron Cole, Dylan Coughlin, Sandra DeGuzman, Irene Feller, Theresa Fields, Emily Griess, Betsy Grover, Doris Hammell, Gwen Higgins, Tom Halloran, Sandra Hansen, Pat Hughes, Dick James, Donna Jonnigan, Danny Jones, Betty Longobardi, Julia Miller, Kathleen Nicodemus, Michelle Olavarria, Karla Quinlan, Diana Silverman, Michelle Simonis, Jeff Tryon, Kerianne Wendover, Catherine White, Sarah-Grace White, Marilyn Zier.

### FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH

Jonathan Brown, Georgia Kustas-Beurket, Cris and John Burke, Jerry Calvin, Jordan Fidler, Bryan Foy, Tom Humphries, Edgar Martinez, Adonis Marzan, Hilary McAllister, Jean Slater, Wayne Surico, 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)

**Michael Clear**, Staff Sergeant in the Army, stationed in Syria; **Joshua Lord**, 1-69 Infantry Medical Platoon Sergeant, NYC; **Randal Middleton**, Naples, Italy Naval Base, **Major Jason Oliver**, Texas.

### DEARLY DEPARTED

**Janet M. Green** of Poughkeepsie, formerly of Newburgh, entered into rest on Thursday, September 7, 2023. She was 81. Daughter of the late *Joseph* and *Emma (McKeel) Kocur*, she was born on September 28, 1941 in Cornwall, NY.

“Cookie” as she was known to friends and family was a retired customer service representative for Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Middletown, NY among other medical billing companies. She was a selfless caregiver to both her husband *Bob* and her companion *Harry* when they needed her most. In most recent years, she was a volunteer with Compassion & Choices Organization and was extremely passionate about the important work that she did with them. She was an active member of the Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church where she volunteered at their thrift shop (Second Hand Rose), and later enjoyed “Monday get togethers” with fellow church members. She also participated in the Friendship Circle and Balancing exercise group. She had a love for all animals and whole heartedly supported the Walden Humane Society.

Survivors include two sons, *Robert (Dawn) Green* of Wallkill and *David (Susan) Green* of the Town of Newburgh; a daughter, *Carrie (Leonard) Shustack* of Walden; and three grandchildren, *Randy* and *Travis Green* and *Olivia Clavie*. In addition to her parents she was predeceased by her husband *Robert E. Green* in 1994, her long-time companion, *Harry J. Haight* in 2016, her stepfather, *William Esterbrook*, and a sister, *Jacqueline Kocur*.

## CHORTLE



## THOUGHTS

ONE THING I CAN'T RECYCLE IS WASTED TIME.



CALENDAR	Wednesday, October 11, 2023	Sunday, October 22, 2023
<b>Sunday, October 1, 2023</b>	<b>JOURNEY DEADLINE</b>	8:00AM CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER SERVICE
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<b>Monday, October 2, 2023</b>	<b>Thursday, October 12, 2023</b>	<b>Monday, October 23, 2023</b>
9:00AM MONDAY STUDY GROUP 6:30PM POUGH GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS 7:00PM RADIO CONTROL CLUB	5:30PM PRIMARY PURPOSE AA 7:00PM CHOIR	8:30AM PASTOR KREGG 9:00AM MONDAY STUDY GROUP 6:30PM POUGH GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS
<b>Tuesday, October 3, 2023</b>	<b>Saturday, October 14, 2023</b>	<b>Tuesday, October 24, 2023</b>
11:00AM PASTOR'S BOOK STUDY 1:00PM ARTS & CRAFTS GROUP 5:30PM PRIMARY PURPOSE AA 6:30PM CURRENT EVENTS & WWJD	<b>ANGELA EVENT</b> 8:30AM GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS	1:00PM ARTS & CRAFTS GROUP 5:30PM PRIMARY PURPOSE AA
<b>Wednesday, October 4, 2023</b>	<b>Sunday, October 15, 2023</b>	<b>Wednesday, October 25, 2023</b>
7:30AM MORNING PRAYERS 12:00PM MEDITATIVE MOMENTS (ZOOM) 1:30PM NANCY'S BIBLE STUDY 7:00PM CHURCH COUNCIL	8:00AM CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER SERVICE 8:45AM COFFEE WITH JESUS 10:00AM IN-PERSON & STREAMING SERVICE 10:00AM CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:15AM HALO BELLS 2:00PM PARKSIDE AA	7:30AM MORNING PRAYERS 12:00PM MEDITATIVE MOMENTS (ZOOM) 1:00PM SANDY'S BIBLE STUDY 7:00PM TRUSTEES
<b>Thursday, October 5, 2023</b>	<b>Monday, October 16, 2023</b>	<b>Thursday, October 26, 2023</b>
5:30PM PRIMARY PURPOSE AA 7:00PM CHOIR	9:00AM MONDAY STUDY GROUP 1:00PM ANTIQUE STUDY CLUB 6:30PM POUGH GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS	5:30PM PRIMARY PURPOSE AA 7:00PM EVANGELISM & CHURCH GROWTH 7:00PM CHOIR
<b>Friday, October 6, 2023</b>	<b>Tuesday, October 17, 2023</b>	<b>Friday, October 27, 2023</b>
<b>Saturday, October 7, 2023</b>	11:00AM PASTOR'S BOOK STUDY 1:00PM ARTS & CRAFTS GROUP 5:30PM PRIMARY PURPOSE AA 6:30PM CURRENT EVENTS & WWJD 7:00PM DISMANTLING RACISM	7:00PM MOVIES WITH MEANING
8:30AM GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS	<b>Wednesday, October 18, 2023</b>	<b>Saturday, October 28, 2023</b>
<b>Sunday, October 8, 2023</b>	7:30AM MORNING PRAYERS 12:00PM MEDITATIVE MOMENTS (ZOOM) 1:30PM NANCY'S BIBLE STUDY 7:00PM FINANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HOMELESS SHELTER</li> <li>• TRUNK &amp; TREAT</li> </ul> 8:30AM GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS
8:00AM CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER SERVICE 8:45AM COFFEE WITH JESUS 10:00AM IN-PERSON & STREAMING SERVICE 10:00AM CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:15AM HALO BELLS 2:00PM PARKSIDE AA	<b>Thursday, October 19, 2023</b>	<b>Sunday, October 29, 2023</b>
<b>Monday, October 9, 2023</b>	5:30PM PRIMARY PURPOSE AA 7:00PM CHOIR	<b>CONSECRATION SUNDAY</b>
9:00AM MONDAY STUDY GROUP 1:00PM FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE 6:30PM POUGH GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS	<b>Friday, October 20, 2023</b>	8:00AM CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER SERVICE 8:45AM COFFEE WITH JESUS 10:00AM IN-PERSON & STREAMING SERVICE 10:00AM CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:15AM HALO BELLS 11:30AM POT LUCK LUNCHEON 2:00PM PARKSIDE AA
<b>Tuesday, October 10, 2023</b>	8:30AM MAILING JOURNEY	<b>Monday, October 30, 2023</b>
11:00AM PASTOR'S BOOK STUDY 1:00PM ARTS & CRAFTS GROUP 5:30PM PRIMARY PURPOSE AA	<b>Saturday, October 21, 2023</b>	<b>Tuesday, October 31, 2023</b>
	<b>UMW BAZAAR</b> 8:30AM GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS 9:00AM SPIRITUAL STROLL	<b>THANKGIVING BASKET CALLS TAKEN</b> 1:00PM ARTS & CRAFTS GROUP 5:30PM PRIMARY PURPOSE AA