

**LEADING WORSHIP: Our Pastor, Gregg Gabor**

**HELPING IN WORSHIP**

Acolyte	Sarah-Grace White
Liturgist	Vickey Carrol
Head Usher	Will Cass
Ushers	Cheryl Cass, Lynne Deverman, Roger Griemsmann, Joseph Norman

**OUR FAITHFULNESS LAST SUNDAY**

Worship 105

YouTube & Zoom 56

**REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Our members:** Barbara Bates, Cheryl Cass, Will Cass, Janet Cole, Ron Cole, Dylan Coughlin, Sandra DeGuzman, Irene Feller, Veronica Gordon, Emily Griess, Roy Griess, Betsy Grover, Gwen Higgins, Tom Halloran, Doris Hammel, Pat Hughes, Dick James, Donna Jonnigan, Danny Jones, Betty Longobardi, Lizzy Merolle, Millie Milkovich, Julia Miller, Kathleen Nicodemus, Michelle Olavarria, Karla Quinlan, Arnette and Robert Schmidt, Diana Silverman, Michelle Simonis, Catherine White, Sarah-Grace White, Gaynelle Zehnacker-Coon, Marilyn Zier.

**Friends of our church in your prayers:** Georgia Kustas-Beurket, Cris and John Burke, Jordan Fidler, Bryan Foy, Lee, Edgar Martinez, Adonis Marzan, Hilary McAllister, Joe Pollen, Rob Post, Jean Slater, Wayne Surico, Ronald Tomaso, Jackie Triguero, Clifford Zier. All the innocents affected by wars and conflicts around the world.

**Members of the military, active and/or retired, in your prayers:** Michael Clear, Staff Sergeant in the Army, Joshua Lord, 1-69 Infantry Medical Platoon Sergeant, NYC; Randal Middleton, Naples, Italy Naval Base, Major Jason Oliver, Texas.

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**“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive power and...  
honor and glory and praise!”**

Revelation 5:12, NIV

**Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church Service**  
**May 4, 2025**

Words of Welcome & Life of the Church

Prelude: “Praise Him, Praise Him” Joyful Ringers

Call to Worship

One: The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,  
All: Calling us to heal and transform the brokenness and the violence of our world.  
One: The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,  
All: Calling us to seek out the lonely and the lost and those who need to experience God’s love.  
One: The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,  
All: Calling us to be disciples to the world, blessed, healed, and filled with joyous good news!

Opening Prayer

\*Songs of Praise: “Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone”  
“Great is the Lord” TFWS 2022

Scripture Reading: Revelations 5:11-14

Sermon for the Young & Young at Heart

\*Hymn of Preparation: “Holy God We Parise Thy Name” UMH 79

Sermon

Worship God with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem: “New Born Again – Free Grace Sinner” African American Spiritual

Receiving Holy Communion

Call to Confession  
Confession  
Creating God, in love you moved over the waters of chaos and separated sea from dry land. And yet, we cling tightly to rigid boundaries of our own making. You claim us in the waters of baptism and declare us dead to sin and alive in Christ. But too often we deny that call, conforming ourselves to the whims of culture. At Pentecost, you released your wild and transforming spirit to flow through church and world. But we want to tame that wildness, channeling your spirit through banks of ordered safety. Transform us, we pray. Soften the unyielding edges of our hearts. Loosen our grip on “the way it’s always been” and prepare us for the joy of “the way it still can be,” through Jesus Christ. Amen.  
Words of Assurance  
The Great Thanksgiving UMH 15

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer

Passing the Peace of Christ

\*Closing Hymn: “Jesus Shall Reign” UMH 157

Benediction

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able  
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The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of Gad  
and in honor of Polly James’ Birthday.  
  
The rose on the altar is given by Friendship Circle in celebration of the birth of Cecilia Savivis on March 4, 2025. Cecilia is the daughter of Elizabeth “Lizzy” & Nicholas Savivis and the granddaughter of Linda Merolle.

# Opportunities for You This Week

## SUNDAY, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

|         |                      |
|---------|----------------------|
| 8:00 am | Contemplative Prayer |
| 8:45    | Coffee with Jesus    |
| 10:00   | Worship Service      |
|         | Sunday School        |
| 11:30   | Fellowship           |
|         | Halo Bells           |
| 1:00 pm | Casa de Adoracion    |
| 2:00    | Parkside AA          |
| 4:00    | Youth Group          |
|         | DCIC Concert         |

## MONDAY, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

|         |                    |
|---------|--------------------|
| 9:00 am | Monday Study Group |
| 10:00   | Exercise           |
| 6:30 pm | Gamblers Anonymous |

## TUESDAY, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

|          |                     |
|----------|---------------------|
| 10:00 am | Pastor's Book Study |
| 1:00 pm  | Arts & Crafts Group |
| 5:30     | Primary Purpose AA  |
| 6:00     | Joyful Ringers      |

## WEDNESDAY, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

|         |                     |
|---------|---------------------|
| 7:30 am | Prayers             |
| 1:30 pm | Nancy's Bible Study |
| 7:00    | Church Council      |

## THURSDAY, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

|         |                |
|---------|----------------|
| 5:30 pm | PP AA          |
| 6:15    | Praise Singers |
| 7:00    | Choir          |

## FRIDAY, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| 10:00 am | Exercise          |
|          | Garden Group      |
| 6:00 pm  | Casa de Adoracion |

## SATURDAY, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

|         |                     |
|---------|---------------------|
| 8:30 am | Gambler's Anonymous |
|---------|---------------------|

## SUNDAY, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### Mother's Day

|         |                      |
|---------|----------------------|
| 8:00 am | Contemplative Prayer |
| 8:45    | Coffee with Jesus    |
| 10:00   | Worship Service      |
|         | Sunday School        |
| 11:30   | Fellowship           |
|         | Halo Bells           |
| 1:00 pm | Casa de Adoracion    |
| 2:00    | Parkside AA          |
| 4:00    | Youth Group          |

**Come, People of the Risen** CLI Song # 4768151  
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**Welcome to Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church.** We are delighted to have you worship with us today!

**We want to be your family of faith.** We hope that you feel at home in our church family, and we encourage those interested in membership to speak with one of the ushers or contact us at 845-452-2933 or by email at [office@pokumc.org](mailto:office@pokumc.org)

# Announcements

**Vacation Bible School July (July 10-12) – Registration is happening now through June 1.** There are registration forms in the narthex and on the Children's Ministry bulletin board.

**The Garden Group** will meet twice in May; Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10am -12pm and Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9-11am. Come prepared to dig in the dirt!

**We are asking all parents of 2-, 3-, and 4-year-old children if there is any interest in a Sunday School program for preschoolers.** It would only be 2 Sundays per month and run for 20-25 minutes. The new program will start in September along with regular Sunday School. We would like to have some numbers by the end of May so we can plan if there is enough interest. Please contact the office if you are interested.

**The Dutchess County Interfaith Music Festival will take place TODAY at PUMC @ 4pm.** All are invited. Quite a few members of our congregation will be performing.

**The next Ted Talk is scheduled for 7pm, Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.**  
**How to defend democracy — and fight autocracy**  
TEDNext 2024 • October 2024

Seventy-two percent of the world's population lives under some sort of autocratic rule, says freedom fighter **Leopoldo Lopez**. In a rousing call to defend democracy worldwide, he shares the story of his imprisonment and exile for leading the movement against Venezuela's authoritarian regime — and shares his vision for uniting across borders to champion freedom and stamp out autocracy. **If you wish to join in the dialogue, send an email to [pucmtedtalk@gamil.com](mailto:pucmtedtalk@gamil.com), with Subject: Join TedTalk.** Note, the link to join the Ted Talks is always available on **Social Justice Events Calendar** available on PUMC's Website ( <https://pokumc.com/social-justice-ministry/>)



## A Note from Karyn About The Journey

### VERY IMPORTANT!

If you haven't yet contacted the office to let me know that you would like to continue receiving The Journey in the mail please do so no later than May 15.

We currently mail out around 220 copies of the Journey each month. I would like to decrease that number significantly so that only the people who want the Journey are receiving it. This will save money, resources, and time. There are several ways for us to do this together.

1. Email – We have been sending out a digital copy for quite a few years now. If you haven't yet signed up for that you can do so at our website ([pokumc.com](http://pokumc.com)) or by contacting the office (845-452-2933 or [office@pokumc.org](mailto:office@pokumc.org)).

2. I know that people like to have a hard copy and I fully understand. The newsletter will be available to be picked up at church 1 or 2 Sundays before the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.

3. **This is the most important part:** I am still more than happy to mail it each month to those who want it. Please contact the office (845-452-2933 or [office@pokumc.org](mailto:office@pokumc.org)) if you would like to continue receiving it through the mail. **Those who don't respond by May 15 will be removed from the mailing list.**

## Native American Ministries Sunday

United Methodists are called to recognize and honor the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society and church. The United Methodist Church acknowledges a gap in understanding Native American life and culture, while affirming the sacredness of Indigenous peoples, their languages, their unique identities and their contributions to the church and the world.

Contributions help develop and strengthen Native American ministries within each United Methodist annual conference and provide scholarships for Native Americans pursuing ordained or licensed pastoral ministry.

Funds raised support these vital ministries through the Native American Ministries offering:

- Fifty percent of the funds collected on Native American Ministries Sunday stay within annual conferences to support Native American ministries. Each annual conference has a Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM) to develop these programs, advocate for ministry with Native Americans, and promote Native culture, history and traditions. CONAM also oversees the distribution of offerings, coordinates the promotion of Native American Ministries Sunday and monitors Native ministries in annual conferences.
- Twenty-five percent of donations fund scholarships for Native Americans pursuing ordained or licensed ministry at any approved theological school. These scholarships address the significant shortage of Native American pastors and trained professionals, supporting higher education recruitment, retention and development efforts.
- Twenty-five percent of donations collected are allocated to develop impactful programs. These funds enable the UMC to collaborate with established Native ministries to create new initiatives for Native American communities. Some of these efforts include mentoring programs, peer support systems, funding for economic development projects and the revitalization of traditional practices that cultivate new leaders. Worldwide, we celebrate the voices and ministry of Native Americans together.

How to Give: Write a check to your local church and write "Native American Ministries Sunday offering" in the memo line. To give online or set up monthly giving, go to [donate.gcfa.org/NAMS](http://donate.gcfa.org/NAMS)