

Words of Welcome & Life of the Church

Prelude:

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather in the presence of the God who gives every good gift.

People: We come with gratitude for the life God has given.

Leader: God calls us to invest our lives in what truly lasts.

People: We seek treasures that cannot be taken away.

Leader: The world teaches us to cling and hold tightly.

People: But Christ invites us to live with open hands.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One whose kingdom endures forever.

People: We lift our hearts to God with joy and thanksgiving.

Opening Prayer

***Songs of Praise:** *“Come, Christians Join to Sing
“Every Praise”*

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 1:1-9

Sermon for the Young and Young at Heart

***Hymn of Preparation:** *“The Day of Resurrection”* UMH 303

Sermon

Worship God with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem:

Doxology UMH 94

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ

***Closing Hymn:** *“He Lives”* UMH 310

Benediction

Postlude:

**Please stand if you are able*

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***The flowers on the altar are given by Heidi Mills to the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of Janet Cole.***

**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)*

**To Those with Little Ones:** Room 36 (upstairs in the education wing) is available as a toddler room with toys and a TV that is tuned into the worship service.

**If you would like to be on the PUMC email distribution,** please go to the church website at [www.pokumc.com](http://www.pokumc.com) and scroll down to **Join Our Mailing List** button.

## Opportunities for You This Week

### SUNDAY, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

|         |                       |
|---------|-----------------------|
| 8:00 am | Contemplative Prayer  |
| 8:45    | Coffee with Jesus     |
| 10:00   | Worship Service       |
|         | Sunday School         |
| 11:30   | Fellowship            |
|         | Confirmation          |
|         | Prayers for the World |
| 1:00 pm | Casa de Adoracion     |
| 2:00    | Parkside AA           |

### MONDAY, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026

|         |                    |
|---------|--------------------|
| 6:30 pm | Gamblers Anonymous |
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### TUESDAY, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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

### WEDNESDAY, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

#### Journey Deadline

|         |                     |
|---------|---------------------|
| 7:30 am | Morning Prayers     |
| 1:00 pm | Nancy's Bible Study |
| 2:30    | Calligraphy Class   |
| 7:00    | New Hope AA         |

### THURSDAY, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026

|         |                    |
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| 5:30 pm | Primary Purpose AA |
| 6:15    | Praise Singers     |
| 7:00    | Choir              |
|         | Gamblers Anonymous |

### FRIDAY, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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| 6:30 pm | CdA Service |
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### SATURDAY, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

|         |                    |
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| 8:30 am | Gamblers Anonymous |
| 5:00 pm | Youth Group        |

### SUNDAY, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

|         |                       |
|---------|-----------------------|
| 8:00 am | Contemplative Prayer  |
| 8:45    | Coffee with Jesus     |
| 10:00   | Worship Service       |
|         | Sunday School         |
| 11:30   | Fellowship            |
|         | Confirmation          |
|         | Prayers for the World |
| 1:00 pm | Casa de Adoracion     |
| 2:00    | Parkside AA           |

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## Announcements

**The Deadline for the April Journey is Wednesday, April 15.**

**Emails from PUMC:** Have you stopped receiving emails from us? Please contact the church office and Karyn can figure out what is going on.

**Friendship Circle, April 13th at 1pm.** Whitney Humphrey, VP for Community Programs at the Family Partnership will be speaking about the programs of Family Services, as well as the collective impact of the Family Partnership Center.

**Vacation Bible School** will return on Thursday, July 9 – Saturday, July 11. Lots of information will be available in the coming months. **We will need adult volunteers! Please speak to Angela if you can help.**

**Movie With Meaning:** The next movie will be *On Sacred Ground* (2023), and is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall. All in the community are invited. Those that wish can stay after the showing for discussion of the film. As usual, refreshment will be available.



**Fellowship Discovery Luncheon – April 28:** Our next Fellowship Discovery Luncheon will take place on Tuesday, April 28 @ 12pm. A representative from Hudson Valley Hospice will be presenting a program about Advanced Care Planning. Please reserve your spot no later than Thursday, March 23.

**The Stillness & Ink Calligraphy Gathering**

**Presented by Jim Bennet**

**Learning graceful letters with gentle guidance**

**Wednesdays @ 2:30pm in Room 33**

A welcoming fellowship for new learners and experienced calligraphers. Our first session will introduce the basic materials and the beautifully simple EZScript letters. Whether you're picking up a calligraphy pen for the first time or returning to a familiar practice, you're invited to join us for a calm, creative hour of beautiful writing together. The class will meet on Wednesdays @ 2:30pm.



## Sermon Summary “A Little Encouragement”

April 12, 2026

Text: 1 Peter 1:3–9

Encouragement is a simple gift, yet it carries remarkable power. In a world quick to criticize and slow to affirm, a word of encouragement can strengthen a weary heart and remind someone they are not alone. The film *Unbroken* captures this truth in a powerful scene where Olympic runner Louis Zamperini, weakened and nearly defeated in a prisoner-of-war camp, finds the strength to continue because fellow prisoners quietly encourage him. Their words restore his courage in a moment when it is almost gone.

The apostle Peter understood how deeply people need encouragement. His first letter is written to Christians who were experiencing hardship because of their faith. They were scattered, pressured, and tempted to lose heart. Peter does not pretend their struggles are small, but he reminds them of something greater. Because of God’s mercy, they have been “born anew into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” Their trials may test their faith, but they do not define their future. Christ’s resurrection means their hope is alive.

Peter recognizes a reality many believers experience: faith does not usually disappear all at once. More often it slowly weakens when discouragement sets in and people begin to feel alone. That is why encouragement matters so much in the life of the church. Encouragement is not merely politeness or positive thinking. It is one of the ways the living hope of the resurrection moves through the community of faith.

In Christ, our identity as God’s people is secure through grace before anything we accomplish. Where we falter in faithfulness, Christ has already been faithful. Because of that, believers are called to strengthen one another along the journey.

Encouragement often appears in ordinary moments. A supportive word, a quiet affirmation, or a reminder that someone’s effort matters can help another person take the next step in faith. These simple acts build up the body of Christ and reflect the kingdom of God breaking into everyday life.

Sometimes encouragement itself becomes a ministry. Through it, God sustains hope, strengthens faith, and helps people keep running the race set before them.

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