

LEADING WORSHIP: Our Pastor, Kregg Gabor

HELPING IN WORSHIP

Acolyte Sarah-Grace White
Liturgist Jenn Harmer
Head Usher Will Cass
Ushers Cheryl Cass, Lynne Deverman, Debi McGarvey, Ellis Ticknor

OUR FAITHFULNESS LAST SUNDAY

Contemplative Prayer Service @ 8am 2 Worship @ 10:00am 138
Sunday School – Adult 10 Children 10 YouTube & Zoom 29

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Our members: Steve Allen, Barbara Bates, Cheryl Cass, Ron Cole, Dylan Coughlin, Sue Davis, Sandra DeGuzman, Irene Feller, Veronica Gordon, Emily Griess, Doris Hammel, Gwen Higgins, Pat Hughes, Donna Jonnigan, Danny Jones, Samson Marrine Lee, Betty Longobardi, Lizzy Merolle, Millie Milkovich, Kathleen Nicodemus, Michelle Olavarria, Ray Polivka, Karla Quinlan, Robert Schmidt, Diana Silverman, Michelle Simonis, Catherine White, Sarah-Grace White, Marilyn Zier.

Friends of our church in your prayers: Georgia Kustas-Beurket, Cris and John Burke, Joshell Coleman, Jordan Fidler, Allison and Chad Hagner, Lorry Hetzer, Scott Kara, Edgar Martinez, Hilary McAllister, Rob Post, Jean Slater, Wayne Surico, Ronald Tomaso, Jackie Triguero, Elaine Wintergreen, 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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Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church
May 24th, 2026

Words of Welcome & Life of the Church

Prelude: *“Peace I Ask of Thee O River”*

arr. PBJames

Call to Worship

Leader: When the day of Pentecost arrived, the disciples were gathered together.

People: And suddenly the Spirit came like rushing wind.

Leader: God moved before anyone was ready.

People: God spoke before anyone asked.

Leader: The Spirit met ordinary people in ordinary life.

People: And nothing was ever the same.

Leader: The Spirit still moves among us today.

People: Opening hearts and awakening faith.

Leader: Let us worship God.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, find a way.

Opening Prayer

***Songs of Praise:** *“Holy Ground”*

TFWS 2272

“Gather Us In”

TFWS 2236

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Sermon for the Young & Young at Heart

***Hymn of Preparation:** *“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”*

UMH 420

Sermon

Worship God with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem: *“Sing a Song for Peace and Justice”*

Hymn tune CWM RHONDDA

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:** *“Forward Through the Ages”*

UMH 555

Benediction

Postlude: *“Toccata in C Major”*

Domenica Zippoli (1688-1726)

**Please stand if you are able*



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*

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 and scroll down to **Join Our Mailing List** button.

Opportunities for You This Week

SUNDAY, May 24th, 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, May 25th, 2026

Memorial Day – Office Closed

6:30 pm Gamblers Anonymous

TUESDAY, May 26th, 2026

10:00 am Pastor's Bible Study
12:00 pm Fellowship Discovery
Luncheon – Quiet Cove
1:00 Arts & Crafts Group
5:30 Primary Purpose AA

WEDNESDAY, May 27th, 2026

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

THURSDAY, May 28th, 2026

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

FRIDAY, May 29th, 2026

6:30 pm CdA Service

SATURDAY, May 30th, 2026

8:30 am Gamblers Anonymous
5:00 Youth Group

SUNDAY, May 31st, 2026

Children's Day

8:00 am Contemplative Prayer
8:45 Coffee with Jesus
10:00 Worship Service
Sunday School
11:30 Fellowship
Prayers for the World
1:00 pm Casa de Adoracion
2:00 Parkside AA
4:00 Music Festival

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Gather Us In (TFWS 2236)
Music: Marty Haugen
Lyrics: Marty Haugen

Breathe on Me, Breath of God (UMH 420)
Music: Robert Jackson
Lyrics: Edwin Hatch

Forward Through the Ages (UMH 555)
Music: Arthur S Sullivan
Lyrics: Frederick Lucian Hosmer

1 Beu, B.J.; Scifres, Mary. The Abingdon Worship Annual2025 Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.

Announcements

Please note that Vacation Bible School has been canceled for 2026.

The church office will be closed tomorrow for Memorial Day

Next week is Children's Sunday! Join us next week as we celebrate our Sunday School! We are asking the congregation to wear yellow and/or green to show support for our amazing kids.

Summer Worship & Sunday School: The current plan is to move worship into Fellowship Hall on June 14th so we can take advantage of the air conditioning. Sunday School will continue as normal through June and July. There will not be Sunday School during August.

Save the Date! Come join us as we take a trip to Lancaster Pennsylvania to see the production of Joshua at the Sight and Sound Theatre on October 28 and 29.

Movie With Meaning: The June movie will be **Cabrini**, and is scheduled for June 27th at 4pm in Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall. All in the community are invited. You are encouraged to stay after the showing for discussion of the film. As usual, refreshment will be available.

This American biographical drama film depicts the life of Catholic missionary Francesca Cabrini, as she encounters resistance to her charity and business efforts in New York City. Cabrini explores the sexism and anti-Italian bigotry faced by Cabrini and others in New York City in the late 19th century.

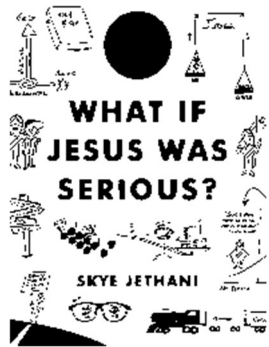
DCIC Interfaith Music Festival: In Praise of the Divine
May 31st 2026 4-6pm PUMC Sanctuary

Upcoming Special Sundays

Sunday, May 31st – Children’s Day – Wear Yellow and/or Green!
Sunday, June 7th – Confirmation Sunday
Sunday, June 21st – Father’s Day
Sunday, June 28th – Graduation Sunday



This summer, we will be offering a relaxed and flexible study based on:



What If Jesus Was Serious?:

A Visual Guide to the Teachings of Jesus We Love to Ignore
by Skye Jethani.

Running from June 2 through September 29, this study is designed to fit the changing rhythms of summer travel, vacations, and ministry schedules. Rather than a strict week-to-week progression, we will gather “catch as catch can,” using this book as our common thread whenever there is a break between other studies or activities. Known dates when we will not be meeting include June 9, August 17, and September 8, though additional schedule adjustments may arise during the summer months.

Jethani’s book combines humor, insight, illustrations, and thoughtful reflection to explore some of Jesus’ most challenging teachings — especially the ones modern Christians often overlook, soften, or explain away. Because readings will be shared aloud during class, purchasing the book is completely optional, though many may still enjoy having a personal copy for reflection between sessions. Whether you attend every gathering or simply drop in when your schedule allows, each session will stand on its own while helping us think more deeply about what it truly means to follow Jesus seriously in everyday life.

A Note From Karyn: If you would like me to order a copy of the book please let me know. The cost is \$12.00.

Sermon Summary

May 24, 2026

“The Spirit Finds a Way”

Text: Acts 2:1–21

On the day of Pentecost, Jerusalem was already crowded. Pilgrims had gathered for Shavuot, a familiar festival that drew people from across the world. They came for tradition, for celebration, for community. Nothing in the story suggests they arrived searching for a spiritual breakthrough. Life was simply unfolding as expected.

Then everything changed.

A sound like rushing wind filled the house. Tongues like fire rested on each person. Voices began speaking in languages the crowd could understand. Confusion turned into curiosity. People stopped. They listened. They began asking questions. Something new was happening, and it did not begin with them. It began with God.

Pentecost reminds us that faith does not always start with a restless heart or a searching mind. Sometimes people are not asking spiritual questions at all. They may seem content, thoughtful, even deeply grounded, yet faith does not appear to interest them. That reality can be unsettling, especially when we care about those who seem unmoved by anything spiritual. We often assume that belief begins with longing, with some inner sense that something is missing. But Pentecost tells a different story.

The Holy Spirit does not wait for perfect readiness. The Spirit interrupts ordinary life. The Spirit creates attention where there was none. The Spirit opens space for faith to grow, even among those who were not looking for it. Before anyone understands what is happening, God is already at work. Before anyone responds, the movement has begun.

This is good news, because it means faith is not dependent on human initiative. God moves first. God speaks first. God reaches into lives that appear closed and gently creates openness. The same Spirit who surprised the crowd in Jerusalem still works quietly today, stirring curiosity, drawing hearts, and creating moments of grace.

Pentecost invites us to trust that God is already present in the lives of those who seem far from faith. We may not see the movement. We may not know when it happens. But the Spirit continues to find a way, meeting people where they are and opening doors we could never open ourselves.



Graduate Recognition Sunday will be on June 28th. Please fill out and return the form below by June 15th if you would like to recognize a high school, college, or trade school graduate.

Graduate Recognition Information

(Please print clearly so we can accurately recognize the graduate)

Name: _____

High School, College, or Trade School attended and any degrees or certificates achieved

If High School, college and major or job planned

If College or Trade School, future plans, employment, higher education

Family to be mentioned (identify parents, grandparents, etc. you would like mentioned)
