

Calendar for March 8, 2020

Today	9:15 a.m.	<i>Faith 5</i> Scripture study – Classroom 5
	9:30 a.m.	Music rehearsals – Sanctuary
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Faith 5</i> Sharing Time – Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	<i>Bible Talk & Play</i> – Nursery
	10:30 a.m.	<i>Bible Talk in Action!</i> – Nursery
	11:45 a.m.	Sonshine Singers rehearsal – Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m.	Sarah's House dinner – Odenton, MD
	6:30 p.m.	God Squad youth group – Fellowship Hall
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	Men's Breakfast – Orchard Café (Odenton, MD)
	9:00 a.m.	CCCC at POP Church – Music Room
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Committee meeting – Classroom 5
	6:00 p.m.	Soup & Scripture – Fellowship Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Boyles Memorial Ringers rehearsal – Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal – Sanctuary
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
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Here and There with POP Groups



Kindness Grows Here! All are welcome to attend the March meeting of the Crofton Kiwanis Club this Wednesday, March 11th, from 7:00–8:00 p.m. The featured speaker will be Kristen Caminiti from local nonprofit Kindness Grows Here (www.kindnessgrowshere.com). The meeting is open to all at no charge, and beverages will be available. Crofton Kiwanis Club meets at the lower level banquet room at the Blue Dolphin Seafood Bar and Grill (Princess Shopping Center, 1166 MD Route 3 South, Gambrills, MD).

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

Life in the Church – March 8, 2020

Spiritual Nurture and Formation Opportunities



God Squad Tonight! POP's youth group, God Squad, meets tonight from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The subject will be *Jesus in the Movies*, which will discuss the various ways Christ has been portrayed in the movies, from early silent films, through the blockbusters of the 1960s, to more recent presentations. **All 5th through 12th grade youth are welcome!**

Lenten Soup & Scripture Series! POP's Soup & Scripture has begun and continues on Wednesday nights now until April 1st. The *Holy in the Ordinary* delves into the Bible to learn the stories ordinary objects (*figs, oil, coats, sandals, thorns*) tell. Each week **Pastor Elizabeth** considers the symbolism of one or two new objects. Then, in the last class, all objects will be revisited in the context of the Bible stories about the last week of Jesus' earthly life. Soup & Scripture meets in Fellowship Hall. A soup supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. followed by discussion from 6:30–7:30 p.m. **Soup donors: Sign up in the narthex. All are welcome!**



Inquirers/New Members Class Offered! Are you interested in learning more about Presbyterianism? Are you feeling ready to become a member of the church? If you answered yes to one or both of these questions, then please speak with **Pastor Elizabeth**. She will be offering an Inquirers/New Members class those interested. **All are welcome!**

GA2020 Local Coordinator Needed! General Assembly (GA) 2020 is right around the corner, and Presbytery of Baltimore has requested that each church have a local church coordinator for GA2020! We need one person from POP to be our contact person to help individuals in our congregation connect with volunteer opportunities, and generally to keep us aware of upcoming events related to GA202. If you are able to fill this role, please contact the **Church Office ASAP**.



April Book Group! The April book group has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 31st, due to a conflict with POP's Soup & Scripture series. The book selection is *The Second Mountain* by David Brooks. **Order and read your copy today!**

Mission and Outreach

Minute for Mission! Today Elder **Cindy Collins** speaks about the disaster relief mission trip to New Bern, NC, hosted by Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church. Floods from 2019 storms have overwhelmed some families. Over 3,500 families have submitted requests for FEMA assistance, and less than 2,000 have been evaluated and far fewer repaired. From March 29th–April 4th, volunteers will provide disaster relief to a few of those families.



Mission and Outreach Cont'd.

Sarah's House Dinner Today! POP is serving meatloaf, veggies, and other savory foods to our friends at Sarah's House, a shelter in Odenton, MD. If serving, please arrive at Sarah's House at 4:00 p.m. today. If you have any questions or need directions, contact [Roger Shull](#) or [Clive Durose](#).

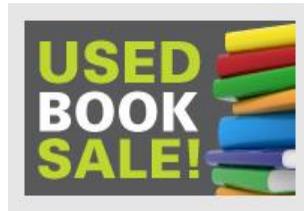


Support the Crofton Christian Caring Council (CCCC)!

- † **Regular-sized cans of tuna** are being collected during March for the Food Pantry.
- † **Diapers** (especially sizes 4, 5, and 6) are needed for the Baby Pantry.
- † The Clothes Closet is currently full, but still feel free to donate your **new and gently used clothing**. We will find an appropriate home for them.
- † **Volunteers are needed on occasional Wednesdays here at POP** to help assist those in need of emergency assistance. The time commitment is 9:00 a.m.–noon. Please speak with Elder [Beth Ross](#) if interested.

Mark your calendars for POP's Used Book and Media Sale!

POP's Used Book and Media Sale will be held **Friday, April 24th** (5:00–9:00 p.m.) and **Saturday, April 25th** (8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.). The big beige collection bin is in its usual spot: the church's front porch (faces Crofton Parkway). **So please bring in your books, media, and much-needed empty boxes!** (No VHS or cassette tapes, magazines, Reader's Digests, or encyclopedias.) **In addition, there are tasks for every interest and availability!** Speak with Elder [Lillian Van Rompay](#) or Deacon [Anne Weadon](#) to volunteer.



Donate Items for POP's Ministries! POP collects many items for donation/reuse in our community. Please see the list below. All donations should be left in their appropriately-labeled bins/baskets in the classroom hallway. For more information, speak with Elder [Lillian Van Rompay](#).

- ❖ Baby items (CCCC Baby Pantry)
- ❖ Eyeglasses (Bowie Lions Club)
- ❖ New & gently used shoes (Changing Focus)
- ❖ Used household batteries (Earth Care)
- ❖ Newspapers (Arundel Middle School)
- ❖ Used oral care products (toothbrushes, empty floss/toothpaste containers, etc.) (Earth Care)
- ❖ Regular-sized Cans of tuna—March (CCCC Food Pantry)
- ❖ Books (Little Free Library)
- ❖ Travel-sized toiletries (Sarah's House)
- ❖ Used musical instruments (Earth Care)
- ❖ New & gently used clothing

Welcome to Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

If you are looking for a friendly church...

- † where you will be loved and accepted regardless of your age, class, race, ethnicity, or orientation...
- † where you will be challenged to reflect on your beliefs, acknowledge your doubts, ask your questions, and grow in your faith...
- † where God's desire for compassion, healing, reconciliation, justice, and joy is preached...
- † where you are given the opportunity to put your faith into action through effective outreach ministries...

Then we hope to get to know you as a new friend at Prince of Peace!

POP Updates

Order Easter Flowers! Spring flowers to decorate the church for Easter can be ordered now through **March 15th**. Order forms and a drop-box are available on a pedestal in the narthex. Or stop by the church office (M-F, 9:00 a.m.–Noon). **Please be sure attach a check to your order form.** Checks should be made out to Prince of Peace with **"Easter Flowers" written on the memo line.** Sorry, but only orders with accompanying payments can be accepted. The flowers will decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday; then you may take the ones you purchased immediately after worship to enjoy at home. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask [Ginny Shearin](#). **And save the date—Friday, April 10th, at 3:00 p.m.—to help decorate the sanctuary!**



Worship Committee Members and Ushers Needed! Committee members meet once a month, while ushers assist with Sunday worship three months out of the year. Both are vital to POP! Ushering is easy and perfect for those who want to volunteer at church but cannot commit to another day of the week. It is our hope to have three ushers on each monthly team. If interested in either position, please speak with Elder [Carlene Craytor](#) or Elder [Ellen Mitchell](#).

Worship Chair Campaign! We are over halfway to our goal of \$5,800 for 100 new worship chairs plus two storage carts! Thank you to those who have pledged already, and keep the pledges coming! As a reminder, a sample chair is located in the sanctuary, and pledge cards are available in the narthex. Completed pledge cards can be returned to the church office, or simply dropped into one of the Sunday offertory plates. **Please pledge by Easter Sunday, April 12th.** Monies will be accepted now through December 31st. **Checks should be made payable to Prince of Peace Church, noting "Worship Chairs" in the memo line.** It should also be noted that any additional money pledged will be used for Worship & Music items.



Saying Goodbye to Barb Gross! During the February 23rd worship service, POP wished Godspeed to congregant Barb Gross. Barb has been a behind-the-scenes driving force here at POP, since she joined in 1988. Barb has served as Deacon, Heifer International coordinator, church office substitute, liturgist, laptop operator, and more. She has been involved heavily in Christian Education and is beloved by our youth. She will be dearly missed, but we wish her the best as husband Joe, dog Lucky, and her retired closer to family and friends in Ohio. **(We also hope that she visits often!)** In addition to being honored during worship on February 23rd, the youth presented her with a handmade quilt, made by our youth and Betsy Lord, at the God Squad Nursery Party that evening. **Godspeed Barb, and best wishes!**