

## Calendar for March 15, 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 &amp; Play</i> – Nursery
	10:30 a.m.	<i>Bible Talk in Action!</i> – Nursery
	11:45 a.m.	Sonshine Singers rehearsal – Sanctuary
Monday	7:30 p.m.	Session meeting – Classroom 5
Tuesday		
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	Men's Breakfast – Orchard Café (Odenton, MD)
	9:00 a.m.	CCCC at POP Church – Music Room
	6:00 p.m.	Soup & Scripture – Fellowship Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Boyles Memorial Ringers rehearsal – Sanctuary
Thursday	12:00 p.m.	The Forum – Yama Grill & Buffet (Crofton, MD)
	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal – Sanctuary
Friday		
Saturday		
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## Here and There with POP Groups

### The Forum



**The Forum Update!** The March 19<sup>th</sup> Forum has been cancelled in response to the COVID-19 situation. At this moment, the April date is still scheduled.

**Effective Immediately, Prince of Peace Church will be closed for the next two weeks in response to the COVID-19 situation. Please check your email regularly for updates.**

## Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

Life in the Church – March 15, 2020



**POP's COVID-19 Response!** As Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) remains an emerging, rapidly evolving situation in the U.S., Prince of Peace is working hard to respond to this crisis in the best way possible. Therefore, you will notice some changes taking place here at POP until further notice. Following Sunday worship, our Coffee Hour servers will wear gloves and prepackaged foods will be offered. The nursery will be closed except on Sunday mornings, and it is advised that children and adults who are visibly ill with respiratory issues not enter the nursery. The toys and furniture will be cleaned this week, and other protective practices will be put into place. For your convenience, hand sanitizer is available in the restrooms and narthex. And if you are feeling unwell, remember to sneeze and cough into fabric (and immediately wash hands afterwards), avoid touching your face and others, and consider staying at home for a while.

**TODAY is the deadline to order your Easter Flowers!** Flower order forms and a drop-box are available on a pedestal in the narthex. **Please be sure attach a check to your order form.** Only orders with accompanying payments will be accepted. Checks should be made out to Prince of Peace Church with **"Easter Flowers" written on the memo line.** The flowers will decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. After the Easter worship service, you may take the flowers you purchased immediately home to enjoy. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask **Ginny Shearin**. **And please save the date—Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m.—to help decorate the sanctuary!**



## Spiritual Nurture and Formation Opportunities



**Lenten Soup & Scripture Series!** Currently, POP's Soup & Scripture continues on Wednesday nights until April 1<sup>st</sup>. 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!**



**April Book Group!** Currently, the April book group has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 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

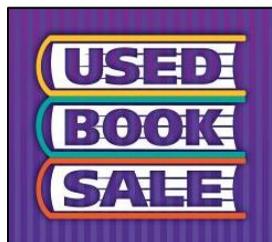
**Sarah's House Update!** Thank you to all who donated foods and/or volunteered for our March Sarah's House dinner. Nineteen people were served, and four employee plates were delivered. Sarah's House is a supportive housing program offering emergency shelter and project-based supportive housing with an array of other services for families experiencing homelessness in Anne Arundel County. **POP's next dinner will be May 10<sup>th</sup>!**



**STAIR Suspended!** To our volunteers, Start The Adventure in Reading (STAIR) has been suspended until further notice due to COVID-19. We will update you as more information becomes available.

### **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 Wednesday mornings here at POP** to help assist those in need of emergency assistance. Please speak with Elder **Beth Ross** if interested.



**POP's Used Book and Media Sale!** Mark your calendars for our annual sale, held **Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** (5:00–9:00 p.m.) and **Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>** (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). **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**.

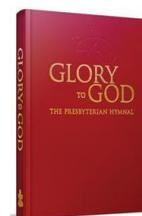
- ❖ Baby items (CCCC Baby Pantry)
- ❖ Eyeglasses (Bowie Lions Club)
- ❖ New & gently used shoes (Changing Focus)
- ❖ Used household batteries (Earth Care)
- ❖ Newspapers (Arundel Middle School)
- ❖ Used oral care products (toothbrushes, empty floss/toothpaste containers, etc.) (Earth Care)
- ❖ Regular-sized 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

## POP Updates

**Be a Worship Volunteer!** Become a worship committee member or a worship usher. Both are vital to POP and easy to do! If interested in either position, please speak with Elder **Carlene Craytor** or Elder **Ellen Mitchell**.

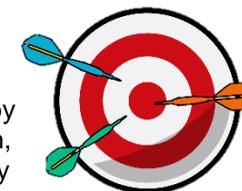


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**Red Hymnals!** *Glory to God*, our hymnal, has many new hymns with new texts. Pastor Elizabeth is selecting some of these when they speak in a meaningful way to the message of her sermon. Copies of the hymnal are in the book rack located opposite the doors as you enter the sanctuary. **If seeing the written music for a new hymn helps you learn to sing it, please grab a hymnal.** Also, feel free to grab a hymnal if you would like to look through it during the prelude and see what we will be singing. Or, maybe you would like to look through a hymn and meditate on the words!

**Worship Chair Campaign Update!** **We have met our goal, and thank you to all that have pledged!** The new worship chairs and two storage carts will be ordered in the near future; however, we do not expect them to be delivered until mid-summer. As a reminder to those who have pledged, money is due by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Checks should be made payable to Prince of Peace Church, notating "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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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!**

## **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!**

No matter who you are, or where you are in your life journey, you are welcome here! Join us and discover how much you are loved, how gifted you are, and how together, we can experience and share the kingdom of God here and now.