

Calendar for April 19, 2020

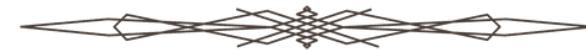
Today	9:15 a.m.	<i>Faith 5</i> Scripture Study – Held via Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Online via Facebook
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation class – Held via Zoom
Monday	7:30 p.m.	Session meeting – Held via Zoom
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Spiritual Potluck – Held via Zoom
Sunday	9:15 a.m.	<i>Faith 5</i> Scripture Study – Held via Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Online via Facebook

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

Life in the Church – April 19, 2020



Stewardship in a Time of Crisis! We may not know the timing, but we do know that when it is possible to gather safely together again, we, and the community, will need the church more than ever. People will be suffering. ***It is critical, therefore, that Prince of Peace Church stays strong.*** Every Sunday the church is closed, we lose the "loose plate" income that is a big part of our budget. This time of year especially, we usually have very healthy collections which carry us through other parts of the year. Not having that, we need your help. Please keep up with your pledged stewardship. We hope to implement online bill-pay soon, but for now, you have the option of mailing in your regular giving or using automatic bill-pay through your bank. Please know that our church mailbox is locked for security and is checked consistently throughout the week. ***Please give regularly and generously so that we can continue to witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ during this time when people need that witness more than ever.*** Right now, we are loving our neighbor by staying closed. The time will come with God's grace when we will need to love our neighbor by resuming the public life of the church. Thank you for ensuring that we will be ready!



Spiritual Nurture and Formation Opportunities

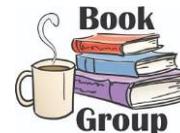


Spiritual Potluck! Join the POP family virtually every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. for a spiritual potluck! Grab dinner, or finish dinner first, and get onto your computer or smartphone for an informal time to visit, wave, share our stories, and check in. It feels so good to see one another face-to-face, especially during this time of social distancing. Our virtual potluck will be conducted via Zoom. A password is required to join, and absolutely no recording of the meeting will occur. Please contact the church office for meeting details. ***All are welcome!***

Faith 5 Scripture Study! POP's *Faith 5* Scripture study group meets virtually on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15 a.m. To join the discussion of each week's Scripture readings, go to Zoom a few minutes before 9:30 a.m. Click on "Join a Meeting" and type in **Meeting ID: 556 753 635** (same ID every Sunday). ***All are welcome!***



Confirmation Class Tonight! POP's confirmands will meet virtually tonight via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. Meeting details will be provided to participants.



May Book Group! POP's book group will meet next on Wednesday, May 6th, at 7:00 p.m. (meeting format to be determined). The group will discuss *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. Order and read your copy today! ***All are welcome!***



Mission and Outreach

Support POP's Missions and More! During this time of loving our neighbor from afar, it is difficult to know how to help and support those that need it the most. As you are social distancing, consider spring cleaning and pulling aside those items that may be donated once POP is back up and running. If you are able to shop online for groceries or in your limited trips, please consider added a few baby items or food items to be donated. Or, if able, donate directly to nonprofit organizations online. Consider shopping for your neighbors to help reduce the number of people out and about too. If you sew, consider making

and donating homemade fabric face masks. In addition to our local medical professionals, essential retail employees and anyone needing to go out in Maryland must now wear face masks. **And don't forget to support local businesses if you can!**

Help the Hungry! While the Crofton Christian Caring Council (CCCC) Food Pantry remains closed, we encourage those who are able to donate do so to other organizations. Consider the following: **CARE** (www.care.org); **SOME** (www.some.org); and **Light House Shelter** (www.annapolislighthouse.org). Or, consider the **Anne Arundel County Food Bank** (www.aafodbank.org) or the **Maryland Food Bank** (www.mdfoodbank.org).



Celebrating Earth Day! First observed in 1970, Earth Day is an annual event celebrated worldwide on April 22nd. Here at POP, however, we love to celebrate on Sundays; therefore, **we will praise God's wonderful earth next Sunday, April 26th!** In past years, and in conjunction with our Earth Care initiative (*in which we have been recertified for our third year as a PC(USA) Earth Care Congregation*), we have held paperless services to honor Earth Day. Since we are already currently paperless with our online worship services, **we are encouraging congregants to take pictures of their gardens and blooming plants. Please email your pictures to the church office by Friday, April 24th,** so we can post them as an album of God's beautiful bounty on our website and Facebook page on April 26th.

In other Earth Day-related news... You may remember that back in November, the sanctuary lights were converted from old fluorescent lights to LED lighting. This has made a huge difference in our energy costs. (*Our old four tube fluorescent lights used 35 watts each, and we had 60 of them. Our new LED lights use only 12 watts each!*) Unfortunately, the lighting color and output was just a little subpar for our needs. **Thankfully, we are delighted to announce that the LED lighting has been fixed, and our sanctuary is now brighter and energy-conscious!**

Used Book and Media Sale Update! Today would have been our "Big Move," where the sanctuary is transformed into a weekend book store. Even though that won't be happening now, our annual Used Book and Media Sale has not been forgotten! Instead, it has been rescheduled for the fall and will correspond with the Crofton Chamber of Commerce's Fall Festival on the Green. The new sale dates are **Friday, September 25th** (5:00–9:00 p.m.) and **Saturday, September 26th** (8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.). Please stay tuned to when we will start collecting your used books and media again. In the meantime, get some good reading in while staying home, and then set those books aside to donate later this year!



POP Updates

Live-Stream Worship! Join POP online to live-stream the liturgy and Word and to join together in prayer, contemplation, and praise!

To access the live-stream worship service:

- 1) If you are a member of Facebook, simply go to the Prince of Peace homepage and watch the live broadcast, which will appear on the page where a post normally would at the regular worship service time.
- 2) If you are not a member of Facebook, go to POP's website, www.popchurch.org. Simply click on the first picture regarding live-streaming. **(If the picture disappears, wait and it will reappear.)** Computer users may also click the  button in the upper right-hand corner, which links to our Facebook page. For mobile users, the  button is located at the very bottom of the homepage. You do not need to sign up for Facebook to watch, so please ignore or close the pop-up box which invites you to join.

Please remember that if you are not able to live-stream with us, our worship service videos are available to view on our website and on our Facebook page afterwards. Feel free to also "share" the services on your own Facebook page so that others may enjoy!



CHURCH
from home



Pastoral Care Reminder! Though the physical church building is closed, **Pastor Elizabeth** and the **deacons** are still available for pastoral care by phone. Please leave a message at the church office (410-721-2313) or email the pastor or your deacon with any needs.

Help Available! Music Director Suzann Barthold's grandson Charlie and his West Point Military Academy roommate are currently available for essential errands, yard work, and small chores. Contact **Suzann** (410-721-0147) if you would like their help.

Community Support! During this difficult time, POP encourages all to call each other regularly and to support one another in prayer. **If you are a Facebook member, please join the "Friends of POP" group.** (*Search "Friends of POP" in the Facebook search box to join!*) This group allows members to post private messages for the congregation (prayer concerns, scheduling, etc.). The POP page is very public, but we can still converse as a congregation safely on "Friends of POP." Pastor Elizabeth will check the page daily to "accept" new friends.

