

POP Updates Cont'd.



Upcoming Virtual Communion! POP will celebrate "virtual" Holy Communion on Sunday, May 3rd; therefore, please remember to pick up bread and juice/wine on your next shopping trip to have on hand for that Sunday. **All are invited to participate in their homes!**

Pastoral Care Reminder! Though the physical church building remains 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.

Available Resources! The Munro family has extra rolls of toilet paper if anyone is still in need. They would be happy to deliver to door steps or drop off at the church. Please contact **George Munro** if in need. Also, 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** if you would like their help.

RESOURCES



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.

Calendar for April 26, 2020

Today	9:15 a.m.	<i>Faith 5</i> Scripture Study – Held via Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Online via Facebook
	6:30 p.m.	God Squad youth group – 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
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation class – Held via Zoom

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

Life in the Church – April 26, 2020



TODAY is Earth Day Sunday! POP is celebrating Earth Day today and singing praise for God's wonderful earth! In past years, we have held paperless services to honor Earth Day, but since we are already currently paperless with our online worship services, we encouraged congregants to take and send us pictures of their gardens, blooming plants, and nature all around us. **Check out our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/popchurch.org, to view our Earth Day celebration photos!**

Interested in helping both the Earth and POP? Consider becoming a POP gardener or join our Earth Care team. And remember to always reduce, reuse, and recycle!

EARTH DAY EVERYDAY

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. 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. Please keep up with your pledged stewardship.

There are many ways to give at Prince of Peace.

- † Donate online at www.popchurch.org/give/
- † Use the **GivePlus Church** App on your smartphone! Available from the Apple App Store and on Google Play.
- † Set up automated payments through your bank!
- † Donate via mail – 1657 Crofton Parkway, Crofton, MD 21114! Our mailbox is locked and checked regularly for your security.



Please give regularly and generously so that we can continue to witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ during this time. 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



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!**

God Squad Tonight! Our youth group will meet remotely tonight at 6:30 p.m. The Zoom link is <https://zoom.us/join/zoomrooms?zcid=2438>. Click on "Join a Meeting" and type in **Meeting ID: 757 1913 1707**. All youth, grades 5-12, are invited. The theme for tonight's meeting is "Earth Day: What have you noticed different in the natural world since the quarantine?"

**GOD
SQUAD**



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!**

May Book Group! POP's book group will meet next on Wednesday, May 6th, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The group will discuss both April's book, *The Second Mountain* by David Brook, and May's book, *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. **You do not have to read both books to participate! In fact, since there will be no Virtual Potluck that night, all are welcome to join!**

Mission and Outreach

Light House Lunches! In lieu of packing bag lunches this morning, POP will send a \$150 donation to the Light House Shelter for them to use for their most urgent needs. We encourage you to visit their website (www.annapolislighthouse.org) to donate directly and to see a list of their current needs.



Two-Cents-A-Meal! While our collection will not be taken in the usual way again this month, you can still support the groups that benefit from this collection. You are certainly welcome to hold onto your coins until we are able to meet in person again, or you could mail a check to the church notating "Two-Cents-A-Meal" on the memo line. However, in order to get your contributions to the groups more quickly, we encourage you to consider donating directly to the groups.

- † Internationally: **CARE** (www.care.org)
- † Regionally: **SOME** (www.some.org)
- † Locally: **Anne Arundel Food Bank** (www.aafoodbank.org)



Sarah's House! POP's next Sarah's House dinner is scheduled for Sunday, May 10th, and jambalaya is normally on the menu. While no volunteers are allowed at this time at Sarah's House, food drop-offs are allowed. **Therefore, we will order a restaurant meal to be catered for Sarah's House for our dinner (restaurant to be determined).**

Mission and Outreach Cont'd.

Hilos de Plata Mission! Extra donations from Crofton Community Missions enabled the Hilos de Plata (Silver Strands) mission to buy a hand truck to make deliveries easier. If interested in donating to this POP-supported mission, please donate directly to Crofton Community Missions via their Facebook page or speak with **Peggy Elliott**.

Book Sale Update! POP's Used Book and Media Sale 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!



Bake Sale Update! Yesterday would have been our spring Bake Sale to support the Crofton Christian Caring Council (CCCC) Food Pantry. Since the pantry is currently closed, we are requesting that any donations you would have made in support of the Bake Sale be instead given directly to the Anne Arundel Food Bank (www.aafoodbank.org), so they can distribute it as needed to pantries in our area.

Support POP's Missions and More! During this time, 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. **And don't forget to support local businesses if you can!**

POP Updates

Accessing Live-Stream Worship!

- 1)** Facebook members can simply go to the Prince of Peace page to watch the live broadcast, which will appear on the page where a post normally would at the regular worship service time.
- 2)** Non-Facebook members should first go to the Prince of Peace website, www.popchurch.org, and then simply click on the first picture regarding live-streaming. 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.

If you are not able to live-stream with us, our worship 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 for others to enjoy!

