

POP Updates Cont'd.



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 May 3, 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.	Board of Deacons' meeting – Held via Zoom
Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	Worship Committee meeting – Held via Zoom
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Book Group – 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
	4:00 p.m.	Sarah's House dinner – Catered

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Life in the Church – May 3, 2020

Virtual Communion Today! POP is celebrating "virtual" Holy Communion, and all are invited to participate in their homes! ***If you don't have bread or juice/wine, don't worry!*** The sacrament is about communing together in the saving grace of Jesus Christ, not about the elements themselves. This is a meal about how God made the ordinary holy as a means of reminding us daily that God is with us. Therefore, if all you have is crackers and orange juice, or something else on hand, you can still participate. If you share and eat your elements with the intention of communing with God and the larger community, we are confident that God has the power to bless your feast, and would want to do so.



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 that Prince of Peace Church stays strong. Please keep up with your pledged stewardship.

There are many ways to give at POP, now including online giving!

Visit <http://popchurch.org/give/> and click on the "Give Now" button to access POP's online giving portal. Once there, you may give towards the POP General Fund. The POP Special Giving Fund is for our *One Great Hour of Giving* and *Christmas Joy* collections. You may also choose to give an additional 2% to help offset our processing fees, and this optional amount is calculated automatically. For smartphone users, download the **GivePlus** Mobile App for even easier giving! (*The app is available from the Apple App Store and on Google Play.*)



We appreciate any way you give!

Continue to give via automated payments through your bank or mailed checks. (*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.*** 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!

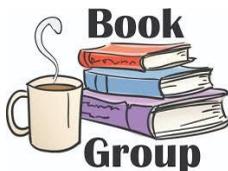
Spiritual Nurture and Formation Opportunities

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, 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 Confirmation class will meet virtually tonight at 7:00 p.m. Meeting details will be provided to participants.

Spiritual Nurture and Formation Opportunities Cont'd.



Book

May Book Group! POP's book group will meet this 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 on May 6th, all are welcome to join!**

No Spiritual Potluck this Wednesday! A reminder that POP's Wednesday spiritual potluck will not meet this Wednesday, May 6th, but that all are invited instead to join the book group discussion at 7:00 p.m. **POP's spiritual potluck will be virtually back on Wednesday, May 13th, at 6:30 p.m.** Be sure to 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! Our virtual potluck is 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!**



GA 2020 Update! General Assembly (GA) 2020 is going virtual! Stay tuned for more details.

Mission and Outreach



Sarah's House! POP's next Sarah's House dinner is scheduled for next Sunday, May 10th. 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 the Sarah's House residents from Rinconcito Mexicano in Odenton, MD.**

Baby Pantry Update! The Crofton Christian Caring Council (CCCC) Baby Pantry continues to serve existing clients as needed while still be able to practice social distancing. This is great news!

Food Pantry Donations! The CCCC Food Pantry has been closed since the last week in March; however, they sent grocery store gift cards to families on their rolls in April and plan to do so again in May. To help fund the grocery gift card distribution, the CCCC Food Pantry is currently accepting monetary donations. **Checks should be made out and mailed to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church (1800 Seton Drive, Crofton, MD 21114) with "Food Pantry" notated on the memo line.**

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...Other Ways to Help! If able, we encourage you to consider donating directly to the following groups.

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

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**.

Mission and Outreach Cont'd.



Book Sale Update! POP's Used Book and Media Sale has been rescheduled for **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!

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!



Pastoral Care Reminder! **Pastor Elizabeth** and the **deacons** are 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! 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.

