

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church Life in the Church – May 10, 2020



Today POP honors all mothers and maternal bonds!

Our modern holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, at St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. Ann Jarvis died in 1905, but had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the American Civil War, and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. In 1914, Mother's Day became an official national holiday.



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!**

Spiritual Potluck! Join the POP family virtually this Wednesday, May 13th, 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!**



June Book Group! POP's book group will meet next on Wednesday, June 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. via [Zoom](#). The group will not discuss *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson as planned, but will instead choose something "lighter" in light of the pandemic. Stay tuned for the new book details. **All are welcome!**

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

Mission and Outreach



Minute for Mission! One of POP's ongoing mission projects is Start the Adventure in Reading (STAIR), a volunteer tutoring program to assist 2nd grade students reading below grade level. In late September, our tutors began with seven specially-selected students from Nantucket Elementary School, and met twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays for one hour. Like most other school-related activities, STAIR had to be curtailed due to COVID-19, and the last tutoring session occurred on March 5th. Up until then, our tutors had been making great progress with their young pupils—reading together, playing language games, and sharing the joy of reading. Though STAIR is over for this academic year, we plan to pick up with a new group of second graders this fall. If you are interested in

assisting with STAIR as a full-time, part-time, or substitute tutor (*or in some other capacity*), please contact **Mark** or **Anne Weadon**. To learn more about the program visit the STAIR website, <https://stairannapolis.org/wp/>.

Sarah's House! Today is our May Sarah's House dinner! Located in Odenton, 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. While no volunteers are allowed at this time, food drop-offs are; therefore, we will order a restaurant meal to be catered for the Sarah's House residents from Rinconcito Mexicano in Odenton, MD, which is owned by the same family who owns Mi Casita in Crofton!



Confirmand Mission Projects! POP's confirmands will be completing mission projects this summer. Stayed tuned for more information, but in the meantime, check out this message from **Louisa Van Rompay!**

I am doing a mission project to cheer people up in this difficult time. I am going to be calling people and playing a short tune for them on my viola. I would like you to submit family members, friends, and/or yourself to be called by filling out this form: <https://tinyurl.com/viola-mission>. Thank you! ~Louisa



CCCC Updates! It is great news that the Crofton Christian Caring Council (CCCC) Baby Pantry continues to serve existing clients as needed while still being able to practice social distancing. While the Food Pantry has been closed since the last week in March, they sent grocery store gift cards to families on their rolls in April and plan to do so again this month. To help fund the grocery gift card distribution, the 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.**

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

- † Internationally: **CARE** (www.care.org)
- † Regionally: **SOME** (www.some.org)
- † Locally: **CCCC Food Pantry**

PDA Update! The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is at work to rush critical aid to those who are suffering as a result of COVID-19. Thanks to the longstanding generosity of the whole Church and from generous Presbyterians, PDA is providing vital provisions where needed—food and water, hygiene and sanitation supplies, training and more. If you are able please support PDA through a [donation](#). Call 800-872-3283 and designate gifts to E052197 – Matthew 25.



Hilos de Plata! 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 **Friday, September 25th** (5:00–9:00 p.m.) and **Saturday, September 26th** (8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.). Please mark your calendars!



Support POP's Missions and More! As you are social distancing, consider spring cleaning and pulling aside those items that may be donated once POP is back up and running. As you are out shopping, 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 as well. And if you sew, consider making and donating homemade fabric face masks!

POP Updates



Technology and Live Streaming Access!

POP is extremely thankful that we are able to worship virtually during this time; however, we realize that technology can also bring issues and frustrations for all! Your continual feedback is extremely important and appreciated. We hope that the following clarifications will help make your worship experience a little more user-friendly!

- † **Facebook members** accessing the live stream worship should first log into their Facebook account and then simply go to the Prince of Peace page to watch the live broadcast. **Be sure to sign up for notifications from POP too!** On the POP Facebook page and under the church's picture, click the "Following" button. This will show a smaller box. Check notifications "on."
- † **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 (*at the bottom for mobile users*), which links to our Facebook page. You do not need to sign up for Facebook to watch, so please ignore and close the pop-up box which invites you to join.
- † Please realize that the live stream service might not be instantly available. **Be sure to "refresh" the page occasionally if you don't see the service.** To hopefully resolve this issue, we will start the live stream video earlier (around 10:20 a.m.) with organ music until 10:30 a.m.
- † For those without printers but still would like to be able to view the live stream service while looking at the bulletin, you unfortunately will need two devices—one for the live streaming and another for the bulletin. Computer users might try opening two different windows but no guarantees.

Missed the live stream? 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!

COVID-19 Update! Governor Hogan has recently put forth a *Roadmap to Recovery*, and POP vows to be in complete compliance of the Governor's plans for reentry, whenever that might occur. Please know that we are hard-at-work looking at the reentry plans and at how POP will reopen safely once we are allowed to do so.

Phishing Scam! Scammers are once again targeting POP. Please note that Pastor Elizabeth (*or staff*) will never send you an email or a text message asking you to do her a favor and purchase gift cards or send money on her behalf. These scammers are using her name and a fake email; therefore, this is not much we can do to stop them. Be vigilant, and if you receive such a request, please report it to the church office.



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.



Community Support! 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 10, 2020

Today	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
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
	6:30 p.m.	God Squad youth group – Held via Zoom