

## Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church Life in the Church – June 7, 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.

**Prayer Vigil This Wednesday!** Our nation and world are experiencing a time of extreme turmoil. The pandemic, the economic turmoil, the violence and injustice against people of color, the rioting, and more have left everyone feeling scared, worried, angry, sad, and uncertain. In times such as these, we need God more than ever. *So, join POP virtually this Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. for a service of prayer.* We will pray for wholeness, reconciliation, and peace. Light a candle at home and open your heart as we seek the Lord's help to recover from these challenges and heal the problems of our world.



### 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.

 GIVE NOW



**There are many ways to give at POP, 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



**The God Who Liberates!** One of the overarching themes of the Bible is that we worship and serve a God who wants very badly to set us free from the internal and external forces that enslave us. Thus, the story of the Exodus, which informs the whole of the Old Testament, is retold by Matthew in his account of how God came to liberate the world through Christ. Pastor Elizabeth is currently at work on a class which will lead participants through an exploration of the key stories in *Exodus* and *Matthew*. The class will be offered virtually through Zoom to teens and adults; Bible study novices and experts and everyone in between are welcome to participate.... **Would you participate in a class this summer or prefer the class launch in the fall? Would you prefer a daytime or evening class?** Please email **Pastor Elizabeth** ([elizabeth.mclean@popchurch.org](mailto:elizabeth.mclean@popchurch.org)), so she can finalize a schedule.

**New Zoom Link for Faith 5 Scripture Study!** POP's Faith 5 Scripture study group continues every Sunday morning from 9:30-10:15 a.m., but with a new Zoom meeting address. (One that is not time limited nor requires a password.) Please use this link to participate (**Meeting ID: 885 8967 5660**). **All are welcome!**

**Weekly Children's Messages!** Parents, check out Pastor Elizabeth's weekly children's messages, available on POP's Facebook page under "Videos" and on website under "Resources – Children's Messages," prior to Sunday worship.



**Book Group!** POP's book group will meet virtually throughout the summer. Stay tuned for more information and the next book selection. **All are welcome!**



**Virtual Choir Rehearsals!** Gather together and join the POP family virtually every Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. for choir rehearsals! POP's virtual choir rehearsals are not rehearsals in the traditional sense; however, they are a time to learn and sing hymns in your home while being able to interact with others from a safe distance. Rehearsals will be conducted. Please contact the church office for the **updated Zoom** Meeting ID and Password. Current choir members are asked to pick up their copy of the *Glory to God* red hymnal from the church prior to rehearsals if possible. **All are welcome!**

## Mission and Outreach

**A Message of Thanks!** *"Thank you for your generous donation to the Light House in lieu of bagged lunches! We are beyond grateful not only for this donation but your commitment of support through our bagged lunches program and your volunteering as well as the other volunteers from Prince of Peace! I look forward to when this time has passed with operations back to normal, and can thank you all in person for your generosity!"*

– Sarah E. Ryan, The Light House Shelter of Annapolis



### **Comunidad Presbiteriana la Trinidad (CPT) Updates!**

- 1) La Finca (*the Farm*) is up and running! All plots at the CPT Community Garden have been rented and prepared for the growing season. Especially in this time when CPT members cannot gather for worship, the garden is a way for the community to stay connected to each other.
- 2) Osmin Rodriguez has opened his own garage in downtown Annapolis. As you can imagine, the pandemic has caused a large drop in business. If you are looking for a responsible mechanic, please consider taking your car to Osmin's shop at 40 Hudson Street (443-822-0465). You may remember that Osmin came to speak to POP's God Squad last fall before they visited La Finca to help with fall clean-up.



**Puppy Gets Rescued – An Update from Gisela of the Hilos de Plata Mission!** In addition to providing food for families in need in the Panajachel area, Gisela has been able to help a puppy in need with the support of our Noah's Ark Ministry. While out on a walk, Gisela found a puppy on the side of the road who appeared to have been run over and was unable to walk. Gisela took her home and was able to get the puppy to the vet the very next day. The vet determined that the puppy's front leg needed to be amputated. Even when in pain on the vet's table, the puppy wagged her tail and showed her cheerful spirit. In gratitude for POP's support, Gisela offered the church the opportunity to choose a name for the puppy; the God Squad discussed possibilities at their May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting and chose "Alma," which means "Soul" in Spanish. The family which will eventually adopt the puppy also chose a name for her, selecting "Dulce," or Spanish for "Sweet." So, this puppy will be known as "Alma Dulce," very fitting for her personality. When a flight is possible from Guatemala to the US, Alma Dulce will fly to the States and join her new family in Tennessee. ***Isn't it amazing how God's blessing brought us together, and in this time of physical distancing we can still connect to share God's love?***

– Condensed and adapted from a post by Sharon Smart, Fundamaya

**CCCC Food Pantry Needs!** The Crofton Christian Caring Council (CCCC) Food Pantry needs your help. The Food Pantry is hoping to reopen this month with new safety procedures. Currently, there is enough food for 150 bags; however, it will not take long before they run out of certain food staples—*pasta, tomato sauce in plastic jars, macaroni and cheese, and cereal*. In addition, the Food Pantry can no longer order in bulk from the local supermarkets and must abide by current number limits while shopping. *When you are shopping and able to pick up some extras of the above items, please do so and hold onto them until we notify you that the food can be safely dropped off at the Food Pantry.* If you have questions, contact **Beth Ross**.



**PDA's COVID-19 Response!** The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is currently hard-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.

**Fall Book Sale Dates!** POP's Used Book and Media Sale has been rescheduled for **Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** (5:00–9:00 p.m.) and **Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>** (8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.). Mark your calendars and stay tuned.

## 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!*
- † **Non-Facebook members** should first go to the Prince of Peace website, [www.popchurch.org](http://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*). 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. *Try clicking onto our "Videos" page on the left-hand side first instead of scrolling down to the live streaming post. And be sure to "refresh" the page occasionally if you don't see the service.* We will also start the live stream video earlier (around 10:25 a.m.) with organ music.
- † For those without printers but still would like to be able to view the live stream service while looking at the bulletin, you unfortunately might need two devices—one for the live streaming and another for the bulletin. Computer users might try opening two different windows.

**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!

**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.

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IN MAKING  
A DIFFERENCE**

**Community Support!** POP encourages all to call each other regularly and to support one another in prayer. *If you are a Facebook member, join the "Friends of POP" group.* 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 June 7, 2020

Today	9:15 a.m.	<i>Faith 5 Scripture Study – Held via Zoom</i>
	10:30 a.m.	<i>Worship Service – Online via Facebook</i>
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	<i>Prayer Vigil – Online via Facebook</i>
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	<i>Virtual Choir rehearsal – Held via Zoom</i>
Sunday	9:15 a.m.	<i>Faith 5 Scripture Study – Held via Zoom</i>
	10:30 a.m.	<i>Worship Service – Online via Facebook</i>
	6:30 p.m.	<i>God Squad youth group – Held via Zoom</i>

## Here and There with POP Groups

**Crofton Farmers Market!** The Crofton Farmers Market is open on Wednesdays from 3:00–7:00 p.m. Please note their new, temporary location of the Crofton Bowling Centre (2115 Priest Bridge Drive, Crofton, MD). In addition, remember to show respect for your neighbors and Crofton Farmers Market members by practicing safe social distancing while you shop.



**#JustOne Kindness Campaign!** The local group, Kindness Grows Here, asks you to join them in their #JustOne kindness campaign.... *"Our world is hurting right now. We are trying to stay safe from a deadly pandemic. This is keeping us distant and away from those we love. People of color are being murdered, and we are angry. Businesses and families are struggling financially. We need you. The world needs you. The world needs your kindness. We ask you to take a minute and watch the video that our board of directors has put together.*

*We aren't asking for money. We aren't asking for much of your time. We are simply asking that you commit #JustOne act of kindness and encourage those around you to do the same. It's simple. But we truly believe kindness can change the world. Would you please consider joining us?"*