

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

Life in the Church – June 14, 2020



Volunteers Needed!

Our church will reopen at some point, but in order to open, we need volunteers to step up. We will continue live-streaming worship even after we open the building so that no one who is vulnerable, afraid, or sick has to miss worship. To that end, we need to create a rotating technology team which will help Jeff Gibbs with videotaping, and we will need additional ushers. If you can help POP successfully reopen and volunteer with the technology team or as an usher, please contact the church. All volunteers will be taught what they need to do!

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, 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!



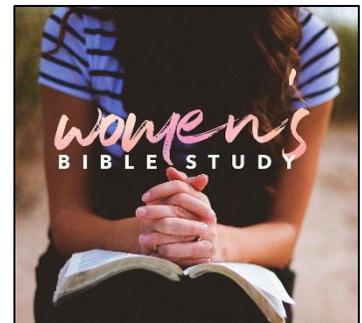
General Assembly 2020!

For the first time in our denomination's history, General Assembly (GA) 2020 will be totally online. *From lament to hope*, GA-2020 will occur virtually on June 19th, 26th, and 27th, but the Prayer Room opens tomorrow. Check out the GA-2020 [website](#), and stay tuned for more information in this Wednesday's *What's Up* e-blast.

Spiritual Nurture and Formation Opportunities

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

Women's Summer Bible Study! Join Parish Associate Dottie LaPenta for "Walking with Women of the Old Testament: Their Stories and Their Struggles." Participants will read and reflect on the stories of six women as told in the Old Testament. Exclusion, adversity, frustration, high expectation, isolation, and even danger knocked on their doors. Their lives were indeed different from ours, and yet the issues of justice, mercy, and faith and the hope to know their strengths and have their voices heard were as present for their circumstances as they are for women of today. The Bible study will take place via [Zoom](#) on Friday mornings from 8:30–9:30 a.m. ***The class began Friday, June 12th, and continues weekly through July 10th.*** Participants do not need to be present for every session to benefit from the reading, learning, and discussion. If interested in participating, and to receive the Zoom information, please contact **Dottie LaPenta**. ***All are welcome!***



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.



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. *All are welcome!*

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!*

Fall Class – 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 will lead participants through an exploration of the key stories in *Exodus* and *Matthew*. *The class will be offered to teens and adults in the Fall.* More details will be forthcoming. *All are welcome!*



Mission and Outreach



CCCC Food Pantry! The Crofton Christian Caring Council (CCCC) Food Pantry has reopened with new hours and drive up curbside pickup on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Please continue to collect and store food for the Food Pantry, **such as regular-sized packages of pasta, tomato sauce in plastic jars, macaroni and cheese, and cereal**, but they cannot yet accept donations until church offices have reopened. Thank you. If you have questions, contact Elder **Beth Ross**.

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.



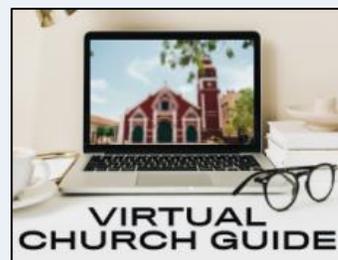
PDA's COVID-19 Response! The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is currently hard-at-work to rush critical aid to those who are suffering as a result of COVID-19. Thanks to the longstanding generosity of the whole Church and from generous Presbyterians, PDA is providing vital provisions where needed—food 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 25th** (5:00–9:00 p.m.) and **Saturday, September 26th** (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, and then simply click on the first picture regarding live streaming. Computer users may also click the **f** 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!



Worship Chairs Update! The new sanctuary chairs have been ordered, and many thanks to Elder **Ellen Mitchell** who undertook this task and made it happen. Delivery will take about 14 to 16 weeks. We now need to determine how many of the old chairs to keep and what to do with the ones we no longer need. Stay tuned for additional updates.

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, 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 June 14, 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
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Virtual Choir rehearsal – Held via Zoom
Friday		General Assembly 2020 – Online
	8:30 a.m.	Women's Summer Bible Study – 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



Here and There with POP Groups



The Forum Update! The Forum is very much alive despite not being able to currently meet together in person at Yama Grill & Buffet. Interim solutions to prohibited group gatherings are being investigated, including live web-based video presentations. If anyone has any suggestions, please contact [Nick Shearin](#).

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).

#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?"



the love of God

Words and music by F.M. Lehman

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin.

Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above, would drain the ocean dry.
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky.

O love of God how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure the saints' and angels' song.