

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church Life in the Church – June 21, 2020



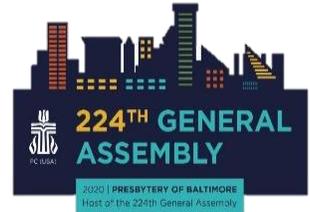
Today POP honors all fathers and paternal bonds!

In America, Father's Day was founded by Sonora Smart Dodd and celebrated on the third Sunday of June. Sonora held her father, an American Civil War veteran, in great esteem, and while hearing a church sermon about the newly recognized Mother's Day, she felt strongly that fatherhood needed recognition as well. The first Father's Day was celebrated June 19, 1910, in Spokane, Washington.

General Assembly 2020 has begun!

Interested in finding out what is happening at the 224th General Assembly (GA), which opened on Friday, June 19th? Then check out the GA2020 [website](#) and Facebook [page](#)! And be sure to catch the live streamed events on June 26th and 27th....

Also visit the [Prayer Room](#), which features POP's own labyrinth! You can add a prayer to the prayer wall, virtually walk a labyrinth, do spiritual yoga moves, and more.



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 volunteers for a rotating technology team, additional ushers, and other volunteers. If you can help POP successfully reopen and volunteer, please contact the church. **All volunteers will be taught what they need to do; no experience necessary!**

Stewardship in a Time of Crisis!

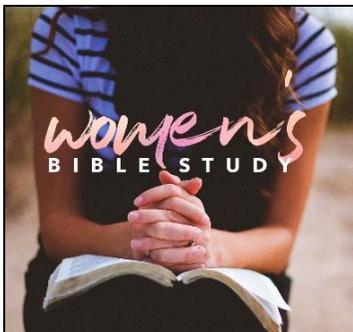
There are many ways to give at POP, including online giving!

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 or Special Giving Fund (*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, 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 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



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 already began but continues weekly through July 10th.** **Participants do not need to be present for every session.** If interested, 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."

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 virtually meet next on Wednesday, July 1st, at 7:00 p.m. and will discuss *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas. *Order and read your copy today! All are welcome!*

Mission and Outreach



CCCC Updates! The Crofton Christian Caring Council (CCCC) has begun seeing clients again for emergency financial assistance at two churches. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church will be open Mondays from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Crownsville will be open Fridays 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Those in need should call the churches first to set up a time to visit. Masks are required. The Food Pantry has also reopened with new hours and drive up curbside pickup on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 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. If you have questions, contact Elder **Beth Ross**.

Hilos de Plata Mission! Many of the abuelos (*grandparents*) in the Hilos de Plata (*Silver Strands*) mission program POP supports in Guatemala do not wear shoes, or at best have flip-flops. And many have never had them. Peggy Elliott's next shipment of supplements and other items to support this mission leaves soon, and she would like to send a stock of shoes. Commonly seen there are sturdy slip-ons/loafers, sandals, or Mary-Janes, but croc-types and sneakers will also be useful. Sizes needed include 7.5 or smaller for women or max size 8-9 for men, including boots and work shoes. If you have any shoes to spare, please contact **Peggy Elliott**, and she will be happy to pick them up locally.



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! POP's Used Book and Media Sale has been rescheduled for **Friday, September 25th** and **Saturday, September 26th**. Mark your calendars and stay tuned to when books will start being collected again!

POP Updates

Worship Chairs Update! The new sanctuary chairs have been ordered. 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.

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  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!



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!) 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 21, 2020

Today	9:15 a.m.	<i>Faith 5</i> Scripture Study – Held via Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Online via Facebook
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Reopening Planning 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
Saturday		General Assembly 2020 – Online
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

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. The world needs your kindness. Please take a minute and watch the [video](#) that their board of directors has put together. The group is simply asking that you commit #JustOne act of kindness and encourage those around you to do the same. It's simple, and your kindness can change the world.

