

## Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church Life in the Church – June 28, 2020

**Game Night Tonight!** Game-players of all ages are invited to the Deacons' 1<sup>st</sup> ever online Game Night tonight at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom! Join the Games Master, *aka Deacon Steve Kerry*, and all the POP deacons in Scattergories, Password, and Tabloid Teasers. Please be sure to have paper and a pencil on hand, and put on your thinking caps for an hour of fun. No need to dress up! Game instructions can be viewed and downloaded on our website at <http://popchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Game-Night-Rules.pdf>. Refer to your What's Up e-blast or contact the church office for the Zoom Meeting ID and Password. **All are welcome!**



**Church Reopening Survey!** Session continues to work on how and when to safely reopen the church. A tentative reopening date of August 16<sup>th</sup> has been set; however, whether we have in-person worship then will depend on many factors, including the county's regulations, the state of the pandemic, and all of you! **A reopening survey was emailed to congregants on Friday.** (The survey can also be found here: <https://forms.gle/FKrw92AVFCr2FQ9BA>.) **It is imperative that everyone takes time to complete the survey by Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, as it will help Session determine the best way forward.** Please also remember that in order to reopen, we need volunteers to step up. If you can help POP and volunteer as an usher or part of our rotating technology team or in another capacity, please contact the church. All volunteers will be taught what they need to do; no experience necessary!

### Stewardship in a Time of Crisis!

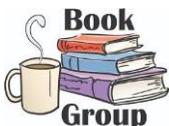
#### There are many ways to give at POP, including online giving!

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 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

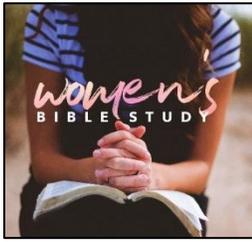


**July Book Group!** POP's book group will meet virtually this Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. and will discuss *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas. Contact the church office for the Zoom Meeting ID and password. **All are welcome!**

**Virtual Choir Rehearsals!** Gather together and join the POP family virtually every Thursday night, *all summer long*, 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 via Zoom. Contact the church office or **Suzann Barthold** for the Meeting ID and Password (same every Thursday). **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. Please use this link to participate (**Meeting ID: 885 8967 5660**). **All are welcome!**



**Women's Summer Bible Study Continues!** Join Parish Associate Dottie LaPenta for "Walking with Women of the Old Testament: Their Stories and Their Struggles" on Friday mornings from 8:30–9:30 a.m. via [Zoom](#). Participants have been reading and reflecting on the stories of six women as told in the Old Testament. **Missed a class? Participants do not need to be present for every session, and there is always room for new participants to join!** If interested in participating, and to receive the Zoom information, preparation notes, and readings, please contact [Dottie LaPenta](#). The Bible study continues weekly through July 10<sup>th</sup>. **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](#)."

## Mission and Outreach

**Light House Lunches!** In lieu of packing bag lunches this morning, POP will send a \$150 donation to the Light House Shelter for them to use for their most urgent needs. If you would like to support POP's ongoing monetary contribution, please notate "Light House Shelter" on the memo line on your check or [online donation](#).



**Two-Cents-A-Meal!** While our collection will not be taken in the usual way again this month, please help support the groups that benefit from this collection. You may hold onto your coins until we are able to meet in person again; mail a check to the church notating "Two-Cents-A-Meal" on the memo line; or donate directly to the groups:

† Internationally: **CARE** † Regionally: **SOME** † Locally: **Crofton Christian Caring Council (CCCC)**



**Sarah's House!** POP's next Sarah's House dinner is scheduled for Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. While no volunteers are allowed at this time at Sarah's House, food drop-offs are allowed; therefore, we will cater a meal for the Sarah's House residents from Nonna Angela's in Crofton. **In related news...** While Sarah's House is not accepting used clothing or goods at this time, if you drop items off at the Odenton Goodwill and mention that they are a donation for Sarah's House, Goodwill will make a monetary donation to Sarah's House!

**CCCC Updates!** The 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 until they are ready to receive donations. For questions, contact Elder **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!** POP's Used Book and Media Sale has been rescheduled for **late September**. Stay tuned to when books will start being collected again and other important information.

## POP Updates



**Fourth of July!** The POP office will be closed Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> in observance of Independence Day.



**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](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!



**POP 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 28, 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.	Deacons' Game Night – Held via Zoom
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Reopening Planning meeting – Held via Zoom
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Book Group – Held via Zoom
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Virtual Choir rehearsal – Held via Zoom
Friday		POP Office Closed
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