

## Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church Life in the Church – July 5, 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.

### 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

**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!***



**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!***

**Women's Summer Bible Study!** Don't miss the last class of Parish Associate Dottie LaPenta's "Walking with Women of the Old Testament: Their Stories and Their Struggles," this Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30–9:30 a.m. via [Zoom](#). ***All are always welcome, as participants do not need to be present for every session!*** If interested in participating, and to receive the Zoom information, preparation notes, and readings, please contact [Dottie LaPenta](#).



**Weekly Children's Messages Summer Break!** Pastor Elizabeth will be taking a summer break from her weekly videos to the young church. Past videos can be viewed on our [website](#) or Facebook [page](#) at any time.

**Book Group!** POP's book group will meet virtually next on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. Stay tuned for the book selection and more information. ***All are welcome!***

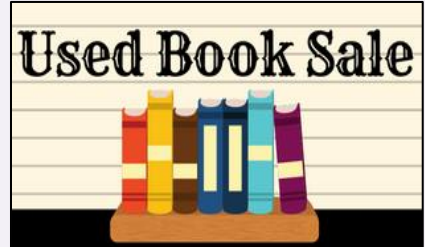
## Mission and Outreach

**Sarah's House!** POP's next Sarah's House dinner is scheduled for next 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 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 until they are ready to receive donations.* For questions, contact Elder **Beth Ross**.

**Fall Book Sale Updates!** POP's Used Book and Media Sale will be back in the fall! **Book collection begins this weekend and ends on Labor Day.** The sale will be held in the church parking lot and split over multiple Saturdays, starting on September 26<sup>th</sup>, with certain categories put out each weekend. As always, there will be ways to help for all, with more opportunities to help from home than in the past. Continue to stay tuned for more details, and please contact Elder **Lillian Van Rompay** or Deacon **Anne Weadon** with any questions.



**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.

## POP Updates

**Thank you for taking our Survey!**

**Church Reopening Survey!** Thank you to those who took our reopening survey. Stay tuned for the results and more information regarding how and when Session will safely reopen the church.

**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.




**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.



## 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!

## Calendar for July 5, 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
Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	Worship Committee meeting – Held via Zoom
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Virtual Choir rehearsal – Held via Zoom
Friday	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
	4:00 p.m.	Sarah's House dinner – Catered
	6:30 p.m.	God Squad youth group – Held via Zoom



## Here and There with POP Groups

**Crofton Farmers Market!** The Crofton Farmers Market is now reopened on Wednesdays from 3:00–7:00 p.m. Please note their **new location** of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church (1800 Seton 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.

**Community Shred Day!** The Crofton Chamber of Commerce will host a Community Shred Event on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. (or until the truck fills up). Bring up to four boxes of paper to be shredded at no cost! Anything over four boxes will be charged \$10 per box, and boxes must not be larger than a file box size of 15"x12"x10". The event location is 2126 Espey Court, Crofton, MD.

**Community Blood Drive!** The Crofton Chamber of Commerce will host a Blood Drive on Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, from 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. (2126 Espey Court, Crofton, MD). If you can help give the gift of life, please sign up at [www.croftonchamber.com/blooddrive](http://www.croftonchamber.com/blooddrive).

