

# Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

## Life in the Church – July 12, 2020

### 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!***

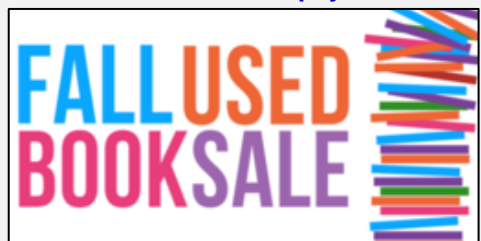
**Book Group!** POP’s Book Group is taking a short break during August but will be virtually back on Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. The group will discuss *Becoming* by Michelle Obama. ***Order and read your copy today! All are welcome!***



### Mission and Outreach

**Fall Book Sale!** After careful consideration, POP has decided to proceed with a book sale this fall, with some changes to the sale format. **Books will be collected via porch drop-off as normal, from now through Labor Day, but the sale will be held in the church parking lot, weather permitting, on three consecutive Saturdays starting on September 26<sup>th</sup>, the day of Crofton’s Fall Festival on the Green.** Each Saturday will have a different set of categories available. Instead of having cashiers add up the cost of the books, we will have a suggested price list and ask shoppers to make a donation of their choosing. Our regular sorters will sort the books starting in mid-August. Our current plan (*subject to change*) is for the sorting to be done outside. If you are interested in sorting, please let Elder **Lillian Van Rompay** or Deacon **Anne Weadon** know.

***What other help will be needed?*** As always, please spread the word that we are collecting books! In late August, we will be asking for volunteers to take boxes of categorized books home to organize them, so that they can be dropped off at the sale pre-organized and just set out onto tables. We will need volunteers on the sale dates to set up tables and move books onto them, as well as to clean up, but there won’t be a “Big Book Move” as in the past. Other tasks will surely come up as the sale approaches, so please let us know if you would be available to help. Call or email Lillian or Anne for more information, or with questions. Thank you for your support as we figure out how to make this work!





**Sarah's House Today!** POP's next Sarah's House dinner is today, and we will cater a meal for the 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**.



**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



**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! Your continual feedback is extremely important and appreciated. We hope that the following will help make your worship experience a little more user-friendly!

- † **Facebook members** 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 **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. We will start the live stream earlier (around 10:25 a.m.) with organ music, but *be sure to "refresh" the page occasionally if you don't see the service.*
- † 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 12, 2020

Today	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
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Reopening Planning meeting – Held via Zoom
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Virtual Choir rehearsal – 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

**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 this 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).



**ALL ARE WELCOME HERE**