

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church Life in the Church – July 19, 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!***

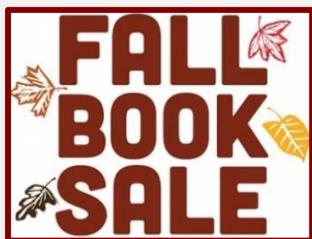


Virtual Choir Rehearsals! Gather together and join the POP family virtually every Thursday night, *all summer long*, at 7:00 p.m. for choir rehearsals! POP’s virtual choir rehearsals are a time to learn and sing hymns in your home while being able to interact with others from a safe distance. Rehearsals will be conducted via [Zoom](#). Contact the church office or **Suzann Barthold** for the Meeting ID and Password (same every Thursday). ***All are welcome!***

September Book Group! POP’s Book Group is taking a short break but will be virtually back on Wednesday, September 2nd, 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



Now Collecting Books and Media! After careful consideration, POP’s Mission and Outreach Elders and Book Sale Organizers have decided to proceed with a book sale this fall, with some changes to the sale format. **And our Big Beige Bin is out on the front walkway, collecting books now through Labor Day!** A **BIG** thank you for holding onto your books and media while we figured everything out! The sale will be held in the church parking lot, weather permitting, on three consecutive Saturdays—**September 26th** (*the day of Crofton’s Fall Festival on the Green*), **October 3rd**, and **October 10th**. Each Saturday will have a different set of categories available. Instead of cashiers, we will have a suggested price list and ask shoppers to make a donation of their choosing. Our regular sorters will sort the books, most likely outside, starting in mid-August. If you are interested in sorting, contact Elder **Lillian Van Rompay** or Deacon **Anne Weadon**.

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 organize boxes of categorized books, 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.



Backpacks Mission! Every summer, POP collects backpacks and school supplies for our Backpacks Mission, which provides supplies for students at a local elementary school. We are planning to go ahead with the mission this year, but we must first wait to hear from Anne Arundel County about their needs. Please stay tuned for when and how we will collect your donated school supplies.

CCCC Updates! The Crofton Christian Caring Council (CCCC) at POP is in the works to tentatively help clients seeking emergency financial assistance again on Wednesdays beginning August 5th. Currently, clients can visit St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church (Mondays, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.) and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church (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 also is open with 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) continues to be hard-at-work to rush critical aid to those who are suffering as a result of COVID-19, providing vital provisions where needed. If able, please support PDA through a donation. Call 800-872-3283 and designate gifts to E052197 – Matthew 25.



POP Updates

Crofton Day School Closing! After 23 years at POP, the Crofton Day School has decided to permanently close its doors. The new Maryland State Department of Education room capacity and health and safety regulations are too much for the small school to follow while still being financially feasible. The closure comes one year earlier than expected, as the director was set to retire and close the school for the 2021-2022 school year. The Crofton Day School is forever thankful for finding such a welcoming home in POP for their young students to thrive in.

Pastoral Care at POP! **Pastor Elizabeth** and the **deacons** are always available for pastoral care. Please leave a message at the church office (410-721-2313) or email/call the pastor or your deacon with any needs.

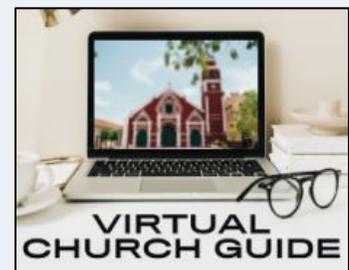


POP Community Support! POP encourages all to call each other regularly and to support one another in prayer. ***If you are a Facebook member, join the "Friends of POP" group.*** This group allows members to post private messages for the congregation. Pastor Elizabeth will "accept" new friends as necessary.

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, 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. 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 19, 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	7:30 p.m.	Session 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
	6:30 p.m.	Tent. 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 Blood Drive! The Crofton Chamber of Commerce will host a Blood Drive on Tuesday, July 21st, 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.



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