

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

Life in the Church – July 26, 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

God Squad Tonight! POP's God Squad youth group will meet tonight at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. For more information, please contact Elders **Mark Weadon** and **Beth Ross**.

Jesus Loves Me! POP is encouraging our youth to learn the song *Jesus Loves Me*. Lyrics were sent to parents; however, feel free to contact Elder **Beth Ross** if you would like the words. Be sure to check out **Kyera Hooks** singing the song and Louisa Van Rompay playing the tune on her viola on our Facebook video page. **And watch for a new song to be introduced soon!**



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!**



Book

Group

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!**

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!**

Mission and Outreach

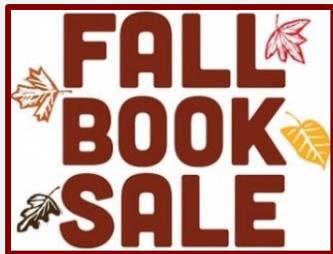


Light House Lunches! In lieu of packing bag lunches this morning, POP will send a \$150 donation to the Light House Shelter for them to use for their most urgent needs. If you would like to support POP's ongoing monetary contribution, please notate "Light House Shelter" on the memo line on your check or online donation. **We hope to be able to safely resume packing lunches in August! Stay tuned!**

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)**





Now Collecting Books and Media! Our Big Beige Bin is out on the front walkway again, collecting your used books and media now through Labor Day! A BIG thank you for your patience while we figured everything out! POP's Used Book & Media 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.

Our regular sorters will sort the books starting in mid-August. 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 September, we will be asking for volunteers to organize boxes of categorized books. 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 in advance for your support!

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. We do know that students' first semester will be entirely virtual learning; however, supplies will still be needed. Please stay tuned for when and how we will collect your donated school supplies.



CCCC Updates! The Crofton Christian Caring Council (CCCC) at POP will begin helping clients seeking emergency financial assistance 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 schedule a visit. Masks are required. The Clothes Closet is now open for emergencies; however, no donations are being accepted at this time. 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 until the Food Pantry is 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

A POP Farewell to Betsy Lord! We are sad to announce that our Assistant Organist and Children's Choir Director, Betsy Lord, has resigned her position at POP. Betsy has accepted and already started a new organist position at Calvary United Methodist Church in Annapolis, MD. Suzann Barthold, the Sanctuary Choir, the *Sonshine Singers*, and all of us here at POP are forever grateful for the wonderful two years we had to share music with Betsy. We have greatly appreciated her knowledge and expertise, organ proficiency, and willing and gracious spirit. The *Sonshine Singers* blossomed under her leadership and will be especially sorry to see her go. We wish her well in her new position. Although she will be missed on Sunday mornings, Betsy remains a member of POP and will continue to volunteer and keep in touch. Please feel free to share your thanks of appreciation and good wishes on our "Friends of POP" Facebook page if you are a Facebook member, or directly to Betsy.



...And Farewell to the Crofton Day School! After 23 years at POP, the Crofton Day School has decided to permanently close its doors. The Crofton Day School is forever thankful for finding such a welcoming home in POP where their young students could thrive, and POP lifts up prayers of thanksgiving to the school and has valued having the little children witness God's love and gifts day after day in our church. ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

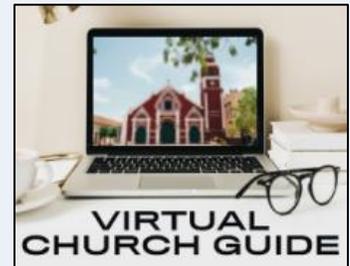


Important—Pastoral Care at POP! Pastor Elizabeth and Nathaniel will be taking a much need vacation July 27th through August 9th! Please do not contact Pastor Elizabeth during this time. Instead, if you have a pastoral emergency, please first contact Deacons **Steven Kerry** (410-279-6545) or **Melissa Hildebrand** (410-956-5214), and they will set the pastoral “wheels of care and compassion” in motion. If you cannot reach Joyce or Melissa for your emergency needs, please do not hesitate to call Rev. Tim Stern (410-674-6400, tsstern@arkanddove.org) at Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church (or Rev. Jon Nelson, 410-674-6400, jnelson@arkanddove.org, as backup July 27th – Aug. 1st.)

POP Community Support! POP encourages all to call each other regularly and 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](http://www.popchurch.org) 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 26, 2020

Today	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.	God Squad youth group – 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.

WE WELCOME ALL