

## Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church Life in the Church – August 2, 2020

**Welcome Rev. Mary D. Gaut!** POP welcomes Rev. Mary D. Gaut to the pulpit today while Pastor Elizabeth is on vacation. Rev. Gaut holds degrees from Mary Baldwin College, the University of Texas at Austin, and Princeton Theological Seminary. After serving congregations in Kentucky and Maryland, including 20 years as pastor of Maryland Presbyterian Church in Towson, Mary retired from pastoral ministry to serve as the interim General Presbyterian of the Presbytery of Baltimore in 2015-16. She is now back at the Presbytery part time as the Deputy Stated Clerk. Outside the church, Mary is active in Environmental work. She was a 2014 Green Faith fellow and served for six years on the Board of Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake. Her former congregation was named a "Great Green Congregation" by the National Council of Churches. Mary is the mother of two adult children and grandmother to two (very adorable) grandchildren. She lives in Towson, MD with her husband Rocky and cat Lena. **Please support Mary and help POP show our gratitude for her spiritual guidance!**



**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!



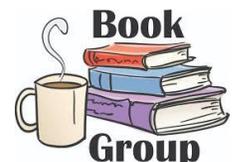
**We appreciate any way you give!** Continue to give via automated payments through your bank or mailed checks. (*Our mailbox is locked and checked regularly for your security.*) **Please give regularly and generously so that we can continue to witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ during this time.** 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



**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!**

**September Book Group!** POP's Book Group is taking a short break 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!**



# Virtual Rehearsal

**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!**

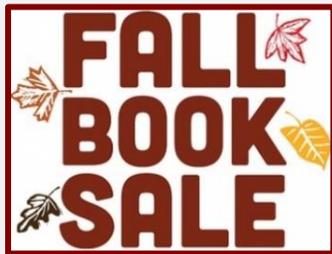
**Faith 5 Scripture Study!** POP's Faith 5 Scripture study group continues every Sunday morning from 9:30–10:15 a.m. Please use this [link](#) to participate (**Meeting ID: 885 8967 5660**). **All are welcome!**

## Mission and Outreach

**CCCC Food Pantry!** The current Crofton Christian Caring Council (CCCC) Food Pantry curbside operation at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church is humming along, and **they are now happy to accept food donations!** Please drop off your donations to the volunteers during the Food Pantry's open hours only (Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.). If you have garden delights to donate, please drop off your produce close to their opening time, so the volunteers can distribute the produce that same day. For questions, contact Elder **Beth Ross**.



**CCCC Financial Assistance!** The CCCC at POP will begin helping clients seeking emergency financial assistance this Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. Clients can also 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. **...In related news**, the Clothes Closet is now open for emergencies; however, no donations are being accepted at this time.



**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 26<sup>th</sup> (*the day of Crofton's Fall Festival on the Green*), October 3<sup>rd</sup>, and October 10<sup>th</sup>. 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. **While we are still waiting to hear from Anne Arundel County about their needs, we thank you for your patience, and stay tuned!**



**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

**Phishing Scam!** Neither Pastor Elizabeth nor the staff will send you an email or a text message asking you to do her a favor and purchase gift cards or send money on her behalf. Scammers are using her name and a fake email. **Be vigilant**, and if you receive such a request, please report it as spam and to the church office.





**Important—Pastoral Care at POP!** Pastor Elizabeth and Nathaniel are currently enjoying a much needed vacation now through August 9<sup>th</sup>! 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 Steven or Melissa for your emergency needs, please do not hesitate to call Rev. Tim Stern (410-674-6400, [tstern@arkanddove.org](mailto:tstern@arkanddove.org)) at Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church.

**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](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. 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 August 2, 2020

Today	9:15 a.m.	<i>Faith 5</i> Scripture Study – Held via Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Online via Facebook
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	CCCC at POP Church – Narthex
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
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation class – 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.

**WE WELCOME ALL**