

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

Life in the Church – August 16, 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

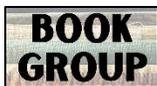
Faith 5 Scripture Study Break! POP's Sunday mornings *Faith 5* Scripture Study is taking a short break now until the beginning of September. **Stay tuned for when this class will meet again, and all are welcome!**



God Squad Tonight! POP's God Squad youth group will meet virtually tonight at 6:30 p.m. The group will be creating a skit and completing a short, virtual scavenger hunt... **sure to be fun!** For questions, contact Elder **Beth Ross**.

Kum Ba Yah! POP is encouraging our youth to learn some songs this summer. First up was *Jesus Loves Me*. Now, it's time to learn *Kum Ba Yah!* Check out our Facebook [video page](#) to see Kyera Hooks singing the song and Louisa Van Rompay playing the tune on her viola. **All are welcome to learn and sing along!**

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



Backpacks Mission! This year's Backpacks program will support middle and high school students via gift cards to Target, Walmart, and Office Depot. The gift cards will be purchased by the Department of Social Services (DSS) for the clients they serve, so we will not be matched with particular students or schools this year. (*All elementary school students will be supplied with fully-stocked backpacks by AACPS.*) **Because of this change, we are asking that you support the Backpacks mission through monetary donations only.** Though we will miss the fun of choosing backpacks and supplies, our monetary support will ensure that students in need can start off the school year with the supplies they need for success in the virtual school world. **Donations are due this Tuesday, August 18th, so we can send a check to DSS before the start of school. Please write "Backpacks" in the memo line of your check or the notes field of your online contribution.** Questions? Call or email **Lynn Pollock**.

Light House Lunches! August's bagged lunches for the Light House Shelter of Annapolis will be collected via drop-off at POP on Saturday, August 29th, from 10:00–11:00 a.m. Since the Light House is not accepting pre-packaged lunches at this time, we will drop off supplies only, not assembled bag lunches. **Please sign up at <http://popchurch.org/sheet/light-house-august/> to donate items for the bagged lunches.** Other Light House Shelter needs can be found at their website and dropped off on August 29th or shipped directly to the shelter.



CCCC Clothes Closet Closing! The Crofton Christian Caring Council (CCCC) Clothes Closet is closing its doors permanently and will be giving away all of its clothes on Sunday, August 23rd, starting around 10:30 a.m. and going until 3:00 p.m. The giveaway will be at the front of First Baptist Church (1690 Crofton Parkway, Crofton, MD). **Please spread the word!**



CCCC Food Pantry! The Food Pantry at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church is accepting food donations again! Please drop off your donations directly 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 closer to the opening time, so the volunteers can distribute the produce that same day.

CCCC Financial Assistance! As of August 3rd, all five churches of the CCCC that see clients seeking emergency financial assistance for evictions, turnoffs, and prescription help are open on their respective days! (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – Mondays, St. Paul's Lutheran Church – Tuesdays, **POP – Wednesdays**, Mid-Atlantic Community Church – Thursdays, and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church – Fridays). Those in need should call the churches first to schedule a visit. Masks are required. For questions, contact Elder **Beth Ross**.

Used Book & Media Sale!

Books are pouring in and filling up Classroom 5!

Want to help but don't want to sort? You can!

- (1) Gather plastic grocery bags to use at the sale. Please fold up the bags neatly. You can even create your own "tissue-box" style dispenser at home with a small box.
- (2) Organize a few flats of paperback or trade paperback books at home. All you would need to do would be to group books by their author (e.g. put all the Dan Brown books next to each other in the box). This organizing would start the week of August 23rd, and you would receive new books for the next three weeks. Boxes would be due back at POP by September 22nd. **Please email [Lillian Van Rompay](mailto:Lillian.VanRompay@popchurch.org) with questions or to volunteer by August 21st.** Boxes will be provided!



...And remember, our Big Beige Bin is out on the front walkway, collecting used books and media now through Labor Day! 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. Please help spread the word that we are collecting books and about the sale dates! Thank you in advance for your support!

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

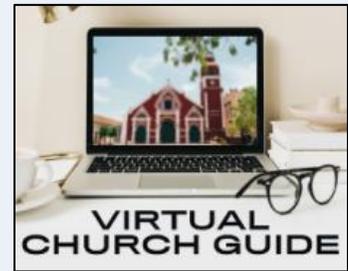
Pastoral Care! **Pastor Elizabeth** and the **deacons** are available for pastoral care by phone. Please leave a message at the church office (410-721-2313) or email the pastor or your deacon with any needs.

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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.

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 August 16, 2020

Today	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Online via Facebook
	6:30 p.m.	God Squad youth group – Held via Zoom
Monday	7:30 p.m.	Session meeting – Held via Zoom
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	CCCC at POP Church – Narthex
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Virtual Choir rehearsal – Held via Zoom
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Online via Facebook

Here and There with POP Groups



Reform to Transform! All are invited to join the Presbytery of Baltimore for an online Zoom worship service this Wednesday, August 19th, at 7:00 p.m. from the comfort of your own home. Join the Presbytery's Dismantling Racism Team to begin the transformation to end racism in America. The worship service promises to be powerful and uplifting. Most importantly, it will be a source of strength for our hearts and souls, much needed if we are to do the difficult work of dismantling racism once and for all and for making the Presbytery of Baltimore all God intends it to be. Please register in advance online [here](#).

Crofton Farmers Market! The Crofton Farmers Market is open on Wednesdays from 3:00–7:00 p.m. Please note their **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.

