

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

Life in the Church – August 23, 2020

Stewardship in a Time of Crisis!

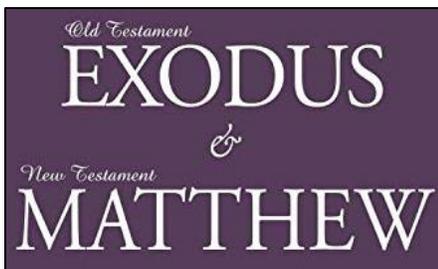
There are many ways to give at POP, including online giving!

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



The God Who Liberates! One of the overarching themes of the Bible is that we worship and serve a God who wants very badly to set us free from the internal and external forces that enslave us. Thus the story of the Exodus, which informs the whole of the Old Testament, is retold by Matthew in his account of how God came to liberate the world through a second Moses figure, Jesus Christ. **This fall, Pastor Elizabeth will be offering *The God Who Liberates* class which will lead participants through an exploration of the key stories (but not every chapter) in *Exodus* and *Matthew*.** Through lecture and conversation, participants

will learn many of the major themes in these important biblical texts, and consider what they mean for us today. **This 11-week class will be offered virtually through Zoom on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:00 a.m. beginning September 15th, and going through November 24th.** For those who are not available to participate during that time, the class will be recorded and posted to Facebook and the church’s website so that you can watch at your convenience. The class is open to teens and adults, members and non-members, Bible study novices and experts, and everyone in between! **To participate in the Zoom class, please register with the church office by Monday, September 14th.** Participants will be asked to read several chapters of biblical text a week in anticipation of class. **All are welcome!**

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!**

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

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.



Light House

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 **TODAY** 10:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The giveaway will be at the front of First Baptist Church (1690 Crofton Parkway, Crofton, MD).



CCCC Food Pantry! The Food Pantry at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church is accepting food donations during their 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! 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**.

Backpacks Mission! Thank you to all who donated towards our Back-to-School Backpacks program. A check will be sent to the Department of Social Services to purchase gift cards for local middle and high school students.

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 starts this week, 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 with questions or to volunteer today!** 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

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.

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