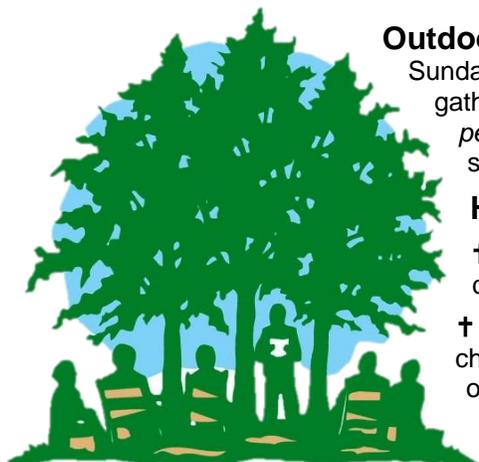


Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church Life in the Church – September 20, 2020

A Celebration of 20 Years for Rev. Elizabeth D. McLean!

On September 16th, twenty years ago in the Western Reserve Presbytery in Ohio, Pastor Elizabeth was ordained in the Presbyterian Church USA as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. It's unlikely that there were any Prince of Peace members in attendance that day; however, we are filled with joy that it took place. It was the beginning of a journey in ministry which some years later would lead Elizabeth to say "yes" to the call to become our pastor! Pastor Elizabeth serves with energy, imagination, intelligence, and love. She sees each person as a beloved child of God with gifts to share. Elizabeth seeks, through her pastoral leadership, to nurture a community of faith that makes its mark in the world in spreading God's love and justice. ***Let's celebrate Pastor Elizabeth the whole month of September!*** Write a note that expresses what her ministry has meant to you or take her aside and speak with her about how she has nurtured, cared for, and even challenged at times the POP family. There will be some surprises for Pastor Elizabeth this month because we want her to know how thankful we are for the day she took her ordination vows. May God continue to bless Elizabeth with love, with strength, and with steadfast hope for the future as she presses on in this adventure called ministry.



Outdoor Worship Continues! POP's first outdoor worship service last Sunday was a success, and we will continue to offer the opportunity to safely gather outside and worship together in the church parking lot, *weather-permitting*, on Sunday mornings. Our outdoor services will be live-streamed, so all can enjoy worship based on their comfort level!

Here's what you need to know:

- † The service will take place in the parking lot from the top part of the circular drive to the upper lot by the labyrinth.
- † Congregants who want to participate will be required to bring folding chairs of their own, to maintain six feet or more of physical distance from others at all times, and to wear masks over their noses and mouths.
- † The number of participants will be limited by space and regulations.

Everyone who wants to attend will need to reserve spots by each Friday at noon with the church office (church.office@popchurch.org or 410-721-2313). Spots are available on a first-called, first-served basis for members and non-members alike.

† *****If the weather on Sunday mornings does not allow for outdoor worship because of rain or heavy winds, services will be 100% virtual for everyone.*** We will not be moving worship inside for those who have reservations at this time.

† Parking will be available at the Crofton Country Club commuter parking lot next to the church, as well as some parking in our front/lower lot, on Crofton Parkway, and in the cul-de-sac on Ardsley Place by Fellowship Hall.

† ***Please check out the following link for everything that you need to know regarding our outdoor worship services.*** (<http://popchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2020-Fall-Outdoor-Worship-FAQ.pdf>)

Stewardship in a Time of Crisis!

There are many ways to give at POP! 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 our Special Giving Funds. You may also give an additional 2% to help offset our processing fees, and this optional amount is calculated automatically. Smartphone users can download the **GivePlus** Mobile App for even easier giving. ***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 Prince of Peace Church can continue to witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ.***

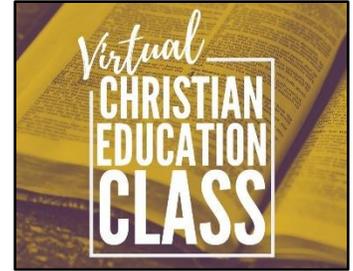


Spiritual Nurture and Formation Opportunities



Faith 5 Scripture Study Resumes! POP will resume its *Faith 5* Scripture Study on Sunday mornings from 9:30–10:15 a.m., via Zoom, starting **today**. Click the following link (<https://www.zoom.us/join>) to join, and use the following meeting information: (**Meeting ID: 778 8864 4221 | Passcode: FAITH5**). **All are welcome!**

The God Who Liberates! Pastor Elizabeth's fall class, *The God Who Liberates*, already started, but new participants are still welcome to join in at any time! Pastor Elizabeth leads participants through key stories in *Exodus* and *Matthew* and explores how the story of the Exodus is retold by Matthew in his account of how God came to liberate the world through a second Moses figure, Jesus Christ. ***This 11-week class is offered virtually via Zoom on Tuesday morning from 9:30–11:00 a.m., now through November 24th.*** Contact the church office if interested and to receive the Zoom link. For those not available to participate, the class will be recorded and posted to Facebook and the church's website. **All are welcome!**



Virtual Choir Rehearsals! Gather together and join the POP family virtually every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. for 40-minute 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 updated Zoom information. **All are welcome!**



Confirmation & Baptism! Three confirmands—Lauren Gimpeling, Caroline O'Neil, and Loiusa Van Rompay—will be confirmed next Sunday, September 27th. In addition, Loiusa and her younger sister Clara will be baptised... sure to be a beautiful and spiritual occasion! The confirmands' families will be given reservation priority for outdoor worship; however, there should be plenty of space for others to worship outdoors and celebrate with all.

Book Group! POP's Book Group meets next on Wednesday, October 7th, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, and will discuss *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion* by Jonathan Haidt! For a complete listing of all upcoming 2020-2021 books, click the link: <http://popchurch.org/event-items/pop-monthly-book-group/>! **All are welcome, and participants may jump in and out at any time!**

Mission and Outreach

Upcoming Light House Lunches! POP's monthly Light House Lunches will be via drop-off of lunch supplies again this month. With cooler weather, we are switching back to meat-and-cheese sandwiches from summer's peanut butter and jelly. **Sign up here**, <http://popchurch.org/sheet/light-house-lunches/>, to drop off supplies at the church on Friday, September 25th, from 10:00–11:00 a.m., or between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on September 26th (*the day of our Used Book & Media Sale, weather-permitting*). Your donated supplies will be delivered to the Light House Shelter of Annapolis on Sunday, September 27th. **Or consider a monetary contribution to support this mission.** Designate "Light House Lunches" in the memo/notes line of your donation!



**FALL
USED
BOOK
SALE**

Used Book & Media Sale!

The books have poured in and are nearly sorted thanks to the incredible efforts of many volunteers! Though our staffing needs will be greatly reduced at the sale this year, we need volunteers on each sale date—September 26th, October 3rd, and October 10th – for the following tasks:



- † Set Up at 7:00 a.m.
- † 3 volunteers during sale hours in 1- or 2-hour shifts
- † Drivers to take leftover books up to Marley Station Mall when the sale ends at 4:00 p.m.

Please email Lillian Van Rompay or sign up here: <http://popchurch.org/sheet/book-sale-volunteers/>.

POP Updates

Contact POP! Although the physical church buildings remain closed and staff continue to work remotely, POP is very much alive and available to all! *Please contact the church office anytime!* Messages are checked daily and promptly returned. If you are in need of an in-person meeting, please let us know! We are happy to accommodate meetings with proper social distancing and safety. Also, **Pastor Elizabeth** and the **deacons** are always available for pastoral care by phone!



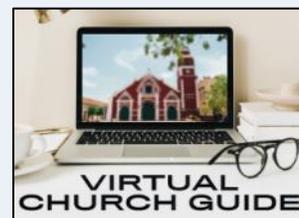
POP Community Support! POP encourages all to call each other regularly and support one another in prayer. *If you are a Facebook member, consider joining the private "Friends of POP" group. ...And Like Us on Facebook!* If you are enjoying worshipping online with us on Sundays, please do more than say "hello" in the comments section. "Like" us as well and that will make our posting go farther!

Got "Treasure?!" Support Changing Focus's Yard Sale fundraiser on Saturday, September 26th! Dig out your buried treasures from your garage, attic, closet, or from under your bed! To arrange a drop-off, call the Changing Focus office at 410-721-0992.



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.



- † **Facebook Members:** Please log into your Facebook account and then simply go to the Prince of Peace page to watch the live broadcast.
- † **Non-Facebook Members:** Please go to the Prince of Peace [website](#) and then simply click on the first picture regarding live streaming. Computer users may also click the  button in the upper right-hand corner or 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.
- † The live stream will start 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. **Please also "share" the services on your own Facebook page for others to enjoy!**

Calendar for September 20, 2020

Today	9:15 a.m.	<i>Faith 5</i> Scripture Study – Held via Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Parking Lot (<i>Reservations Required</i>)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Online via Facebook
Monday	7:30 p.m.	Session meeting – Held via Zoom
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	<i>The God Who Liberates</i> class – Held via Zoom
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	CCCC at POP Church – Narthex
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Virtual Choir rehearsal – Held via Zoom
Friday	10:00 a.m.	Lunch Bag drop-off – Narthex
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Lunch Bag drop-off – Narthex
	8:00 a.m.	Used Book & Media Sale – Parking Lot
Sunday	9:15 a.m.	<i>Faith 5</i> Scripture Study – Held via Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Parking Lot (<i>Reservations Required</i>)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Online via Facebook
	6:30 p.m.	God Squad youth group – Held via Zoom

WE WELCOME ALL