

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church Life in the Church – October 25, 2020

Today Is Stewardship Sunday!

Today marks the beginning of "Stewardship Season" in the church. Although the coronavirus pandemic has changed the way we have to worship for a while, it has not changed POP's commitment to following and serving our Lord Jesus Christ. One of the ways that we do this is by the giving of our resources to sustain the ministries of the church. Stewardship is more than meeting a budget though; it is about connecting to God and dwelling God's kingdom. Giving reminds us of God's provident care and enables us to continue Jesus' ministries and to witness to and embody hope.



Your presence is a blessing to the community which is POP! Between now and Sunday, November 15th, we hope that you will prayerfully consider the role giving plays in your understanding of discipleship and relationship with God and our community of faith and what percentage of your income you plan to dedicate to God's service through the church. **Then save the date, November 15th, for Consecration Sunday!** This is the day in which all will be invited to show their love for Jesus by pledging their time, talents, and financial resources. It also commemorates the Thanksgiving holiday season with an expression of love for an appreciation of God's blessings. Although we will not gather together and hold our special Consecration Sunday meal, it is prayed for that all who walk, virtually or physically, through the doors of POP can experience spiritual guidance, peace, thanksgiving, and fellowship.



Outdoor Worship Ends Today! We all at POP feel very fortunate to have been able to safely gather outside and worship together over the past two months! But with colder fall temperatures setting in, the time has come to move back inside and to offer virtual live-streamed services only beginning next Sunday, November 1st. Thank you for all your prayers and support as we continue to navigate the coronavirus pandemic.

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

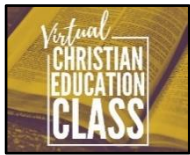


Faith 5 Scripture Study! Join POP virtually every Sunday morning for *Faith 5* Scripture Study from 9:30–10:15 a.m. Click the link (<https://www.zoom.us/join>) to join, and use the following meeting information: **Meeting ID: 778 8864 4221 | Passcode: FAITH5**. **All are welcome!**

God Squad Tonight! POP's God Squad youth group will meet virtually tonight at 6:30 p.m. The group will be listening to and discussing a portion of *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* by Jason Reynolds and then playing Halloween-theme games. For questions or additional information, contact Elder **Beth Ross**.

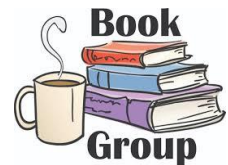


Virtual Choir Rehearsals! Gather together and join the POP family virtually every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. for 40-minute choir rehearsals! POP's virtual choir rehearsals are a time to learn and sing hymns in your home while being able to interact with others from a safe distance. Rehearsals will be conducted via [Zoom](#). Contact the church office or **Suzann Barthold** for the updated Zoom information. **All are welcome!**



The God Who Liberates! Pastor Elizabeth's fall class, *The God Who Liberates*, continues weekly on Tuesday mornings, 9:30–11:00 a.m., via [Zoom](#), now through November 24th. New participants are welcome to join in at any time! Contact the church office if interested and to receive the Zoom link. **And please remember that classes are recorded and posted to the church's Facebook page and website for all to participate! All are welcome!**

Book Group! POP's Book Group meets next on Wednesday, November 4th, at 7:00 p.m. via [Zoom](#), and will discuss *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins. 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!**



Mission and Outreach



Light House Lunches! In lieu of packing bag lunches this morning, POP collected and dropped off lunch supplies directly to the Light House Shelter of Annapolis. Thank you to all who donated supplies! And if you would like to support this POP mission, please notate "Light House Shelter" on the memo line on your check or [online donation](#). **...Or consider donating to the Light House Shelter directly, based on their Urgent Needs list (<https://annapolislighthouse.org/get-involved/needs/>)!**

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**



A Big POP Thank You! Thank you to all who strategized, sorted, and sold the multitude of used books and media that have populated POP since February! **Our efforts raised over an unbelievable \$7,300 for mission projects!** Thanks be to God for the success of this year's sale!

CCCC Assistance! All five churches of the Crofton Christian Caring Council (CCCC) that see clients seeking emergency financial assistance are open (**POP – Wednesdays**)! Those in need should call the churches first to schedule a visit. Masks are required. For questions, contact Elder **Beth Ross**. In addition, both the Food Pantry at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church and the Baby Pantry at Community United Methodist Church are available to those in need.



Free Food Drive! Wilson Memorial United Methodist Church (1113 State Route 3 North, Gambrills, MD) is offering a Free Food Box & Produce Distribution Drive on Mondays, now through November 2nd, starting at 11:00 a.m. No appointments are needed, and the drive is open to all. **Please spread the news to those in need!**

POP Updates

Remember to "fall back" next weekend. Set your clock back one hour when you go to bed Saturday night, and sleep confidently and for an extra hour, Sunday morning! For exactness, Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 1st.



Pastoral Care Update! Long-time POP member and deacon Julie Danielewski is battling breast cancer. Please visit the following CaringBridge site, <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/juliedanielewski>, for updates on how Julie is doing and what you can do to help. The Danielewski family thanks you for keeping them in your prayers.



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. And if requested, 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!

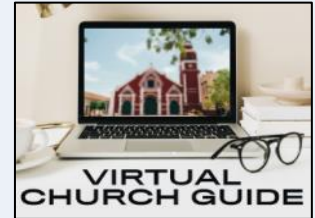
Call for POP Pictures! If you have any church-related pictures, please send them to the church office!



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 October 25, 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
	6:30 p.m.	God Squad youth group – 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
Sunday	2:00 a.m.	Daylight Saving Time ends – turn clocks back one hour
	9:15 a.m.	<i>Faith 5</i> Scripture Study – Held via Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Online via Facebook

