

## Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church Life in the Church – November 1, 2020

**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.



**"We Are POP" Project!** One of the hardest parts of this pandemic has been the fact that we cannot gather together. But the church is the people not just the building, and we can still stay connected with each other in new ways, and keep each other in our prayers. *In order to remind us of the beloved members of the POP family of faith, and remind us about what we love about POP, the deacons are launching the "We Are POP" project!* The goal of this project is to gather videos of as many members and friends of POP as possible, which we can show in worship and/or on our [website](#) or Facebook [page](#).

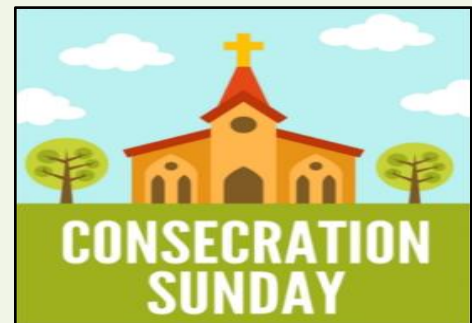
### There are two ways to participate in this project.

- † Make a short video of yourself and/or your family using your smartphone. Just say who you are, how long you have been at POP, and what you love about the church. Then contact the church office ([church.office@popchurch.org](mailto:church.office@popchurch.org)) for the link to upload your video to Dropbox.
- † If you are happy to be in a video but don't feel equipped to film it yourself, please let your deacon know, and someone will come to film you. These videos will be made outside, social distanced, and for the camera operator, masked.

**Participation is entirely voluntary.** But it would be wonderful for everyone to be able to see each other's faces on screen on Sundays and remember what a great church family we have. Please think about it, and if you are willing to participate, don't wait for your deacon's call! Call him or her now to get the ball rolling.

### Save the Date – Consecration Sunday!

Last Sunday marked 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.



## Stewardship in a Time of Crisis!

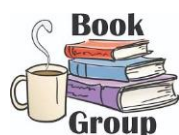
There are many ways to give at POP! Visit <http://popchurch.org/give/> and click on the "Give Now" button to access POP's online giving portal. Once there, you may give towards the POP General Fund or our Special Giving Funds. You may also give an additional 2% to help offset our processing fees, and 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!**



**November Book Group!** POP's Book Group meets this Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 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!**

**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 **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 24<sup>th</sup>. New participants are welcome to join in at any time! **And please remember that classes are recorded and posted to the church's Facebook page and website for all to participate! All are welcome!**

## Mission and Outreach



**Sarah's House Dinner!** Contrary to Wednesday's *What's Up!* e-blast, Sarah's House is no longer accepting homemade desserts due to concerns with allergies and cross-contamination. Therefore, our Sarah's House dinner next Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, will be entirely catered by Wegmans and feature BBQ sliders, mashed potatoes, mac & cheese, green beans, and desserts.

**Holiday Sharing Programs!** Our Thanksgiving Baskets and Angel Tree missions will look a bit different this year! Congregants will be asked to sign up via our website. If donating, please make sure to follow all the directions, and thank you for supporting these programs. For questions, please contact **Patti Shull**.



### Thanksgiving Baskets of Sharing – Due by Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

Bags of food or monetary donations are needed. A list of specific food items will be provided for each bag donation, and POP will provide turkeys and pies as in the past. **Checks should be made payable to the church with "HSP-Thanksgiving" on the memo line.** Any excess Thanksgiving Basket funds will be put towards the Angel Tree program.



### Angel Tree – Due by Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

Monetary donations towards gift cards are needed. Items will be listed as Head of Household, Child Clothing, Child Toy, Teen, and Senior along with recommended donation amounts. \$25 grocery gift cards will also be listed. **Checks should be made payable to the church with "HSP-Angel Tree" on the memo line.**



**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 open.



**Free Food Drive!** Wilson Memorial United Methodist Church (1113 State Route 3 North, Gambrills, MD) is offering a Free Food Box & Produce Distribution Drive tomorrow, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, starting at 11:00 a.m. **Open to all!**

## 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. 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!** If you are a Facebook member, consider joining the private "Friends of POP" group. **...And Like Us on Facebook!** If you are enjoying worshiping 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!

### **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 view both the live stream service and the bulletin, you unfortunately might need two devices. 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 November 1, 2020

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| Today     | 2:00 a.m.<br>9:15 a.m.<br>10:30 a.m.              | Daylight Saving Time ends – turn clocks back one hour<br><i>Faith 5</i> Scripture Study – Held via Zoom<br>Worship Service – Online via Facebook                   |
| Monday    | 7:30 p.m.   | Board of Deacons' meeting – Held via Zoom  |
| Tuesday   | 9:30 a.m.<br>1:30 p.m.                            | <i>The God Who Liberates</i> class – Held via Zoom<br>Worship Committee meeting – Held via Zoom  |
| Wednesday | 9:00 a.m.<br>7:00 p.m.                            | CCCC at POP Church – Narthex<br>Book Group – Held via Zoom   |
| Thursday  | 7:30 p.m.   | Virtual Choir rehearsal – Held via Zoom  |
| Sunday    | 9:15 a.m.<br>10:30 a.m.<br>4:00 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m. | <i>Faith 5</i> Scripture Study – Held via Zoom<br>Worship Service – Online via Facebook<br>Sarah's House dinner – Catered<br>God Squad youth group – Held via Zoom |