

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

Life in the Church – December 27, 2020



Welcome Rev. Jack Carlson!

POP welcomes Rev. John V. “Jack” Carlson back to the pulpit **TODAY**, while Pastor Elizabeth is taking a well-deserved holiday break. Jack retired from active ministry in the PCUSA in January 2016. Prior to his retirement, Jack served for 13 years as Pastor at Highland Presbyterian Church, in Harford County, MD. Before that he served churches in Lockport, NY, and Hyattsville, MD, and was a pastoral counselor for more than 20 years in the Washington DC area. After serving a term as Moderator of the Presbytery of Baltimore, in September of 2017 Jack was elected Stated Clerk of the Presbytery; he retired from that post in 2020. Jack has published three books: *The Spiritual Dimensions of Self-Esteem*, *The Spiritual Power of Communication*, and *The Disciple's Song*, a poetic rendering of the *Gospel of Mark*. Jack is married to Lynn McCormick Carlson and has three grown children and three grandchildren. In his retirement, he hopes to spend time with his grandchildren, oil painting (mostly landscapes), travel, and golf. Please welcome Jack and help us show him our gratitude for his spiritual guidance!

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 Elder **Mark Weadon** virtually every Sunday morning for a lively discussion of each week’s Lectionary readings, from 9:30–10:15 a.m. Click <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81207192738> to join (**Meeting ID: 812 0719 2738**). **All are welcome!**

No Virtual Choir Rehearsal! There will be no virtual choir rehearsal this Thursday, New Year’s Eve. Enjoy your holiday, and then gather together and join the POP family virtually on Thursday, January 7th, at 7:30 p.m. for a 40-minute choir rehearsal. **All are welcome!**



New Date for January Book Group! POP’s Book Group will meet next on Wednesday, January 13th, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, and will discuss *It’s Not Supposed to be this Way: Finding Unexpected Strength when Disappointment Leaves You Shattered* by Lisa Turkeurst. **All are welcome!**



Elders' Hand Prints Needed! In order to safely ordain new officers in January, we are asking all active and past Elders to trace their hand print and drop off or mail to the church prior to Friday, January 8th. **Be creative!** Use colored construction paper or write a message of love, and please be sure to include your name somewhere on your hand print. **Thank you in advance!**

Mission and Outreach

A Christmastime Thank You – POP would like to thank everyone for their support and love during the 2020 Christmas season. Whether you donated to our Angel Tree, Christmas Joy, Heifer International, or another one of our missions, helped decorate, or helped behind the scenes or in any other way, it was all greatly appreciated!





Sarah's House Dinner! Our next Sarah's House dinner on Sunday, January 10th, will consist of pizza and salad from *Three Brothers*, fresh fruit, drinks, and desserts. Proceeds from our 2020 Used Book & Media Sale will fund this dinner. **Thank you for your support!**

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**



Light House Lunches! This month's bag lunch supplies for the Light House Shelter of Annapolis were purchased and delivered by the Mission Committee on Saturday, December 19th, with proceeds from this year's book sale. **Thank you for your support of this mission throughout the year!**

POP Updates

POP Community Support! **If you are a Facebook member, consider joining the private "Friends of POP" group!** Within this group, your posts—*pastoral concerns, joys, passwords, and whatever you don't want the whole universe to see but your POP family*—are entirely private and seen by the members of the group only. **...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!



Scam Alert! There has been a rise in scams from African nations, and POP would like to remind all our members and friends to please don't give money or personal information to people you meet on Facebook. If you are unsure of the legitimacy of email or message or phone call but want to help, consider directing the person(s) to the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA), <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/>, or consider a direct donation to PMA yourself. PMA helps in many countries, and you can feel good about helping but not compromising your personal identity and safety.

Contact POP! Although the physical church buildings remain closed and staff continue to work remotely, POP is very much alive and available! **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. **Pastor Elizabeth** and the **deacons** are always available for pastoral care by phone!

CONTACT US

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Office Closures! The church office will be closed on New Year's Day: Friday, January 1st.

Pledge Card Reminder! **If you have not already done so, please take the time to complete and return your pledge card by the end of the year.** Pledge cards are available on our website under the "Give" tab. (Click <http://popchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Pledge-Card.pdf>.) When mailing, please address your card to "Attn: Finance Officer."




"We Are POP" Project! **To remind us of the beloved members of the POP family, and about what we love about POP, the deacons are launching the "We Are POP" project!** The goal of this project is to gather and show videos of as many members and friends of POP as possible. **It's simple!** Just say who you are, how long you have been at POP, and what you love about the church. **Participation is voluntary, but please submit your videos before the end of the year!**



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 December 27, 2020

Today	9:15 a.m.	<i>Faith 5</i> Scripture Study – Held via Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Online via Facebook
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	CCCC at POP Church – Phone Calls Only
Friday		Church Office Closed
Sunday	9:15 a.m.	<i>Faith 5</i> Scripture Study – Held via Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Online via Facebook

Here and There with POP Groups



Winter Farmers Market! The Crofton Farmers Winter Market will be open on select Saturdays from now through April 17, 2021 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church (1800 Seton Drive, Crofton, MD). For more information and exact dates, visit <http://croftonfarmersmarket.com/>.

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Happy New Year