



GLAD TIDINGS



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Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held July 21st - 25th from 9 until noon.

Join us for Weird Animals where "God's Love Is One-of-a-Kind". More information can be found on the PoP website (http://poplutheran.org/childrenyouth/vbs_2014.html). VBS is for all children ages 3 (potty trained, please) through entering 5th grade.



Registration forms can be found on the PoP website (http://poplutheran.org/childrenyouth/forms/VBS_Registration_form_2014.pdf) and also in the narthex.

Registration fee is \$50.00 per participant with a max payment of \$150 per family. Each family will receive a CD of the VBS music and a T-shirt for each child. Need based scholarships are available. We usually fill very quickly so get your registration form in early. For more information contact Judy Bruening (Judy.bruening53@gmail.com).

BLOOD DRIVE



Red Cross Blood Drive coming to PoP on Saturday, July 12, 9am-3pm. Sign up [online](#) or in the narthex! Want to volunteer to help on the day of the Drive? We need volunteers! MCPS students who volunteer will receive SSL hours from the American Red

Cross. For more info on volunteering or scheduling a donation appointment, please contact Debra (debraaplan@comcast.net). Fuel your community - donate blood!

Exploring Faith

Pick up the 2014 Time Magazine Special called "Discovering Heaven" (available at newsstands now or order [online](#) (www.amazon.com/DISCOVERING-MAGAZINE-AFTERLIFE-SPECIAL-BOOKAZINE/dp/B00JVS7OTC)) and join us on **Wednesday, July 16** for a casual evening of fellowship, food, and conversation. Please read the magazine ahead of time. A 'sandwich bar' will be available beginning at 6:30pm with all the fixins and discussion will begin at 7pm. Come whenever you are able. Contact the office if you'd like to borrow a copy of the magazine. Contact Pastor Christine (pastorchristine@poplutheran.org) if you have questions

Stay tuned to Sunday bulletins and Weekly Email to find out about Exploring Faith on August 20.

July/August Highlights

Every Sunday

8:30 am Worship with piano and guitar
10:00 am Worship with organ and piano
A Supervised nursery is available during all Services

Every Tuesday

10:00 am Quilters
12:30 pm Women's Bible Study (every other week)
6:00 pm High School Youth Group

Every Saturday

7:45 am Men's Group
5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship





From Pastor Steve...

Pastor Steve Buechler
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Often, when we think about our habits, we focus on our bad habits. But habits can be good or bad. And practicing

good habits can be even more important than avoiding bad habits. For all of the bad habits I try to avoid, I'm glad that I'm in the habit of brushing my teeth; and going to the gym; and praying every day. It's often the good habits that help anchor my day and give me long-term physical, emotional and spiritual health. Interestingly, I find that summer can often be a time to strengthen some of my good habits. Since the days are longer and lighter, I frequently find that I'm more likely to get outside and get exercise (beyond just going to the gym). I grill even more outside, and I've developed a big repertoire of grilled vegetables and lean meats. And because the days are longer, I somehow feel like I have more time and motivation to get things on my "to do" list accomplished. Summer can also be a great time to practice good spiritual habits as well. There are a bunch of special opportunities to practice growing in faith that happen throughout the summer. From Vacation Bible School, to Workcamp to special opportunities this summer for adults to explore faith, this summer can be a great time to develop and practice some good faith habits. And even though this is a time of year when lots of us are away on vacation, we've been working this year to make it possible to connect with our worship life even when you're away. Each Monday, we send out a special email with links to YouTube videos of the Sunday Sermon, Children's sermon, special music and articles on faith. Those emails are always linked to [our website homepage](#), and the videos are always available [on our YouTube channel](#), so you can be in the habit of participating in our worship life even if you can't be at church on a particular weekend. Summer can also be a great time to develop a habit of regular giving. Summer is often one of the hardest financial times of the year for churches, not because people don't care, but because many of us have only been in the habit of

giving when we're physically in church and when we remember cash or checks. So, our Finance and Stewardship team has also been expanding ways to help us all get in better habits of regular giving, which include the ability to [give regularly online](#), as well as to give when you're at church using your credit card, debit card or your Smartphone. Hopefully, most of you know about our Step-Up campaign to increase our giving. Actually, if everyone was in the habit of giving regularly, most of our Step-Up goal would already be met!

Summer is a great time of year! Let's all use this summer to practice and develop good spiritual and faith practices. For it's often the good habits that really do lead to long term spiritual health both for us as individuals and for our faith community!

Yours in Christ,

SPECIAL PRAYERS

. . . My need was met because someone came and communicated . . . in words I could not express. . . .
Pastor John B. McGarvey

Sympathy

Family of Herb Fischer (father of Deborah Dixon)

Thanksgiving

Birth of Alexander Paul Davidson
(son of Becky & Paul Davidson)

New Members joining Prince of Peace

Welcome to our New Members

Samuel, Miriam, Vincent, Xavier, & Zachary Bornhorst; Julie, Jim, Andrew, & Matthew Boyce; Vickie Carlson; Brett Eustace; Molly & Jimmy Higgins; Carmen Hill; Anne Lomperis; Myles, Lori, Meghan, Emily, Grace, & Brianna McKiernan; Jon, Monica, Kieran, & Kenneth McKnight; Jim McNerney, Lisa Adams, & Emily Adams-Muhler; Brett Parris, Valerie & Khalil Corbin; Angela Rabatin; Kim, Josh, Noah, & Ian Wooldridge.

RECENT NEWS

Building Update

On Thursday, June 19, members of the Council and the Building Committee met with our architects. We had a really good meeting, and our architects are going to be revising our schematic design, taking a fresh approach that fits within our budget. Although they're now very busy, they expect to begin working on our project by the end of August, and the redesign will take 6-8 weeks.

Thank you to all who have pledged and donated! [Continued financial support](#) is essential as we move forward in making this dream a reality. You can learn more about our building effort to date on the [website](http://www.poplutheran.org/building) (www.poplutheran.org/building), or contact [Jim Bostrom](mailto:jimbostrom.md@gmail.com) (Council President, jimbostrom.md@gmail.com), [Tom Kettler](mailto:tek@kettlerforlineshomes.com) (Building Committee Chair, tek@kettlerforlineshomes.com), [Pastor Steve](mailto:pastor@poplutheran.org) (pastor@poplutheran.org) or [Pastor Christine](mailto:pastorchristine@poplutheran.org) (pastorchristine@poplutheran.org).

RECENT EVENTS

Successful Yard Sale

We had another successful Yard Sale and many thanks to everyone who helped out during the week pricing and sorting and to the many volunteers who gave their time on Saturday, May 31. Your assistance was much appreciated. POP again helped many individuals in our community as well as our many community partners.

We still have a number of items that we did not place out for sale at the Yard Sale as we had been advised that they should be put up on e-Bay. We are in the process of doing this, therefore our number has not been finalized but our Gross Receipts total is well over \$18,000.

If you have not paid your tab yet, the box is on the credenza in the narthex. Please start saving for next year it will be here before you know it!

For those who want to know more about this year's Yard Sale visit the link to our Facebook Yardsale 2014 album:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.872169962796863.1073741849.129128030434397&type=3>



Congratulations, Graduates!

Saturday, June 14 and Sunday, June 15 were full services at POP. Dads were looking forward to a great time for Father's Day on Sunday while at both services new members were welcomed (see page 2) and graduates were recognized. POP's graduates were and plan to continue to be a busy and talented group. Read on to see:

Alex Garretson graduated from Virginia Tech in May with a bachelor of science degree in Wildlife Science, with a minor in Theater. He is working in Muenster, Texas, this summer for a Texas Christian University study of how wind turbines impact bird and bat populations. He is taking a "gap" year to explore the wildlife field and decide on his specialty, after which he plans to attend graduate school.

Laura Joy Hampe graduated from Richard Montgomery High School and is a candidate for the full International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma. Next year, she will attend American University and intends to major in international relations with a concentration in the Middle East in the School of International Service. She is also thrilled to be a member of the Global Scholars Program.

Matt McDonell graduated from T.S. Wootton High School in May. Although he was accepted at ten colleges, he chose the U.S. Marine Corp instead. He wants "to serve his country" and will be leaving for boot camp in October.

Wyatt Muma graduated from Quince Orchard High School in May. He is a member of the National Honor Society. In the fall, he plans to attend Occidental College in Los Angeles and major in Media Studies (Film).

James Rogers graduated from Poolesville High School on June 2. His honors include the Independent Studies Program Certificate in Biological & Physical Sciences, Certificate of Meritorious Service, Superintendent's Performing Arts Award, and membership in the International Thespian Society with a rank of National Honor Thespian. He will be attending University of Maryland, Baltimore County in the fall to pursue a double major in physics and computer science.

Kevin Rose graduated from Quince Orchard High School on Wednesday, May 28. Kevin is a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society and earned the AP Scholar, AP Arts and Signature Music Scholar awards. Kevin will attend the University of Maryland in the fall majoring in Science and Music.

Melissa Von Wald graduated summa cum laude from James Madison University with a BS in Computer Science, minors in Math and Environmental Information Systems. After a senior year filled with educational classes like rock climbing; 3D printing; and The Art, Science, and History of Beer she had run out of excuses to stick around JMU any longer. She was recognized as the Valedictorian of JMU Class of 2014, and her punishment was to give a speech at graduation in front of a few thousand people. In June she moved into an apartment in Fairfax and started a job as a Software Engineer with Agilix, an IT contractor in Chantilly.

THANK YOU!

Kick Off Picnic to the Yard Sale

Many thanks to Pamela Cook for all her hard work putting together a great kick off picnic and recruiting workers for the food stand at our Yard Sale! Read on for her thank you's to everyone who provided tireless and much appreciated help and thoughtfulness.

Thank you to everyone who made so many delicious dishes for the picnic and donated food for the week and Yard Sale. It was greatly appreciated.

It is wonderful to be member of a congregation that is always so kind and giving.

Thank you Fellowship team for always being there with smiles, laughter, and helping hands. These events are always so nice because of all of your support. Thank you Deborah and Chuck Dixon, Nancy and Dave Swanson, Melanie and John Zobel, and Barney Cook.

A special thank you to Lisa Woodard for all of your help with the shopping and guidance. It is always welcome.

Thank you,
Pamela Cook
Fellowship Co-Chair

Yard Sale Food Team:

What can I say - YOU ROCK!!!

Each and every one of you.

Sherry and Grey Kienzle, Emily Adams-Muhler, Wendy, Matt and Tony Wimmer, AJ Oddo, Deborah and Chuck Dixon. Thank you for all of your help. You made it so much fun from the calling out of the food orders to cleaning up. It was a delightful day.

Special thank you to Chuck Dixon. You are the Grill Master! Your support and help was endless and so appreciated!

Also thank you to, Remi and Mike Langum for donating the Rita Ice (it is always a hit with the Yard Sale) and to your daughter Elizabeth and Hubby for staying all day to help us!!!

Thank you,
Pamela Cook

Yard Sale

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Yard Sale a successful event. Although you are too many to name, thank you to those who donated, the sorters, the pricers, the coordinators, those who helped "sell", and those who helped clean up. Let's especially extend a HUGE Thank You to Elizabeth Cockerham for coordinating the Yard Sale; she had to wear many hats throughout the prep weeks and the day of the sale and she did it with skill, grace, and endless energy!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School

Our new season of Christian education kicks off on **September 7th**, with classes from preschool through high school. Sunday School meets weekly from 9:45-10:45 am.

Preschool - Elementary School

We'll once again use the Spark Rotation Sunday School curriculum for our preschool through elementary age classes. In workshops such as drama, cooking, and science, we'll explore each Bible story from multiple perspectives and in greater depth with an experiential approach similar to VBS.

Leaders:

Opening - Chris Schaefer and Danielle Drobny
Preschool-Kindergarten - Jamie Pflasterer and Stephanie Mills

Lower Elementary Shepherd - Tom Panning
Upper Elementary Shepherd - Sanna Sander
Elementary Workshop Leaders - Lisa Conary, Janet Levine, and Anne Witten

Middle School

Sunday school for the middle school grades will be focusing on the Sparkhouse re:form curriculum which involves a little more in-depth thinking on biblical principles. We will discuss things like, "Who wrote the Bible - people or God?" and other thought-provoking questions.

Students will use cool and quirky workbooks and short films to spark interest in these fun yet contemplative topics. We look forward to discussing (and practicing!) God's word together this coming year!

Leader - Sherry Kienzle

High School

"Unlikely people called by God to do amazing things." This describes the New Testament ancestors of our faith whom high schoolers will explore using the youth Bible study, Sparkhouse re:form Ancestors. Using more cool and quirky workbooks and short films, we'll discover similarities between ourselves and the many unlikely people chosen by God to do the extraordinary.

Leader - Judy Bruening

Contact

Sunday School Superintendent, [Janet Levine](mailto:Lyle1Janet@msn.com) (Lyle1Janet@msn.com), with any questions or comments. See you in September!

Workcamp

Workcamp is back! A team of youth and adults from PoP will be headed up to Buffalo, NY, **July 5-12**, to engage and support the community by repairing and refurbishing houses of families and individuals in need. We will be sharing our experiences when we return. Thanks for supporting our fundraisers!

Student Corner

This column is dedicated to the extra activities our youth participate in outside of Prince of Peace. Please remember to submit any and all information by the deadline for Glad Tidings to Martha Rogers at GladTidingsEditor@gmail.com - thanks!

Please keep all our youth in your prayers and support their endeavors outside of PoP!

Upcoming Youth Events

Please refer to the website calendar or the Youth Ministry bulletin board for details about events throughout the year. Also, don't forget that the High School youth meet weekly on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:30 pm. If you have any ideas or would like to volunteer, please contact Kim Drissel (Drissels@comcast.net).

ADULT EDUCATION

Pop Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will be meeting every other Tuesday (7/1, 7/15, 7/29, 8/12) during the summer months. We will be reading Blue Like Jazz by Donald Miller.

Blue Like Jazz is described as 'nonreligious thoughts on Christian spirituality'. It is funny, sarcastic, and very metaphorical. You will laugh. Each chapter is a self-contained story about faith, God, life, or love. It lends itself to hectic summer schedules since the chapters are self-contained stories about faith, God, life and love. You may come for every discussion session or just the few you can make.

Questions? Contact Pastor Christine (pastorchristine@popluthern.org).

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

UMAN Needs Help

The Upper Montgomery Assistance Network (UMAN) is seeking an administrative volunteer to enter client data 2-4 hours a week in their Gaithersburg office. The day and time are flexible (Mon-Thurs between 9am and 2pm), and training will be provided. UMAN provides emergency financial assistance to families at risk of homelessness or loss of a vital utility service. UMAN serves households in Gaithersburg, Montgomery Village, Germantown, and Derwood, often referred to by Gaithersburg HELP. If interested, please contact UMAN at gina_mastro@uman-mc.org or [301-926-4422](tel:301-926-4422).

The Auxiliary at the Village at Rockville

Many thanks to the 30 caring individuals who joined the Auxiliary of the Village at Rockville (formerly the National Lutheran Home); you are making a difference! We raised over \$700 for Auxiliary projects such as birthday parties and bus trips for the residents. If you didn't get a chance to sign up, it's not too late; memberships are accepted throughout the year. The Auxiliary flier is available in the foyer and can be mailed directly to The Auxiliary or left in the POP Office. Please make checks to "The Auxiliary, TVAR".

The Village at Rockville is also a great place to volunteer. It is conveniently located near

Darnestown Rd and Glen Mill Rd. There are many opportunities to volunteer such as reading to or visiting residents, wheelchair escorts, administrative duties, leading activities, and sharing your talents. Pick up a Volunteer brochure at POP or contact Volunteer Services (301-354-8447, volunteers@thevillageatrockville.org). There are also opportunities for students to earn SSL hours.

Looking for an easy opportunity to get involved at Prince of Peace? Consider becoming our Keyperson for the Auxiliary at The Village at Rockville. The responsibilities include advertising their Events at POP and conducting one Auxiliary Membership Drive at POP each year. If you would like more info, please contact Donna Von Wald (dlhsjyw@rcn.com).

FELLOWSHIP

Men's Book Club

After taking the summer off, the men will reconvene on Thursday, September 18 at 7:30 pm, to discuss Moloka'i by Alan Brennert. All men of POP and their male friends are welcome. Join us as we set sail for Hawaii on September 18! For more information contact [Charles Sullivan](mailto:charles@homesflash.com) (charles@homesflash.com).



Women's Book Group

Do you need to be a literary scholar to join the Women's Book Group? No, you just need to enjoy reading and sharing your thoughts and opinions about books. So if you have considered coming to Book Group, now is the time. In July, we will discuss Me Before You: A Novel by Jojo Moyes. Liesl Schillinger described the book as "a love story and a family story, but above all it's a story of the bravery and sustained effort needed to redirect the path of a life once it's been pushed off course" (New York Times, January 4, 2013). Pam Cook hosts the gathering on Thursday, July 10th, starting at 7:30 pm. RSVP to [Pam](mailto:cook1082@verizon.net) (cook1082@verizon.net).

The Women's Book Group meets monthly, usually on the second Thursday of the month. All POP women are welcome to participate for one meeting or for all. If you would like to receive

email reminders, please send an email to [Jennifer Maloney](mailto:Jennifer.Maloney@gmail.com) (Maloney.jenn@gmail.com).

Future Dates, Book Selections, and Hosts:
August 14 - The Orphan Train: A Novel by Christina Baker Kline, hosted by Lesa Sullivan

September 11 - Moloka'i by Alan Brennert, hosted by Judy Bruening

PoP Playgroup

PoP Playgroup will meet on **Saturday, July 26 at 2 pm** at the Quince Orchard Library, for a summer reading presentation of "Magic & Science & Stuff!" - a program for all ages of impossible magic tricks, amazing mind reading stunts, and off the wall comedy all themed around science and experiments.

Then, the playgroup celebrates summer on **Saturday, August 9th at 10 am** at the Germantown Splash Park. (Admission is \$4/person for ages 2 and up.) Come check out the new equipment at the park and beat the summer heat!

PoP Playgroup is a great way for families and their babies/toddlers/preschoolers to connect with each other. Please contact Jamie (jlplast@hotmail.com) or Lauren (laurenkategibson@gmail.com) for more info!



POP OFFICE

Calling all Pack Rats! We are in search of a **Prince of Peace 1990 Annual Report**. If you've been around that long and are a collector, please check to see if you have a copy we could borrow. We can scan and return to you. Contact Donna in the Office. Thanks!

COMING UP...

July

- 4 - Independence Day
- 5-12 - Workcamp
- 10 - Women's Book Group
- 12 - Blood Drive
- 16 - Exploring Faith
- 21-25 - Vacation Bible School
- 26 - POP Playgroup

August

- 9 - POP Playgroup
- 14 - Women's Book Group
- 20 - Exploring Faith

September

- 1 - Labor Day
- 7 - Rally Sunday
- 7 - Grandparents Day
- 11 - Women's Book Group
- 18 - Men's Book Club
- 23 - First Day of Autumn

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