



Glad Tidings



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Our Fall Worship Schedule resumes on Sept 10 & 11!

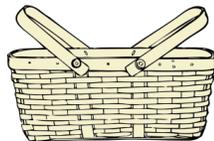
Saturday Worship at 5 pm
Sunday Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 am
Sunday School at 9:45 am—Rally Day!
Church Picnic at 12:00 pm

Rally Day: Sunday School

Rally Day kicks off our new season of Sunday School on September 11th at 9:45 am. Preschool through elementary-age kids and their families meet in the sanctuary for Opening as they register for Sunday School. Older students bypass the sanctuary and start right off in their classrooms in the Besecker Youth Center (BYC). **Sunday School meets weekly 9:45-10:45 am.** See page 4 for more information.

Rally Day: Picnic!!

On Rally Sunday, September 11, we are having an Old Fashioned Church Picnic immediately after the 11am service. Fellowship committee will provide fried chicken, and we are asking the Congregation to bring salads (pasta, potato, macaroni, etc.), coleslaw, rolls, and desserts. Please sign up at church or online (<http://signup.com/go/RkqWxu>) so that we have an idea of how many people will attend. We hope that you join us for a fun day of fellowship!



Confirmation Starts!

Parents of first and second year confirmation students, the first Confirmation class Theme Night will be held on Sunday evening, **September 11 at 6:00 pm** in the sanctuary. We're looking forward to seeing our returning students and welcoming new ones! The 2016-2017 Confirmation schedule is on the website: <http://poplutheran.org/Media/calendars/Confirmation%20Schedule%202016-2017.pdf> . Please contact Sherry Kienzle (skienzle1@yahoo.com) or Susan Hawley (susanhawley@ymail.com) with any questions.

The Interfaith 5K

Prince of Peace has partnered with Shaare Torah and the Islamic Society of the Washington Area to host the first ever [Montgomery County Interfaith 5K](#) on **Labor Day, September 5**, at the Soccerplex in Germantown. Proceeds from this event will benefit [Gaithersburg HELP](#). Join us for this great, family fun event.



PB&J for the Hungry



We are once again collecting peanut butter and jelly for Gaithersburg HELP to celebrate Back-to-School and to help restock their pantry. Donations can be left in the special collection bucket in the narthex. The drive will continue through October, so please consider picking up something to donate each time you shop. The Sunday School will also be participating in this collection. If you have children, please encourage them to bring some to Sunday School.

Farewell Lesa & Steve

On **Saturday, September 24 at 7:00 pm**, Dick and Sandy Moore will host a farewell party for Lesa & Steve Sullivan! Join us at the Moore's home for appetizers & desserts as we say good-bye to Lesa & Steve before they move to Florida. Please sign up in the narthex and bring an appetizer or dessert to share; for the Moore's address see the Directory, or contact Sandy or the Office. Lesa and Steve have been an integral part of PoP since they joined in 1989. They got involved immediately and have served in many roles through the years. Lesa has chaired nearly all of our committees at some point (including Fellowship, Social Ministry, Worship, Confirmation, & Yard Sale), in addition to being involved in most other programs. Steve has also contributed as a leader in programs such as the Building Committee, Church Council, Yard Sale, Saturday worship, and our Habitat for Humanity Work Days. They will be missed. Join us as we wish them well!



From Pastor Steve...

Pastor Steve Buechler
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301-869-3666)

Fall is a time when we usually talk about getting back into our “regular routine.” Most of our vacations are over.

School has begun again. And even at church, we return to our regular Sunday routine of worship, Sunday School and Confirmation.

There are actually a lot of really good reasons to have a regular routine. Routines help us to be disciplined at taking care of regular, important tasks. (If I didn’t brush my teeth according to a regular routine, my dental health wouldn’t be as good as it is!) Routines, as odd as it sounds, often take some of the stress out of our schedules. (For as nutty as some of our schedules are, they get even nuttier when somebody messes with the routine!) And routines can be really comforting in difficult times. (Sometimes, when I’m leading a service at a nursing home, simply knowing the words to the Lord’s Prayer and being able to say them is extraordinarily fulfilling for residents who can’t participate in many other ways anymore.)

Yet at the same time, we also realize that routines can become monotonous. Routines can keep us in the rut of the “way we’ve always done things.” And because routines help us to do things without even thinking about what we’re doing, they can be a problem for that very reason.

So in this time of returning to routines, and as we all get back into the “fall routine” at church, I invite you to think about your spiritual routines. Do you have a routine of regular worship or personal prayer time? Do you have routines that help you live and serve as a child of God? How are your routines helping you to focus on God and God’s presence in your life? And in what ways do your routines need to be re-examined, and maybe changed, so that they can help you grow?

Routines can be both good and bad. So in these days of renewed routine, take some time to

consider what’s good and bad about your routines, so that, whatever your routines are, they can be pathways for God to work in your life!

Yours in Christ,

September Highlights

Every Sunday

8:30 am Worship with piano and guitar*

9:45 am Sunday School**

11:00 am Worship with organ and piano*

A Supervised nursery is available during all Services

*One Sunday service at 9:30 am on September 4.

**Sunday School starts September 11.

Every Tuesday

10:00 am Quilters

Every Thursday

6:30 pm Youth Hand Bell Choir (starts 9/8)

7:30 pm Grace Notes

Every Saturday

8:00 am Men’s Group (starts 9/10)

5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship

WELCOME

Madeline Grace Dunn has arrived! Congratulations to Pr. Christine, Drew and big brothers Carter, Jackson and Cooper on the arrival of Madeline Grace Dunn! Madeline was born August 1, 2016 at 6:50 pm. She was 6 pounds 4 ounces and 19 inches long. Both mom and baby are doing well! Pastor Christine will return from maternity leave at the beginning of November.



COMING UP...

September

- 5 Labor Day - Church Office Closed
- 5 Interfaith 5K Run (pg 1)
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- 30 Confirmation Retreat

October

- 1 Confirmation Retreat
- 2 9th Grade Retreat Day
- 9 Confirmation Theme Event
- 11 Church Council Meeting
- 13 Women's Book Group (pg 5)
- 20 Books and Beer (Men's Book Club)
- 23 Confirmation Theme Event
- 28 PoP Halloween Party & Trunk-or-Treating
- 30 Confirmation & Reformation

For a current calendar, see:

http://poplutheran.org/Media/calendars/pop_calendar.pdf

SPECIAL PRAYERS

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

Pastor John B. McGarvey



PoP Members

Eardie Baka, Carol Barotti, Elizabeth Langum Chung, David family, Goodwin family, Laura Hampe, Steven Hill, Jessica Jeffery, Roy Johnson, Pat Juhrs, Greta Kunkle, Mike Langum, Remi Langum, Kaitlyn McGurgan & her family, Sandy Moore, Heather Robinson, David Rogers, James Rogers, Martha Rogers, Sherry Schiebel, Julie Stokes, Nancy Swanson, Laura Wilson.

Sympathy

Jon Gardner & family on the loss of his father (friend of Richard Farrar)
Gina Farrar & family on the loss of her father
Family of Kathy Drake (friend of Dave & Nancy Swanson)
Family of Millard Lee (father of Sherry Schiebel's friend)
Family of Phyllis Kuklinski (aunt of Terry Forish)
Family of Florenia Puig (aunt of Amy Ceralde)

Thanksgiving

Birth of Madeline Grace Dunn (daughter of Pastor Christine & Drew Dunn)
Birth of Matilda Aline Higgins (daughter of Molly & Jimmy Higgins)
Birth of Solomiya Jay (Sally) Yanevskyy (daughter of Emma & Alex Yanevskyy)
Baptism of Kenzie Wolejsza (daughter of Lauren & Michael Wolejsza)
Wedding of Vickie Carlson & Mark Hutchinson
50th Wedding Anniversary of Nancy & Dave Swanson

Godspeed

Lesia & Steve Sullivan

The complete Prayer List is available from the credenza in the narthex and in the Weekly Email sent on Thursdays.

SPOTLIGHT

SPOTLIGHT is a new column which focusses on a group in or resource provided by PoP. This month we are looking at Kids at Services.

Does your child (big or little) want to stay with you during services but tends to be antsy? Just look to Kids Corner. Kids Corner is located in the Narthex near the coat closets. Look on and under the table to find a variety of quiet activities.

Each week a new set of Kids Bulletins are available. These bulletins, Pre-Reader and Reader, are geared to the selected readings and main topic for that Sunday. (When we have Wednesday services, the previous Sunday bulletins are still out.) Bags of crayons with a pencil and a basket of pencils are available to fill-in and answer the activities and questions. Storybooks for young children and children's Bibles are, also, on top of the table.

Under the table is a large basket with coloring books, sticker books, and activity books.

If you and your child prefer, the nursery is staffed during all services. Many activities from playing grocery store to cooking in the kitchen to playing with cars to coloring are available. Take your child back just before service starts, immediately after the Children's Sermon, or make an impromptu decision during the service. The nursery attendant, AJ, is waiting.

STEWARDSHIP

2017 Stewardship Campaign

The Stewardship Committee is about to kickoff the annual campaign with a series of small group meetings. If you would like to be included in one of the first meetings, please sign up in the Narthex or email [Chuck Dixon](mailto:chuckdixon@icloud.com) (chuckdixon@icloud.com).

YOUTH EDUCATION

Sunday School

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Descriptions of the programs and the list of leaders are:

Preschool - Elementary School

Each week, Preschool through Elementary students meet for fellowship and singing in the sanctuary at 9:45 am before heading to their classrooms at 10 am. Preschool/Kindergarten has several in-class workshops each week, including Bible story time, craft, and snack. Elementary-age groups participate in one workshop each week, such as art, cooking, and games. We use the Spark Rotation Sunday School curriculum and usually spend three weeks on a Bible story, exploring from multiple perspectives.

Leaders:

Opening - Danielle Drobny, Jean Bernstein, Chris Michel

Preschool-Kindergarten - Jamie Pflasterer

Pre-K /K Shepherd - Regina Harrington

Lower Elementary Shepherd - Stephanie Mills

Upper Elementary Shepherd - Roshan

Ramanathan, Chuck Harrington

Elementary Workshop Leaders - Lisa Conary, Janet Levine, and Anne Witten

Middle School

Using the Sparkhouse Connect curriculum, Middle Schoolers take a journey through the Bible. Each week, we explore the connections between several Bible passages and relate biblical themes

to their own lives. Fun videos and activities get the conversation going!

Leaders:

Sam Bornhorst and Sarah Yonder

High School

"Unlikely people called by God to do amazing things." This describes the Old Testament ancestors of our faith whom high schoolers will explore using the youth Bible study, Sparkhouse re:form Ancestors. Using 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 (LyleJanet@msn.com), with any questions or comments. See you on Rally Day!

ADULT EDUCATION

Pop Women's Bible Study

Have you missed everyone from Bible Study?

Let's meet for lunch at Not Your Average Joe's in the Kentlands. Date will be **September 20th at 11:30 am**. Please contact June Herron at june.herron@verizon.net to reserve a place at our table. June will send out a reminder email if she has not heard from you by September 4th.

Everyone's looking forward to hearing about what you did this summer and of course, enjoying your company once again.

MUSIC

Hand Bell Choir

Hey kids! Would you like to have the excellent opportunity to praise the Lord in song and have fun learning some great music?

Then come out and join the Prince of Peace Hand Bell Choir! The Prince of Peace Hand Bell Choir will begin

rehearsals for the Fall 2016 season and we are looking for new members!! The Hand Bell Choir is for children age 7 and above; we will rehearse each Thursday evening from **6:30-7:15 pm**

beginning on Thursday, September 8th. We need a minimum of 6 children to form the choir. Please sign up in the narthex or contact Danielle Drobny (danielledrobny@gmail.com) for more information.



SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Back Door Ministries

Box Tops for Education

We are now supporting the Navajo Lutheran Mission School in Rock Point, Arizona, with donations of "Box Tops for Education". These special Box Tops can be found on products from brands such as: General Mills, Pillsbury, Green Giant, Old El Paso, Ziploc, Kleenex, Hefty & Scott. Last year the Navajo Lutheran Mission School earned \$3,341 to support the many needs of the School. Our collection basket is on the Social Ministry table in the foyer at the back door. Thanks for supporting this project!

Other Collections

Our other Back Door Ministries include:

- collections of food & diapers (for Gaithersburg HELP)
- cancelled stamps (for the Village at Rockville)
- hotel-size toiletries (for local Shelters)
- used ink/toner cartridges.

Leave your donations in the baskets in the foyer.

BODY & SOUL WELLNESS PROGRAM

In September Body and Soul will take advantage of the cooler weather and try to get in a few outdoor sessions before moving back indoors in October.

Wednesday, September 14: Meet at the Germantown Soccerplex to walk the trails. Meet in the parking lot of the indoor Aquatic Center at **6:30 pm**. In case of rain, we will meet at Marybeth's house.

Thursday, September 22: Meet at the church (Besecker Youth Center) at **6:30 pm**. Weather permitting we will walk outdoors, or in the event of rain we will meet in the BYC.

For more information on the program contact Marybeth Stockman (mb.stockman@gmail.com).

FELLOWSHIP

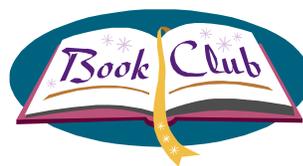
Saturday Dinner Out

Join us at Jersey Mike's in the Kentlands (249 Kentlands Blvd) on **Saturday, September 24** at **6:15 pm** following the service.

As a reminder, Saturday Dinner Out is a great time to come together and get to know (and eat with!) other families at Prince of Peace in a casual environment. All are welcome!

Books and Beer (Men's Book Club)

The Men's Book Club kicks off its 2016-17 campaign with Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption by Laura Hillenbrand. Unbroken is a biography of World War II hero Louis Zamperini, a former Olympic track star who survived a plane crash in the Pacific theater, spent 47 days drifting on a raft, and then endured more than two and a half years as a prisoner of war in three brutal Japanese prisoner-of-war camps. We will meet at **7:30 pm Thursday, September 15**, at the home of Steve Von Wald. All men of POP and their male friends are invited for beer, munchies, and good fellowship. Please RSVP to Steve at stevevonwald@starpower.net.



Women's Book Group

There is nothing like a good book to stimulate thought and conversation. In September, the Women's Book Group will meet to discuss Redeployment by Phil Klay, a National Book Award winner for 2014. This book of short stories reflects the author's experience in Iraq. Timothy Bazzett reviewed the book on Amazon.com, "You won't find any sappy sentimentality or off-putting macho muscle flexing in Phil Klay's Redeployment, a collection of twelve stories that all deal with combatants and veterans of the Iraq war. Nope. These stories are about as real and honest as anything you'll find being written these days about how the crucible of this war has affected the young men and women who were part of it, and, who have been irrevocably changed by it." The gathering begins at **7:30 pm on Thursday, September 8th**, at the home of Judy Bruening. RSVP to Judy at judy.bruening53@gmail.com. All POP women are welcome to join one, two, or all of the book group gatherings.

Future Book Group Dates and Selections

October 13 - The Girl from the Train
by Irma Joubert,
hosted by Nancy Speicher

November 10 - The Art of Hearing Heartbeats
by Jan-Philipp Sendker,
hosted by Deborah Dixon

Tables for All

Tables for All is a fun adult fellowship program in which potluck meals are shared with other members of Prince of Peace. The meals are hosted at the homes of church members; guests provide some of the food. The 2016-17 series will consist of three rounds: Oct-Nov, Jan-Feb, and March-May. The exact dates and times are determined by mutual agreement of the host and guests. The usual host and guest list includes eight people. Sorry, but this program is just for adults, but we can help identify potential babysitters. After you sign up, you'll be provided with a schedule letting you know when you are hosting and/or attending. The food assignment is also specified: main dish (host), side dish, salad and bread, or dessert. Tables for All is a wonderful way to meet others at Prince of Peace and to reconnect with old friends.

Sign up in the narthex or email Lisa Woodard (woodard4@comcast.net) by **Sunday, Sept 18.**

RECENT EVENTS



Our wonderful new Playset is installed and ready for action! Many thanks to those who worked hard to make it happen: Jamie Pflasterer, Ric Kienzle, Deborah Dixon, Terry Forish, Gordon Gipe, our demolition crew (Chris Michel, Ric Kienzle, Dan & Sam Gibson, AJ Oddo, Terry Forish, Jim Boyce, & Sam Jones), and our very generous donor! We are very appreciative of this donation and know that it will bring lots of fun to our community.



2016 School Supply Drive

The Social Ministries Committee would like to thank the congregation and community for their generous donations to the 2016 School Supply Drive. The Interfaith Clothing Center was thrilled to receive all of our donations and it was a big help towards their goal of equipping 2,500 children with backpacks and school supplies needed to begin the school year.

Included in the donations from Prince of Peace were:

30	back packs
74	composition books
40	packs of filler paper
90	spiral notebooks
105	2-pocket folders
31	pairs of scissors
24	packs of index dividers
29	packages of erasers
20	pencil pouches / boxes
27	packages of pens
25	boxes of colored pencils
22	boxes of regular pencils
11	boxes of crayons
14	boxes of colored markers
42	rulers
56	glue sticks
7	pencil sharpeners

POP Summer 2016 Building Improvements

Over the summer, several building related items were completed and they are summarized below. The Shingle and Steeple painting projects were approved by the Congregation at the 2016 Annual meeting back in January.

1. Replacement of main building roof fiberglass shingles, gutters and downspouts. The shingles were installed in 1990 when Church was built and needed replacement as they were 26 years old and were starting to leak in some locations. The old shingles were removed, several rotten pieces of wood decking replaced, new roofing paper and Ice guard were installed prior to installation of new 30 year fiberglass shingles. Also, new roof attic ventilation was installed where appropriate. In addition, all gutters and downspouts were replaced and gutter slopes improved. Lee's Tree Service donated tree trimming services around POP prior to shingle work since some trees were too close to the roof.

2. The aluminum steeple/cross was removed, sanded and repainted with a special metal primer and paint designed for application over aluminum. The steeple needed to be removed by crane for the shingle project and was painted while on ground to save money. Trebor Construction donated use of their crane to remove and reinstall the steeple/cross.

3. The gas hot water heater located in the utility closet was also 26 years old and overdue for replacement. It was replaced with a new energy efficient hot water heater along with a "smart" recirculating pump to cycle hot water thru the system. This should save on water usage since sinks should have hot water quicker thus reducing time water is run waiting for hot water.

Thanks to Gordon Gipe for overseeing these various projects this summer.

Quilts

We were able to enjoy seeing the many quilts made by our quilters. These quilts will go to people in need.



Vacation Bible School

We had a great VBS week! Approximately 50 kids went on a Cave Quest with us. It was a fun week filled with singing, dancing and learning. Many thanks to all those who helped make the week a success: volunteering, making decorations, and donating food/supplies; we couldn't have done it without you! Special thanks to **Lori Kohne** for coordinating the event. Check out our Facebook page for pictures of all the fun. We had a wonderful week and it would not have been possible without all of the support from the congregation!



THINK ABOUT IT



Google Maps

Have you looked for Prince of Peace on Google Maps? After our new roof and steeple painting a picture was added to our “pin”:

As of the second week of August, having been posted for five weeks, it had been viewed 2,024 times.



ANNIVERSARY RESOURCES FOR CONGREGATIONS – REFORMATION 500

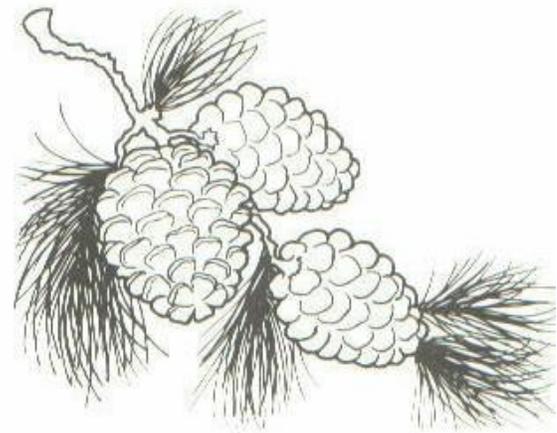
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