



# GLAD TIDINGS



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Come join us as we begin our Lenten journey at our Ash Wednesday service on March 1 at 7:30 pm. Then during the Wednesdays in Lent beginning March 8th, we will have soup suppers from 6:15-7:15 pm and Evening Prayer from 7:15-7:45 pm.

Lent:

<http://poplutheran.org/worship/lent17.html>

Holy Week:

<http://poplutheran.org/worship/holyweek17.html>

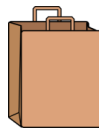
Easter:

<http://poplutheran.org/worship/easter17.html>

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Join us for Game Night after the Saturday service on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 6-9 pm. Bring your favorite board game and we'll order pizza for dinner!



**Congratulations to our Church Council members!** Newly elected: Rebecca Claycamp, Kwame Mensah, Aubrey Merchant-Dest, Susan Tritinger, Ric Kienzle (re-elected), Christina Levine (youth position). Continuing: Lisa Adams, Bertha Carreras, Chris Michel & Sarah Yonder.

The Church Council elected officers for this year at their March meeting. They are: Ric Kienzle, President; Rebecca Claycamp, Vice President; and Lisa Adams, Secretary.

Thank you to the retiring Council members. They are: Tracy Barr, Deborah Dixon, Annie Hampe, Joan Kowalik, and Judy Logeman.



On Sunday, March 5, we will host a speaker from [Lutheran Social](#)

[Services](#) (LSS). Join us in the Sanctuary at 10:00 am to learn about their work with foster children, Youth Haven (a camp for families affected by HIV), and immigrants & refugees. Particular attention will be given to their refugee work, as this is an item of focus in today's socio-political climate.

On Sunday, March 19, we will host a speaker from [A Wider Circle](#). Join us in the Sanctuary at 10:00 am to learn about their work. A Wider Circle's efforts focus on the provision of basic need items, education, and long-term support. These three components work in concert to create lasting change in the lives of those we serve. A Wider Circle says no to nobody! Anyone in need of help can find it here. In addition to all of the individuals and families that call us, more than 300 government, social service, and nonprofit agencies regularly contact us for help in serving their clients



Our next Habitat for Humanity Work Day (<http://habitatmm.org/>) is Saturday, March 25. Sign up in the narthex or email Chris Michel ([michel\\_christian@yahoo.com](mailto:michel_christian@yahoo.com)) if interested. We will be working with

volunteers from another church, building a porch and repairing a fence for a veteran. Skilled labor is not required, but you must be 18 years old to volunteer. Location and specifics coming soon!

## Save the Date

The Women's Retreat is Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. More information to come in Weekly Email, bulletin inserts, and the next issue of Glad Tidings.

## From Pastor Christine...

Pastor Christine Dunn  
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301-869-3666)



About this time of year my newsletter article should probably focus on Lent and what it means and all the spiritual disciplines that can be employed during Lent (and any other time for that matter). However, Pastor Steve is leading a Theology on Tap discussion about Lenten practices and traditions, and just about every year the newsletter article rehashes the same old diatribe.

So, how about let's focus on something basically foreign within the Lenten conversation: JOY.

It is my opinion (and others' opinion also), there is a clear distinction between happiness and joy. Happiness is connected to circumstances, like have a two scoop moose tracks ice cream sundae. But, joy on the other hand is a spiritual way (ok, maybe I am writing a bit on spiritual practices) of engaging the world that is connected to gratitude. Joy is connected to conscious choice. We can choose to embrace joy even when pain and hurt exist.

As I sat down to write this I thought hard about where I find joy and over and over the answer was: 'In ordinary moments.'

-When my 14 year old son leans over to kiss my cheek in front of his girlfriend as I drop them off for dinner.

-When my best friend shows up at work to give me a hug because I've had a bad day.

-My three pieces of Dove dark chocolate following my morning run in the crisp air.

I could go on, but the point is these are the things I would miss if they were suddenly gone. These are the moments that not only bring me joy, but speak of God. Not ice cream cones, not sky diving, not the latest Star Wars movie - these small, ordinary moments.

The other thing which magnifies joy is gratitude. It sounds cliché to say, "Be grateful for what you have," but it is true that celebrating what we *do* have not only reminds us of how important those things are, but allows others to know what they mean to us. It also forces us to seek out the good, rather than focus on the hardships. And in

hard or tragic times, calling to mind and giving thanks for what was lost places honor in the rightful place.

Finally, and this may not be universally true, but it is true for me: don't be *afraid* of joy. It's true that life does hold hardship and pain, but when I spend my time bracing against the possibility of loss, then I squander a gift from God. Live in the moment. Tomorrow is not promised (that is a hard truth), but we have today. Embrace it!

## March 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**

### Every Tuesday

10:00 am Quilters

12:30 pm Women's Bible Study

### Every Wednesday

7:30 pm Adult Choir

### Every Thursday

6:30 pm Youth Hand Bell Choir

7:30 pm Grace Notes

### Every Saturday

8:00 am Men's Group

5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship

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For a current calendar, see:

[http://poplutheran.org/Media/calendars/pop\\_calendar.pdf](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, Elizabeth Langum Chung, David family, Alex Garretson, Steven Hill, Roy Johnson, Pat Juhrs, Mike & Remi Langum, Kaitlyn McGurgan & her family, Sandy Moore, Heather Robinson, David Rogers, James Rogers, Martha Rogers, Sherry Schiebel, Nancy Swanson, Laura Wilson.

### Sympathy

Family of Pete Corbin (father of Laura Hurst)  
Family of Linda Hanson (Executive Director of Gaithersburg HELP)  
Family of Pat Masterman (mother of Steve Masterman)

### Thanksgiving

Birth of Linnea Grace Carr (daughter of Carolyn & David Carr; granddaughter of Amy & Greg Engels and Becky & Peter Carr)  
Birth of Carter Jax Hoffman (son of Lauren Ballou & Steven Hoffman)

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

## SPOTLIGHT

This column focusses on groups in or resources provided by PoP. This month we are looking at **What (and How) We Recycle.**

For our review, below is a selection of Montgomery County recycling program guidelines:



- **Preparing glass bottles and jars for recycling:** rinse all containers; remove lids and caps.
- **Paper items that are not recycled:**
  - envelopes with plastic padding
  - paper or cardboard contaminated with paint, chemicals or food (pizza boxes!)
  - paper towels, napkins, and tissues
  - photographs/photographic paper, because of the coatings used on this type of paper.
- **Plastic bags, films and wraps are not recycled here,** but grocery store plastic bag recycling drop-offs generally accept all clean, dry plastic bags labeled #2 or #4. This includes plastic newspaper sleeves and dry-cleaning bags, as well as most plastic wrapping covering paper towel rolls, tissue boxes, and cases of water. Often, plastic food storage bags, like Ziploc® bags, are accepted, too. Please remove receipts and other papers from bags before recycling them.
- **What plastic bottles, containers, tubs, and lids are accepted for recycling?** The simple answer is: recycle all items except those with a recycling code of #6 (polystyrene and Styrofoam™). Do not recycle: lids and straws from soft-drink cups; plastic knives, forks, and spoons.
- **Preparing plastics for recycling:** Remove tops and lids. Labels and plastic rings around the neck of the bottles are okay. Empty and rinse all containers.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Easter Sunday events will be on April 16:

- Resurrection Run at 5:45 am
- Worship at 8:30, 10:00, & 11:30 am
- Easter egg hunt at 9:45 am

The Yard Sale (The Big One!) will be on June 3.

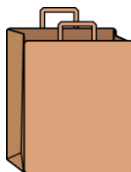
Vacation Bible School will be held the week of July 17 -21.

Montgomery County Interfaith 5K will be on September 4.

## LENTEN SHARING BAGS

### Lenten Sharing Bags are back!

March 5th through April 9th, we will be collecting items for two local charities.



Interfaith Clothing Center, part of Interfaith Works, helps low-income families in Montgomery County.

Suggested donations:

- New women's underwear (all sizes)
- New men's crew socks
- New men's underwear (all sizes)
- New T-shirts (all sizes)
- Shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes
- Paper towels, Toilet paper

Youth Haven, part of Lutheran Social Services, provides camps and retreats for children, teens, and families affected by HIV. Suggested donations:

- Flashlights
- Swim goggles
- Individually wrapped snacks
- New bed pillows
- Travel size toiletry items
- Marker sets
- Gift cards to Walmart or Target

Pick up a marked bag and return it to the narthex with your donated items Sunday, April 9.

For more info, contact Marybeth Stockman ([mb\\_stockman@hotmail.com](mailto:mb_stockman@hotmail.com)) or Becky Carr ([pandbcarr@verizon.net](mailto:pandbcarr@verizon.net)).

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Faith-Full Families

Faith-Full Families' Lent event will be held Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Families with pre-school - elementary age children, and their siblings, are invited for dinner, crafts, a Bible story and fellowship. Sign up in the narthex, email Judy Bruening, or just come! We will provide a main dish. If you would like to bring a side dish/salad or a dessert sign up in the narthex or let Judy know. If you just have younger children you are welcome to join us for fellowship, too.

Questions? Contact [Judy Bruening](mailto:Judy.Bruening53@gmail.com) ([Judy.bruening53@gmail.com](mailto:Judy.bruening53@gmail.com))

## ADULT EDUCATION

### Theology on Tap

Join us for our next Theology on Tap session on Tuesday, March 21 at 7:30 pm. Many of you may have heard of these kinds of events, where folks gather (often at a restaurant or pub) to talk about issues of faith. Pastor Steve will lead one of these events each month. Check the Weekly Email for location and topic. Come join us! You don't need to sign up, but if you know you're coming, please let Pastor Steve know!



### Bible Art Journaling

Bible Art Journaling meets on Sunday, March 19 from 6-7:30pm! All are welcome to this devotional class which encourages you to engage actively with the word of God through doodling, illustration, and note-taking in your Bible. We meet once a month, but you do not need to attend every session. Please bring a 'journaling Bible' with you to class. Questions? See Pastor Christine.

### PoP Women's Bible Study

On March 7, we will start discussing the book Jesus Feminist by Sarah Bessey. Please read the Introduction and Chapter 1 for our first gathering. The book is available in paper and electronic (digital and audio) formats. If you have any difficulties acquiring the book, please let Pastor Christine know.

PoP Women's Bible Study meets every Tuesday at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

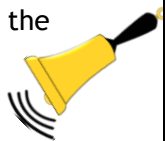
This is an open, fluid group of women. All are welcome to join us. Feel free to bring a bagged lunch. If you have questions or want to be included on our email distribution list, please contact Pastor Christine ([pastorchristine@poplutheran.org](mailto:pastorchristine@poplutheran.org)).



## MUSIC

### Hand Bell Choir

Kids! Want to praise the Lord in song and have fun learning some great music? Then join the PoP Hand Bell Choir! The Hand Bell Choir is for children age 7 and older; and we are looking for new members!! Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 6:30-7:15pm. Signup in the narthex or contact Danielle Drobny ([danielledrobny@gmail.com](mailto:danielledrobny@gmail.com)) for more info.



## SOCIAL MINISTRIES

### YOU CAN *Gaithersburg* HELP

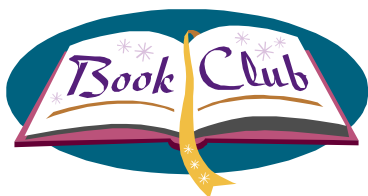


Eat Out on Tuesdays and Support Gaithersburg HELP! Every Tuesday in March Not Your Average Joe's in Kentlands will donate 15% of purchases (lunch or dinner) made by Gaithersburg HELP supporters. Diners must have a printed copy of the Not Your Average Cause certificate - or show the certificate to the server on a mobile device. Certificates are available at <http://gaithersburghelp.org/nyajfundraiser.pdf> and in the narthex. Please spread the word. This is an amazing opportunity to raise funds and further the cause of Gaithersburg HELP!

## FELLOWSHIP

### Men's Book Club

The Men's Book Club will discuss Killing the Rising Sun: How America Vanquished World War II Japan by Bill O'Reilly. We will meet at 7:30pm, Thursday, March 16, at the home of Dick Moore. All men of POP and their male friends are invited for beer, munchies, and good fellowship. Please RSVP to Dick at [rmoore612@verizon.net](mailto:rmoore612@verizon.net)



### Women's Book Group

The Book Group will gather on March 9th at 7:30 pm to discuss Last Night at Twisted River by John Irving. The novel follows the life of Dominic Baciagalupo and his son, Danny. The synopsis on Amazon.com reads, "In 1954, in the cookhouse of a logging and sawmill settlement in northern New Hampshire, an anxious twelve-year-old boy mistakes the local constable's girlfriend for a bear. Both the twelve-year-old and his father become fugitives, forced to run from Coos County—to Boston, to southern Vermont, to Toronto—pursued by the implacable constable. Their lone protector is a fiercely libertarian logger, once a river driver, who befriends them. In a story spanning five decades, Last Night in Twisted River depicts the recent half-century in the United States as "a living replica of Coos County, where lethal hatreds were generally permitted to run their course." What further distinguishes Last Night in Twisted River is the author's unmistakable voice—the inimitable voice of an accomplished storyteller." Jennifer Maloney hosts the evening. All POP women are welcome to attend. RSVP to Jennifer at [Maloney.jenn@gmail.com](mailto:Maloney.jenn@gmail.com).

### Future Book Selections and Hosts

April 20 - The Widow

by Fiona Barton  
hosted by Susan Victor

May 11 - Brooklyn

by Colm Toibin  
hosted by Lisa Woodard

June 8 - When Breath Becomes Air

by Paul Kalinithi & Abraham Verghese  
hosted by Deborah Dixon

July 13 - Hillbilly Elegy

by J. D. Vance  
hosted by Judy Bruening

August 10 - Angle of Repose

by Wallace Stegner  
hosted by Hope Walker

September 14 - Stones from the River

by Ursula Hegi  
hosted by Nancy Speicher

October 12 - Leaving Time

by Jodi Picoult  
hosted by June Herron

## RECENT EVENTS

New steeple lights installed:



The wattage is reduced 57% from the old lights (300 watts to 130).

## THANK YOU!

Thank You to all who made soup or financial donations for Souper Bowl Sunday!

We collected 361 items

(Patriots: 151; Falcons: 210) and \$58. As usual, we did not pick the winner but the big winner was [Gaithersburg HELP!](#) It's not too late to donate... our food collection baskets are always in the foyer, so consider donating regularly.



## POP OFFICE

The Flower Chart for 2017 has been posted!

Flowers can be given in memory or honor of a person or special occasion. A donation of \$30 covers the flowers for a week, and they are yours to take home after the late service. Sign up on the Chart posted on the bulletin board in the narthex and place your donation (marked "Altar Flowers") in the Offering. Thanks for adding to our worship experience!



## Recycling Toner/Ink Cartridges

We need your used toner and ink cartridges! Bring them to PoP for recycling and we can get a credit toward purchasing office supplies.

Please leave them in the designated box on the table in the foyer. We can save hundreds of dollars each year through this program. We appreciate those who have already been participating!



## IT'S SUMMER CAMP!

It's time to register for Mar-Lu-Ridge Summer Camp in nearby Jefferson, MD. Are you ready for the best week of your summer? We have camps for any interest: Horseback, Hammock, Night Owls, Sports, Wild & Crazy, Arts, Cooking, Makers, and so much more! Mar-Lu-Ridge Summer Camp offers Day and Residential camp opportunities for ages 6-17, plus Family Camp and Grand Adventure. Register before **February 18** to take advantage of our Early Bird Discount! Join us at an Open House; it's a great way to see the camp and meet our staff! **March 26, April 30, & May 21 from 2-4:30pm.** Visit our website (<http://www.mar-lu-ridge.org/>) to view the brochure and choose your camp today!

## PHILHARMONIC AT STRATHMORE

Among the major works sung by large choral groups are more than a few requiems. Most - including those of Mozart, Berlioz, Verdi, Fauré and Duruflé - are sung in Latin and are based on the Roman Catholic Requiem Mass. But Brahms' Ein Deutsches Requiem, perhaps his most famous work, stands out as something different, and for its time, unique. Composed between 1865 and 1868 and premiered on February 18, 1869, Brahms' Requiem is performed in the German vernacular and is intended to comfort the living rather than warn of the Day of Judgment and the fires of hell.

Jonathan Leshnoff, a Baltimore-area composer and Towson University professor, is, according to The New York Times, "a leader of contemporary American lyricism." Zohar, commissioned by Robert Spano and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra as a companion piece for Brahms' Requiem, premiered in Atlanta in April 2016. One of the pillars of Jewish mysticism and a commentary on the mystical aspects of the Torah, Zohar deals with the most basic and deepest issues of Judaism and life. In contrast with Requiem, Leshnoff views Zohar as "an ecstatic, mystical embrace of life and the living."

On Saturday, March 18, the National Philharmonic Chorale and Orchestra will present Brahms' Requiem in tandem with the DC-area premiere of Jonathan Leshnoff's six-movement oratorio, Zohar. Piotr Gajewski conducts the performance

with Danielle Talamantes, soprano, and Nmon Ford, baritone, as soloists.

Tickets are available in person at The Music Center at Strathmore, online at [www.nationalphilharmonic.org](http://www.nationalphilharmonic.org), or by phone (301-581-5100). Group sales and special packages are available at (301) 493-9283, ext. 111. Young people 7-17 are free. Parking is free in the Grosvenor Metro Station garage. A pre-concert lecture is offered 75 minutes before the concert. In addition, there will be a special Classical Conversation on Zohar with Cantors Laura Croen and Michael Shochet at 8pm in the Concert Hall before the 8:30 downbeat.

### THINK ABOUT IT

The *Los Angeles Times* (12/15/96) reported that David Suna and John Tu sold 80 percent of their company, Kingston Technology corp., the world's largest manufacturer of computer memory products, for \$1.5 billion dollars.

The two men decided to share their windfall with their employees. The average bonus payment their workers received was just over \$75,000. Suna summarized their decision: "To share our success with everybody is the most joy we can have."

--Scot Snyder

It was one of the worst days of my life: The washing machine broke down, the telephone kept ringing, my head ached, and the mail carrier brought a bill I had no money to pay.

Without a word, my son took his pacifier out of his mouth and stuck it in mine.

--Clara Null

My three-year-old grandson found a quarter in the driveway as the family left for church. When they returned home, he pulled it out of his pocket and handed it to his mother.

"You can have this money, Mommy. I was going to give it to Jesus, but he wasn't there."

--Joyce Parson

Pastor John B. McGarvey tells this story:

One day our church copier broke down. I'm not mechanically minded, but I called the repair shop to see if they could tell me what the problem was and if I could do anything about it. I quickly discovered, however, that I didn't know the names of the parts or what was specifically wrong. I just knew the copy machine didn't work.

So the repair shop sent out a technician. While working on our machine, he also called the shop. Unlike me, he knew how to describe what was needed. He used words I didn't understand, but the person at the shop did, and soon the copier was repaired.

My need was met because someone came and communicated to headquarters in words I could not express. The apostle Paul teaches in Romans 8 that this is what the Holy Spirit does for us. When we don't know how to pray, the Holy Spirit know precisely what we need and prays in a language the Father perfectly understands.



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