



# GLAD TIDINGS



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July/August 2019



## Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars and tell your friends, Prince of Peace Vacation Bible School 2019 is scheduled for **July 22-26 (9am-12pm)**. This year's theme is "ROAR! Life is

Wild - God is good." VBS is for children ages 3 (potty trained) through entering 5th grade. Registration forms are available on the Prince of Peace website (<https://poplutheran.org/vbs>) as well as at the church. Registration fee is \$50 per participant with a max 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.

Join us on this wild adventure where kids survive and thrive while learning there is someone bigger than their struggles and stronger than their weaknesses.

### Help us with VBS!

- 1. Advertise:** We're encouraging everyone to help us attract new families. Have your kids invite their friends. Tell your neighbors about it or hand them a flyer. Contact Lori Kohne if you can help with marketing and she can provide what you might need.
- 2. Sign Up for snacks/breakfast** for the week of VBS (look for sign-up sheets in the narthex or a link to Sign-Up Genius in June).
- 3. Help during VBS week**-either all week or just on certain days.

If you have any questions or can help, please contact Lori Kohne at [lorikohne@hotmail.com](mailto:lorikohne@hotmail.com).

### VBS Decorating Parties!



Let your creativity show and help VBS! On Sunday, July 7th and/or Sunday, July 14th join us in the fellowship hall at 11:00 am. We will be creating lots of decoration for ROAR, our African VBS adventure. Any questions? Contact

[Judy Bruening](#).

## Yard Sale Thank You!



To everyone who sorted, priced, hauled, sold, cooked, put-up, took-down, boxed, put away, cleaned-up, guarded and haggled:

THANK YOU for your contribution of time for the Prince of Peace Yard Sale! The overused phrase is that "it takes a village", but it certainly does take the contributions of nearly everyone in the congregation to make such a large event a success. Yard Sale was a tremendous success and **we've so far raised around \$18K**. We hope you think of Prince of Peace as your church home and family. In some ways with a big event like the Yard Sale it is relatively easy to pinpoint and focus on "supporting the family." We hope everyone will continue to look for new ways to give of your time and talents to support Prince of Peace in the coming year.

Pictures of the Yard Sale are on page 7.

## Summer Schedules

During the Summer months, Mad Science summer camp, will be renting the Besecker Youth Center **Monday-Friday 8am-6pm for 6/17-7/12 and from 7/29-8/30.**



**Worshipping together over the summer!** This summer, through Labor Day Weekend (9/2), we will have **ONE Sunday service at 9:30 am, followed by fellowship!** The Saturday 5 pm service will also continue each weekend.

## From Pastor Christine...

Pastor Christine Dunn  
([pastorchristine@poplutheran.org](mailto:pastorchristine@poplutheran.org);  
301-869-3666)



This coming September 2nd will mark the 4th annual Montgomery County Interfaith 5K. As many of you know, we partner with Shaare Torah and the Islamic Society of the Washington Area to host this event. The goal of the race is to foster relationships and respect between those of different faiths and ethnic backgrounds and to celebrate diversity. The monies from this event benefit Gaithersburg HELP and C4.

While this event has been very successful, we need support in two very specific ways.

First (and most important): Participate! You do NOT need to consider yourself a runner. As I mentioned the goal is relationship, not performance. If you coach a soccer team, sign them up and wear your jerseys; if you belong to a walking group, come walk with us; gather your friends from church. We NEED you to help US show Montgomery County that community is important.

You can sign up on our website at:  
[www.mocointerfaith5k.org](http://www.mocointerfaith5k.org).  
We also have a Facebook page: Montgomery County Interfaith 5K

The Second way you can help:  
We need a table at the event to help share the great things about Prince of Peace. We are looking for someone to manage this project, which involves distributing flyers about PoP, having little give-aways, decorating the site, and mostly being friendly and excited about PoP. If you can do this job, please see me.

I truly believe that this event is one that really matters. We may not know all the ways it impacts others, but every year we have done it people I do not know have come up to me at the race and thanked us for helping pull this off. Thank you in advance for putting this on your calendar and participating.

## July/August Highlights

### Every Sunday

9:30 am Worship with piano and guitar  
A Supervised nursery is available on Sunday

### Every Tuesday

10:00 am Quilters  
Not meeting on July 23  
12:30 pm Women's Bible Study (pg 5)  
Not meeting on July 23, August 6 and 27

### Every Thursday

7:30 pm Grace Notes

### Every Saturday

5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship

## COMING UP...

### July

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For a current calendar, see:

<https://poplutheran.org/church-calendars/>

## SPECIAL PRAYERS

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



Pastor John B. McGarvey

### PoP Members

Elizabeth Langum Chung, Brittany (DeGeorge)  
Daniel, Kevin Ely, Roy Johnson, Mike Langum,  
Remi Langum, Kaitlyn McGurgan & her family, Jim  
McNerney, Heather Robinson, Sherry Schiebel,  
Denny Tritinger, Paul Welborn, Laura Wilson,  
Angelo Witten.

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

# SPOTLIGHT

This month we are looking at our special gardens.

## Memorial Garden

“Nature always wears the colors of the spirit.” - Emerson.

Please take time to enjoy the glory of our Memorial Garden. Many hands have contributed to the beauty of the Garden this spring. After the heavy spring rains, the weeds were massive; Steve and Sherry Fischer arranged to have the garden weeded and mulched. Steve also trimmed the prickly juniper, removed the Rose of Sharon, and much more.



Confirmands took on cleanup for a service project -

Rachel Carreras, Katrena Huen, Stella Meyer and Sawyer Smith turned out along with family members, T L Huen, Bertha Carreras, and Athena Huen.



Joan Kowalik supervised planting of new lavender behind the stone and provided gardening tips.

Joan and Jennifer also planted Angelonia in front of the stone while Judy Bruening helps combat the wildlife spraying the Japanese maple tree.



Finally TL and Katrena power washed the walk. Weeding and watering are ongoing.



This is a place for reflection, remembrance and rest. Come visit!



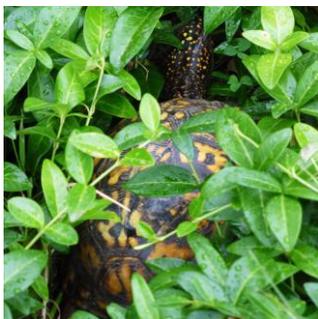
## Creation Care Garden

### Part 1

The Creation Care Gardens area has been under Divine Care for some time now. It is recovering naturally and doing quite well. A new assistant, David Rogers, has stepped forward to help prepare and set-up one of the gardens for human use. The current plan is to chop-and-drop the plants (weeds) that are in the way for the proposed use. Current goals include minimum-maintenance-required, soil-fertility-restoration, perennial-flowers-for-use-by-anybody-at-any-time-for-anything, and for assignment to other people if they decide they would like to use part of the garden area. If you are interested in learning about or participating in any of this, contact David at [quantumdog111@gmail.com](mailto:quantumdog111@gmail.com).

### Part 2

The second existing garden in the Creation Care Gardens area is the object of Camden Spielman's Eagle Scout project. Although he is not ready to physically start his work, he can use our help. Please take the time to offer wishes of luck and prayers for the acceptance of his project and its completion.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Montgomery County Interfaith 5K

The Montgomery County Interfaith 5K is on the calendar! Sign up to race, help on the sidelines, or just come to cheer on the participants. When registering, join the Prince of Peace team! Prince of Peace is a founding organization for this race. The race will be on **Monday, September 2**. Go to: [www.mocointerfaith5k.org](http://www.mocointerfaith5k.org) to register. Questions? See Pastor Christine



## HELP NEEDED

### Church Technology Administrator!

Prince of Peace has three volunteer positions to support areas that are important to our ministry. They are: Church Use, Facility, and Technology. The Technology Administrator position has been vacant since 2014, Gordon Gipe has been covering both Technology and Facility, and needs someone to fill the Technology role. The duties involve support of the following technology areas: computers, network, phone and copier or anything else that may arise in the technology realm. Gordon would be more than happy to answer questions about the position. Please contact [Pastor Steve](mailto:Pastor Steve) or [Ric Kienzle](mailto:Ric Kienzle) if you are willing to serve in this capacity.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### Counters



Who doesn't love to count money?

Come join the counting team for fun with money!! We

have a wonderful team at Prince of Peace who count and enter the donations into the computer. No experience necessary- there isn't much to it! It's a great way to make new friends and find an easy way to participate at PoP. We are looking for a couple more people to count after church about once a month. We have a very flexible schedule to fit our lives.

For more information or to volunteer, email Helen Griffith ([Hgriffith22@gmail.com](mailto:Hgriffith22@gmail.com))

### Ushers and Greeters



Critical Need for Ushers and Greeters! Please consider volunteering to serve at your preferred Sunday service. If willing, sign up in the narthex or

contact the Office ([office@poplutheran.org](mailto:office@poplutheran.org)). You will be scheduled every 6-8 weeks. Thank you for helping us fill this critical role!

## STEWARDSHIP

### Online Giving

It's easy and will make your life easier. Just go to the church [webpage](#) ([poplutheran.org](http://poplutheran.org)) and click the green Donate Online button. Giving online can help all of us easily provide consistent support for the church. Signup today! Online giving is a win for the church and for the congregation. Please contact Chris Michel ([michel\\_christian@yahoo.com](mailto:michel_christian@yahoo.com)) or Kwame Mensah ([mensahkn@gmail.com](mailto:mensahkn@gmail.com)) with any questions.

### Electronic Giving

To donate right now or become an E-Giver, go to [poplutheran.org](http://poplutheran.org) or scan this QR code with your smart phone or tablet. Thanks for supporting the ministries of Prince of Peace!



### AmazonSmile

You can support Prince of Peace with each Amazon purchase! Use our AmazonSmile link (<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1283295>) and PoP receives .5% of your purchases. Use AmazonSmile every time you shop! AmazonSmile is completely integrated with Amazon.com; you use the same account and have the same shopping cart, Wish List, Registry, and account info. It's easy to set up and use. First click on the following link to tell Amazon that you want donations to be made to Prince of Peace: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1283295>; then whenever you want to make a purchase at Amazon, go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) instead of [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). (AmazonSmile will remember the nonprofit previously selected.) It's easy!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Sunday School

Our new season of Christian education kicks off on September 8th, with classes from high school to preschool. Sunday School meets weekly from 9:45-10:45 am. Everyone is welcome any week they are able to attend!

#### High School

Using the books God's Power to Change Your Life and God's Answers to Life's Difficult Questions, both by Rick Warren, along with videos, the Bible, and topical Bibles, we will explore what the Bible tells us about themes like stress, discouragement, loneliness, and failure.

- High School Leader - Jon Conary

#### Middle School

The Middle School learners will use the Sparkhouse Connect curriculum to take a journey through the Old Testament, exploring the connections between several Bible passages each week and relating biblical themes to their own lives. Quirky videos introduce topics and fun activities get the conversations going!

- Middle School Leaders - Samuel Bornhorst and Sarah Kuykendall

#### Preschool - Elementary School

Each week, Elementary and Preschool students meet for fellowship and singing in the sanctuary at 9:45 am before heading to their classrooms at 10 am. Elementary age groups participate in one workshop each week, such as drama, cooking, and Bible study and games. Preschool/ Kindergarten has several in-class workshops each week, including Bible story time, craft, and snack. 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, Rebecca Claycamp, and Chris Michel with tech support by Jason Mills
- Elementary Workshop Leaders - Lisa Conary, Janet Levine, and Anne Witten
- Lower Elementary Shepherd - Jacqui Bardill
- Preschool-Kindergarten - Jamie Pflasterer
- Pre-K /K Shepherd - Trish Taylor

#### Contact

Sunday School Superintendent, Janet Levine ([Lyle1Janet@msn.com](mailto:Lyle1Janet@msn.com)), with any questions or comments. See you on September 8th!

## ADULT EDUCATION

### PoP Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study meets every Tuesday from 12:30-2pm.

We will complete [A Life That is Good](#) (based on the book of Proverbs) on

July 2. For the remainder for the summer, we will listen to and discuss a variety of podcasts. If you have any suggestions of podcast topics you are interested in, please let Pastor Christine know. Join us any week you can and feel free to bring a bagged lunch.

Questions? See [Pastor Christine](#) ([pastorchristine@poplutheran.org](mailto:pastorchristine@poplutheran.org)).

**NOTE: We will not meet on July 23, August 6, August 27, and September 10. Our next book study (TBD) will resume on September 17.**



## SOCIAL MINISTRIES

### Gaithersburg HELP

What does HELP always need? Food and infant need donations, volunteers and financial donations. School's out so free breakfasts and lunches for needy kids come to an end until Fall. Peanut butter and jelly, tuna and breakfast cereals are always a big need, plus any other nonperishables. As far as volunteers, the Pantry can use a few new teams to hand out food to clients. This is a late afternoon job, one day a month, for teams of 2 or 3 people. If you would like to know more about working in the Pantry or any other volunteer role, please ask Hope Walker or check out the website, [GaithersburgHELP.org](http://GaithersburgHELP.org) for volunteer task descriptions.

### The Auxiliary at the Village at Rockville

**Free Workshop And Lunch At National Lutheran's Village At Rockville Tuesday July 16, 10:25 A.M.**

You are invited for a one hour informational workshop on Estate Planning Essentials and Mistakes to Avoid, followed by lunch. Attorneys Frank Baldino and Will Hellams will provide helpful information for you and your family to plan. Please register by contacting Alice Benson at [abenson@nationallutheran.org](mailto:abenson@nationallutheran.org) or 301-354-8422. Lang Hall, The Village at Rockville - 9701 Veirs Drive - Rockville, MD 20850.

**Beyond Memory Loss: Handling Personality Changes and Impulse Control Issues. Tuesday July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 3pm-4pm**

Many people don't understand why someone with dementia might exhibit odd behaviors or act so differently from the way they did before. This program will help you better navigate the symptoms of dementia that are difficult to understand and manage. Register by contacting Rochelle Clarke at [rclarke@thevillageatrockville.org](mailto:rclarke@thevillageatrockville.org) or 301-354-8442. Multi-Purpose Room, Terrace Level -- The Village at Rockville - 9701 Veirs Drive - Rockville, MD 20850.

### Caregiver Support Group.

Gather to share and receive emotional support while discussing solutions to common senior caregiving issues. Develop friendships and connections with others who are navigating similar aspects of family care. **Second and Fourth Tuesdays of each month, 3 - 4:30 pm.**

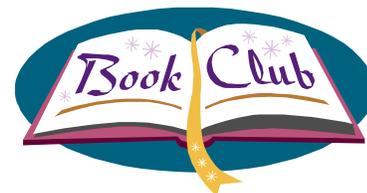
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## FELLOWSHIP

**We need great new people to join our team.** Please add your name and email to the Fellowship list. No pressure, you can pick and choose the events you would like to be involved in!!! Contact [Pamela Cook](mailto:Pamela Cook).

### Men's Book Club

The Men's Book Club of PoP kicks off its 2019-20 season with a lively discussion of Sinclair Lewis's It Can't Happen Here. "Written during the Great Depression [1935], when the country was largely oblivious to [Adolph] Hitler's aggression, it juxtaposes sharp political satire with the chillingly realistic rise of a president who becomes a dictator to save the nation from welfare cheats, sex, crime, and a liberal press." We will meet at the home of Sean Dillon on **Thursday, September 19 at 7:30 pm** for beer and munchies. All men of PoP and their male friends are cordially invited to share fellowship and good cheer. Please RSVP to [SDillon@PinnacleAdvisory.com](mailto:SDillon@PinnacleAdvisory.com)



### Women's Book Group

The Women's Book Group has selected The Gifts of Imperfection: Let Go of Who You Think You're Supposed to Be and Embrace Who You Are by Brené Brown. The author and professor offers a book that explores how to cultivate the courage, compassion, and connection to embrace your imperfections and to recognize that you are enough. Hope Walker hosts this event on **Thursday, July 11 at 7:30 pm.** RSVP to Hope at [hopedwalk04@hotmail.com](mailto:hopedwalk04@hotmail.com). All POP women are invited to attend.

This Is How It Always Is by Laurie Frankel is the August Women's Book Group selection. Debbie Chan will be hosting on **Thursday, August 8 at 7:30 pm.** This is a story of a family with a transgender child and the challenges they face.

Although not a true story, this book is based on the author's personal experiences.  
RSVP to Debbie at [Latour22@comcast.net](mailto:Latour22@comcast.net). All POP women are invited to attend.

**Future Book Selections and Hosts**

September 12 - A Peace of the World: A Novel

by Christina Baker Kline,  
hosted by Jennifer Maloney

October 10 - Fascism: A Warning

by Madeleine Albright,  
hosted by TBD

November 14 - The Orphan Keeper

by Camron Wright,  
hosted by TBD

**RECENT EVENTS**

Many views of the Yard Sale!



Opening volunteer workers



THE Big Tent



Toys and Games



Children's clothing



Having fun and being silly at the Yard Sale



Collectibles and Holiday decorations

**POP OFFICE**

**Serving in Worship Schedule**

The updated Serving in Worship schedule for the current and following months is posted on our [website](#) and the bulletin board in the narthex. Please review it and make arrangements for any conflicts. Thanks!

**Flower Chart**

**The Flower Chart for 2019 has been posted!**

Flowers can be given in memory or honor of a person or special occasion. A donation of \$35 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!



## Kitchen Care

Help us keep the kitchen tidy and organized! Please check out our new kitchen rules so that we can keep it clean and tidy and make it easier for everyone to use.

## ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. With wildfires, hurricanes, flooding, and earthquakes, there are many immediate needs here and around the world. Visit the [ELCA Disaster Response webpage \(https://elca.org/disaster\)](https://elca.org/disaster) to donate or learn more about how you can help.

## WORSHIP 101

Are you interested in learning more about who Lutherans are and why they worship the way they do? Check out 'Worship 101: The "whats, hows and whys" of Lutheran worship' (<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2019/06/worship-101/>).

## THINK ABOUT IT

I used to say that the devil never takes a vacation, so why should I? —and I never stopped to think that the devil wasn't to be my example.  
--Anonymous

When I rest, I rust.  
--Martin Luther

Be more concerned with your character than with your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are.  
--John Wooden

Rumor travels faster, but it don't stay as long as truth.  
Will Rogers

If man is not a divinity, then man is a disease. Either he is the image of God or else he is the one animal which has gone mad.  
--G.K. Chesterton

The sky is the daily bread of the eyes.  
--Ralph Waldo Emerson

Circumstances may appear to wreck our lives and God's plans, but God is not helpless among the ruins. Our broken lives are not lost or useless. God comes in and takes the calamity and uses it victoriously, working out his wonderful plan of love.  
--Eric Liddell

The bad news: The average American has just \$83.42 in the bank.  
The good news: The average American is \$4.6 trillion richer than the U.S. government.  
--Hope Health letter (2/96)

There are three ways to get something done:  
1. Do it yourself.  
2. Hire someone else to do it.  
3. Forbid your kids to do it.  
--Homiletics

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