



GLAD TIDINGS



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Our Fall Worship Schedule

Saturday Worship at 5 pm
Sunday Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 am
Sunday School at 9:45 am

Blessing of Animals

Our Annual Blessing of Animals will take place at our 5 pm Saturday service on October 5! Come and bring your pets!



Book Discussion!



The book [Dear Church](#) by Lenny Duncan is written by a black pastor in the ELCA, offering his perspective on race, social challenges, and the need for renewal within the church. Read the book

on your own ahead of time. Join us for discussion based on the book on **Wednesday, October 2 at 7pm in the fellowship hall.** Feel free to bring a snack to share. Questions? Contact [Pastor Christine](#).

Confirmands!

Confirmation Sunday on **October 13.** If you have any questions please contact [Lori Kohne](#) or [Pastor Steve](#).

Confirmation

HELP NEEDED!*



We are looking for someone to organize and lead our annual Trunk-or-Treat event, which will be held on **Friday, October 25th.** If you are interested in organizing this event, please contact [Pastor Christine](#).

ORDER NOW Advent devotional cards are available for purchasing **NOW.** We need to order EARLY, because last year they sold out. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex for anyone who wants to purchase these. These cards are appropriate for families, couples, or individuals. Questions? Please contact [Judy Bruening](#).

PB&J for the Hungry

It's Peanut Butter and Jelly time! POP is collecting peanut butter and jelly for Gaithersburg HELP to celebrate Back-to-School and 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. Any other donations of non-perishables are of course very welcome.



Holy Land Trip

Pastor Steve will be leading a group of 21 people to the Holy Land from October 15-28! We'll be traveling throughout both Israel and Jordan. Watch our posts on Prince of Peace's Facebook page. We'll also be putting together a presentation for the congregation after we return.



From Pastor Christine...

Pastor Christine Dunn
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301-869-3666)



On September 2nd, the 4th annual Montgomery County Interfaith 5K was held! It is hard for me to believe that we've been at this for four years. I can still remember sitting in Starbucks with Allison (a member of Shaare Torah) a month or so after their synagogue had been vandalized through a hate crime. Her idea to counter hate was this 5K - an event that would bring people of all faiths (or no claimed faith) together and in the process, demonstrate to the community the goodness which exists in religion. Additionally, she and I believed that by inviting community members to participate in an event whose mission was centered on celebrating diversity, we could help make Montgomery County a healthier community. It was a big dream. But, a dream that many have joined in on. And I am so thankful! I am very much looking forward to next year, and the following years.

While we don't have specific numbers yet, we know that our registration was at its highest ever (YAY!). Also, members of Prince of Peace, you all came out in force! PoP had the largest team in attendance, with over 45 of you participating in the race itself, and then a mighty group of you volunteering to support the race. Thank you so very much! Showing up and supporting events like these are public ways we witness to our faith and demonstrate how the love of Jesus can and does change the world.

We are in the process of examining how next year will look. We know a few things need to change. We have the basics of what we've been doing down pretty well. However, we want this event to become a staple in people's Labor Day plans, and so it's time for more dreaming. We know we need more continuous participation on the Board. This is a large endeavor, especially as we seek to grow. We are considering inviting a few more congregations (of varying faiths) to join us. We are also looking at ways to garner greater sponsorship to help defer costs, so that our beneficiaries (Gaithersburg Help and C4) will reap more benefits. If you are interested in

participating, please see me. You DO NOT need to be a runner. We are looking for innovation, connection with sponsors and other community organizations, and anyone who is willing to put some work into growing this event.

Next year's race will be September 7. So, mark it on your calendars now.

Thank you again for your dedication and commitment to this event.

In Christ's service with you,
Pastor Christine

October Highlights

Every Sunday

8:30 am Worship with piano and guitar (pg 1)

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11:00 am Worship with organ and piano (pg 1)

A Supervised nursery is available during Sunday Services

Every Tuesday

10:00 am Quilters

12:30 pm Women's Bible Study* (pg 5)

*Not meeting October 15 and 22.

Every Wednesday

7:30 pm Adult Choir (pg 5)

Every Thursday

7:30 pm Grace Notes

Every Saturday

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COMING UP...

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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, Chris Knaus, Mike
Langum, Remi Langum, Kaitlyn McGurgan & her
family, Jim McNerney, Dick & Sandy Moore,
Heather Robinson, Sherry Schiebel, Denny
Tritinger, Paul Welborn, Laura Wilson, Angelo
Witten & family, Nancy Wolejsza, John Zobel.

Sympathy

Family of Celia Horne (aunt of Nettie Horne)
Family of Joseph Lankford, II (brother of Martha
Rogers)
Family of Pastor Dave Percy

Thanksgiving

Wedding of Meghan Calabro & Greg Von Wald

Godspeed

Everyone going on the Holy Land trip

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 two special
volunteer opportunities.

Eagle Scout Project

On October 26 from 8 am to 4 pm, Camden
Spielman, in conjunction with Boy Scouts from
Troop 1097 for his Eagle Project, will be
revamping the trail and garden area, behind the
Youth Center. Volunteer help from members of
Prince of Peace would be much appreciated!
Volunteers will be mulching, as well as improving
the space where the Fruitful Fields garden was
located. If you have work gloves, shovels, and
wheelbarrows, please bring them! Lunch will be
provided at 12. Thank you! Contact
Camden.Spielman@gmail.com with any questions.



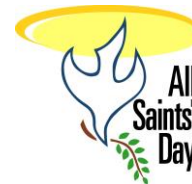
Haven Universe SNA

We're getting together a group of adult PoP
volunteers to help at a Haven Universe "Saturday
Night Alive" (SNA) event at Lakelands Park
Middle School on Sat. Nov. 9 from 4-7 pm. The
event provides a variety of "sports," games, arts &
crafts and Good News messages to those with
special needs and disabilities, including those
that provide support/care for them. Contact Ric
Kienzle (r.kienzle@yahoo.com) to sign up or get
more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

All Saints' Day

On All Saints' Day, November 3,
we will celebrate one of the
oldest festivals of the Church.
During worship there will be a
time to remember family and
friends who have gone before us. If there are
some special people you would like to remember
on this day, please submit their names to the
Church Office (office@poplutheran.org) and their
names will be spoken during the service. Please
include your name, their name(s), relationship to
you, and whether the passing occurred in the past
year. Please submit names by **Wednesday,
October 30.**



Mission Honduras

We are again planning to send a group of missionaries with Haven Universe to serve Honduras in late June 2020. If you're interested in going or just want more information email [Ric Kienzle \(r.kienzle@yahoo.com\)](mailto:Ric.Kienzle@yahoo.com) or sign up on the sheet in the narthex. We were blessed to have five serve in 2019 and are looking to continue to grow this mission.

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](#) or [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)

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). 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) or Kwame Mensah (mensahkn@gmail.com) with any questions.

Electronic Giving

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



AmazonSmile

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YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School

High School

Our High School class has two branches this year. The first branch is a focus on some of life's difficult problems such as stress, failure, depression, discouragement, and loneliness, as well as paths to peace of mind, confidence, kindness, patience, self-control, etc. We will explore topics these using Rick Warren's books, among others.

The second branch is our experiment - which is to use movies to open discussions on how to handle difficulties people face. We will watch part of a movie, identify the difficulties the characters are facing and, using the Bible, concordances and topical Bibles, explore what help we can find there.

So, if you are in 9th through 12th grade, please come by and check us out.



EDITOR'S NOTE:
Check out more
about Sunday School
on page 7.

ADULT EDUCATION

Living into the Word

Living in the Word is a new Bible study opportunity for adults at Prince of Peace and their friends! Each month, using material prepared by Pastor Steve, there will be a number of small groups formed to discuss one of Sunday Bible readings. Each small group will be led by a facilitator, who will lead the discussion. The groups will meet at various times and days, some at the church and some at other locations.

All you need to do to participate is sign-up for a particular group using our [Sign up Genius link](#). Each group is a one time event, and does not commit you beyond that group's meeting. We hope that these groups will give everyone an opportunity to find a time and place to get together with other Christians, to engage more deeply with each other and the scriptures, and to share insight and perspectives with one another.

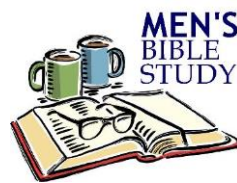
PoP Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study meets every Tuesday from 12:30-2pm. We are currently reading and discussing [The Cup of Our Life](#) by Joyce Rupp. We'll explore how ordinary cups used each day can become sacred vessels that connect readers with life and bring them into closer union with the Divine. So bring your cup and join us. Feel free to bring a bagged lunch. Questions? See [Pastor Christine](#) (pastorchristine@poplutheran.org).



NOTE: PoP Women's Bible Study will not meet on Tuesday, October 15 and 22.

Men's Group Bible Study



**MEN'S
BIBLE
STUDY**

Men's Group Bible Study meets every Saturday morning around 8:00 am. Join us for coffee, donuts, fellowship, and a discussion on the Bible readings for the

weekend. It's a good way to get ready for the Sunday sermon!

Bible Art Journaling

Bible Art Journaling typically meets one Sunday evening per month. Our next gathering will be



November 3 from 7pm-9pm. Carmen Hill, a member at Prince of Peace, uses her artistic skills to guide us in our creativity based on a brief scripture lesson led by Pastor Christine. No advance preparation or materials are necessary. This is a fun and creative way to get into God's Word and to enjoy one another's company. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Christine.

MUSIC

Adult Choir



The POP Adult Choir is looking for singers- all voice types, ages and levels! We are a group that loves to sing, and we warmly encourage all levels of experience to sing with us. We rehearse every **Wednesday 7:30-9:00 pm**, and we sing at the late service one Sunday a month. Please join us. If you have any questions, please contact our Choir Director, Lindsey Paradise (Lindsey_paradise@yahoo.com).

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Gaithersburg HELP

Peanut Butter and Jelly

Thanks for all of the peanut butter and Jelly donations. As of 9/15 you have kindly donated 32 peanut butter jars and 23 jelly jars, some of which are huge. We will continue collecting through October.

Other Needs

Additional big needs are cereal and infant items - formula, baby food and diapers.

Grant/Donations

Gaithersburg HELP has been given a matching grant by a donor for \$6000. If you have any thoughts of donating to Gaithersburg HELP, now through the end of October would be a perfect time, in order for your donation to be matched. Personal donations have always been a big part of HELP's budget, and unfortunately those have gone down in the last year. Thanks for any help you might want to give.

FELLOWSHIP

Saturday Dinner Out

We invite you to PoP Dinner Out immediately following the Saturday evening service! This is a casual way to gather with others, break bread, and enjoy some fellowship. On **Saturday, October 5**, we will be going to YoYoGi Sushi (317 Main St. in the Kentlands) and invite you to join us **around 6:15pm**. We keep it low-key and just pull tables together to enjoy each other's company. All are welcome! Any questions please contact Ric Kienzle @ r.kienzle@yahoo.com

We will go to Gemelli's Italian Market (12169 Darnestown Rd) on Saturday, November 2.



Fellowship Meal

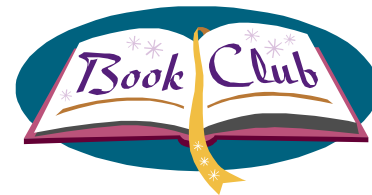
POP Board Game Night

Do you enjoy playing board games? For a night of board gaming and fellowship come to a POP Board Game Night. Watch Weekly Email and bulletin inserts for date and time to meet in the fellowship hall. Questions? Contact Chris Michel at michel_christian@yahoo.com



Men's Book Club

The Men's Book Club continues its lively fall season with a reading of Last Train to Paradise by acclaimed novelist Les Standiford. "The book is a fast-paced and gripping true account of the extraordinary construction and spectacular demise of the Key West Railroad—one of the greatest engineering feats ever undertaken, destroyed in one fell swoop by the strongest storm ever to hit U.S. shores." All men of Prince of Peace and their male friends are cordially invited to join us for beer and munchies at the home of Mike DeGeorge on **Thursday, October 17 at 7:30pm**. Please RSVP to Mike at mpd1023@aol.com



Women's Book Group

On Thursday, October 10, at 7:30 pm, the Women's Book Group will be discussing Fascism: Warning by Madeleine Albright, a personal examination of fascism in the twentieth century and how its legacy shapes today's world. All POP women are welcome. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at PoP. Please RSVP to Jennifer Maloney at maloney.jenn@gmail.com.

Future Book Selections and Hosts

November 14 - The Orphan Keeper

by Camron Wright,
hosted by TBD

December 12 - Virgil Wander

by Leif Enger,
hosted by TBD

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January 9 - The Woman in Cabin 10

by Ruth Ware,
hosted by TBD

RECENT EVENTS

Rally Day!



The High School Class watched part of the movie *My Neighbor Totoro* - an approach they are experimenting with to introduce discussion - and identified themes of fear and change. Notice the beautiful paint job in the background which several of our high schoolers accomplished with the help of leader Jon Conary.



Middle Schoolers kicked off the new school year by playing ice breakers like Apples to Apples to get to know each other prior to diving into the Old Testament curriculum this year.



The Upper Elementary class compared translations of the 23rd Psalm.



Then they played games, including blow-the-cotton-ball sheep to remind them that even in the most difficult times, God - the Good Shepherd - is with us.

The Lower Elementary class made cute and yummy sheep snacks after reading about and discussing the Good Shepherd.



Then they used teamwork to solve a 23rd Psalm puzzle.



The PreK/K class learned about the Good Shepherd and ate a yummy snack, and then made a darling sheep craft which could stand on its own little clothespin legs.

Please join us any week you're able to attend!

POP OFFICE

Serving in Worship Schedule

The Serving in Worship schedule for October and November has been 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](#) to donate or learn more about how you can help.

THINK ABOUT IT

The Top 10 Reasons It's Great to Be an Usher.

10. You get to wear a badge.
9. You don't have to sit on a hard pew for the whole service.
8. You can slip out to the restroom if you need to, and nobody notices.
7. You get to tell people where to go.
6. You get to take money from people.
5. You don't have to be as friendly as the greeters.
4. You get to eat a lot of breath mints.
3. If a screaming child bothers you, you can do something about it.
2. Preachers preach to the choir, not to the ushers.
1. You get to seat latecomers in the front row.

--Jerry Beres, Russell Snyder

My five-year-old son was proud that he had graduated from bow ties to a necktie just like Dad's. But one Sunday morning, with his hand clutching his tie tightly, I heard this panicked whisper: "Dad, why did the pastor say they're going to collect the ties and offerings?"

--G. Brian Manning

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