



GLAD TIDINGS



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Please remember that although the office is closed, you may still:

- Call or email the office (or the Pastors directly) - we will be monitoring email and voicemail from home, so it's always possible to contact us;
- Drop off food for Gaithersburg HELP at the church - the bins are outside each door under the covered walkways. Gaithersburg HELP volunteers will come by periodically to take that food to the pantry (it is also possible to order food online to ship to volunteers, and to [donate directly to Gaithersburg HELP on their website](#)); (For more ways to help Gaithersburg HELP, [please click here.](#))
- Send offering checks to the church (although [we're encouraging online donations](#) if you can do that.) But, mail will still be checked and your offerings deposited. We appreciate your continued support of our congregation during this time!

As we move forward, we will continue to monitor the situation and adjust as necessary!

2020 Yard Sale



We regret to announce that 2020 Yard Sale has been delayed (not canceled!) until Fall due to social distancing rules still in effect for Montgomery

County. Please hold onto your valuable items until our rescheduled event. We are tentatively planning to hold Yard Sale on Saturday, Aug 29, 2020, and in any event we will try to avoid Labor Day weekend, since it seems likely that many more people than usual will go away due to Memorial Day plans being changed. We can't wait to see you all, and to continue this great community tradition. If you have any questions or suggestions, please reach out to [Christian Michel](#) and/or [Bill Harral](#).

Ways We Are Getting Help

Many stores that supply groceries have special hours for seniors and those at risk. The link below is a list of the stores with their location, phone number, special hours information.

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS/Resources/Files/COVID19GroceryStores.pdf>

Many stores, including grocery and retail, are offering curb side pick-up. Order online, drive to the store, and pick up your order when you present your ID.



Don't forget to contact Pastor Steve or Pastor Christine if you need help.

A Way to Help



Gaithersburg HELP is stressed and suffering from this shut down. They are in desperate need of donations and help. Go to pages 4 and 5 to see how you can help and for more information.

Piano Music

Danielle Drobny will offer "Jazz, Spirituals and Gospel piano arrangements" each Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm! These will be streamed live on our Facebook page!



Story Time

Pastor Christine leads story time for children every Friday at 7:00 pm!





From Pastor Steve...

Pastor Steve Buechler
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A few weeks ago, [I spoke in one of my sermons about living in a “new normal”](#). We’ve all been living in a different kind of “normal” lately. In fact, sometimes what passes for “normal” can change on almost a daily basis. And we should expect a number of “new normals” before things settle down.

Much of what makes “new normals” difficult is that we have to adapt to doing things we never did before. And often, we have to find new ways of doing old things. Most of the time, we focus on the changes that are most annoying - having to wear masks in public, standing in line to be admitted to the store, and most of all, not being able to gather with friends, family and fellow church members.

And yet, “new normals” often present new opportunities and innovations as well. One of those opportunities at Prince of Peace has been offering worship and other opportunities online. Of course, it’s been necessary to do this for the past couple of months. But in the process, we’ve been reaching and connecting with people who haven’t been able to worship with us in person in a long time. We’ve reached people we’ve never met. And we’ve discovered new ways to provide spiritual opportunities for people in addition to the things we used to do “in person.”

To me, this is clearly a sign that God is showing us a new way of living our life together that we shouldn’t put away once we’re back to “in person” events. So, we are working to improve and enhance online experiences, and we’re planning to make online worship and activities part of our regular “new normal” even after in-person events are able to resume.

Everyone should know that, as we get to the point where we can begin what will surely be a slow and gradual re-opening, online worship will continue to be available to you even if you can’t be physically present, or don’t feel comfortable coming out. And, we will also arrange to have

communion brought to those who aren’t able to be here.

While there are many parts of our current “new normal” that I’ll be happy to leave behind, there have been some new and exciting opportunities like this that we’ve discovered. And we’re going to make sure that online worship continues to be part of our next “new normal.”

Yours in Christ,

June Highlights

Every Sunday

- 9:30 am Preschool and Elementary Sunday School on Zoom (last class on June 7)
- 10:00 am Worship streamed on our Facebook Page

Every Monday

- 8:30 pm Night Prayer - Pastor Steve will lead us in Compline (10-15 minute prayer at the close of the day). This will be streamed on our Facebook page.

Every Tuesday

- 12:30 pm Women’s Bible Study (pg 5)

Every Wednesday

- 7:30 pm Jazz, Spirituals and Gospel piano arrangements on our Facebook page

Every Friday

- 7:00 pm Story Time for Children - Pastor Christine will lead story time for children. This will be streamed on our Facebook page.

COMING UP...

June

- 7 Last Sunday for Youth Sunday School
- 11 Women’s Book Group
- 14 Flag Day
- 20 Summer Begins
- 21 Father’s Day

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, Annie Hampe, Roy Johnson, Mike & Remi Langum, Kaitlyn McGurgan & her family, Dick and Sandy Moore, Heather Robinson, Martha Rogers, Sherry Schiebel, Laura Wilson, Angelo Witten & family

Thanksgiving

Safe return of Chris Knaus from deployment

Ongoing Worldwide

All those struggling with Covid-19 and their Caregivers

The complete Prayer List is available in the Weekly Email sent on Thursdays and at the following website:

https://poplutheran.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/PoP_Prayer_List.pdf

https://poplutheran.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/PoP_Prayer_List.pdf

STEWARDSHIP

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Online Giving

It's easy and will make your life easier. Just go to the church [webpage \(poplutheran.org\)](https://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!



YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School

Thanks to Our Sunday School Leaders! Although these photos are from last year, the same dedicated leaders served this year, too. Thanks to all for their loving commitment to our children!



Opening Leaders - Danielle Drobny, Rebecca Claycamp, Chris Michel with tech support by Jason Mills



Preschool-Kindergarten Leader - Jamie Pflasterer
Preschool-Kindergarten Shepherd - Trish Taylor
Elementary Workshop Leaders - Lisa Conary, Janet Levine, Anne Witten
Lower Elementary Shepherd - Jacqui Bardill
Middle School Leaders - Samuel Bornhorst, Sarah Kuykendall



High School Leader - Jon Conary

Sunday School Superintendent - Janet Levine

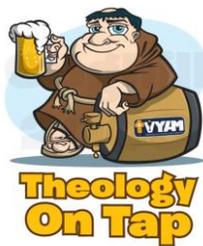
ADULT EDUCATION

Living into the Word

Each month, using material prepared by Pastor Steve, we have the opportunity to study and discuss a Sunday Bible reading. Look for new dates and times in the Weekly Email and online worship notice. We are currently connecting on Zoom. Logon and join in!

Theology on Tap

Join us for our next Theology on Tap session to talk about issues of faith. Pastor Steve leads one of these events each month. Check Weekly Email and the online worship notice for the next date. We are currently meeting on Zoom. Logon and join us!



PoP Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study meets every Tuesday from 12:30-2pm. We are currently meeting on Zoom, studying various verses using lectio divina procedure and looking at participating in a different study soon. For more



information or questions, see [Pastor Christine \(pastorchristine@poplutheran.org\)](mailto:pastorchristine@poplutheran.org).

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Gaithersburg HELP

Normally when I write this monthly update on what's going on with Gaithersburg HELP, I try to sound kind of businesslike. But this month, I'm going personal. I am just so very deeply appreciative of what Prince of Peace is doing to help HELP during this time of community crisis. I've been loading up my car regularly with donated food from the baskets at both church doors, and I saw a list of recent financial contributor names which was full of POP folks. You are wonderful!

Instead of scheduling 20 families each evening from Monday through Friday, HELP is now doing up to 35, with some Saturdays also scheduled. The number of new client families scheduled each month increased 2.5 times in March and a shocking 7 times in April. Meanwhile our suppliers are struggling to fill our orders, so we have weird shortages (vegetables and rice right now). The cost of purchasing food has obviously increased based on the surge in client numbers, but added to that is a high increase in price of some items. For instance we were just notified that the frozen beef and turkey that we give out will now cost \$2 more per pound.

There is good news - a huge outpouring of personal donations. A business owner in the area showed up at the Pantry door last week and handed us a check for \$5,000, there have been a few unexpected community grants, and many individual donors have been very generous. We are assuming that the high rate of donations will probably taper off, but financially, things are temporarily very good.

Especially in need now, in addition to the usual cereals, are the items that the suppliers cannot get: canned vegetables except corn, 1 pound bags of rice, and diapers.

Gaithersburg HELP's motto is "Neighbor Helping Neighbor", and you are all modeling that behavior awesomely. Thank you!

Hope Walker

How to Donate to Gaithersburg HELP

[Gaithersburg HELP](#) is in serious need of food as well as financial donations due to the huge increase in community need. Because many people have asked how they can help, we are offering the following three options - drop food off to either of two locations, ship food, or donate money. Details are provided below. Please note that if you already have an organization or friend collecting food for HELP, you may continue using that approach. Thank you for your concern.

Drop-off: If you want to drop off food at the **Pantry**, please adhere to the specified time frame. Deliveries can be safely dropped outside only during the time period shown. If you want to drop off donations at the church, please leave them outside:

- Gaithersburg HELP Pantry, 301 Muddy Branch Rd, **only** between 1:00 and 3:00 PM, Mon- Fri when volunteers are in the pantry and can move deliveries inside. Do not leave things at other hours as they will likely disappear.
- **Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**, 11900 Darnestown Rd. (**Leave food under the covered area by either the front or back doors.**)

Online: If you would like to order online and have food shipped, here are four home addresses of volunteers who have covered porches to receive deliveries. **Specify Gaithersburg HELP as the addressee** on the order form:

- 157 Bralan Lane, Gaithersburg MD 20877
- 12829 Doe Lane, Gaithersburg MD 20878
- 211 E. Deer Park Dr, Gaithersburg MD 20877
- 18430 Cape Jasmine Way, Gaithersburg MD 20879

All types of nonperishable, healthy foods are needed, including cereal, canned fruit, vegetables, beans, tuna, peanut butter, rice, spaghetti. We also need diapers in all sizes.

Donate Money: Financial donations can be mailed to Gaithersburg HELP at the above address or through the donate link on the Gaithersburg HELP website [by clicking here](#).

The Auxiliary at TVAR

Many thanks to all who joined the Auxiliary of the Village at Rockville; **you are making a difference!** So far, we raised \$570 for Auxiliary projects such as birthday parties, entertainment, 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 church foyer and memberships can be mailed to Donna Von Wald or directly to The Auxiliary. Please make checks to "The Auxiliary, TVAR".

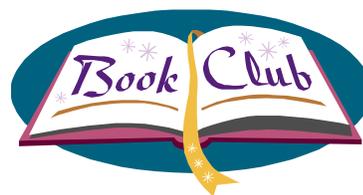
For more info on the work of the Auxiliary, see <https://www.thevillageatrockville.org/auxiliary/>.

FELLOWSHIP

Women's Book Group

On **Thursday, June 11, 7:30 pm**, the Women's Book Group shall gather once again via Zoom, to discuss *Where The Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. The link will be sent out a few days before the meeting.

For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. The young girl, sensitive and intelligent, has survived alone in the marsh. She takes pleasure in her natural world but, as she grows older, she yearns for more.



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. Most current for many of us is the Covid-19 pandemic. Visit the [ELCA Disaster Response webpage](https://elca.org/disaster) (<https://elca.org/disaster>) to donate or learn more about how you can help.



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THINK ABOUT IT

Our young daughter was learning the fruit of the Spirit, so I asked her to recite them to me. "Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and *remote* control!" was her reply.

--Laura Smith

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.

--John Wesley

We are all missionaries. Wherever we go, we either bring people nearer to Christ, or we repel them from Christ.

--Eric Liddell

We want, in fact, not so much a Father in heaven as a grandfather in heaven---a senile benevolence who, as they say, "liked to see young people enjoying themselves" and whose plan for the universe was simply that it might be truly said at the end of each day, "a good time was had by all."

--J.B. Phillips

My husband admired our six-year-old daughter while she was dancing around the kitchen. Finally, he stopped her with a hug.

"You know," he said, looking Amy in the eyes, "you're cute---just like your father."

Amy was silent for a moment. "You mean my heavenly Father or you?"

--Jane Stanford

Faith is the inborn capacity to see God behind everything, the wonder that keeps you an eternal child. Wonder is the very essence of life. Beware always of losing the wonder, and the first thing that stops wonder is religious conviction. Whenever you give a trite testimony, the wonder is gone. The evidence of salvation is that the sense of wonder is developing.

--Oswald Chambers

The world is not lacking in wonders, but in a sense of wonder.

--G.K. Chesterton



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