



GLAD TIDINGS



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DEADLINES IN A FEW DAYS

The Interfaith 5k walk/run sign up is open!

[Register Here!](#) PoP continues to be a sponsor and supporter of this event and we are hoping to have our largest turnout yet this year. Can we have the largest team?! Please sign up! When you do, please select to join the Prince of Peace team. More information is available at <https://mocointerfaith5k.org/>.

Any questions please reach out to [Ric Kienzle](#). Thank you!"

Please join the VBS in collecting food items for Gaithersburg Help. PB&J, fruit cups, cereal, tuna, and macaroni & cheese are needed. Donations will be collected through September 3rd.

"God's Work Our Hands"

Sunday is September 10! Following the 10 am service, we will use "our hands" to cleanse, refresh, and restore our house of worship. Inside and outside tasks to be completed-NEED your hands to help! Come join us and [sign up here](#) to volunteer for specific tasks.



Sunday School



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We will have classes for youth from preschool through high school ages. Everyone is welcome any week they can attend!

More information can be found on pages 4 and 5.

Food, Fun and Fellowship!

We'll be having a Fall Festival on Saturday, October 14 from 8 am - 2 pm. We'll have food, activities and displays for the congregation and the whole community! But, as part of this effort, **we need to find artisans and vendors** who would be willing to come and display their arts and services ([click here to read more](#)). If you or anyone you know might be interested, or if you'd like to help with the planning of the Fall Festival, please contact [Pamela Cook](#)!



Church Directory Update



It's time to update the church directory! Many members have had demographic information change, (and we all see those small children in the family photos have grown up). Please email your contact updates (email/ mailing address, phone number, etc.) to the church office OR update the paper copy on the wall in the narthex. If an update to your family photo is needed, please feel free to take a current photo of you/your family and email it to the [church office](#) to be included in the directory. Thank you for helping to keep contact information up to date!

Note: Ukraine Event Postponed

The event to raise funds and awareness about Ukraine scheduled for September 30th has been postponed for a later date.

Blessing of Animals



Our Annual Blessing of Animals will take place at our 5 pm Saturday service on October 14! Come and bring your pets!



From Pastor Steve...

Pastor Steve Buechler
(pastor@poplutheran.org;
301-869-3666)

Early fall is the season to plant grass. This has always seemed counter-intuitive to me. Fall is the season of harvesting. It's the time when leaves begin to change. And the impatiens on my deck are starting to get thin and develop yellow leaves. It just doesn't seem like this should be a season for planting, or even for expecting things to start to grow.

But over the years, I've learned that this is the way grass works. If you want grass to grow thick in the spring, and maybe even survive into the next summer (!), you need to plant in the fall. And you need to water in the fall. And you should even expect to see growth in the fall.

Often, as we enter September and begin again our "fall programming" at church, it feels like we're getting back into a routine that we took a break from over the summer. Confirmation and Sunday School begin again, and we're already starting to think about many of the big things that will happen towards the end of the year as we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas. It doesn't usually feel like a season for planting new things or looking for new growth. Indeed, there are usually enough things on our plates already!

But sometimes, God works in our lives in ways that also seem counter intuitive. God often calls us to plant, even when it doesn't feel like a season for planting. God often calls us to look for new growth even, and sometimes especially, when it feels like other things may be winding down. And God often surprisingly calls us to look for new opportunities, even when we enter seasons when it would be easy to put the wheels in the ruts and just do what we've always done.

So, in this new fall season, let's be open to not only doing things we've done before, but also open to ways that God may be calling us to plant for future seasons, and to look for new opportunities to grow, even when it might seem counter intuitive.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steve

September Highlights

Every Sunday

10:00 am Worship live and streamed on our Facebook Page

11:00 am Sunday School (pp 1, 4, 5)

Every Monday

6:30 pm Grace Notes Rehearsal (pg 5)

Every Tuesday

10:00 am Quilters (pp 5, 8)

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

Second Saturday Service - in order to provide an additional opportunity for worship apart from Sunday morning, we will hold a 5 pm Saturday service on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Our next service will be on Sat., September 9. This service will have the same sermon and readings as the Sunday service but will not be livestreamed.

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



COUNCIL CORNER

July 2023

News and Views from the PoP Church Council

NEWS

Here are the updates from the July Church Council meeting.

Finances: Giving continues to be good; although, we are still a little bit behind expenses. (Council notes).

Solar panel project: Still making slow but steady progress.

Feast Fund: Meetings and discussions are in progress.

VBS: The evening format worked very well. We had good adult participation and most of the elementary age youth came to one or more sessions.

VIEWS

- A God's Work, Our Hands clean up event is scheduled for September 10 after the service the purpose is the clean up our church and church property.
- The Sunday School program starts on September 17 (Rally Day). We will celebrate the start of Sunday School with a cook out details are still being worked out.
- We are planning our Fall Festival for October 14. There will be a number of activities including an Artisan Fair.

Thank you again for your continued support with both time and talents.

Respectfully,
Jon Conary

Council met on July 11. You can read notes from that meeting (including the Pastor's and Treasurer's report) [by clicking here.](#)

SPECIAL PRAYERS

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



PoP Members

Alice & James Baur, William Bolek, Elizabeth Langum Chung, Brittany (DeGeorge) Daniel, Laura Hampe Garofalo, Carmen Hooks-Hill, Roy Johnson, Mike & Remi Langum, Anne Lomperis, Kaitlyn

McGurgan & her family, Kathy Mellott, John Militzer, Dick Moore, Heather Robinson, David & Martha Rogers, Sherry Schiebel, Denny Tritinger, Cynthia Watter, Susan Weiner, Laura Wilson, John Zobel

Sympathy

Family of June Bingaman (mother of Nancy Morton)
Family of Ann Callahan
Family of Bob Plitt (friends of Sherry Schiebel)
Family of Gloria Stickel (godmother of Susan Weiner)

Thanksgiving

The safe return of our Honduras Mission Team
Birth of Phearson Alderich Carr (son of David and Carolyn Carr, grandson of Peter and Becky Carr)
Birth of Leo Phillip Varipapa (grandson of Cherie & Mike DeGeorge, son of Lindsey (DeGeorge) & Robbie Varipapa)
Sophia Roach & Family (friend of Kienzle family friend)

Ongoing

The people of Ukraine
For Racial justice and equality
All those struggling with Covid-19 and their Caregivers
All those impacted by weather

The complete Prayer List is available in the Weekly Email sent on Thursdays.

SPOTLIGHT

Prince of Peace is in full bloom with fresh flower arrangements on Sundays!!

Please help us by ordering an arrangement. The cost will be \$40.00. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Pamela Cook at 301-806-8016 (call or text).



Snack after Sunday Service is back! If you are interested in helping, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Thank you for all your help! If you have any questions, you can contact Pamela Cook at 301-806-8016 (call or text).



UPCOMING EVENTS

Honduras Mission 2023 & 2024

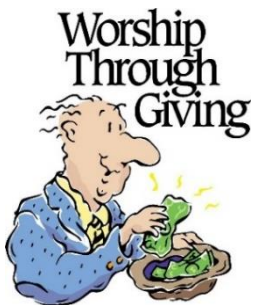
Come after service on October 1st at 11:00am in the sanctuary to hear from the PoP members who attended the 2023 Honduras Mission Trip and learn about the projects and outreach which took place in June. See pictures of all the places where God's hands and feet were at work. This will also be an opportunity for those potentially interested in the June 2024 mission trip to ask questions and learn about how you can be part of the next mission! Questions can be directed to [Ric Kienzle](#).

Membership Drive for The Village at Rockville Auxiliary

In October, the Social Justice Ministry Committee will be kicking off a membership drive for the Auxiliary at The Village at Rockville. Please watch for more information on the drive in the church narthex and in your mailbox! Funds are used to support projects such as birthday parties, entertainment, and bus trips for residents. The Village is also a great place to volunteer. It is conveniently located near Darnestown Rd and Glen Mill Rd. There are opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to volunteer such as reading to or visiting residents, wheelchair escorts, administrative duties, leading activities, and sharing your talents. There is also a Student Volunteer Program where students can earn SSL hours. For volunteer info, check out their [website](#) or contact the volunteer coordinator at 301-424-9560 x18462.

STEWARDSHIP

Yes, it is true! Church Giving envelopes are



available to all who would like them. After a long "supply issue" delay the boxes of weekly donation envelopes are here for the asking. Boxes are also available on the table in the Narthex at church if you want to pick them up. Simply write the Box # on the paper with your Name so we can add

you to the Donations spreadsheet. We are also interested to know which of you would like to continue getting Giving Envelopes for next year. They need to be ordered soon. **Please contact [Helen Griffith](#) if you are interested in Envelopes for 2024.** Email or call 301-518-4320 with questions regarding pickup.

Online Giving

It's easy and will make your life easier. Just go to the church [webpage](#) 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](#) or [Kwame Mensah](#) 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

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We will have classes for youth from preschool through high school ages. Everyone is welcome any week they can attend!

Preschool through Elementary School



We will use Group's Simply Loved curriculum, which has popular elements of VBS, such as Bible buddies, videos, games, and experiments. This fall, a new weekly Bible story will support a Bible truth about

God's love and trustworthiness. Each week, we will meet for Opening in the sanctuary, introducing a Bible truth and sharing our offerings. Next, we will head to our Preschool and Elementary classrooms. During our time together, we will share a simple breakfast or snack. Lisa Conary, Janet Levine, Jamie Pflasterer, and Anne Witten will be our workshop leaders. Trish Taylor will be our elementary shepherd. We want your students to feel comfortable, so remember that parents are always welcome in class.

Middle School

Middle School class will use the Sparkhouse Re:form curriculum, which brings Bible stories alive using animated short videos that combine fun and theology to get young people thinking. Once a

month, we will join the High School class to work on SSL-eligible service projects during class. Lauren Gibson will lead our Middle School class.

High School

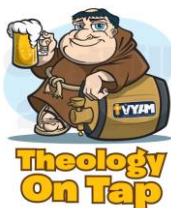
We will decide together on the topics to explore this fall. In addition, we will team up with Middle School to work together monthly on SSL-eligible service projects during the Sunday School hour. So, if you are in 9th through 12th grade, please come by and check us out. Jon Conary will lead our High School class.

Please contact [Janet Levine](#) or your learner's Sunday School leaders with any questions or concerns.

ADULT EDUCATION

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 worship bulletin for the next date and join us!



PoP Women's Bible Study



The Women's Bible Study meets every Tuesday from 12:30-2pm in person and on Zoom. We are currently discussing *Exodus*.

Questions? Contact [Pastor Wendy Deeben](#).

MUSIC

Grace Notes

Is this the year to dust off your trumpet, trombone, saxophone, drums, guitar or other musical instrument and start playing again? Have you always wanted to sing or play with "the Band"? Grace Notes is looking for musicians and singers. We rehearse Monday nights from 6:30 to 8:00pm and are working toward the goal of playing once a month during our worship service.



Time commitment is rehearsal 3-4 times a month and playing at one Sunday service a month.

Contact [Jon Conary](#) for more information.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Gaithersburg HELP



Thanks for the donations! The congregation has been very generous all summer. What things are especially needed?

Diapers - Sizes 4 and 5 are always in short supply, and the number of families needing them keeps growing.

Food - tuna, PB&J, cereals, rice, canned fruit, etc, etc.

Volunteers - Phone coordinators to take calls from clients needing rides or food; involves working from home one or more days a month for a few hours
- Daytime drivers to take elderly neighbors to local appointments; accept as many rides per month as you'd like



- **Produce pickup people** to take donations from the Kentlands Farmers Market to the Pantry on Muddy Branch Road; on scheduled Saturdays at 1pm. Good for building arm muscles.

-And other fun stuff!

Please contact [Hope Walker](#) (or call 240-888-5459) and I'll be happy to talk to you about what the jobs involve, or go to the [website](#).

Quilters



Would you like to change the world for someone? Can you tie a knot or tear/cut a piece of cloth? Then join the Quilter's group, Tuesday mornings from 10:00 am till noon at the church or work from home. We also can use donations of cloth (cotton preferred).

We are changing the world one quilt at a time!

Contact [Lisa Conary](#) for more information.

Fabric Donations Needed

Do you have some fabric in your home that you are not going to use? The PoP Quilters are in need of fabric and sheets for quilts. We use sheets for the backing and other pieces of cloth for squares. Cotton is best but blends work as well. Please leave any fabric donations in the church office or music room.



If you have questions, please contact [Lisa Conary](#).

Social Justice Ministry News

Alzheimer's Awareness Walk

Join the Village At Rockville (aka the National Lutheran Home) on **Sunday, October 7th**, for their first annual Alzheimer's Awareness Walk. Did you know that there are more than 6 million Americans living with Alzheimer's today, and that Alzheimer's kills more people than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined? The walk raises critical funds that allow the Alzheimer's Association to provide 24/7 care and support and advance research toward methods of prevention, treatment and, ultimately, a cure.

Join residents of the Village (check-in starts at 10 am) at the Health Center, located at 9701 Veirs Drive in Rockville to walk around the beautiful campus and raise awareness about Alzheimer's. While there is no fee to register, all participants are encouraged to raise funds to support the [Alzheimer's Association](#).

For more information or to RSVP/register, call the Village at 301-354-8486 or visit [this website](#).



Faithful Green Leaders Training

Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake will be offering free Faithful Green Leaders Training on Zoom in October, held on three consecutive Thursday evenings.

This special 3-part training is geared to give participants the tools and support to grow and strengthen a thriving congregational Green Team! The training will feature inspiring guest speakers and IPC staff and will teach you how to protect local watersheds and how to inspire others to do

the same. Additionally, congregational Green Teams will be supported by IPC regional staff to help you learn more about the actions and impact you can have working with your congregation and surrounding communities. We have 2 people from Prince of Peace signed up - will you be the third to join us?

Visit their [website](#) for more details and to register for the training. **Training sessions will run from 7:00-8:30 pm on Thursday 10/12, 10/19, and 10/26.** Contact [Tonya Meyer](#) or [Jamie Pflasterer](#) with questions.

Suicide Prevention Walk

Come walk with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention in Baltimore on October 28, 2023. Starting at 8:30 am, a short two-mile walk is held in West Shore Park on 410 Light St., Baltimore MD 21202. Participants and supporters will take part in a walk out of darkness to support crucial efforts to mitigate the despair that leads to suicide. Register and Donate here, [American Foundation for Suicide Prevention \(AFSP\)](#)

Maui Disaster Response

Lutheran Disaster Response is asking for your assistance in helping with immediate needs and long term recovery for Maui wildfire survivors. Hurricane force winds drove the wildfire up to one mile a minute, faster than emergency workers were able to respond, engulfing towns and homes in its way. Destruction and losses may approach six billion dollars. Can you donate to the recovery process for what is now the deadliest fire in the US within a century? LDR needs our help. Donate [here](#). Questions? Contact [Susan Weiner](#).

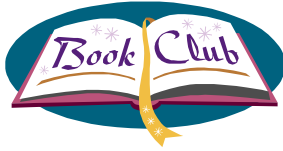
Plastic Bag Donation Drive

Crochet4Change is a student-led organization that collects used plastic bags, repurposes them into plastic yarn, and crochets durable waterproof sleeping mats for the unhoused community. If you would like to donate any plastic bags to be reused, there is a green cardboard donation bin in the narthex for you to drop them off. Your donations are greatly appreciated and are an immense help in bringing such projects to fruition! (Learn more at: crochet4change.godaddysites.com)

FELLOWSHIP

Women's Book Group

On Thursday, September 14 at 7:30 pm, the Women's Book Group will be discussing *The Kitchen Front* by Jennifer Ryan and will be meeting at the home of Debbie Chan.



From GoodReads: In a new World War II-set story from the bestselling author of *The Chilbury Ladies' Choir*, four women compete for a spot hosting a wartime cookery program called *The Kitchen Front* - based on the actual BBC program of the same name - as well as a chance to better their lives.

We will be choosing books for next year at this meeting.

Future Book Selections and Hosts

October 12 *The Four Winds*
by Kristin Hannah

November 9 *The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post*
by Allison Pataki

Ladies Dinner

Please join us for our Fall dinner at Laperaux, The Journeymanche's Bistro (18056 Mateney Road, Germantown) on Thursday, September 21st at 6pm. Enjoy great food and great friends or meet someone you haven't met before. Please RSVP by September 15th at this [link](#). If you have any questions, please email [Wendy](#) or [Cherie](#).

RECENT EVENTS

With our first in person Vacation Bible School since the pandemic, we decided to try something different. The changes included being held at night (including dinner and an adult Bible study), meeting Sunday thru Thursday instead of Monday thru Friday, and inviting only PoP members and their friends. The following pictures show the Hero Hotline theme and a good time had by all.



The members of the Quilting Group presented 35 quilts for dedication on Sunday, August 27. One of the quilters was a young student who earned SSL hours helping with the ongoing project. See page 5 to learn more about this worthy project.



THANK YOU!

Thank you for a successful Juneteenth event!!

The first ever joint interfaith Juneteenth celebration hosted by Prince of Peace on Monday, 6/19 in partnership with Fairhaven Methodist, Shaare Torah Synagogue, Poplar Grove Baptist Church, St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, and the Kentlands Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was a huge success! We had approximately 170 attendees from all six faith communities come together to enjoy music from the Fairhaven gospel choir, and to learn about the history of emancipation and Juneteenth celebrations in the US. Special thanks to both the PoP Fellowship Team and Social Justice Ministry Team who provided a beautiful reception and ice cream social in the fellowship hall and on the patio, despite the threat of rain. Thanks to everyone who welcomed our guests and who helped us all forge stronger connections with our neighbors.



Thank you for helping to settle the Afghan family

Our hearts are bursting with gratitude to you all for supporting the following efforts with such generosity and enthusiasm! On June 12, the Social Justice Ministry committed to setting up a home for an Afghan family (father, mother, and two small children), On June 30, the POP team led by Joan Kowalik set up the apartment, spending several hours moving furniture in, filling the cupboards with dishes, pots, and pans, the

refrigerator with food, and closets with towels, extra pillows and blankets. Walls were decorated with pictures, a colorful garland graced the window in the children's bedroom, and candy and flowers were the final welcoming touches. In less than a month, our congregation donated furniture, mattresses, sheets, towels, kitchen goods, cleaning products and more plus funds to fill the kitchen with grocery basics and a week's worth of groceries. [Click here to see more photos!](#)

Thank you, Donna! Welcome, Dinah!

Prince of Peace has a long relationship with The Village at Rockville (TVAR - formerly the National Lutheran Home). One important component of that relationship was support of the TVAR Auxiliary which provides something extra for residents - birthday parties, transportation, renovation of the game room, and more. For over 10 years, Donna Von Wald has promoted the Auxiliary by recruiting POP members to join, thereby providing steady income to the organization. We are so grateful to Donna for her faithful and dedicated service which continues as she mentors the new coordinator, Dinah Pflasterer. The next TVAR membership campaign in the fall. With hearts full of gratitude - thank you Donna. Welcome Dinah!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

The generosity of the congregation is always amazing. The school supplies drive was a huge success. We collected:

- 5 filled backpacks for grades K - 2 including the pencil boxes
- 3 filled backpacks for grades 3 - 5 including the pencil boxes
- 5 additional backpacks
- 5 filled pencil boxes
- 13 packs of filler paper
- 6 packs of dividers
- 29 composition books
- 14 folders
- 13 packs of index cards
- 32 notebooks
- 30 high lighters
- 5 boxes of colored pencils
- 9 boxes of markers



- 32 boxes of 24 - pack crayons
- 125 glue sticks
- 21 scissors
- 24 erasers
- 15 packs of blue or black pens
- 336 pencils

Heartfelt thanks to Laura Hurst, who has faithfully collected school supplies for students in Montgomery County this year and many before. Thank you, Laura for your caring and dedication which make such a difference in the students' lives.

Thank you for helping us support Camp Mar-Lu-Ridge's Capital Campaign, *With Open Arms*

Executive Camp Director Lefler came to speak with us in August about the campaign and needs at the camp. Mar-Lu-Ridge has been bringing school-age campers and the community closer to God and creation in a warm and inclusive environment for the last 63 years. To ensure that this legacy continues, the camp is running a capital campaign to raise funds for improvements that will **increase accessibility and hospitality** for years to come, including the installation of accessible public restrooms and an elevator in the Ridge Inn, and the refresh of the most widely used cabin with an accessible restroom as well. Will you help Mar-Lu-Ridge serve the wider community? To learn more about the campaign, pick up the printed campaign materials at the back of the narthex or [view this video!](#) To donate, [click here](#). Checks can also be turned into the office or placed in the church offering plates, made out to Mar-Lu-Ridge, with a memo line of "Capital Campaign, Prince of Peace Gaithersburg". Pledge cards (located at the back of the narthex) can be submitted instead, if you prefer to make a multi-year commitment for camp support.



POP OFFICE

Office Hours

Our office is now being staffed by Martha Rogers on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm.** However, it is always possible to:

- Call or email the office (or the Pastor directly) - we will be monitoring email and voicemail daily, so it's always possible to contact us;
- Drop off food for Gaithersburg HELP at the church - the bins continue to be located outside each door under the covered walkways.
- Send offering checks to the church (although [we're encouraging online donations](#) if you can do that.)

Recycling Toner/Ink Cartridges



Please continue saving used ink & toner cartridges for PoP. We still recycle them for store credit on office supplies. You can leave them in the box in the Narthex or in the labeled bin on the "Give & Take" table outside the back door.



Kitchen Care

Now that we are doing more in the building, help us keep the kitchen tidy and organized! Kitchen rules are posted in the kitchen, usually on the refrigerator, 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. Most current for many of us is the continuation of the Covid-19 pandemic, Afghan and Ukrainian refugees, the war in Ukraine and the wildfires in Canada and Maui. Visit the [ELCA Disaster Response webpage](#) to donate or learn more about how you can help.

THINK ABOUT IT

Food for Thought:

"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."
(Proverbs 11:25)

'I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things.'

-- Mother Teresa (1910-97)

I prayed for faith and thought that some day faith would come down and strike me like lightning. But faith did not seem to come. One day I read in the tenth chapter of Romans, "Now faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." I had closed my Bible and prayed for faith. I now opened my Bible, and began to study, and faith has been growing ever since.

--D.L. Moody

During the day I take a few moments to unwind by reading the Bible. After seeing me do this for several years, my four-year-old daughter became concerned: "Aren't you ever going to get finished reading that book?"

--Jana Jones

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