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# Tidings of Peace

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## Pastor's Page

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### Prince of Peace Mission Statement

A congregation's mission statement is meant to express how a particular community of faith lives out their baptismal call to follow Jesus. There are as many ways to be disciples as there are Christians, but a mission statement guides and focuses a community's journey of faith as they strive to worship, learn, serve, and grow together in a particular time and place.

After COVID kept us apart for so many months, individuals and smaller groups within the congregation felt isolated. Many of us wondered when and how we could fully come back together since so much had changed during those difficult months. We also knew things wouldn't be exactly the same and we'd need to re-evaluate how to be in community with one another.

To further this process, our congregation council asked each of the congregational committees to consider how the ministry area they lead is part of the larger whole - the entire ministry of the congregation. To do this, we asked the committee members to consider the congregation's mission statement and then craft a mission statement for their committee that expresses how their committee's work supports the overall mission of the congregation.

Here's what they wrote:

### Evangelism

Evangelism reaches out through all our committees to our members and to the community. This can be seen through our work with the Food Bank, the Jubilee Garden, the myriad outreach programs of Social Concerns, Fellowships Trunk or Treat, and the Refugee Resettlement program, to name just a few.

### Fellowship

We seek to draw people closer together to strengthen them in friendship by offering a variety of events outside of the regular Sunday worship/learning time frame. Our goal is to include in our fellowship members, friends, and strangers. Our hope is that strong friendships lead to a stronger church with increased power to serve others.

### Finance Committee

The Finance Committee plays both a responsive and fiduciary role in providing fiscal responsibility for how Prince of Peace funds are spent for our mission work. Working with all other church committees, the Finance Committee helps maximize the impact of congregational giving.

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# What's Happening at POP!

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets **Friday, August 4 at 10 AM** in the Social Hall.  
If you or someone you know would like a shawl, or for more information about becoming a prayer shawl creator, please contact Dianne Hellman, 323-9392.



## Men's Breakfast!

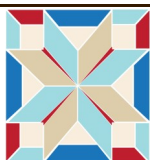
**8:00 AM, Wednesday, August 9**  
Michelle's on Romence Rd. in Portage.

Join Pastor Rachel for breakfast, prayer, and conversation.

Tell them you're with Prince of Peace. We've got the back room reserved.

## Quilters

**Tuesdays, August 1 and 13 at 9:30 AM**  
**Where: POP Social Hall**



Not sure you can sew well enough to participate? Don't worry! Many of our quilters learned their skills from others in the group because they wanted to contribute to this ministry that provides warmth, security, and shelter to people around the world. They're happy to teach you, too.  
Contact Sheryl for more information: 267-6274.

## Ladies Lunch Bunch meets Tuesday, August 15

Meet at 11:45am at The Cove, 9110 Portage Rd., Portage.

Questions? Car pool? Need a ride?

**Contact Dianne Hellman, 323-9392.**

This is a great time for good food and fellowship.

Hope to see you there.



## BREAD AND BREAKFAST SATURDAY, August 5

Bread construction will begin at 7:00 a.m. and breakfast will be served at about 9:00 a.m.  
Come and bake bread, or just come for the breakfast and conversation...it's all good!

For more information, or to be included on the mailing list, talk with Wade Lawrence at church, email him at [wade.b.lawrence@gmail.com](mailto:wade.b.lawrence@gmail.com), or call him at (269) 353-9885.  
We hope to see you there!

**When: Tuesday, August 8 at 1 PM**  
**Where: POP Social Hall**

Just a few rolls of the dice and you'll have this fun game mastered!

Bunko is easy to learn and offers wonderful opportunities for conversation and connection with others.

Call Carla Hannemann at 269/216-3498 for more information.



## Prince of Peace Book Club

The POP Book Club is having a summer get together on Wednesday August 9th at 10:00am behind the church. Bring a chair and a drink. We do not have a specific book to discuss but will just talk about books you've read and liked as well as any trips you've been on. In case of bad weather, we will meet inside the church.

All are welcome. If you are interested in reading but aren't already a book club member, come and join us to learn about our group.

Anyone is welcome to join us.

## Come check us out!

A fun evening of getting acquainted and reacquainted and planning our year. Women's Small Group will restart, **Monday, August 21, 7:15 pm** in the Social Hall!

We do book studies and Bible studies in a warm and friendly atmosphere!! A great bunch of ladies. We'd love to have you join us!! See you soon!! Questions?

Contact Diane Snyder, [dmsnyder1149@gmail.com](mailto:dmsnyder1149@gmail.com).



## Social Concerns Spotlight on . . .



### **God's Work Our Hands Day is September 10!**

It's the BIG opportunity we have to organize, pack and prepare our Lutheran World Relief Mission and Local Mission gifts. We need your help. Families are welcome, there are even jobs for the little ones. Invite family, friends and anyone you'd like to share the day in God's Name. Also a sloppy Joe lunch will be served right after the service before we begin working. We need you ALL to finish the jobs. Sign up for your Job Choices in the Gathering Space soon.

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

#### **List in order of need:**

New Twin Sheets, Blankets, Comforters, Mattress Pads,  
Pots and Pans, *can be gently used if stainless or aluminum. Must be new if Teflon or cast iron.*  
Tall Kitchen Trash Cans & Tall Kitchen Trash Bags  
Stock Pots 8qt and above  
Silverware Trays  
Small Vanity Trash Cans  
Laundry Detergent  
Brooms and Dust Pans, Mops and Buckets  
Toilet Cleaner and new Toilet Brushes  
Tissues, Paper Towels & Toilet Paper  
12 qt Dishpans/washpans  
Sofas, end tables and coffee tables. Can be used.



**For Local Missions**, we will be Plyarning, making prayer shawls/blankets, working in the Jubilee Garden, and working on Refugee furniture/supplies. We will also be tying LWR Quilts

### **LWR Gifts**

**Health Kits**—This year we are preparing to pack 400 Health Kits and 200 backpacks. These will be sent all over the world to places where they are needed. (*Please see the map*). We also have over 30 Sewing Kits ready to send.

EACH Health Kit will be wrapped in a regular bath towel (no white please) and will contain:

- 2 bars bath soap
- 1 nail clipper
- 1 comb
- 1 adult size tooth brush

**School Backpacks**—EACH Backpack (*all made by PoP members*) will contain:

- 4 Spiral lined notebooks
- 5 pens
- 5 pencils:
- 1 child size blunt scissor
- 1 12 inch ruler
- 1 eraser
- 1 24 pack crayons
- 1 pencil sharpener

We need donations of all of these items. To donate, see lists on the table in the Gathering Space.

**WE DO NOT** Need: Combs, Pens, Pencils & Rulers. They have already been gifted. Please check the table lists to see if items are still needed before buying.

### **Best prices/places to purchase?**

- Walmart - towels, notebooks, crayons
- Target - towels
- Dollar Tree - scissors
- Menards - soap

### **Will you help our neighbors?**

It takes 4-5 people to help this ministry. Please sign-up and **arrive by 12:30 to help set up. Sign up is on the website.**  
<https://popportage.org/pages/food-distribution-signup>



## Fellowship News



"You have as much laughter as you have faith."  
Martin Luther (QuoteFancy.com)

### Quick Question!

What year did Martin Luther die?

- A: 1526
- B: 1517
- C: 1521
- D: 1546

**Correct Answer:** Martin Luther died February 18, 1546.

If you love trivia, does the fellowship committee have an event for you! We will have a POP Trivia Night coming up **Friday, August 18 at 7PM** (check in 6:30PM).

Admission is \$10 per person. Wade Lawrence will be our Trivia Master in the Gathering Space. There will be snacks available for purchase and served by some POP youth volunteers. Each table will be a team working together and hoping to win bragging rights to being the POP trivia champs! This is a lovely way to spend a fun evening in the A/C with all of your POP friends! All proceeds will go to the Good Samaritan Fund.

Sign up is available in the Gathering Space.

**It isn't too late to join in with POP Reads.** Grab the perfect summer book *The Unlikely Yarn of the Dragon Lady* by Sharon Mondragon. From Amazon, "Sharon Mondragon's debut is warm and delightful. It beautifully illustrates the power of women across generations to reach people for Christ." We are hoping to schedule a chat with the author so don't miss out!

**Lastly, don't let summer pass you by!** Come on a church bike ride on the KalHaven Trail on Aug 6. Meet at the Gobles parking lot at 2 PM. We'll ride to Bloomingdale, take a break and return. Bring your bike, helmet and water bottle! Go at your own speed and just have fun! Watch out for sign ups in the Gathering Space. If you have further questions, please contact Linda Isakson.

**Save the date for the River Float and Picnic  
Saturday, September 23 at the Fosters.  
More information to follow!**

Enjoy your summer POP!

## Justice and Diversity

**Below is a annotated listing of books now in the Prince of Peace Library related to topics of Justice and Diversity.** More book titles can be found on the Justice and Diversity Educational Resources webpage along with other helpful links (<https://popportage.org/pages/educational-resources>).

### Happy Reading!

*Bedlam: An Intimate Journey Into America's Mental Health Crisis* by Kenneth Paul Rosenberg

A psychiatrist and award-winning documentarian sheds light on the mental health care crisis in the U.S. There has never been a more important time for this conversation, as one in five adults — 40 million Americans — experiences mental illness each year. Today, the largest mental institution in the U.S. is the LA County Jail, and the last refuge for many of the 20,000 mentally ill people living on the streets of Los Angeles is LA County Hospital. There, Dr. Rosenberg begins his chronicle of what it means to be mentally ill in America today, integrating his own moving story of how the system failed his sister, Merle, who had schizophrenia.

*Caste, The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson  
The Pulitzer Prize-winning, bestselling author of *The Warmth of Other Suns* examines the unspoken caste system that has shaped America and shows how our lives today are still defined by a hierarchy of human divisions.

*House in the Cerulean Sea* by T J Klune

TJ Klune is a Lambda Literary Award-winning author (*Into This River I Drown*). Being queer himself, TJ believes it's important — now more than ever — to have accurate, positive, queer representation in stories. An enchanting story, masterfully told, *The House in the Cerulean Sea* is about the profound experience of discovering an unlikely family in an unexpected place — and realizing that family is yours.

*The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together* by Heather McGhee

One of today's most insightful and influential thinkers offers a powerful exploration of inequality and the lesson that generations of Americans have failed to learn: Racism has a cost for everyone — not just for people of color.



## Justice and Diversity Book List cont.

*See No Stranger* by Valarie Kaur

Kaur takes readers through her own riveting journey – as a brown girl growing up in California farmland finding her place in the world; as a young adult galvanized by the murders of Sikhs after 9/11; as a law student fighting injustices in American prisons and on Guantánamo Bay; as an activist working with communities recovering from xenophobic attacks; and as a woman trying to heal from her own experiences with police violence and sexual assault. Drawing from the wisdom of sages, scientists, and activists, Kaur reclaims love as an active, public, and revolutionary force that creates new possibilities for ourselves, our communities, and our world. *See No Stranger* helps us imagine new ways of being with each other – and with ourselves – so that together we can begin to build the world we want to see.

*The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Color-blindness* by Michelle Alexander

Seldom does a book have the impact of Michelle Alexander's, *The New Jim Crow*. Since it was first published in 2010, it has been cited in judicial decisions and has been adopted in campus-wide and community-wide reads; it helped inspire the creation of the Marshall Project and the new \$100 million Art for Justice Fund; it has been the winner of numerous prizes, including the prestigious NAACP Image Award; and it has spent nearly 250 weeks on the New York Times bestseller list.

*Transforming: The Bible & the Lives of Transgender Christians* by Austen Hartke

In 2014, Time magazine announced that America had reached “the transgender tipping point,” suggesting that transgender issues would become the next civil rights frontier. Years later, many people – even many LGBTQ allies – still lack understanding of gender identity and the transgender experience. Into this void, Austen Hartke offers a biblically based, educational, and affirming resource to shed light and wisdom on this modern gender landscape.

*Unclobbered: Rethinking our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality* by Colby Martin

Armed with only six passages in the Bible—often known as the “Clobber Passages”—the conservative Christian position has been one that stands against the full inclusion of our LGBTQ siblings. *Unclobbered* reexamines each of those frequently quoted passages of Scripture, alternating with author Colby Martin's own story of being fired from an evangelical megachurch when they discovered his stance on sexuality.

*Understanding Mental Illness* by Carlin Barnes and Marketa Wills

Get the straight facts about mental illness from two Harvard trained psychiatrists. More than 40 million people in the US suffer from mental health problems – yet less than half receive adequate care and treatment. This book is a practical guide to educate and help everyone better understand mental health.

## Pastor's Newsletter Article cont.

### Property Committee

The Property Committee strives to be energy-efficient, creative, forward-thinking, responsive, responsible, and caring stewards of the church buildings and surrounding environment in order to promote, enhance and further the ministry of the church.

### Social Concerns

Every area/group the Social Concerns Team works with at PoP is directly connected to the Mission statement of Prince of Peace.

Refugee families and supplies, seeks to show Gods and our loving support to help them settle into a peaceful new life here.

Justice and Diversity seeks help for our neighbors who suffer oppression and marginalization to dismantle the systemic bonds that hold them.

Jubilee Garden seeks to support our food compromised neighbors through fresh, healthy, free supplements to their diets to food pantries and supplements.

Lutheran World Relief quilts, school backpacks, health kits and sewing kits in significant numbers are made here and sent all over the world to help war torn countries, third world populations, climate affected areas, natural disaster events and people in crisis anywhere in Gods name.

Many Others: Local marginalized populations are helped daily through monetary donations, food distribution, project connect, clothing collections, free store, shelter meals, Christmas food and gift baskets, foster children, and domestic violence shelter support in Gods name.

## Pastor's newsletter article cont.

### Stewardship Committee

Guide members to be generous stewards of God's abundant gifts.

### Worship Committee

Led by the Holy Spirit, we tend to the details of this community's worship so that whenever we gather, everyone has the opportunity to encounter the Gospel of Jesus Christ, receive God's grace and love, and be inspired to go out into the world as instruments of God's peace.

### Youth/Christian Ed

CYF Ministry shares the congregational mission statement of Touched by the Gospel, we seek to be instruments of God's peace for the sake of the world. In their classes and events, they learn scripture stories, wrestle with what faith and the Bible mean to them, and engage in ways that blend our Christian teaching with life in the world.

While CYF Ministry isn't fully SILOED, it is still different. It's especially important that we give extra focus and care to our young people in the congregation because they are in their formative years. They need to learn, see, and hear for themselves just as much as they need to observe the adults around them living these values out in their lives. They need to see and hear within their faith community and be invited to work alongside those adults.

It isn't impossible for an adult who was raised without a faith connection to seek one out, but it's rare! Nurturing the faith in our children and youth is, and should remain, a priority for the whole community.



I hope reading through these statements gave you a clearer sense of who we are and how we worship, learn, serve, and grow together here at POP. I hope you also got to sense the immense love and care of the many leaders who spend hundreds of hours each year leading each of these areas of ministry. We are blessed with an incredibly gifted community!

Like most statements about who we are and how we live together in community, these mission statements are living, breathing, changeable documents that can be edited to reflect the truth of our current circumstances as necessary. But they are also reminders of who we've said we are and how we want to live our faith and they can help us re-focus on what's most important when that is necessary, too. Finally, these statements can help us remember that our work isn't just about the details of planning events or providing resources it's about sharing the good news of God's love and grace with our neighbors and working for justice and peace in all the world. And that's work we never have to do alone!

Shalom,  
Pastor Rachel

## Thank You's

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OTHERS

- Dear Friends at Prince of Peace,  
Thank you for your gift to **Living Waters Ministry**. In addition to supporting Megan Floyd, Jon Deming and our 2023 Run the Race campaign, your donations help provide the necessary resources to make our programs financially accessible to all of God's children as we develop and provide innovation programs each summer. Thank you for your faith support and being part of our team.  
— Peace, C. J. Clark, Executive Director
- We are so grateful for your generous gift to **Ministry with Community**. Your gift is a much-needed solution to someone's pressing need.  
— Kelly Henderson - Executive Director
- We are writing to express our appreciation for your recent gift to **Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries**.  
— Pastor Michael L Brown, CEO/President
- Thank you so much for your generous contribution to the **Portage Community Center** for help with our emergency assistance programs.  
— Chris Buckley, Executive Director

## Council and Committees



Council met via Zoom on Wednesday, July 19, 2023.

### God Moments:

Dick shared that the children from our adopted Congolese family were cold during worship. Dianne H got each of them a prayer shawl. As they were giving them back after the service, Dick told them that they could keep them. The children were thrilled with the gift.

Pastor Rachel met recently with Dean and Jane K. Dean is a charter member of Prince of Peace, joining with his family at the age of 7. When Pastor asked them, *"When were you most proud to be part of this community?"* Neither person hesitated before responding, *"Right now."*

### Faith Formation Survey/Schedule for Fall:

At the time council met, 55 households had responded. The majority of responses lean toward moving worship to 10:30 in the fall and having Faith Formation (formerly Sunday School) activities at 9:15. This new schedule does bring up some potential scheduling issues for choir, handbells and worship team. The Faith Formation team will be working to mitigate these issues. There also appears to be a preference for weekly programming instead of bi-weekly. People are looking for different programming for different generations, with occasional intergenerational events. Some people have expressed interest/willingness to assist. The team's next meeting was Sunday, July 23, to plan next steps. A curriculum has been tentatively identified for Pre-K to 6th grade and the team is hoping to firm that up soon.

### Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Portage, MI:

Lord of Life's pastor, Joan Herbon, is on permanent medical leave. The Lord of Life (LoL) leadership told Bishop Satterlee they could only afford a half-time rostered clergy. At synod assembly in May, the bishop asked PoP and LoL to consider if there is an opportunity for shared ministry in some way. Dick Hewitt, Lisa Creed and Pastor Rachel met with some members of the Lord of Life (LoL) leadership recently. Pastor Rachel led the discussion at the joint meeting and was quick to dispel any concern about *"PoP taking over LoL"* or *"merging LoL into PoP."*

Lord of Life needs continuity and consistency and now they have a "regular" supply pastor in place. At the meeting they talked about the ministries and mission for each of the congregations, including areas where we may be able to benefit from shared ministries, such as Prayer Shawl ministry, Advent or Lenten worship, etc. LoL was to take the results of the conversation back to their congregation and determine what they really want moving forward. Prince of Peace will continue with the current process for calling a deacon.

### 12 New Sanctuary Chairs with Arms!

Thank you to the Property Committee for covering the cost to purchase 12 chairs with arms for our sanctuary. Council approved the expenditure at the July meeting. These chairs are especially helpful to some of our members with mobility issues. Not sure when they'll arrive, but watch for them.

### Council Liaison Changes

Paula Kana'an is now the liaison to the Congregational Care Team. Gail MacNellis will serve as the liaison to the Fellowship Committee.

**Property Committee Updates:** The security cameras for our parking lot have arrived. Property is working to get them installed and functioning. Also the replacement LED bulbs for the sanctuary have arrived and will be installed soon.

Our next meeting is scheduled for  
Wednesday, August 16.



The church office  
will be closed on  
**Monday, September 4**  
for Labor Day.

We will reopen on  
Tuesday, September 5.

We will also begin our fall  
office hours that week.  
M-Th 9-4, F 9-noon.

## Impact Giving



The Need for Assistance continues to outmatch the funds we collect. At this time, we are only able to help members of the church. If you can help build the fund up again go

to our pathways of giving page on the website or follow this link. <https://popportage.org/pages/pathways-of-giving>

For more detailed information on the policy for how we use the fund or to find an application form, see our website: <https://www.popportage.org/ministries/good->

## On-Line Giving

**On-line Giving Has Never Been So Easy!**



You can click or copy and paste the link

<https://tithe.ly/give?c=2250097>

or use the QR code.

You can also go to the Prince of Peace website & click on the giving button.

For questions contact either Marilyn or Tamara.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

8/1	Jean Darling Sharin Noall Jacob Howes Mitchell Kalleward	8/8	William Bennett Robert Bauckham Dwain Leaser David Flagler	8/21	Michael Williams Matthew Williams
8/2	Danielle Rieck	8/12	Marlowe Crocker	8/22	Duane Bushfield Svein Thoen
8/4	Jessica Ruckstaetter Pam Timm	8/14	Zoey Roberts Daniel Lassila	8/23	David Snyder Amanda Bischof
8/6	Maeve Jensen Sarah Lindmark Roy Weber	8/15	Shelley Lehman Steve Creed	8/26	Tara Selter
8/7	Eleanor Ross Joyce Hare	8/17	Kenneth Louder	8/28	Noah Gatz
		8/18	Alice Lago	8/30	Marti Haug

### Anniversaries

Kenneth & Kimberly Tabor	8/1
Bill & Sharon Umberger	8/1
Jason & Mina French	8/2
Michael & Beth Whately	8/4
Chuck & Joan Ford	8/6
Lee & Darcy Banitt	8/6
Maria & Reginald Shaw	8/8
Mark & Mary Clyne	8/9
Michael & Heather Girand	8/9
James & Anne Vogt	8/11
Julie & Larry Wentzel	8/12
Kristie & Jeremy Zimmerman	8/12
Dale & Yvonne Gatz	8/15
James & Jerilyn Johnston	8/16
Marlowe & Diane Crocker	8/17
Ray & Linda Isakson	8/17
John & Christine Thommen	8/18
Don & Kathy Eklov	8/19
Dick & Patt Hewitt	8/19
Donna & Joel Pennington	8/22
Eric & Michelle Nitz	8/29
David & Valerie Flagler	8/19



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



# Prince of Peace Calendar — August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship Time	<b>31</b> 10:30am Literacy Tutoring - Library 1:30pm WMU Center for Disabilities 5:30pm AA "Promises" Support Group	<b>1</b> 9:15am Staff Meeting 9:30am Quilters - Social Hall 5:30pm Great Lakes Adventure Club - Social Hall/Flex	<b>2</b> 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom	<b>3</b> 1:00pm Food Distribution 1:00pm Free Store 6:30pm South County Fiber Arts	<b>4</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 10:00am ESL Open Tutoring 10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry - Social Hall	<b>5</b> 9:00am Bread & Breakfast
<b>6</b> 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship Time <b>2:00pm Church Bike Ride on the Kal-Haven Trail</b>	<b>7</b> 10:00am Literacy Tutoring - Room 7 10:30am Literacy Tutoring - Library 1:30pm WMU Center for Disabilities 5:30pm AA "Promises" Support Group 6:30pm CLO Housing Group 7:00pm Personnel/Executive Committee - Zoom	<b>8</b> 9:15am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Senior Bunko - Social Hall	<b>9</b> <b>8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Michelle's</b> <b>10:00am Book Club</b> 10:00am Literacy Tutoring - Room 7 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 10:00am ESL Open Tutoring	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship Time <b>11:30am Faith Formation Information Session</b>	<b>14</b> 10:00am Literacy Tutoring - Room 7 10:30am Literacy Tutoring - Library 1:30pm WMU Center for Disabilities 5:30pm AA "Promises" Support Group <b>5:30pm Finance Committee mtg. - Zoom</b> <b>6:00pm Social Concerns Meeting - Zoom</b>	<b>15</b> 9:15am Staff Meeting 9:30am Quilters - Social Hall 11:45am Ladies Lunch Bunch @ The Cove	<b>16</b> 10:00am Book Club - Gathering Space 10:00am Literacy Tutoring - Room 7 11:00am Library Committee - Library 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom <b>7:00pm Church Council meeting - Zoom</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 1:00pm Food Distribution 3:00pm Widow's Gathering	<b>18</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 10:00am ESL Open Tutoring <b>6:30pm Trivia Night</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 10:00am Worship - Pulpit Swap w/Pastor Chris Laughlin 11:00am Fellowship Time	<b>21</b> 10:00am Literacy Tutoring - Room 7 10:30am Literacy Tutoring - Library 1:30pm WMU Center for Disabilities 5:30pm AA "Promises" Support Group 6:00pm Master Gardeners - Sanctuary <b>7:00pm Worship Committee Meeting - Zoom</b> 7:15pm Women's Small Group	<b>22</b> Open Doors Men's Shelter Meal 9:15am Staff Meeting	<b>23</b> 10:00am Literacy Tutoring - Room 7 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <b>10:00am Worship - Farewell &amp; Godspeed to Megan</b> 11:00am Fellowship Time	<b>28</b> 10:00am Literacy Tutoring - Room 7 10:30am Literacy Tutoring - Library 1:30pm WMU Center for Disabilities 5:30pm AA "Promises" Support Group 5:30pm Fellowship Committee Meeting - Hybrid Meeting 6:00pm Justice and Diversity Meeting	<b>29</b> 9:15am Staff Meeting	<b>30</b> 10:00am Literacy Tutoring - Room 7 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry - Social Hall	<b>2</b> 9:00am Bread & Breakfast



## Legend:

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous

ESL—English as a Second Language

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