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# Tidings of Peace

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"Touched by the Gospel, we seek to be instruments of God's Peace, for the sake of the world."

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## What will you do on your sabbatical, Pastor?



### Renew

Many of us know how difficult it can be to build healthy habits or maintain our home environments the way we would like in the midst of all the busy-ness of a full-time working life. Part of my renewal plan on sabbatical will include trying out new workouts, recipes, and meal planning tools to help me better maintain my physical health when I return to a full schedule as well as tackling some home projects that will make my home environment more restful and renewing for years to come.

I am grateful for your generosity and trust that are allowing me to take this sacred step away from my duties as your pastor for a few weeks in order to renew my Spirit and relationship with God so that I can continue serving as a healthy person and pastor in our community for years to come.

## Pastor's Summer Reading Program

While Pastor Rachael is away on sabbatical, she'll be spending time in reflection, rest, and renewal – and part of that journey includes reading five thoughtful and inspiring books. We invite you to read along with her! This is a wonderful opportunity for our congregation to grow together, even while apart. When she returns, we'll gather for discussions to share what we've learned and how these readings have touched our lives.

Happy reading!

*Receiving This Life: Practicing the Deepest Belonging* by Kara K. Root

A follow-up to Root's first book, *The Deepest Belonging*, *Receiving This Life* offers devotional reflections, prayers, practices, and liturgies that invite attentive receptivity to ordinary moments.

*Practice the Pause: Jesus' contemplative practice, new brain science, and what it means to be fully human* by Caroline Oakes

New developments in brain science have recently proven that an intentional practice of pausing for a few minutes of meditation, prayer, or other contemplative practice actually *rewires* our brain in ways that make us calmer, less reactive, and better able to see the bigger picture.

*Saint Benedict on the Freeway* by Corinne Ware

This book translates into twenty-first century life several spiritually formative practices worked out in the past, creatively adapting those disciplines to contemporary life.

It is this *creative adaptation* which comprises the heart of the book.

*Sabbatical Journey: The Diary of His Final Year* by Henri J.M. Nouwen

This personal journal, written during the last year of Henri's life, is his last word to all of us. Its theme: friendship and prayer.

*When Church Stops Working: A Future for Your Congregation beyond More Money, Programs, and Innovation* by Andrew Root and Blair D. Bertrand

This book shows how actively watching and listening for God can bring life out of death for churches in crisis today.

## What's Happening at POP!

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Next meeting Friday, August 1 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.



### Quilters

**Tuesdays, August 5 and 19 at 9:30 AM**

**Where: POP Social Hall**

Not sure you can sew well enough to participate? Don't worry! They're happy to teach you! Contact Sheryl for more information: 267-

Men's breakfast continues while the  
Pastor is on Sabbatical.

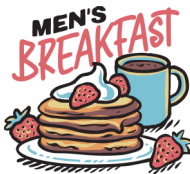
**8:00 AM, Wednesday, August 16**

Mark's Diner on Romence Rd  
in Portage.

Come for fellowship, prayer,  
and conversation.

Tell them you're with Prince of Peace.

We've got the back room reserved.



### Women's Book Study

New study year will begin

**Monday, September 15 at 7:15 pm at POP.**

More information coming your way in August. We'd love to have you join our group!! All ages welcome!!

Interested/Questions? Please contact Diane Snyder,  
[dmsnyder1149@gmail.com](mailto:dmsnyder1149@gmail.com) for more details



### BREAD AND BREAKFAST



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 12 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.



**Ladies Lunch Bunch meets Tuesday, August 19.**

Meet at 11:45am at Red Robin, 5710 Westnedge, 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.

## On Hiatus

### Prince of Peace Book Club

The POP Book Club will not meet this summer (June, July, and August). We will be discussing the following list of books this fall. Happy summer reading.

Sept 17 - "An Unfinished Love Story" by Doris Kearns Goodwin

Oct 15 - "Maisie Dobbs" #1 in a series by Jacqueline Winspear

Nov 19 - "The Life List" by Lori Nelson Spielman

Women of the **ELCA**

**Ruth Circle is on  
Hiatus until Fall.**



### Social Concerns Update.

Aicha and her daughter( our newest refugee family) are making great progress learning English, thanks to Lynne Wathen and Julie Wenzel. The daughter is an excited kindergartener at Lincoln School in Kalamazoo.



### Gods Work. Our Hands. Day is September 7.

All are welcome to do Gods work on that day after service. A sign up sheet for "jobs to do" will be available in the gathering space in August.

We will be making 400 Health Kits and 200 school Backpacks. A quick lunch will be served before the fun begins.

We have many of the items we put into the kits, but still need:

500 single spiral notebooks,  
190 towels and  
400 bars of soap.

Small numbers of other items are needed as well, see Claudia Lee for that info.

Thank you all, in advance, for sharing your blessings with those who have so little.

## Fellowship News

*"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under the trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time." - John Lubbock*



### Summer is in full swing at POP!

The River Float is on again this year. Jim and Sandy Foster have graciously invited us to spend a relaxing afternoon floating down the Kalamazoo River with lunch to follow on **Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**. Please bring your kayaks, canoes, paddleboards and anything else that floats to enjoy summertime in Michigan. *(If you do not have a floating item to use, please contact Sandy as she does have a couple extras.)* Please bring a picnic type side or dessert to pass. Hamburgers, buns and utensils will be provided. Sign up in the Gathering Space.

**Friday, August 22** will be the summer trivia night with Wade Lawrence. Get your teams together for another fun night of knowledge. This is a great way to support the Good Samaritan fund! Cost will be \$10 per person to play. We will be in the Gathering Space to enjoy the air conditioning. Pizza by the slice will be for sale as well as cookies and popcorn. Coffee, water and lemonade will be available without cost to wet your whistle. However, if you would like another family friendly beverage to keep your brain function flowing, we respectfully ask that you bring your own. As this is one of our big fundraisers for the Good Sam fund, we ask that you not bring outside food.

Registration & dinner at 6:30p. Game play at 7p. Sign up in the Gathering Space.

**POP merch is here!** You should have received a email from Tamara with the link to order Prince of Peace t-shirts and sweatshirts in blue or grey. These are great to wear to promote our church in the community as well as to wear to POP functions! You order and pay online. To save on costs, the ordered shirts will be delivered directly to POP in late August and distributed. If you have a barrier to ordering online, please reach out to Tamara, and she will assist you. Don't miss your chance to sport some POP swag! Use this link: <https://undergroundshirts.com/groups/pop-portage-apparel-2025> or scan the QR code.



We continue to need cookies, fruit & volunteers for Fellowship Time after service. We are also grateful for those that have signed up to help with Fellowship as well. It really is very easy since we have simplified our offerings to just cookies and fruit. The Fellowship Time is important to the experience here at POP and our mission of radical hospitality, and assisting is a great way to help out!

Lastly, feel free to join our next meeting on **Sunday, September 21.**

As always, if you have any questions, please free to contact any member of the committee.

**Have a great summer!**

## Council and Committees

### Council CORNER

During Council's July meeting, we heard exciting updates from many areas around PoP! Each group continues work through the summer months, and planning for events coming up in the fall is in full swing. Much work is progressing on fall programming and class offerings for youth and adults. Projects around PoP like a new shed, the women's toilet room, and painting in the education wing, are nearing completion. We continue to hope that Pastor Rachel's sabbatical is restful and rejuvenating, as we look forward to her return next month. As always, council is honored to steward PoP's mission. Please seek out those of us wearing yellow lanyards if you would like to learn more.

## Red State Revival

### Members attend pastor's revival

Several Prince of Peace members attended best-selling author and Lutheran minister Nadia Bolz-Weber's Red State Revival tour on June 26 at Fountain Street Church in Grand Rapids.

In light of recent political events, Bolz-Weber describes her Red State Revivals as a chance to "gather with you, laugh with you, and sing with you," to revive us from despair.

Those attending included Mary Clyne, Martha Irons, Bette MacKenzie, Kristine Pioch, Joelyn Rich, and Diane Snyder. Dale and Yvonne Gatz and Kim and Wade Lawrence also participated.

The Women's Study Group read Bolz-Weber's book, "Accidental Saints: Finding God in all the Wrong People" earlier this year.

More information is available online at [nadiabolzweber.com](http://nadiabolzweber.com).

Photo caption:

*Diane Snyder, left, and Joelyn Rich, right,  
meet the Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber.*

**The Extended Ministries Endowment Committee** has funds still available in 2025 for disbursement to potential extended ministries that are not supported by the operational budget of POP. The amount still available in 2025 is \$5,359.36.

All requests are carefully evaluated by the Endowment Committee.

The committee welcomes written requests with the following information: 1) Name of requestor (POP member) 2) Name of extended ministry 3) Brief description and potential impact of the ministry 4) Amount of monies requested. The Endowment Committee will then review the request and determine if monies will be distributed. Please contact Mark Clyne via email ([markclyne@sbcglobal.net](mailto:markclyne@sbcglobal.net)) or any of the other Endowment Committee members (Carole Nelson, Joyce Stout, Mike Wathen, Alex Baas-Peterson) or fill out a paper form available from the church office with any requests and place them the Endowment Fund mailbox in the workroom. If you use a paper form, please notify an Endowment Committee member as we currently do not monitor the mailbox regularly.

Please submit your request at least 1 month in advance of the need for the money to allow us to process your request.





## Stewardship News

You may already know that one of the ways people are motivated to make a financial gift, or to increase their giving to an organization, is if someone has offered a “challenge grant” or “matching gift.” The Stewardship Committee is reaching out and inviting you to learn more about a matching gift and to see if one or two households have an interest in being a catalyst to help increase financial generosity for the ministry of Prince of Peace for our Fall, 2025, Stewardship Campaign.

### What is a matching gift and how does it work?

It’s basically saying you commit to contributing a gift of a specific dollar amount, above and beyond your normal contribution to the annual general fund, if certain conditions are met. The amount is published in the fall stewardship campaign materials, but the donor(s) remain anonymous. In the past, the matching gifts have ranged from \$10,000 to \$16,000. It’s been used to increase the number of Intent Cards received during the stewardship drive and to inspire growth in generosity and financial contributions above the prior year.

At Prince of Peace, this has proven to be highly effective in the three previous years where a matching gift has been provided.

If you are interested in learning more, or providing a matching gift for the 2025 Fall Campaign, please contact Kathy Eklov, Chair of the Stewardship Committee. Her contact information is in the Church Directory.

We thank you for your prayerful consideration of becoming an inspiration to others in expanding the ministry of Prince of Peace for 2026.



## Thank You's

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, thoughts, cards and especially hugs as I traveled back and forth during my sister's illness. I can't think of anything harder than watching your younger sister die. Your support was greatly appreciated.

Marilyn Storch

Thank you for all your prayers, cards & well wishes. Thanks for the cookies, Wade!

Donna Pennington



- We are so grateful for your generous donation to **Ministry with Community**. Your support not only sustains our mission – it opens the door to hope for so many in need. Thanks to compassionate donors like you, we're able to provide that warm, welcoming space – along with essential services like meals, showers, laundry, and access to critical resources. Your belief in our work helps us keep our doors – and our hearts – open to all who enter. Together, we're building a more compassionate, inclusive community where everyone is welcome and valued. With appreciation for respecting the dignity of every person.

– Sid Ellis, Executive Director

- Thank you very much for your generous gift. We appreciate our contributions to our program that transports seniors to vital health-related appointments. Your donation will enable us to continue to nurture our riders' health and independence.

**The Shepherds' Center** works within Kalamazoo County to provide volunteers to use their experience, training, and skills to touch the lives of older adults.

– Mary Beth Sarhatt, Executive Director.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OTHERS

- We hope this letter finds you blessed and favored. On behalf of **Mothers of Hope**, we want to extend our deepest gratitude for your continued support. We thank you for your donation and your support of our community initiatives. – Mothers of Hope
- **Samaritas** has received a very generous donation from the wonderful people of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. As you know, the needs are great for many of our foster children and families who provide love and care for these children. This donation is such a blessing and will be put to good use in providing the many services that our foster children require. – Hope James, Director

## Children and Youth News



### VBS is almost here!

Let's meet some of the characters and Bible heroes who will be making an appearance. *Tammy the Announcer* will be hosting the show every day, interviewing the stars and leading the Star Ceremonies at the end of our night! *Cameraman Steve* works alongside Tammy the Announcer and the guest stars. He knows a lot about the stars and their stories, and he helps us with our memory verse for the week: Trust in the Lord forever, for in the Lord God, you have an everlasting rock! Isaiah 26:4.

*Noah* built a huge boat to carry his family and hundreds of animals safely through a storm. He will tell us how he learned to trust God through the unknown. *Abraham* waited years and years for the family that God promised him. He'll tell us what it's like to raise a baby at 100 years old, and how he learned to trust God when you have to wait.

*Moses* brought the Israelites across the Red Sea on dry land and led them through the desert. He will teach us how he learned to trust God when life is hard.

*David* defeated a giant with a slingshot and a few small stones. He's going to tell us about trusting God even when you feel small. *Esther* made a choice to speak up and save her people from danger. She will tell us about trusting God during scary times.

There are so many other amazing people to meet and things to do—be sure to register for VBS ASAP!

We've been busily working to prep the education wing for the fall. Painting is complete and rooms are taking shape! If you'd like to be involved with youth faith formation, please reach out to Em, Idy S, or Sandy M to get plugged in. There is still space for you! We are especially looking for a few people to help with the youngest children in the nursery, both during Learning Hour and during worship. Yes—the hope is to **offer nursery care during learning hour** so that parents of littles can participate in Faith Formation, too!

## Speaking of Faith



### Prince of Peace is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

"Evangelical" refers to telling the *Good News*. We aren't all called to be evangelists, but we are all called to share the

Good News of Jesus in our own lives. When we talk about our faith and how we've experienced God, we can encourage others and help them in their faith life.

Please, join us on for **Adult Faith Formation on September 14, 21, and 28 at 9:15am**, where we will explore how we have experienced God in our lives and develop ways to share this with others.



Join us on August 24 for the Blessing of the Backpacks.

Bring your backpack and put it up on the altar for a blessing of the backpacks.



# Justice and Diversity News

## How do I talk about \_\_\_\_\_, with people who (might) disagree with my point of view?

Fill in the blank. There are plenty of topics we might feel nervous to talk about because they feel supercharged right now. But when we avoid important conversations, we miss learning about the other person and their point of view. It's likely that we both have good intentions, but our experiences lead us to see things differently.

The formal term for a productive conversation around a difficult topic is "civil discourse."

### Civil Discourse is:

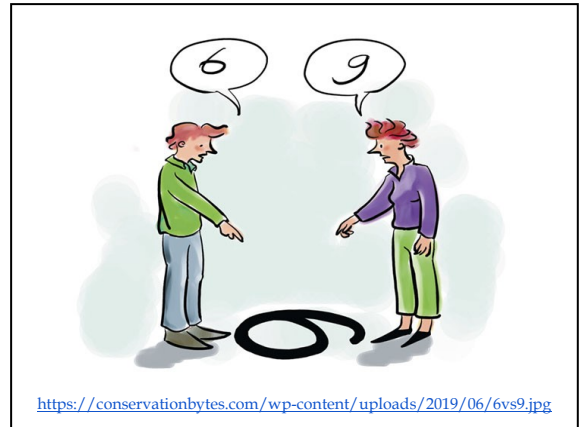
- A willingness to respectfully listen to someone else's opinion - someone who might not share your views - with an open mind and with curiosity to understand their experience, ideas and values and with the expectation that they will do the same for you.
- A willingness to be equal partners in the conversation, where the time is shared equally and no one dominates.
- A willingness to search for common ground based on facts and shared values
- The ability to disagree without being disrespectful, so that you have a deeper understanding of the values you share so you can find common ground.



### Civil Discourse is NOT:

- A debate with winners and losers
- Giving up or caving in
- About waiting politely with a retort

(list taken from <https://my.lwv.org/california/diablo-valley/article/civil-discourse-what-you-need-know>)



It's clear that civil discourse takes at least two people who are willing and able to participate. If one person is only interested in debate, then it's not the right time to talk. If one person is distracted, feels unsafe, or simply isn't interested, then it's not the right time to talk. Try to shift the conversation to a topic where you can find common ground and build your relationship.

Sometimes "talking points" get in the way of meaningful discussion. If the conversation gets too intense or you need time to think about it more, then come back to it later. Try asking for some sources so you can think about their points. And, be sure to offer sources that you like too.

Finally, be sure to check in with yourself after a tough conversation. How do you feel? Did you learn something? Did you find some common ground? The American Psychology Association Civil Discourse Project helps teachers and students work on their communication skills.

Check out their skill debriefing check-lists: <https://www.apa.org/education-career/k12/civil-discourse>

"God, please be with me in this conversation.  
Guide me to listen with an open heart and to respond with love.  
Amen"



## New Directory

### It is time for new directory photos!

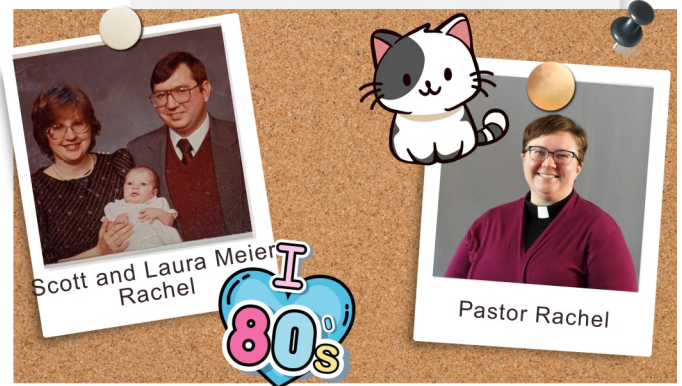
The new directory will be coming out this fall, and we would love to see everyone's smiling faces in it! Tammy Cooper is taking the photos this year.

Pictures will be taken before and after service on **August 10<sup>th</sup>, August 24<sup>th</sup>, August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 14<sup>th</sup>**. We will also have one evening session on **Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**. *(We will have a photo booth type session on September 21 for some silly and fun pics as well. You do not need to sign up for that session.)*

Sign up for a 15 minute slot in the Gathering Space. *(Each 15 minute slot can accommodate one family and two couples or individuals.)*

The background is black this year, so please avoid wearing that color specifically. You will be shown the picture to approve before you leave, so we can avoid retakes and everyone can be proud of their photo. We are really hoping to get everyone photographed for the directory, so please make every effort to make it to one of the sessions. If there are multiple requests for an additional session during the week, please reach out to Tammy by email at [traecoops@aol.com](mailto:traecoops@aol.com) with your preference of time, and she will see if something can be scheduled.

Or we're using  
your picture  
from the 1980s



## Choir News

Among many reasons for singing in a choir comes this from the AARP Bulletin:

- *One study compared the effects of choir-singing with simply listening to music.*
- *Those who sang showed higher levels of immunoglobulin A, an antibody that lowers the risk of cancer.*

As we near the beginning of a new season of singing in Prince of Peace's choir, I invite you to consider whether you might be a good candidate for God's call to help in leading the music of our worship. That's right! Although we do enjoy singing "special choir only music," **the main job of the choir is to lead the music of worship.** The full choir sings on the **1st and 3rd Sundays** (also to include some special festivals), with smaller volunteer groups leading on the other Sundays and through the summer. **Starting on September 4, we will again be rehearsing on Thursdays at 7:00 and our first Sunday will be September 23.** A good time to check choir out will be two **Early Bird rehearsals, Thursdays, August 21 and 28, also at 7:00.**

You may be wondering if we have auditions, like many choirs. **WE DO NOT.** It's understandably **important that members can sing on pitch** — for instance, can you

sing "Happy Birthday" or "Jingle Bells" or "do-do-do" and no words, and a listener would know what it was! **Reading music is helpful, but not required** — you learn reading music in bits and pieces along the way by doing it. **You are not required to commit to every single rehearsal and singing Sundays**, although it is hoped that you consider it an important commitment. Actually, the more singers we have, the easier it is for the group when folks have to be away. We do ask that you sign out well ahead of time when you can not be present.

If you really wonder if the time is right for you to join the choir, I encourage you to talk to folks who are in the choir. Ask them, "Why do you do it?" Answers might include: Singing in a choir feeds me in a special way, Community, Faith strengthening, Serving the congregation, TV on Thursday nights is boring, I didn't really know 'til I did it for a while, or many other reasons.

I can tell you that our Sunday morning worship would be very different if there was no choir leadership! Might God be calling you?

Janet Hill



## Living Our Faith



NATIONAL  
**PURPLE  
HEART**  
*Day*

Thursday, August 7th

**Food Scarcity is in Our Community!**

**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>



## 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	Sharin Noall	8/12	Henry Wisloski	8/18	Shelley Lehman	8/22	Duane Bushfield
	Jacob Howes		Robert Bauckham		Steve Creed		Svein Thoen
	Mitchell Kalleward	8/14	Dwain Leaser	8/19	Kenneth Louder	8/23	David Snyder
8/2	Danielle Rieck		David Flagler	8/20	Alice Lago		Amanda Bischof
8/3	Anne Breneman	8/15	Marlowe Crocker	8/21	Michael Williams	8/26	Tara Selter
8/4	Jessica Ruckstaetter	8/17	Zoey Roberts		Matthew Williams		Miranda Martin
	Pam Timm		Daniel Lassila			8/30	Marti Haug
8/6	Sarah Lindmark						
	Roy Weber						
8/7	Eleanor Ross						
	Joyce Hare						
8/8	Don Bennett						
8/10	Karen Maney						



### Anniversaries

Jason & Mina French	August 2	Kristie & Jeremy Zimmerman	August 12	Dick & Patt Hewitt	August 19
Mike & Beth Whately	August 4	Alison & Eric Carlson	August 15	Donna & Joel Pennington	August 22
Charles & Joan Ford	August 6	Dale & Yvonne Gatz	August 15	Sharon & Harry Biles	August 23
Lee & Darcy Banitt	August 6	Jim & Jerilyn Johnston	August 16	David & Valerie Flagler	August 29
Mark & Mary Clyne	August 9	Marlowe & Diane Crocker	August 17		
Michael & Heather Girand	August 9	Ray & Linda Isakson	August 17		
James & Anne Vogt	August 11	John & Christine Thommen	August 18		
Julie & Larry Wentzel	August 12	Don & Kathy Eklov	August 19		

# Prince of Peace Calendar — August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> 10:30am Worship 11:45am Fellowship Time	<b>28</b> 1:30pm Care Team Meeting 5:30pm AA "Promises" Support Group 6:00pm Justice and Diversity Meeting - Zoom 6:30pm Nami Support Group	<b>29</b> 9:15am Staff Meeting 9:30am Quilters - Social Hall 11:00am Literacy Tutoring	<b>30</b> 10:00am WMU Center for Disabilities 11:00am Literacy Tutoring 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> Office Closed 10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry - Social Hall	<b>2</b> 9:00am Bread & Breakfast
<b>3</b> 10:30am Worship 11:45am Fellowship Time	<b>4</b> 5:30pm AA "Promises" Support Group 6:00pm Vacation Bible School 6:30pm CLO Housing Group	<b>5</b> 9:15am Staff Meeting 9:30am Quilters - Social Hall 11:00am Literacy Tutoring 6:00pm Great Lakes Adventure Club - Social Hall/Flex 6:00pm Vacation Bible School	<b>6</b> 10:00am WMU Center for Disabilities 11:00am Literacy Tutoring 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom 6:00pm Vacation Bible School	<b>7</b> 1:00pm Food Distribution 1:00pm Free Store 6:00pm Vacation Bible School 6:30pm South County Fiber Arts	<b>8</b> Office Closed 6:00pm Vacation Bible School	<b>9</b> 10:00am River Float
<b>10</b> 9:00am Directory Photos 10:30am Worship 11:45am Fellowship Time 12:00pm Directory Photos 12:00pm Youth and Christian Ed Lunch	<b>11</b> 3:00pm Social Concerns Meeting 5:30pm AA "Promises" Support Group 5:30pm Finance Committee mtg. - Zoom 7:00pm Personnel/Executive Committee - Zoom	<b>12</b> Youth in the Garden 9:15am Staff Meeting 11:00am Literacy Tutoring 1:00pm Bunko - Gathering Space	<b>13</b> 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Mark's Diner 10:00am WMU Center for Disabilities 11:00am Literacy Tutoring 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom	<b>14</b> 6:00pm Partners in Profit 7:00pm Youth Committee - Zoom	<b>15</b> Office Closed	<b>16</b>
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