



PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church ♦ 1747 W. Milham Ave., Portage, MI 49024 ♦ Phone: 343-3453

November 9, 2025

Visit www.popportage.org for the weekly POP Announcements, schedule of volunteers and calendar.

In need of prayer? Contact: prayer@popportage.org

WELCOME TO PRINCE OF PEACE.

You will find a Welcome Table in the Gathering Space with information about our ministries and our life together. Hearing Aid devices are available from the Ushers. Newsletter Deadline is the **3rd Thursday of the month.**

SUNDAY EVENTS

Synod Prayer Partners

You will find today's letter to be signed on the table in the Gathering Space.



COMING THIS WEEK

Today is the last day to sign up for Gingerbread Houses Sunday, November 16 following worship in the Social Hall.

Premade houses will be available for you to decorate and take home the same day. Lunch will be provided with sloppy joes, vegan sloppy joes, veggies & chips.

Sign up in the Gathering Space.



COMING SOON



Portage Community Thanksgiving Worship Service and Pie Potluck

Sunday, November 23
at 5:00 PM

Unitarian Universalist Community Church
10441 Shaver Road, Portage, MI

The office will be closed in observance the
**Thanksgiving holiday on
Thursday, November 27 and
Friday, November 28.**

During this time the floors will be stripped and wax, so please refrain from coming to the church that weekend.



Advent Dinner and Service

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17

Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Service at 7:00p.m.



Annual POP Holiday Hors d'Oeuvres Party

Friday, December 5 at 7pm at Pete and Michell Eldridge's lovely historic home in downtown Kalamazoo.

The sign up to bring an appetizer or beer is coming soon.



THIS WEEK AT POP!

Sunday, November 9

9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages
10:30a Worship
11:45a Fellowship Time

Monday, November 10

3:00p Social Concerns Committee
5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall
5:30p Finance Committee - Zoom
6:30p Advocacy for Quakers
7:00p Personnel/Executive Committee - Zoom

Tuesday, November 11 Veterans Day

9:00a ESL
9:15a Staff Meeting
1:00p Bunko - Gathering Space
7:00p Bells

Wednesday, November 12

8:00a Men's Breakfast — Mark's Diner
10:00a Pray Without Ceasing - Youth Room
10:00a WMU Center for Disabilities
11:00a Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom

Thursday, November 13

9:00a ESL
6:00p Partners in Profit
7:00p Choir

Friday, November 14 Youth @ Charge

10:00a ESL Open Tutoring

Saturday, November 15 Youth @ Charge

8:30a Fall Clean Up (Rain date)

Sunday, November 16 Youth @ Charge

9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages
10:30a Worship
11:45a Fellowship Time
12:00p Gingerbread House Decorating



SOCIAL CONCERNS INFORMATION

- ◆ **We need food for our little red wagon to go to Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes.** We encourage non-perishable healthy foods and proteins of 6 grams or more.
- ◆ **A big thank you** for filling up the Loaves and Fishes Red Wagon donations. Please continue to remember to donate at this time of real need.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



JOB OPPORTUNITY AT POP!

The Personnel Committee is excited to announce the posting for a part-time **Nursery Assistant**. With one of our congregational goals being engaging more families with children, we recognize that we now need a second paid staff member vs relying only on volunteers to fill the critical assistant position. This non-benefitted position is guaranteed two (2) hours/Sunday with the possibility of expanding to three (3) hours/Sunday while learning hour/faith formation classes are offered. *We will continue utilizing volunteers, ages 13 and up, to serve as back-up coverage when Melissa and/or the assistant is unavailable.* Please see the full job description posted on POP's website under the "About" tab/ "Current Job Opportunities". If you, or anyone you know, has interest in this paid position, please submit a resume and cover letter to secretary@popportage.org. We appreciate any help you can give us with passing on this opportunity to your contacts! Please contact Em Witteveen, Engagement Coordinator, or Sue Jones, Personnel Committee Chair, with questions. Thank you!

Clothing Drive for Project Connect

Project Connect will be held November 19, noon to 3 pm. Along with a Free Store, PoP is sponsoring a winter clothing drive for Project Connect, needing coats, sweaters, boots, etc. in all sizes. Boxes are in the Gathering Space & outside the office. We also need help at the event if you are available. See Claudia Lee to volunteer.



Sign up for December in the Gathering Space. November is on-line.

Roles to be filled. . . acolytes, worship assistant, reader, ushers, communion assistant, prayer station, nursery volunteer, tech assistants, or fellowship host(s).

You will be trained &/or paired with an experienced volunteer!

Sign up for the position, and day you want to serve.

Sign up link! <https://popportage.org/pages/sign-ups--11>



Looking for POP SOLAR SNOW REMOVAL Volunteers!

We need people to brush off the panels after a snow storm. Brush provided! If you live near by and are willing and able to assist with this please contact Ray Isakson at ISAKSONR@GMAIL.COM

Take a turn filling the Blessing Box.

It needs to be filled *daily*. Items will be sorted into bags so it is as simple as taking a bag from the storage area & placing the items in the box out front by the sign. If you don't have building access, it is easiest to come during regular office hours 9 AM – 4 PM. Staff can also buzz people in from off-site if you need to arrive outside of office hours.

<https://tinyurl.com/ybfd3sx8>

Use this QR code to

make your contribution to Prince of Peace. Just follow the instructions when you scan the code.



Prayer Corner

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Those with Health Concerns

- Ann Lindahl - hand surgery
- Dick Hewitt - eye surgery
- Diane Snyder - broken arm
- Linda Sue Boeschstein - leg issues
- Gena Baldwin - cancer
- Sue Grinder- knee replacement
- Kristie Zimmerman - cancer

Others with Concerns:

- Larry Meier - bone cancer - Gloria Beatty's nephew
- Lauren - cancer - Joeline Pederson's daughter
- Dan Deming - cancer treatment - Jon Deming's uncle
- Bill Albregts - cancer treatment - father of Tonya Albregts-Klemm
- Laura Iseler - metastatic cancer - friend of Andrea Seguin
- Aril Baldwin - hospital - friend of Joyce Hare
- Sue Kero - vertigo - Sheryl Swodzinski's mother
- Eileen Mitchell - hospital - Jolaine Snyder's aunt
- Susie Hill - stroke - Janet Hill's daughter in law

Those with Ongoing Health Concerns:

- Kathy Ott - cancer
- Eric Lehman - cancer
- Marlowe & Diane Crocker
- Angie Copeland
- Cheryl Thomas
- Diana Reames
- BJ Stark
- Dianne Zurawski

Those Grieving:

- Family & friends of Larry Hoeksema - friend of Karen Gallagher



In need of Prayer?

Send your request to our prayer team at prayer@popportage.org