



# PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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Visit [www.popportage.org](http://www.popportage.org) for the weekly POP Announcements, schedule of volunteers and calendar.  
In need of prayer? Contact: [prayer@popportage.org](mailto: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

**January 25** Annual Meeting at 12:00pm in the Sanctuary.

There will be an enhanced fellowship time.

Childcare will be provided for kids and non-voting youth

Melissa and Megan will be with the littles and

Em will have the elders.

A Zoom link will be provided.



**Trivia Night Friday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m.**

Registration at 6:30.



**Today is the last day to sign-up in the Gathering Space**

Create a team of 6-8 people, a partial team, or come by yourself! We'll assign you to a team. Cost is \$10 per person.

We will have pizza, popcorn and cookies available for purchase. .

Coffee, tea and water will be available at no cost. You may bring your own non-alcoholic beverages, but outside food is discouraged as this is a fundraiser for the Good Samaritan Fund.

## COMING SOON



**Friday, February 6, 2026 Sign up by Sunday, January 25.**

Pastor sings the National Anthem from center ice at 6:50.

Puck drops at 7 PM.

Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$13 for children (ages 2-12).

Make checks payable to Prince of Peace with "Wings" in the memo line. Online sign-up will be available the week of January 11 and you can pay for tickets through Tithely.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**TODAY is National Michigan Day!**

Have a pastry and an Oberon or Fanta to celebrate



### Directory Update!



Directories will be available next week. If you ordered a physical directory in a binder, it will be in the Gathering Space with your name on it. If you ordered "guts" only, they will also be in the Gathering Space with your name on it. If you ordered a digital one it will go out in an e-blast.

## THIS WEEK AT POP!

### Sunday, January 18

915a	Faith Formation for All Ages
10:30a	Worship
11:45a	Fellowship Time
12:00p	<b>Budget Hearing</b>
12:00p	Fellowship Committee - Library

### Monday, January 19 Martin Luther King Day

5:30p	AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall
6:00p	Master Gardeners - Sanctuary
7:00p	Women's Study Group - Flex Room
7:00p	Worship Committee Meeting - Zoom

### Tuesday, January 20

9:00a	ESL
9:15a	Staff Meeting
9:30a	Quilters - Social Hall
11:45a	Ladies Lunch Bunch @ The Crew
5:30p	Property Committee - Zoom
7:00p	Bells

### Wednesday, January 21

10:00a	Book Club - Peace Lounge
11:00a	Library Committee - Library
10:00a	WMU Center for Disabilities
11:00a	Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom
12:00p	<b>Pray without Ceasing</b>

### Thursday, January 22

9:00a	ESL
0p	<b>Food Distribution</b>
1:00p	<b>Free Store</b>
7:00p	Bells
7:00p	Youth Committee Meeting - Zoom

### Friday, January 23

10:00a	<i>ESL Open Tutoring</i>
6:30p	Trivia Night Registration
7:00p	Trivia Night

### Saturday, January 24

915a	Faith Formation for All Ages
10:30a	Worship
11:45a	Fellowship Time
12:00p	<b>Annual Meeting</b>

## SOCIAL CONCERN INFORMATION

- ◆ **NONE NEEDED THIS WEEK! Food Distribution opportunity continues.**  
Please consider signing out and taking a nonperishable food box from the small table in the gathering space. Please, take the slip of paper on the table to insert in your box. Once filled, return it to the same small table and record the date you returned the box. Thank you!
- ◆ **Plyarning!** Our mats are now going to Ethiopia. We need your clean dry cleaning bags. Bring them to the church if you have them!

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Sign up for February is in the Gathering Space.  
January 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>

### Adult Faith Formation - January 25

I am currently in Germany, exploring German history & culture through visits to historical sites (*medieval, Reformation, & modern*), careful study of cross-cultural issues like religious identity, immigration, & political extremism in Germany. You are invited to attend Adult Faith Formation on Sunday, January 25, & hear about some of the wonderful things I learned. - Intern Kathleen



Prince of Peace is hosting the United Way of South Central Michigan (UWSCMI) free tax preparation clinics starting February 4 through April 15.

They are recruiting volunteers now to help those clinics run smoothly. Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older. Roles include greeters, intake specialists, tax preparers (whom VITA trains for the tax clinics), interpreters, quality reviewers and site coordinators. Volunteers can sign up by calling (877) 337-1780 or emailing [vitainfo@uwsymi.org](mailto:vitainfo@uwsymi.org).

Households eligible for VITA are those with income at or below \$69,000, including individuals, families, seniors, persons with disabilities, and limited-English speaking taxpayers. Clinic sign-ups begin Jan. 20, when taxpayers can call 2-1-1 for a full list of locations, hours and appointments.



### Key Audit

If you have one of these numbered keys  
please let the office know.  
Key # 10, 12, 22, 23, 24



Use this QR code to

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



### In need of Prayer?

Send your request to our  
prayer team at  
[prayer@popportage.org](mailto:prayer@popportage.org)

## Prayer Corner

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

### Members with Health Concerns

- Paul Guthrie - cancer treatment
- Melissa Ottesen - cancer reoccurrence
- Marti Haug - broken shoulder
- Ann Lindahl - cancer surgery
- George Middleton - fractured pelvis and spine.
- Pam Timm - shoulder surgery again!

### Others with Concerns:

- Bill Albregts - cancer treatment - father of Tonya Albregts-Klemm
- John Helmeke - cancer - Karen Helmeke's brother
- Kathy Berrigan - cancer surgery - friend of Joyce Hare
- Sharon Beck - surgery recovery - Bill Hellman's sister.
- Patrick Higgins - brain tumor - brother of Carly Davis
- Family of Diane Zurawski - brother Doug and nephew, William
- Kristopher Pendziszewski - surgery - son of Steve & Nancy Pendziszewski
- Marianne - hospice - friend of Shirley Thompson
- Beth Flermoen - ICU - friend of Joyce Hare
- Penny Gould - ICU - sister of Cheryl Thomas

### Those with Ongoing Health Concerns:

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

### Those Grieving:

- Family and friends of Joseph Piniewski - brother-in-law of Cindy and Noel Sederstrom
- Family & friends of Ron Witteveen - Em Witteveen's grandfather