



PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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January 18, 2026

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

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 olders.

A Zoom link will be provided.



Annual Meeting and Budget Hearings

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 pasty 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

9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages

10:30a Worship

11:45a Fellowship Time

12:00p Budget Hearing

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 Pray without Ceasing

Thursday, January 22

9:00a ESL

0p Food Distribution

1:00p Free Store

7:00p Bells

7:00p Youth Committee Meeting - Zoom

Friday, January 23

10:00a ESL Open Tutoring

6:30p Trivia Night Registration

7:00p Trivia Night

Saturday, January 24

Sunday, January 25

9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages

10:30a Worship

11:45a Fellowship Time

12:00p Annual Meeting

SOCIAL CONCERNS 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.

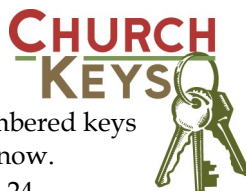
Volunteers can sign up by calling (877) 337-1780 or emailing vita@uwscmi.org.

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

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