



PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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March 22, 2026

Visit www.poppottage.org for the weekly POP Announcements, schedule of volunteers and calendar.
In need of prayer? Contact: prayer@poppottage.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

Midweek Lenten Services Wednesday March 25.

We begin at 6pm with a soup supper, followed by worship at 7pm. Sign up for the soup suppers is in the Gathering Space.



PALM SUNDAES
and
PALM CROSSES

All are invited to enjoy Ice Cream Sundaes and learn to make palm crosses on Palm Sunday after worship, hosted by the Youth Committee!

COMING SOON



Save the Date!
Saturday, April 4
10 AM-2 PM

Volunteers are needed to arrange Easter flowers in the gathering space and sanctuary.
The sign up is in the Gathering Space.



Maundy Thursday	April 2	7:00 PM
Good Friday	April 3	7:00 PM
Easter Vigil	April 4	7:00 PM
Easter Sunday	April 5	8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

enhanced Fellowship between services in the gym.

THIS WEEK AT POP!

Sunday, March 22 Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

Monday, March 23

9:30a	Ruth Circle
10:30a	Literacy Tutoring - Library
2:00p	Care Team Meeting
5:30p	AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall
6:00p	Justice and Diversity - Zoom
6:30p	Nami Support Group
7:00p	Christian Education Committee - Zoom
7:00p	Youth Committee - Zoom

Tuesday, March 24 Open Door's Shelter Meal

9:00a	ESL
9:15a	Staff Meeting
1:00p	SERA
7:00p	Bells

Wednesday, March 25

10:00a	VITA Tax Clinic
10:00a	WMU Center for Disabilities
11:00a	Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom
12:00p	Pray without Ceasing
6:00p	Lenten Soup Supper
7:00p	Lenten Worship

Thursday, March 26

9:00a	ESL
7:00p	Choir

Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday

9:15a	Faith Formation for All Ages
10:30a	Worship
11:45a	Fellowship Time with Palm Sundaes and Palm Crosses
1:30p	Brass Rehearsal



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!



In need of Prayer?
Send your request to our prayer team at prayer@popportage.org

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



This Lenten season, the Adult Faith Formation hour (9:15am Sundays) will use the *JustFaith Ministries* series **Unbound: Seeking the Freedom of God's Love**. Each week we will reflect on a Bible relationship and what it shows us about our relationships with God and each other today. All are welcome.

Session 6, March 29 (facilitator: retired pastor Harry Biles): Palm Sunday (Matthew 21:1-11)

Like the crowds on Palm Sunday, we often yearn for the kind of king Jesus of Nazareth is not. This session will guide participants in exploring our addictions to greed, power, and control, so that we may experience the true freedom of God's Kin-dom.

Today is the last day for all Sign ups!

Roles to be filled. . . *acolytes, worship assistant, reader, ushers, communion assistant, prayer station, 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>

Christ's Cupboard



Are you or someone you know in need of a little help feeding your family this week? If you are in need of a few groceries, or need a few to help someone else, please ask any staff or any committee member about Christ's Cupboard. We have resources to help feed one another, but we can't help you if we don't know who you are. Please speak up and ask a staff or committee member. We don't want anyone in our community to go hungry.

Mike Moyers a contemporary impressionist tells the story of life & faith through his art. A collection of his work from Palm Sunday through Easter Resurrection & beyond will be exhibited in the Gathering Space and Sanctuary during April & May. Envisioning scripture he strives to "paint God's wonders" by diving deep into prayer & Word before lifting the brush. His work calls us to look beyond familiar ways of expressing these stories opening us to "contemplative interpretation between God & the viewer." The exhibit is made possible with donations to the Liturgical Arts dedicated fund.

Prayer Corner

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members with Health Concerns

- Linda Sue Boeschstein - knee replacement
- Patt Hewitt - cornea transplant
- Jolaine Snyder - heart issues
- Marlowe Crocker - in rehab
- Sandy Foster - broken elbow and ankle

Others with Concerns:

- Kathy Berrigan - cancer surgery - friend of Joyce Hare
- Patrick Higgins - brain tumor - brother of Carly Davis
- Marilyn D - 17 yr old with rare form of cancer, daughter of Jill Waggnor's former pastor in Illinois
- Rich & Jeanette Gagnon - failing health and Jeanette is in hospice - parents of Maria Markucki
- John Neworski - health issues - Kristie Zimmerman's father
- David Keller - pancreatic cancer - brother of Charlotte Keller
- Lilliana - 10 yr old undergoing heart surgery - friend Kathleen Robinson
- **Olivia - 11 yr old at Mary FreeBed recovering from peanut allergy**
- **Katy Hoff - major surgery**
- **Griselle - rare cancer - cousin of Sandy Bennett**
- **Becky Wiessner - cancer & stroke - friend of Tamara Preston**

Those with Ongoing Health Concerns:

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

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