



PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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March 15, 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.



Welcome to our newest members!

Laurie, Dave, Karla, Katie and Jason.

Join them after worship for a new member reception in the Gathering Space and welcome them to our church family.



If you signed up to create a Pysanky Egg today, meet in the social hall after church for a light lunch and then let the decorating begin

COMING THIS WEEK

Midweek Lenten Services Wednesday March 18.

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



FOR YOUR INFORMATION



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.

COMING SOON



H O L Y W E E K

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

enhanced Fellowship between services in the gym.

THIS WEEK AT POP!

Sunday, March 15 Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Monday, March 16

5:30p	AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall
6:00p	Master Gardeners - Sanctuary
7:00p	Church Council - Zoom
7:00p	Women's Study Group - Zoom

Tuesday, March 17 St. Patrick's Day

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

Wednesday, March 18

10:00a	Book Club - Peace Lounge
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 19 Newsletter Deadline

9:00a	ESL
1:00p	Food Distribution
1:00p	Free Store
6:00p	Nurse Honor Guard of Kalamazoo
7:00p	Choir

Friday, March 20 First Day of Spring

10:00a	ESL Open Tutoring
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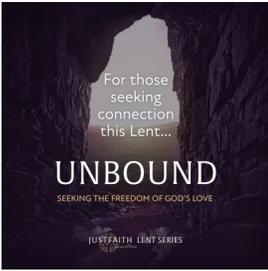
Sunday, March 22 Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

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



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 5, March 22 (facilitator: Pastor Rachel Laughlin):

Lazarus, Come Out! (John 11:1-44)

"I am the resurrection and the life," Jesus says. How can we unbind ourselves and one another from the forces of death and despair, so that we may be free to share in life abundant?

The April Sign up is out and the Holy Week Sign up out.

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>



**Are you involved in a community play or band?
Does your child play school sports?**

Tell us about special events so church members can support each other! Fill out the details on the back the

Event Save the Date card and turn it in to the office.

Find the cards on the Welcome table next to the prayer cards.

Events are listed in the newsletter each month on the Fellowship page.

You will need to get your notice in by the third Thursday of the month for next month's newsletter; example you are in a play in early May, you will need to get your article in the April issue, if it is later in May then it could be in either issue.

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

- Linda Sue Boecheinstein - knee replacement
- Patt Hewitt - cornea transplant
- Jolaine Snyder - heart issues
- Marlowe Crocker - hospitalization
- Andrea Seguin - upcoming surgery
- **Sandy Foster - broken elbow and ankle**
- **Mary Armitage - foot surgery**

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 Waggnier'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
- Olivia - 11 yr old in ICU from peanut allergy
- Lilliana - 10 yr old undergoing heart surgery - friend Kathleen Robinson

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 & friends of Paul Fleming - friend of Tamara Preston
- Family & friends of Eileen Mitchell - Jolaine Snyder's aunt

Celebrations and Praises:-

- Melissa Ottesen - cancer free
- John Helmeke - Karen Helmeke's brother - cancer free
- Cherie - in remission - Marilyn Storch's sister