



PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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April 26, 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.

SUNDAY EVENTS



Synod Prayer Partners

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

Prince of Peace was the recipient of prayers on March 15.
You can see all the cards and letters we received on the glass above the sign-up tables.

COMING THIS WEEK

Saturday, May 2 at 8:30 to 12:00

is Spring Clean Up Day.

Grab your gloves and rakes and help us spruce up the church lawns after a long winter. *Rain date: May 9*



COMING SOON

VISITING CHOIRS IN CONCERT | Monday, May 11th 7:30pm | First Presbyterian Church of Kalamazoo

The Nebraska Wesleyan University Choir and Gold Standard Singers are travelling from Lincoln, Nebraska to Kalamazoo to share compelling music that encourages us to be a light in the darkness of our world and to reach out in love. an eclectic program by composers Rollo Dillworth, Shawn Kirchner, Melanie DeMore, Susan LaBarr, Jonathan Dove, and André Thomas, conducted by Tom Trenney and accompanied by Anne Wilson at the piano and organ. Free admission with free-will offering.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Prince of Peace Women's Retreat

May 22-23, 2026

Essenhaus Inn

240 US 20, Middlebury, IN 46540

If you are still interested in attending reach out to Gail MacNellis by Sunday, May 10. The retreat is being led by Laurie Brown, Intern Kathleen, and Beth Whately. Our theme is: *Drawing From the Well.*

Cost: \$110 double occupancy; \$220 single occupancy

All checks should be made to Prince of Peace, or paid online through [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) and we will pay one bill for everyone. Your cost covers your one-night stay and breakfast and the lunch buffet on Saturday. We have a total of 20 rooms available.



THIS WEEK AT POP!

Sunday, April 26

9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages
10:30a Worship
11:45a Fellowship Time
12:00p MS/HS Youth Group

Monday, April 27

9:30a Ruth Circle
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

Tuesday, April 28 Open Doors Shelter Meal

9:00a ESL
9:15a Staff Meeting
7:00p Bells
7:00p Youth Committee Meeting - Zoom

Wednesday, April 29

10:00a WMU Center for Disabilities
11:00a Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom
12:00p Pray without Ceasing

Thursday, April 30

9:00a ESL
7:00p Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 1

10:00a ESL Open Tutoring
10:00a Prayer Shawl Ministry - Peace Lounge

Saturday, May 2

8:30a Spring Clean Up

Sunday, May 3

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

SOCIAL CONCERNS INFORMATION

- ◆ **No new food boxes are needed this week!**
We supplement Food Distribution by making boxes of nonperishable food. Currently, the boxes from SouthMichigan Food Bank has been sufficient. We will let you know when we need more and where to find the empty boxes.
- ◆ **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

Upcoming Adult Ed Opportunities

May 3rd: Embracing God's Whole Family-Making Space for People of All Ages in the Church. Em will lead a discussion on our call to be a fully intergenerational community of faith.

May 10th: Good Samaritan Fund 101. What is the Good Sam fund? Who can apply? How does the process work? Staff and Good Sam volunteers will present an overview of this vital ministry that helps our neighbors stay in their homes.

Christ's Cupboard



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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.

Blessed to be a Blessing - Please consider donating non-perishable food items for the blessing box. Some suggested items are peanut butter, jelly, soup with pop-top lids, fruit cups, crackers, cookies, and toiletries. You can put your items in the Blessing Box bin in the Gathering Space by Social Concern basket.



Food Distribution

We need help with our Food Distribution and Free-Store! Will you help our neighbors?

It takes 4-5 people to help with this ministry.

Please sign-up & arrive by 12:30 to help set up.

<https://popportage.org/pages/food-distribution-signup>

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

- **Marilyn Storch**— breast cancer
- Sandy Foster - broken elbow and ankle

Others with Concerns:

- Patrick Higgins - brain tumor - brother of Carly Davis
- Marilyn D - 17 yr old with rare form of cancer, daughter of Jill Waggoner's former pastor in Illinois
- Rich Gagnon - failing health - father of Maria Markucki
- David Keller - pancreatic cancer - brother of Charlotte Keller
- Lilliana - 10 yr old post-op heart surgery - friend Kathleen Robinson
- Griselle - rare cancer - cousin of Sandy Bennett
- Becky Wiessner - cancer & stroke - friend of Tamara Preston
- Crystal - breast cancer - friend of Paula Kana'an
- Mark Keller - non-Hodgkin's lymphoma - uncle of Charlotte Keller
- Dennis Struble - leukemia - family of Diane Snyder
- Mary Rebert - heart issues - friend of Diane Snyder
- Cindy Vennix - cancer - friend of Sheryl Swodzinski
- Jennifer Turner - metastatic breast cancer - Don Mertz sister
- Tracey Hatch - bowel resection
- **Those impacted by tornadoes across the midwest**

Those with Ongoing Health Concerns:

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

Celebrations and Praises.-

- Great grandchild, Claudia Rose Maurer, to Claudia Maurer