



PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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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.

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

Election - Tuesday, May 5

Prince of Peace hosts two precincts for elections, they will both be in the Gathering Space for this election. Please plan accordingly, so as to avoid this space from 7am to 8pm.



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

There are still two rooms available, if you are still interested in attending reach out to Gail MacNellis by next 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



THIS WEEK AT POP!

Sunday, May 3

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

Monday, May 4

5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall
7:00p Women's Study Group - Flex Room

Tuesday, May 5 Cinco de Mayo

8:00a Polling - Gathering Space
9:00a ESL
9:15a Staff Meeting
9:30a Quilters - Social Hall
7:00p Bells

Wednesday, May 6

10:00a WMU Center for Disabilities
11:00a Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom
12:00p Pray without Ceasing
5:30p Great Lakes Adventure Club - Social Hall

Thursday, May 7

9:00a ESL
1:00p Food Distribution
1:00p Free Store
6:30p South County Fiber Arts - Social Hall
7:00p Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 8

10:00a ESL Open Tutoring

Saturday, May 9

8:30a Spring Clean Up Rain date

Sunday, May 10 Mother's DAY

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 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.



The sign up for June is in the Gathering Space!



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>

Graduation and End of the Year Picnic

Sunday, May 17 following Worship.

Hot dogs and all the fixins'.



Chuck -a-Duck Fundraiser

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

Friday, June 26 - 6:35 pm

Tickets are \$15 and include a Growler's hat.

Pastor Rachel sings the National Anthem.

Sign-up in the Gathering Space.



On Monday May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.



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 – surgery
- 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
- 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
- Patty McNally - post mastectomy surgery - friend of Joyce Hare.
- Kendall Basor - radical mastectomy surgery - friend of Joyce Hare

Those with Ongoing Health Concerns:

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

- Family and friends of Bob Bekefi - brother-in-law of Karen Gallagher