



# PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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May 24, 2026

Visit [www.poppottage.org](http://www.poppottage.org) for the weekly POP Announcements, schedule of volunteers and calendar.

In need of prayer? Contact: [prayer@poppottage.org](mailto: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.

Lynne and Mike Wathen are celebrating their 47th Wedding Anniversary today.

There is an arrangement near the altar in their honor.



### Connected!

Today's communion bread was baked by Wade Lawrence using local honey and maple syrup. Wade harvested the honey from the bees he keeps near the Prince of Peace Jubilee Garden.

The syrup was boiled from the sap of maple trees on church property and in surrounding neighborhoods by

Don and Sue Jones. As Christ gathers and unites us around this holy feast, these ingredients serve as additional reminders of the abundance of God's gifts and our interconnectedness with all of creation.

## COMING THIS WEEK

On Monday May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.



## COMING SOON



Summer Office Hours Begin June 5  
M-Th 9-4. Closed Fridays

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.



## THIS WEEK AT POP!

### Sunday, May 24 Pentecost

- 9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages
- 10:30a Worship
- 12:00p Fellowship Committee - Library

### Monday, May 25 Office Closed for Memorial Day

- 5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall
- 6:00p Justice and Diversity - Zoom
- 6:30p Nami Support Group

### Tuesday, May 26

- 9:00a ESL
- 9:15a Staff Meeting
- 6:00p Jubilee Garden Work Day
- 7:00p Bells

### Wednesday, May 27 Open Doors Shelter Meal

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

### Thursday, May 28

- 9:00a ESL
- 7:00p Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00p Co-op Team Meeting - Zoom

### Friday, May 29

- 10:00a ESL Open Tutoring

### Saturday, May 30

- 11:00a Jubilee Garden Work Day

### Sunday, May 31 Trinity Sunday

- 9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages
- 10:30a Worship
- 12:00p Fellowship Committee - Library
- 12:00p Mandated Reporter Training.

### SOCIAL CONCERNS INFORMATION

- ◆ **NEW food boxes are needed! See the May Tidings for the list!**  
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

The Extended Ministries Endowment Committee is pleased to announce that funds will be available in 2026 extended ministries that are not supported by the operational budget of POP. The amount available for 2026 is \$8,260.69. All requests are carefully evaluated by the Endowment Committee.

The committee welcomes written requests with the following information: 1) Name of requestor (POP member) 2) Name of extended ministry 3) Brief description and potential impact of the ministry 4) Amount of monies requested. The Endowment Committee will then review the request and determine if monies will be distributed. Please contact Mark Clyne via email (markclyne@sbcglobal.net) or any of the other Endowment Committee members (Carole Nelson, Joyce Stout, Alex Baas-Peterson, Don Jones) or fill out a paper form available from the church office with any requests and place them the Endowment Fund mailbox in the workroom. If you use a paper form, please notify an Endowment Committee member as we currently do not monitor the mailbox regularly.

Please submit your request at least 1 month in advance of the need for the money to allow us to process your request and before June 30th to insure funds will still be available for your request.

#### 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.



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](mailto:prayer@popportage.org)

#### Prayer Corner In Our Thoughts and Prayers

##### Members with Health Concerns

- Marilyn Storch - post op
- Jolaine Snyder - heart issues
- Nancy Pederson - Parkinson's

##### Others with Concerns:

- Patrick Higgins - brain tumor - brother of Carly Davis
- Marilyn D - 17 yr old with rare form of cancer, daughter of Jill Waggner's former pastor in Illinois
- David Keller - pancreatic cancer - brother of Charlotte Keller
- 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 - post - op bowel resection
- Patty McNally - post mastectomy surgery - friend of Joyce Hare.
- Kendall Basor - radical mastectomy surgery - friend of Joyce Hare
- Judah Pederson - cancer - 11 yr old grandson of Tom & Nancy Pederson
- Judy & Bud Spring - cancer - Paula Kana'an's parents
- Kaye Burns - cancer - Paula Kana'an's aunt
- Caroline Kana'an - broken hip - Tim's mother

##### Those with Ongoing Health Concerns:

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