



"Touched by the Gospel, we seek to be instruments of God's Peace, for the sake of the world."

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## Pastor's Page

### Life Springs Forth! Part 1

*I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? – Isaiah 43:19*

In my freshman year, my high school's show choir performed the song "Seasons of Love" from the musical *Rent*. One of the recurring phrases in the song is, "How do you measure, measure a year?" The lyrics suggest things like daylights, sunsets, midnights, cups of coffee, or the 525,600 minutes in a standard year as possible ways to measure someone's life. Ultimately, the song suggests we measure the years of our lives in love, which I think is an excellent choice.

I share this story with you because this question of how to measure has been on my mind.

From my vantage point as pastor, I can tell that our community is growing by the number of calls, visits, prayer requests, and other invitations for engagement with folks that I receive, but it may be difficult to perceive this growth if you're not the one receiving all those invitations. *So how can we measure it?*

Let's look at some of the usual numbers; the ways churches have measured growth in the past. When we began the 2025-26 Faith Formation year last September, we had 40 kids and youth involved from the nursery through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. As we look ahead to this September, we have 49. Our total average attendance (including both in person and online participants) has grown from 193 in 2021, to 224 in 2025, and is trending around 263 as of May 2026.

But here's what's puzzling me – if you just look around at the number of people in the classrooms or the pews on any given Sunday morning, you're not going to see all those people in the building. We rarely have more than about a dozen kids and youth on any given Sunday and we rarely print more than 125-150 bulletins for an average Sunday morning because that's all we need for in-person participants. *So where is everyone?*

According to the Barna Group, one of the leading research groups in the US on the subjects of faith, culture, leadership, vocation, and generations, one-third fewer Americans attend church weekly now than in 1993. "Evidence of a shifting religious landscape is made even clearer when viewed solely through the lens of church attendance. Here, Barna data goes back to 1993. The graph visualizes the share of Americans who say that they attend church in the last seven days, a fairly conventional way of measuring church attendance."<sup>1</sup>

### WEEKLY CHURCH ATTENDANCE: 1993-2020



n = 103,603 U.S. adults | 1993-2020

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.barna.com/research/changing-state-of-the-church/>

# What's Happening at POP!

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets Friday, July 3 at 10 AM in the Social Hall.

If you or someone you know would like a shawl, or for more information about becoming a prayer shawl creator, please contact Dianne Hellman, 323-9392.

## Bunko

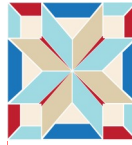
Join us Tuesday, July 14 at 1 PM

Where: POP Gathering Space

Just a few rolls of the dice and you'll have this fun game mastered!

Bunko is easy to learn and offers wonderful opportunities for conversation and connection with others.

Call Carla Hannemann at 269/216-3498 for more information.



## Quilters

Tuesdays, July 7 & 21 at 9:30 AM

Where: POP Social Hall

Not sure you can sew well enough to participate? Don't worry! They're happy to teach you, too. Contact Sheryl for more information: 267-6274.

## Men's Breakfast!

8:00 AM, Wednesday, July 8

Mark's Diner on Romence Rd. in Portage.

Join Pastor Rachel for breakfast, prayer, and conversation.



## Ladies Lunch Bunch

Meet at 11:45am on July 21 at The Cove, 9110 Portage., Portage

Questions? Car pool? Need a ride?

Contact Dianne Hellman, 323-9392.



# HAPPY 250 BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!



On Monday July 6 in observance of Independence Day.

## On Hiatus

Ruth Circle is on hiatus until September

Contact Claudia Blahnik at 269/352-7430

or cjblahnik@yahoo.com,

if you have hesitations or questions.



## WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

On summer break until September 21.

Have a happy and healthy summer vacation!!

We look forward to seeing you in September!!

## Prince of Peace Book Club

The POP Book Club will not meet in

June, July, and August.

The following is a list of books for this fall:

September "Theo of Golden" by Allan Levi

October "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon

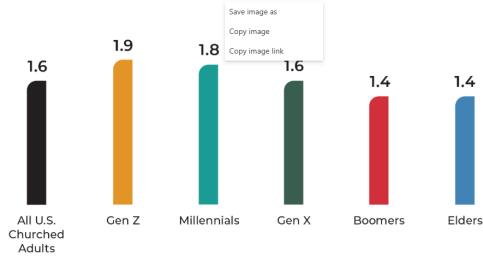
November "Lula's Little Library of Banned Books" by Kristin Miller

Have a great summer and relax with some good books!

## Pastor's Page Continued

### STATE OF THE CHURCH

#### Number of Weekends U.S. Churchgoers Attend Church Per Month, 2025



n=3,579 U.S. Adults, January to July 2025.



To show the data in a different way, here's a chart showing the number of weekends an average churchgoer attends in a month, with the first bar being the total average of all US churchgoers and the others being the averages broken out by generation. None of them average more than about 2 Sundays/month with approximately 2 Sundays out of every 5 being the overall average. This means that we can have lots of people engaged in our congregation regularly, but that "regularly" is still not as often as people used to engage with congregations 30+ years ago.

**What does this mean for us?** It means I and other church leaders are going to work on discerning new ways of measuring participation and engagement so we can better understand what support our faith community needs and how best to meet those needs. To that end, I'm spending part of my summer reading, researching, and talking with colleagues and church leaders about navigating congregational growth. I'll keep writing about what I discover in future newsletter articles and share it in other ways as appropriate. I welcome your insights and perspectives, so please e-mail me ([pastorrachel@popportage.org](mailto:pastorrachel@popportage.org)) or set up a time when we can talk if you want to share or learn more.

Shalom,  
Pastor Rachel

## Christ's Cupboard

### In need of groceries?

We need everyone's help to spread the word about the groceries in Christ's Cupboard. It's located in the office foyer, in the oak cabinets, under the glass case, near the coat room. If you haven't seen, please do so the next time you pass through, and see all the groceries available to give away for free.

We really want to encourage more use, and so a two item per person per household limit is not necessary at this time. We want anyone in need (or anyone who knows and wants to help anyone else in need) to know they may take more than the limit, if the items are needed. We just ask to please record the date and how many items taken, in the red binder in the cupboard, and no personal info is required.

Again, we need everyone's help to reach those who might benefit. We want everyone to feel empowered to help others, and help themselves, to what's available in Christ's Cupboard.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Claudia Lee, Randi Martin, Pam Timm, Lynne Wathen, or a PoP staff member.

*No one in our community should ever go hungry.  
Come and see the bounty in Christ's Cupboard,  
and let our bounty be yours!*



### Jubilee Garden Spotlight

Once again the Jubilee Garden is partnering with Mothers of Hope to bring fresh produce to a neighborhood on the north side of Kalamazoo. If you would like to donate fresh produce to this cause bring it to the church and place it in the blue bin labelled Mothers of Hope that will be in the entryway outside Tamara's office. The bin will be placed there starting in mid-July. The bin will be emptied on Saturday before 10AM so if your produce will not last until then in the bin you can place it in one of the church refrigerators and leave a note in the bin so we know where to find it. Between 10 and 11AM on Saturday produce can be delivered to the Jubilee Garden behind the back parking lot at church. If you have any questions contact Mark Clyne.

### Save the date for Project Connect!

**Wednesday, October 14, 2026.**

Housing Resources Inc. will again host the event at their site. We will supply a Free Store for guests, and welcome you to join our PC team.

More information will follow soon.



## Mothers of Hope Annual Walk for Recovery

### POP Joining Mothers of Hope in the Annual Walk for Recovery

Join POP members for a community celebration of the recovery process with our friends at Mothers of Hope. POP supports this great organization each year with 900 pounds of fresh produce grown by our volunteers in the Jubilee Garden. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space during July for those who can attend and perhaps we can arrange car pooling from POP.

Join Mothers of Hope's **7th Annual Walk for Recovery**, a community event dedicated to celebrating recovery, healing, resilience, and hope.

**Saturday, August 1, 2026**

**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**LaCrone Park**

535 W Patterson St, Kalamazoo, MI 49007



Each year, community members come together to honor recovery journeys, support loved ones, remember those we have lost, and raise awareness that recovery is possible. Whether you are in recovery, support someone who is, work in the recovery field, or simply believe in creating healthier & stronger communities, you are invited.

Bring family, friends, and walking shoes as we come together to show Kalamazoo that recovery happens, healing is possible, and hope lives here.

### Why We Walk

We walk for those in recovery.

We walk for those we've lost.

We walk for families healing together.

We walk to break the stigma.

We walk because hope deserves to be seen.

Together, we heal.

Together, we recover.

Together, we hope.

For questions or additional information, please contact: Don Jones, [donjones282@gmail.com](mailto:donjones282@gmail.com)

# Fellowship

*"There shall be eternal summer in a grateful heart."*  
- Celia Thaxter

Summer is in full swing! Time to enjoy warm weather, lots of sun and time with friends and family! The Fellowship committee has a few events to put on your calendars.



### Book Exchange:

In order to give more time to participate and more books, we will collect books throughout July. Please bring your gently used books to worship for the next 3 Sundays. You may place them on a table in the gym, and they will be collected for a big exchange on Sunday, July 26 after worship. We originally limited it to 5 books per person, but we are now willing to take more if you have more. All types of books are welcome including children's books. Gather those books collecting dust at home, and bring them to POP to share the joy of reading.

### Euchre

Our first Euchre Night will be **July 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM** in the Gathering Space. If you are still interested, please reach out to Gail MacNellis to see if she can fit you in. If not, she can get you on the list for upcoming games. If you are interested in learning the game, please also let Gail know. Tammy Cooper has offered to lead a learn to play euchre lesson and practice game if we have enough interest.



*Tea Party*

### Women's Tea

Break out those flowered dresses and fancy hats! We will be having a Women's Tea on **Saturday, August 15**. Details are still be worked out, so keep an eye out for the August newsletter!

### Night of Destruction

Mark your calendars for a new and exciting outing for POP! We will be organizing a group to attend the **Demolition Derby at the Galesburg Speedway on August 29**. Kids 5 and under are free, Kids 6-12 are \$10. *Adults (including seniors)* are \$25. We are hoping to tailgate before the show! Keep an eye out for further details.



### Sunday Fellowship

We are in continual need of volunteers to handle the coffee fellowship after service. If you enjoy grabbing a cup of coffee every Sunday morning, please consider volunteering for a turn. It is a small commitment (not complicated at all) that really does add to the fellowship and community of POP. We have prepared a list of instructions that can be referenced to make this easier. Please contact any member of the Fellowship Committee for details.



### Local Outing Ideas

*Be advised, unless noted, these will require an entrance fee or tickets. Google the individual event for additional details to plan your outing.*

**July 1-5 - Field of Flight:** Air Show and Balloon Festival, Battle Creek

**July 4 - Patriotic Pops Concert** - Bronson Park, Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra and Drone Show, Kalamazoo

**July 7/10-7/11 - Kalamazoo Blues Fest** - Old Dog Tavern, Kalamazoo

**July 11 - Night Magic Hike**, Kalamazoo Nature Center, Kalamazoo

**July 18 - Ramona Park Beach Bonfire** - Ramona Park, Portage

**July 22 - Storybook Walk** - WK Kellogg Bird Sanctuary Near Battle Creek

**Ongoing through November** - Chihuly Exhibition at Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids



# Children and Youth News



June is our regular week of camp at Living Water Ministries.

This year, six of our youth attended a week of learning, creating, relaxing, worshipping, and fellowshiping in God's creation at Stony Lake. Our congregation was invited to be in prayer for our youth in deliberate ways by wearing a brightly-colored wristband with one of our camper's names on it. They spent the week praying for that youth specifically. What a great way to carry out the promises we made to these youth at their baptism – to pray for them and be faithful people for them to live among! These baptismal promises are both a responsibility and a privilege, and this tangible action of faith was a gift to our campers AND congregation. Be sure to ask our campers about the ways they notice God at camp!

## Work on Vacation Bible School

continues to move forward, and registration for participants is now open! Find paper registrations on the VBS board in the Gathering Space or sign up online through the link below <https://tinyurl.com/6atp5zv6> or by scanning the QR code. If you have family, friends, or neighbors to invite, you can grab a postcard – or two or three!! – to share. There are still several volunteer slots open, too – check out the VBS board for more information. You'll also have a chance to hear from Prof. Henrietta Pickles and Dr. Archibald VanDiggens, the two experts leading our Archeology Adventure, during verbal announcement time during worship. Be sure to listen up, tune in, or check back on the livestream to meet these two!



Have you been following along with Family Faith Practices?

Family Faith Practice

bringing faith home

There are still extra single-pagers and passport booklets on the table in the Gathering Space if you'd like to participate! We're also posting one practice each week on the church Facebook page if you'd like to follow along from home or on the road. Here are four practices to try in July:

1. **Pray together** before bed each night this week.
2. **Bookmark this week's readings** in your bibles together in advance. Then, bring your bibles to church and follow along together!
3. **Choose a bible verse** to be your family's "guiding verse". Make and decorate a poster with the verse on it to hang up in your home.
4. **Pray for each other!** Write prayers for the other people in your family and exchange them after dinner.

Remember that these practices are just suggestions, so adjust them to suit your family as you'd like. If there was a practice you particularly liked, send a note or a picture to Em or Pastor Rachel. We'd love to see how our faith community is finding ways to bring their faith beyond the walls of the church!



Bette, Hannah, Duran, Kaya, Alex, Andrew and Em

## More from Children and Youth

### A note from Em:

Our Youth Committee and Christian Education Committees have been working very hard to draft a Child and Youth Safety Policy, & the Congregational Council has voted to approve the policy. This policy brings together several informal practices that were already in place in our congregation into one guiding document, in addition to other procedures recommended by trusted sources. We drafted this policy after significant research and input from many sources:

- ELCA, specifically the ELCA's social statement on Child Protection
- New England Synod of the ELCA, where significant time and resources have been used to develop guidelines for churches
- Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (aka Child Protective Services),
- Episcopal Church of the United States of America, where significant time and resources have been used to develop regulations for clergy, staff, and volunteers working with children
- Our insurance company's guidelines for child protection and requirements surrounding adults working with minors
- SafeChurch (an agency that works with insurance companies specifically on the protection of children and the creation of policies such as this).

The new Child and Youth Safety Policy covers things from how and when permission slips are used to frequency of background checks for staff and volunteers working with minors. It also covers information for reporting child abuse and neglect to the state, as is legally required for certain professionals including clergy. Copies of the policy will be made available to the congregation in paper form by the Youth bulletin board (in the entry way to the 'old' side of the building) and digitally upon request. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Parents and guardians, the Youth Committee and I will make a point to allow extra time for permission slips and be available to answer questions as we enter summer activities and start a new programming year in the fall. I appreciate the patience of volunteers who work with our youth as we work to implement the procedures detailed in the policy.

I am so grateful to be a part of a congregation that cares about the safety of the kids and youth that have been entrusted to us.

Em Witteveen,  
Engagement Coordinator  
[engage@popportage.org](mailto:engage@popportage.org)

## Retirements and Job Postings

### PERSONNEL NEWS: RETIREMENTS AND HIRING!

It is with great gratitude for their years of service that we announce the upcoming retirement of two of our staff, Custodian Steve Haddix and Administrative Assistant Tamara Preston. Steve has served in his position for eight years and Tamara for 10 years.

Steve retired at the end of June. We recognized his years of service on 6/28. Tamara will be retiring 8/31 and we hope to have her position filled mid-August to allow for overlap and training. We will celebrate with her on 8/30.



**We need your help spreading the word about these positions.**



The full job descriptions, details for both positions, and details for how to apply are posted on POP's website under the "About" tab / "Current Job Opportunities." They have also disseminated the postings to other local churches, agencies, and employment listings. We'd appreciate any help you can give with passing on this opportunity to your contacts! If you or others have questions, please contact any of the members of the Personnel Committee listed below.

Sincerely, Sue Jones, Personnel Committee Chair  
Committee members: Judson Stemaly, Dennis Stalker, Jenny Deming, Dave Reinhold and Pastor Rachel

## Council and Committees



During Council's May vmeeting we reflected on the many ways God has been at work at PoP this spring.

We celebrated the success of the recent Synod Assembly, where PoP welcomed congregations and leaders from across the synod. We were grateful for the many volunteers whose hard work helped make the event a success, and we heard numerous compliments about our congregation and grounds.

We also celebrated the success of the end-of-year graduation recognition where 5 graduates were celebrated.

### We Are Missing the Prodigal Kitchen Items!

Over time, a few kitchen items have been lent out, especially rectangular tablecloths (*green ones specifically*). If you happen to have any of these - or any other item - that is now taking up space in your cabinets or cupboard, it would be great if you could please return them to church. Absolutely no questions asked! Just put a note on the item to notify Sue Jones and they'll be put back in their rightful home. Thank you!

We were excited to hear that 24 women registered for this year's Women's Retreat and that six of our youth will be attending summer camp in June.

We also heard updates about new Faith at Home resources being developed for families and ways the Care Team continues to support members of our congregation. As summer begins, we look forward to the opportunities ahead for worship, fellowship, and service.

As always, council is honored to steward PoP's mission. Please seek out those of us in yellow lanyards if you desire learning more.



Wednesday  
July 1

## Adult Faith Formation

### "Reformation in Germany: In the Footsteps of Martin Luther" A Tour to Germany

*A comprehensive tour to the land of Luther hosted by Pastor Harry Biles, Deacon Sharey & Pastor Rachel Laughlin.*

For those of you who have heard Pastor Harry teach, you know his style is "easy on the ears" and long on information and stories. Pastor Harry, Deacon Sharey and Pastor Rachel have offered to lead Prince of Peace members (and guests) to experience Martin Luther's faith journey as the Reformation come alive.

This tour offered by EO (Educational Opportunities) Tours includes airfare from New York, first class hotels, breakfast and dinner daily, professionally guided tours (enhanced by Pastor Biles' lively commentary) and much more! Pricing starts at about \$4,300 per person (not including airfare to NYC and back and other possible incidentals)

### The tour is proposed for October 5-13, 2027.

We would like to gauge interest from POP members over the next few weeks. We plan to hold meetings soon to give you more information. In the meantime, Dale and Mikki Holder, and Rob and Chris Wagley (along with Pastor Harry and Sharey) can share information about this exciting opportunity for learning and fellowship.

An "interested (*but not committed!*)" sign up sheet will be in the Gathering Space over the next few weeks. Please help us assess the level of interest we have in putting a group together. Up to 50 spaces are available.



Photo by [Andreas Haubold](#) on [Unsplash](#)

# Living Our Faith

Thank You!

- *Siblings in Christ at Prince of Peace, What an amazing job you did! The hospitality you extended at our recent Synod Assembly was remarkable. We have received many comments about how welcome people felt. It was obvious that you put much time and effort into planning for us and for bringing that plan to fruition. On behalf of a grateful synod, please except my deepest thanks – In Christ, Bishop Julie*
- *We wish to than you for hosting the 2026 ELCA NW Lower Synod Assembly! Your welcoming and organization, food, music, presentations, grounds tours – all combined for an inspiring and memorable event!! – In Him, St. Lukes Congregation, Grand Rapids, Monty and Ginger Williams, rep.*



Bishop Julie & Pastor Tim Jahn  
at Synod Assembly

## On-Line Giving

**On-line Giving Has Never Been So Easy!**



You can click or copy and paste the link

<https://tithe.ly/give?c=2250097>

or use the QR code.

You can also go to the Prince of Peace website & click on the giving button.

For questions contact either Marilyn or Tamara.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

7/2	Lindan Smith Jennifer Deming	7/10	Gail Hoover Bette Stemaly	7/17	James Vogt Kimberly Banner Chase Roberts	7/21	Justin Meier
7/3	Adam Schuhknecht	7/11	Terri Drafta Sandra Williams Sharon Clem	7/18	Jeremy Zimmerman	7/23	Christopher Barnett
7/4	Lisa Stucky Pamela Schuhknecht			7/19	Max Todas Rebecka Creed Emily Hopper James Banner	7/24	Linda Boeschstein
7/5	Kris Rieck	7/12	Donald Jones Matthew Lago Ellen Bradley			7/25	Lukas Pederson
7/7	Sophia DeRango Lillian Ross Matt Erdmann	7/13	Elyse Koester			7/27	Paul Swodzinski Megan Zimmerman
7/9	Tammy Cooper	7/14	Michael Wathen	7/20	Kevin Esch Alexander Eldridge	7/28	Marleigh VandenBussche
		/15	Timothy Kana'an Erika Baumann			7/29	Reece Howes Dave Karna
						7/31	Makayla Seelbinder

### Anniversaries

Greg & Melissa Mickelson	July 5
Paul & Sheryl Swodzinski	July 6
Robert & Christine Wagley	July 10
Michael & Debbie Barnett	July 13
Melissa & Jonathan Ottesen	July 17
Bryce & Allyson Maurer	July 18
Holly & Matthew Lago	July 22
Jason & Carly Davis	July 31



## JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

# Prince of Peace Calendar — July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> Steve's Retirement Service 10:30am Worship 11:45am Fellowship Time 12:00pm Fellowship Committee Meeting	<b>29</b> 5:30pm AA "Promises" Support Group	<b>30</b> 9:15am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Jubilee Garden Work Day	<b>1</b> 10:00am WMU Center for Disabilities 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom 12:00pm Pray Without Ceasing 6:00pm Great Lakes Adventure Club - Social Hall/Flex	<b>2</b> 6:30pm South County Fiber Arts	<b>3</b> 10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry - Peace Lounge	<b>4</b> Independence Day 10:00am Jubilee Garden Work Day 
<b>5</b> 10:30am Worship 11:45am Fellowship Time	<b>6</b> Office Closed in observance of Independence Day. 5:30pm AA "Promises" Support Group	<b>7</b> 9:15am Staff Meeting 9:30am Quilters - Social Hall 4:00pm Teams Training 7:00pm Jubilee Garden Work Day	<b>8</b> 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Mark's Diner 10:00am WMU Center for Disabilities 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom 12:00pm Pray Without Ceasing	<b>9</b> 6:00pm Partners in Profit	<b>10</b> 7:00pm Euchre Night!	<b>11</b> 10:00am Jubilee Garden Work Day
<b>12</b> 10:30am Worship 11:45am Fellowship Time 12:00pm Fellowship Committee Meeting	<b>13</b> 3:00pm Social Concerns Meeting 5:30pm AA "Promises" Support Group 5:30pm Finance Committee mtg. - Zoom 7:00pm Christian Ed Committee - Zoom 7:00pm Personnel/Executive Committee - Zoom	<b>14</b> 9:15am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Bunko - Gathering Space 7:00pm Jubilee Garden Work Day 7:00pm Youth Committee - Zoom	<b>15</b> 10:00am WMU Center for Disabilities 11:00am Library Committee - Library 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom 12:00pm Pray Without Ceasing 7:00pm Church Council meeting - Zoom	<b>16</b> <span style="color: red;">Newsletter Deadline</span> 10:00am Youth Retreat 1:00pm Free Store 6:00pm Nurse Honor Guard of Kalamazoo	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 10:00am Jubilee Garden Work Day
<b>19</b> 10:30am Worship 11:45am Fellowship Time	<b>20</b> 5:30pm AA "Promises" Support Group 6:00pm Master Gardeners - Sanctuary 7:00pm Worship Committee Meeting - Zoom	<b>21</b> 9:15am Staff Meeting 9:30am Quilters - Social Hall 11:45am Ladies Lunch Bunch @ The Cove 2:30pm Stewardship Committee Meeting 5:30pm Property Committee - Zoom 7:00pm Jubilee Garden Work Day	<b>22</b> 10:00am Book Club 10:00am WMU Center for Disabilities 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom 12:00pm Pray Without Ceasing	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:00am Jubilee Garden Work Day
<b>26</b> Party for Piano! 10:30am Worship 11:45am Fellowship Time	<b>27</b> 2:00pm Care Team Meeting 5:30pm AA "Promises" Support Group 6:00pm Justice and Diversity Meeting - Zoom 6:00pm Vacation Bible School 6:30pm Nami Support Group	<b>28</b> Open Doors Men's Shelter Meal 9:15am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Vacation Bible School 7:00pm Jubilee Garden Work Day	<b>29</b> 10:00am WMU Center for Disabilities 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom 12:00pm Pray Without Ceasing 6:00pm Vacation Bible School	<b>30</b> 6:00pm Vacation Bible School	<b>31</b> 6:00pm Vacation Bible School	<b>1</b> 10:00am Jubilee Garden Work Day

**Legend:**

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous      ESL—English as a Second Language

NAMI —National Alliance on Mental Illness

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