



# PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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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.



Join us as we celebrate Steve's retirement from Prince of Peace on Sunday, June 28, with special liturgy and treats!



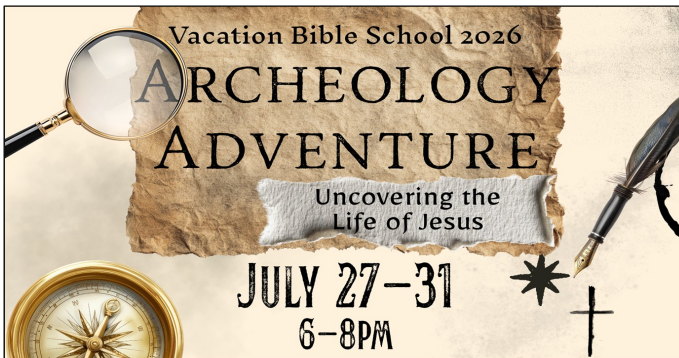
# HAPPY 250 BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!

## COMING NEXT WEEK



On Monday July 6 in observance of Independence Day.

## COMING SOON



Registration is open! Here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/6atp5zv6>

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION



### The Book Exchange Continues!

We will be accepting books for a few weeks and then will announce when we will have the exchange. Keep watching the Peace Proclamations!

### 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!

## THIS WEEK AT POP!

### Sunday, June 28 Steve's Retirement Service

10:30a Worship  
11:45a Fellowship Time  
12:00p Fellowship Committee

### Monday, June 29

5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall

### Tuesday, June 30

9:15a Staff Meeting  
10:30a Teams Training  
6:00p Jubilee Garden Work Day

### Wednesday, July 1

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, July 2

6:30p South County Fiber Arts - Social Hall

### Friday, July 3 Office Closed

10:00a Prayer Shawl Ministry - Peace Lounge

### Saturday, July 4 Happy 4th of July

11:00a Jubilee Garden Work Day

### Sunday, July 5

10:30a Worship  
11:45a Fellowship Time

Use this QR code to make your contribution to Prince of Peace. Just follow the instructions when you scan the code.



## SOCIAL CONCERNS INFORMATION

- ◆ **NEW food boxes are needed! Lists are on the boxes. Sign out a box in the Gathering Space and bring it back to the Gathering Space.** We supplement Food Distribution by making boxes of nonperishable food. The boxes from SouthMichigan Food Bank have been sufficient, but we like to maintain a stock just in case.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### 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 will be retiring 6/30, with the hopes that we will have a replacement in place by that date. We will be recognizing him in the service today. 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

### Have you been following along with Family Faith Practices?

There are still extra single-pagers and passport booklets on the table in the Gathering Space if you'd like to participate!

### Family Faith Practice

bringing faith home

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. 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!

### The August sign up 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>



### 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

- Jolaine Snyder - heart issues
- Nancy Pederson - Parkinson's
- Linda Sue Boeschstein - health issues
- Jackson Seguin - health concerns
- Gordon Hare - leg infection
- BJ Stark - health issues
- **Al Ross - cancer**
- **Linda Tortorice - cancer**

#### 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
- 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
- Steven Steiber - multiple myeloma, meningitis - Linda Smith's brother
- Julie Pardee - breast cancer - Em Witteveen's aunt
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#### Those with Ongoing Health Concerns:

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

#### Those Grieving:

- Family & friends of Cindy Vennix - friend of Sheryl Swodzinski