



PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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May 10, 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. 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

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.

COMING SOON



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 and we will pay one bill for everyone

GRADUATION AND END OF YEAR PICNIC

Sunday, May 17

Hot dogs and all the fixins'.

Chuck-a-Duck Youth Fundraiser

\$2 a duck or 3 for \$5



THIS WEEK AT POP!

Sunday, May 10 Mother's Day

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

Monday, May 11

2:00p Care Team Meeting
5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall
5:30p Finance Committee - Zoom
7:00p Personnel/Executive Committee - Zoom

Tuesday, May 12

9:00a ESL
9:15a Staff Meeting
1:00p Bunko - Gathering Space
7:00p Bells

Wednesday, May 13

8:00a Men's Breakfast - Mark's Diner
10:00a WMU Center for Disabilities
11:00a Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom
12:00p Pray without Ceasing

Thursday, May 14

9:00a ESL
6:00p Partners in Profit
7:00p Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 15

11:00a Synod Assembly

Saturday, May 16

9:00a Synod Assembly

Sunday, May 17 Grad Sunday and Picnic

9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages
10:30a Worship
11:45a Graduation Picnic

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.



SOCIAL CONCERNS INFORMATION

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

5/17 - Preparing for Pentecost and Summer.
We look ahead to Pentecost (Acts 2), the birthday of the church. Come talk about what this story from says to us today. And explore how we can carry a sense of community and welcoming through the summer months. Led by Laila Poisson.

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>

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.

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 - post op
- 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

Those Grieving:

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