

I am Loved



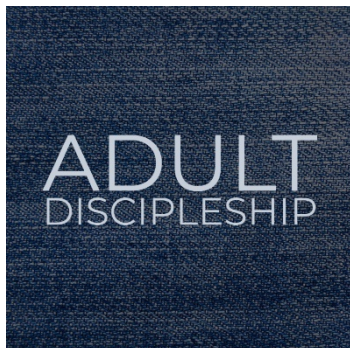
Sunday, September 12, 2021 11:00AM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song	“No Greater Love/The Love of God” arr. Tornquist	Tim Schoenherr
Introit		
Welcome		Jeff Nelson
Hymn #732 (**UMH)	Come, We That Love the Lord	Sanctus Members
Call to Worship		Faye Bond
Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson
Special Anthem	“River in Judea”	Sanctus Members
Time of Prayer		Faye Bond
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	“Die Ehre Gottes aus der Natur” Ludwig van Beethoven	Liz Wright
Doxology #95 (**UMH)	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
Scripture (*CEB)	Romans 8:35,37-39	Faye Bond
Message	I am Loved	Jeff Nelson
Hymn #408 (**UMH)	The Gift of Love	Sanctus Members
Benediction		Jeff Nelson

**Common English Bible*
***United Methodist Hymnal*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Adult Discipleship Programming Starts This Week

We have multiple adult discipleship classes this season. Everything from a church-wide one day retreat to book study classes along with reflection classes and even a baseball and church chat class. More information available on our website or in our new newsletter "The First Word" mailed and emailed out to you this past week.



Children, Youth & Family Programming-Getting Back into the Routine!

We have weekly programming for kids of all ages. Our Youth Group (ROY) begins September 12 and Holy COW, our midweek music and fellowship program for kids, begins September 15. There will also be some special events for nursery families, 3rd-5th graders, and families of all ages.



We Need Ushers and Greeters

You can help make worship a powerful, welcoming experience for others! We have opportunities for people to serve as ushers and greeters. Pick some days to create a regular schedule...like ushering for all the even number months or greeting on the first Sunday of every month. And if you know someone who might like to share some time volunteering with you, send them this information and invite them! Volunteering is a great way to get to know people in your church family! Visit the Welcome Desk or www.rofum.org to sign up.

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2021 Crop Hunger Walk

Would you like to stomp out hunger? On September 19th, area churches will be joining together with a common goal of raising awareness and funds to feed the hungry, both locally and globally. Show your support by joining the ROFUM team as a walker or by sponsoring our team members with a donation. A \$15 donation will provide a family with egg laying chickens; a \$65 donation will provide a family of four with meals for nearly two months. More information is available at the Welcome Desk at Royal Oak First or you can www.rofum.org. Please reach out to Lucille Evans at lucilleevans@gmail.com with additional questions.



Saturday Night Worship

Please plan to join us on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at 4:00 pm, in the Parlor for the first Saturday Night Worship in over a year! We are planning to meet twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays. We are in search of those who can serve as a guest preacher, song leader, support audio needs, or play the piano or a musical instrument on a rotational basis. Please contact Joyce Russell at 586-758-4729 or russ28@att.net for more information.

**SATURDAY
NIGHT
WORSHIP**

Sock-It-To-Me September is Back!

New socks are one of the most important items for homeless folks in the winter. Our friends at The NOAH Project (at Central UMC) give out over 10,000 pairs of socks annually as part of their work supporting the homeless of Detroit. In past years, Royal Oak First has contributed thousands of socks to support The NOAH Project, and we've set a goal to contribute 2021 additional socks this year. Bring a package or two of NEW MEN'S TUBE SOCKS to church between September 7th and October 3rd, and help us reach our goal. Sock-It-To-Me!

Sock-It-To-Me



September

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Dave Minch • Aloma Mirjah • Michael Frank • Carol Hardt • Janice Marsh •
Nancy Thompson • Bob Prud'homme • Nancy Lorenz • Marilyn Hocking •
Charlene Faunt • Cynthia Cline • Melinda Loftin • Tom Soboleski • Ed Cline •
Karen Wetzel • Audrey Leenhouts • Lloyd Ramseyer • Janet Ramseyer •
Lee Hoffmann • John Wagster • Neil Franks • Sarah Beth Wells • Todd Wells •
Patricia Callahan • Maya Lane Harris • Kimberlyn Palchak • Diane Shornak •
Carrie Morse • Cindy McCarthy • Betty Lawson • Fred Bowden • Marian Kremer •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Effie Lambros • Lucille Gunnels • Carl Gunnels • The Pushman Family •
Buddy Budowick • Jessica Simpson • Jack Barlow • Kathy Kearns • Linda Morrell •
Marc Reddekopp • Gina Mirjah • Michael McFarlane • Darryl Warren • Sue Sugden •
Sally Sou • Teresa Baker •

Sympathies to:

Bruce and Ginny Conrad on the death of Ginny's sister, Rosemary Piatt on September 4.

Senior Spotlight:

Dolores Bratta

For the complete Prayer List,
please contact our Pastoral Care Team at prayers@rofum.org.

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

This Sunday is our Homecoming Sunday and the kickoff to our Fall Program. While the ever-shifting landscape of the pandemic will probably change the size of our worship gathering and after worship fellowship, Royal Oak First is ready to provide plenty of opportunities for worship, discipleship and service for you and our community.

I am hoping that you either received in the mail or electronically your copy of “The First Word”, our new church-wide newsletter (thank you Lee Trumbull). In it you will find the full array of offerings to stay engaged with the life of our faith community. I encourage you to find a place to connect this fall. Come to worship. Take a class. Sign up to serve. Find a way to stay connected. If you haven't received your copy of “The First Word” yet, please contact Lee in the church office (248.541.4100 or ltrumbull@rofum.org) or stop by the church and pick one up at the Welcome Desk. There are lots of great things happening at your church we want you to know about and be connected to.

I want to highlight three all-church events (further details and sign up links available at rofum.org) that are happening that I would encourage you to consider supporting:

1. **Sock It to Me September:** This is our annual fall drive to support both our friends at the Noah Project and our Community Support program. Warm, dry socks go a long way to ensure the health of friends and neighbors experiencing homelessness during the winter months. We have set a goal of collecting 2021 socks (that is 1010 ½ pairs!) and as always, we appreciate your willingness to support this important mission.

2. **Men's Breakfast.** On Saturday, September 25th from 9:00-10:30 am, all the men of the congregation are invited to a morning fellowship, devotions and prayer. Come and reconnect with friends and learn about new opportunities for discipleship.

3. **Church-Wide Retreat: Rooted in Apprenticeship:** What does it mean to truly apprentice under Jesus' leadership? On Saturday, October 9 from 10:00 am-3:00 pm we will explore the life and teaching of Jesus and look to apply these lessons to our everyday lives. This retreat will be co-led by our Adult Discipleship Coordinator, Joyce Hollingsworth and myself.

It is such a blessing to be a part of the faith community that has been as faithful, generous and resilient as Royal Oak First. I am looking forward to how God will be at work through us in the months to come.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff". The word "Pastor" is written in a simple, slightly cursive font, and "Jeff" is written in a more stylized, cursive font. Below the word "Pastor" is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.

**Experience Real Love, Form Real Friendships,
Make a Real Difference**

