



Sunday, November 13, 2022 11:00AM  
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>Prelude</b>	“Minuet in G Major” from J.S. Bach’s Notebook for Ana Magdalena Bach	Samantha Moody, Violin Neal Harris, Piano
<b>Call to Worship</b>		Kathy Seidler
<b>Opening Hymn #156**</b>	“I Love to Tell the Story”	
<b>Affirmation of Faith</b>		
<b>Response #70**</b>	“Glory Be to the Father”	
<b>Welcome &amp; Invitation to Mission</b>		Erica Plesco & Kyle Webber
<b>Mission Moment</b>	Metro Detroit Youth Club	Rachel Frank
<b>Anthem</b>	“Living Faith” arr. Croushorn	Sanctus Choir
<b>Time of Prayer</b>		
<b>Offering Our Tithes and Gifts</b>		
<b>Musical Offering</b>	“Blessed Assurance”	Ryckman Family
<b>Doxology #95**</b>	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	
<b>Scripture*</b>	1 Peter 3:13-22	
<b>Message</b>	“Why Am I a Christian”	Brian Wright
<b>Closing Hymn #402**</b>	“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” (Stanzas 1,2,4)	
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	“Prelude and Fugue in Bb” att. to J.S. Bach	

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



ROYAL OAK FIRST  
MISSIONS

## Food Pantry Donations Needed



## GREEN MISSIONS ENVELOPES

Traditionally, Royal Oak First has reserved the second Sunday of each month as our Missions Sunday. We often welcome one of our community partners to speak during the Mission Moment and also will include green Missions envelopes in your Bulletin. The donations collected in these green envelopes fund our Missions budget for the year. Thank you for your continued support!

## OUR FOOD PANTRY REALLY NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS!

Our Food Pantry is in dire need of a restock. The following items are suggestions, but all non-perishable items will be accepted: Peanut Butter • Jelly • Boxed Mac and Cheese • Canned Soup • SpaghettiOs/Ravioli • Canned Vegetables • Canned Tuna • Canned Pasta Sauce • Cereal • Rice. We prefer cans that are self-opening and pouches. Please bring donated items to the church office (Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) or during Sunday worship.

## TOYS & CLOTHING FOR CASS COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES

Now through December 4, our United Women in Faith (UWF) group will be collecting new, unwrapped toys and winter clothes for the kids at Cass Community Social Services. They are accepting gifts for kids ages birth to 18 years, but ask that nothing requires batteries or resemble weapons. Let's help these kids experience the joy of Christmas! Drop off after Sunday services or Monday-Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.



## Toy and Clothing Drive

Cass Community Social Services

## CHRISTMAS GREENS SALE IS HERE!

We have wreaths, crosses, roping, grave blankets, baskets, centerpieces, tins and more! Royal Oak First Music Guild's Christmas Greens Sale benefits our Summer Choir Camp Program to help offset costs so that camp is affordable for every child. **You must place your order by 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 20.** Scan the QR code to the right or go to [www.rofum.org/greens-sale-2022](http://www.rofum.org/greens-sale-2022) to order yours today!



SCAN ME

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## SIGN UP FOR CHAIR YOGA CLASSES

Chair Yoga classes, presented by our own Kimberlyn Palchak's "in.balance" are open for registration for November and December. The classes include: Mindful Meditation, Seated Yoga, and Focused Breathing. Classes are on Tuesdays from 12:15-12:45 p.m. To sign up, scan the QR code or visit [www.rofum.org](http://www.rofum.org).



## CRAFTING A RULE OF LIFE RETREAT

Held January 30-February 1, 2023 at the Lake Huron Retreat Center, the Crafting a Rule of Life Retreat guides both Clergy and Laity through the process of imagining and affirming the practices in your life that act as a "truss" – intentional practices and ways of living that ground you through all life's ups and downs. Led by Rev. Cora Glass and Rev. Jeff Nelson, your retreat time also includes times for reflection through art and nature. Scan the QR code to register or for more details.



## "THE CHOSEN" ON THE BIG SCREEN!

We have 10 tickets available for a showing of the first two episodes of season 3 of "The Chosen" shown on the big screen at MJR Troy Grand Cinema on Friday, November 18 at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$10 per ticket. Pastor Jeff will be at the theatre and will also be at the Big Boy on 15 Mile (right down the street) after the showing for lunch. Feel free to join him there. Call 248.541.4100 if you are interested in purchasing a ticket.



## THANK YOU TO OUR VETERANS!

Even though Veteran's Day was on Friday, we still wanted to take this opportunity to thank them for their service to this country. Your bravery, sacrifice, and strength do not go unnoticed, and we will always be indebted to you and your family for all that you have given to the country.

# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

## **Prayers for Our Church Family:**

Natalia Tovarez • Jen Irish-Minewiser • Trisha Ferguson • Sheryl Hunter •  
Mary Nahhat • Diane Sexton • Faye Bond • Mark Lowman • Donna Allen •  
Ann Anderson • Al Simmons • Mary Lou Graeber • Lisa Rye •  
Audrey Leenhouts • Charlene Faunt • Marian Kremer •

## **Prayers for Our Extended Family:**

Sharon Pillow • Susan Inch • Rachel Timm • Linda Swanson •  
Jim Castellani • Scott Peacor and Kyla Boyse • Tara Bouck • Joe •  
Mike Pilon • Larry Campbell • Phillip Makinen • Carl Gunnels •  
Jamie Wittenberg • Carrie • Joan Firestone • Jeff and Marcy Carmichael •  
Dan Hicks • Brent Miller • James • Edwin Gillette • Carl Jones •  
Dorothy Follette • Deana Sawicki • Atlas • Cyndi Luczak • Kelly •  
Steve Wurdock • Grandma Johnson • Harold Baker • Darryl Warren •  
Sue Sugden •

## **Prayers for All That Have Been Impacted by COVID-19**

### **Sympathies to:**

Family and friends of Hal McNeese on his death, November 2, 2022

### **Congratulations to:**

James and Abigail Semivan on the birth of their daughter, Ingrid Jacqueline Semivan on November 6, 2022

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List,  
please contact Danielle Moody at [prayers@rofum.org](mailto:prayers@rofum.org).



## Royal Oak First is always grateful when people give of their time, talent and/or treasure.

Did you know that there are several different ways to give financially?

**Text to Give:** Text the amount you wish to give to 855.566.0093.

**In Person:** You can place a check or cash in an offering envelope and drop it in the offering plate when it goes by or in one of the offering collection boxes just outside the Sanctuary.

**Giving App:** Download the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app to set up one-time or recurring donations.

**Online:** Visit [rofum.org/giving](http://rofum.org/giving) to set up and manage your one-time and recurring gifts.

You can always check out our website, [www.rofum.org](http://www.rofum.org) for **Volunteer Opportunities** or subscribe to our weekly email, by going to this link: <http://eepurl.com/c9m7L9>.

For more information, contact Jennifer Tripoli at 248.541.4100 ext. 1225 or email [jtripoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtripoli@rofum.org).

Thank you!

**Advent is coming!**  
**November 27 through December 24**

More details coming soon



# LETTER FROM OUR PREACHER

Dear Fellow Church Folks,

The world around us is often filled with gloom and doom. We all struggle to get life right; but this is a huge challenge that often feels too big for us. It's so easy to feel hopeless.

By contrast, Peter indicates that people of faith should be very hopeful. This hopefulness may cause people to ask, "Why are you so hopeful, (despite all that's going on around us)?"

Peter suggests that this is a great opportunity to share our faith.

Peter encouraged the first century church folks to:

**Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.**

(1 Peter 3:15)

Although Peter encouraged people to "be prepared" it is unlikely that he was suggesting we have canned answers to questions.

Royal Oak First is a growing movement. I think this is because of a strong sense of hopefulness. We try to put our faith into real action.

When the world around us is losing hope, a hopeful spirit is bound to get noticed. If and when it does, what will we do?

Let's be hopeful and find out.

Hope to see you Sunday.

Brian Wright