

"All God's People"

Sunday, September 17, 2023

9:00AM Worship



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” arr. Lloyd Larson	Kyle Webber
Song	“Build Your Kingdom Here”	
Song	“You Have Shown Us”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson
Moment of Spiritual Direction		Nicole Wilson
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		Erica Plesco
Musical Offering	“A Beautiful Noise”	Susanna Webber & Erica Plesco
Doxology	“Give Thanks”	
Scripture	2 Corinthians 5:15-21	
Message	“All God’s People: Be Reconciled”	Jeff Nelson
Racial Reconciliation Team Introduction		Joyce Hollingsworth
Closing Song	“God of the City”	
Benediction		
Departing Music	“God of the City”	House Band

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ABIDE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Our **Abide Men's Fellowship Group** starts again on **Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m.** in the church parlor. All men in the congregation are welcome to attend for fellowship, conversation and prayer.



MISSIONS TEAM MEETING

Please join us on **Thursday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m.** in **Room 305** for our next **Missions Team Planning Meeting**. We will recap recent missions and make plans for upcoming programming. New participants and new ideas are always welcome! If you have ideas but are unable to attend, please email our Missions Coordinator, Karla Goetz at missions@rofum.org.



HARVEST TIME AT MICAH 6

Come join us on **Saturday, September 23, from 9:00 a.m.-noon**, as we lend our hands in service at the **Micah 6 gardens in Pontiac**. Our friends at Micah 6 work daily to build community and improve the lives of those in their neighborhood. At the heart of their mission are their extensive vegetable gardens where they grow fresh produce to share with their neighbors with limited access to fresh food. We will help with a variety of tasks including: harvesting vegetables, spreading mulch, weeding, planting, and cleanup. Scan QR code to RSVP.

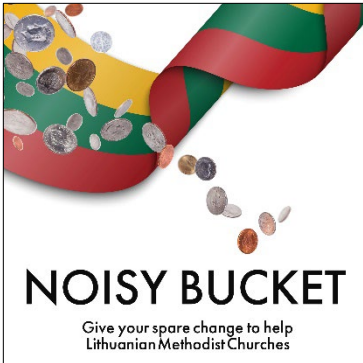


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PASTOR CHAT-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

If you're new to Royal Oak First and you'd like to know more about our church or if you'd like to learn the next steps about how to become part of everything going on here, then come to the Pastor Chat. The next **Pastor Chat will be on Sunday, September 24 at 10:15 a.m. in the Parlor** and last no more than 30 minutes. We look forward to seeing you!



SAVE YOUR LOOSE/SPARE CHANGE FOR NOISY BUCKET

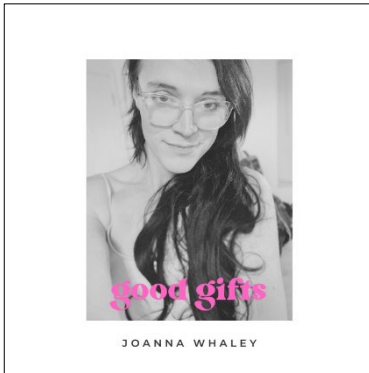
Bring in your spare change in **on Sunday, September 24 at either the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service** and we will collect it for our efforts to support the United Methodist churches in Lithuania. Don't miss out on making the bucket noisy!



MOMS AT PUBS (MAP)

MAP is a group that meets for fun and fellowship at a local pub, giving moms a chance to relax, laugh, and enjoy the fellowship of other moms. **This month we will meet on Thursday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jolly Pumpkin, 419 S. Main Street, Royal Oak.** Please join us! If you have any questions or want to be added to our email list for upcoming events, please contact Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at jtripoli@rofum.org or phone/text 248.703.8805.

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“GOOD GIFTS” CONCERT JOANNA WHALEY

Join us on **Saturday, October 7** here at **Royal First at 7:00 p.m.** for a concert that makes space for **ALL people to connect with God**. ALL MEANS ALL. This is an album release show and will feature songs about faith and the struggle to hold onto faith when faith systems today do not want queer people to have Jesus. This is a LGBTQIA+ friendly event, as well as the venue. Tickets are free of charge, but please consider a donation on the night of the concert.



“ALL GOD’S PEOPLE” SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION SERIES & RETREAT!

For over two years, the Racial Reconciliation Team has been faithfully meeting and learning about racism and racial reconciliation in a Christian context. The team has created a **five-week version of this learning experience in small group settings starting in early October**. Five topics will be covered: a biblical view of justice, the historical origins of racial designations, systemic racism in America, the traumatic impact of discrimination on people of color, and the history of racial discrimination within the United Methodist denomination. There is no homework and no book to read! Instead, a video for each week’s topic will be shown during each session followed by the Racial Reconciliation team facilitating a discussion of that topic. **On Saturday, November 11 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. all the small groups will meet together for a half day retreat.** It will be an opportunity to share our perspectives and insights on racial justice, build a sense of community, and create a common purpose around what the ministry of racial reconciliation can look like at Royal Oak First. **Scan QR code to sign up for a small group and the retreat.**



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SOCK-IT-TO-ME SEPTEMBER (UNDERWEAR TOO!)

Update: we have received 350 pair of socks and underwear so far. It is our goal to contribute 1,000 pairs of socks or underwear to NOAH this year, in addition to restocking the supply at Outreach on 7th. **Please bring a package or two of NEW MEN'S CREW SOCKS or NEW MEN'S UNDERWEAR to church before October 1.** Drop off in the round bin near the Tower entrance or the one by the Welcome Desk.



JOIN THE ROYAL FIRST CHURCH ORCHESTRA

Do you play an instrument? If so, your musical gifts are needed! Our Worship, Music and Arts Director, Kyle Webber, is putting together a church orchestra to play in worship three times this fall. The dates are:

- **October 29 at 11:00 a.m. worship**
- **Rehearsal will be 10/22 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.**
- **November 19 at 11:00 a.m. worship**
- **Rehearsal will be 11/12 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.**
- **December 17 at 11:00 a.m. worship**
- **Rehearsal will be 12/16 from 9:00-10:30 a.m.**

These are all short, one-off commitments designed to enrich our worship experience without the long-term commitment of a weekly rehearsal. Join us for 1, 2 or all 3 experiences open to 6th grade through adults! Whatever you can give will be wonderful. Please contact Kyle Webber at kwebber@rofum.org if you wish to play. He is eager to hear from you!

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FRIENDS OF LITHUANIA GATHERING

As many of you know we have a global partnership with the churches in Lithuania (this is where our Noisy Bucket offering goes). The last time we were together was in 2018 and what a great time we had sharing and getting to know one another along with strengthening our relationships to this ministry. It is time to make plans to reconnect and recommit to our ministry together. With that being said, you are invited to a Friends of Lithuania Gathering at Royal Oak First in October 2023.

This gathering will focus on connecting and recommitting ourselves to this ministry along with naming our own faith stories as a way to have deeper conversations with our partner churches here in the United States and Lithuania.

Dates:

Friday, October 13, 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 14, 9:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 15, Rev. Remigijus Matulaitis will preach at the 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. services

We will have other churches from all around the U.S. along with Rev. Remigijus Matulaitis from Lithuania in attendance for this weekend. Please prayerfully consider attending this important gathering as we continue our mission with our partner churches in Lithuania. **You can find the registration form on the Connections Table.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Jennifer at 248.541.4100 or jtripoli@rofum.org.

NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY FOR ROYAL OAK FIRST!

Photography dates: October 5-7 & October 10-11, 2023

Times: Thursday (10/5), 2:00-8:30 p.m.; Friday (10/6), 2:00-7:00 p.m., Saturday (10/7), 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Tuesday (10/10) & Wednesday (10/11), 2:00-8:30 p.m.

Whether you have been here your whole life, or you still feel new here, or somewhere in the middle, or you may sometimes wonder who all these people are. Universal Church Directories has been contracted to help us make a picture directory so we can see and learn each other's faces and names.

There is no charge to you or the church for the pictures or directories. Each household that is photographed will receive a directory and an 8" x 10" picture for themselves, without charge. There is an opportunity to purchase photos at your appointment, but you are not obligated to purchase anything. We will have a price sheet ahead of time so you can consider getting professional photos to maybe use for holiday cards, a family portrait or as a gift for family and friends.

Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of the 2024 Pictorial Directory here at Royal Oak First. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jennifer at 248.541.4100 or jtripoli@rofum.org.

Schedule your appointment online (instructions below) or you can schedule it at the Connections Table. **Online scheduling Instructions:**

- Go to the Universal Church Directories website (www.ucdir.com)
- Click on the "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login" box on the right side of the page
- Enter your church code: mi1810
- Enter your church password: photos
- Click the enter button
- Click the desired date
- Click the reserve time button beside the desired appointment time
- Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by red asterisk)
- Click Schedule Appointment button at the bottom

If you have more than six family members being photographed, please reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:00 p.m. and 6:10 p.m.)

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Inge Wichers • Estelle Knoy • Faye Bond • Heather Diamond • Jimmy Ansel •
The Perry Family • Dauroran Shirina Lee-Thurman • Yale Porter •
Alexa Brinning • Mike Long • Ann Anderson • Karen Porter • Jenny Lowman •
Diana Shornak • Betty Latimer • Carrie Morse • Nancy Reid • Dona Wells •
Gloria Knappenberger • Audrey Fick • Joan Johnson • Al Simmons •
Lee Hoffmann • Kathy Seidler • Jordan Altman • Allison and Bill Hempstead •
Marian Kremer • Sheryl Hunter • Art Miller • Mary Nahhat • Diane Sexton •
Donna Allen • Audrey Leenhouts • Charlene Faunt •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Dave Beerer, Sr. • Margaret and Robert Maas • Cheryl Castellani •
Rich Zielinski • Laura Cable • Jennifer Gaudette-Wood • Connie Armstrong •
Rog Garwood • Robert Baker • Glen Baker • Faye Rogers • Julia Rogers •
Effie Lambros • Chrystl Roman • Ken Burger • Kyron Bradstrom •
James Lovitt • Lisa Green • JJ • Liz Fitch • Jim Slimek • Diana Laginess •
Harold Baker • Connie and Ken Warner • Jonathon Larson • Tom Hill •
Bob Blonde • Patty Glass • Sharon Pillow • Scott Peacor and Kyla Boyse •
Larry Campbell • Joan Firestone • Jeff and Marcy Carmichael • Dan Hicks •
Brent Miller • James • Carl Jones • Dorothy Follette • Deana Sawicki • Atlas •
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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 to set up and manage your one-time and recurring gifts.

You can always check out our website, 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 Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at 248.541.4100 ext. 1225 or email jtripoli@rofum.org.

Thank you!

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Friends,

Some of our church family have said “I don’t know so and so” or “I can’t remember their name” or “I wish I had a face with that name”. Well guess what...we heard you and the exciting news is that we are going to do an all church picture directory.

Picture dates are: October 5, 6, 7, 10 & 11. You can visit www.ucdir.com (church code: mi1810 and password: photos) to sign up for your picture to be taken or we are happy to help you do that at the Connections Table. Each sitting will take approximately 30 minutes and you will receive a complimentary 8” x 10” photo. Additionally you will have an opportunity to purchase extra copies as gifts if you choose (there will be no sales pressure).

We can’t wait to see each of your pictures and most importantly we can’t wait for our church family to know “who belongs to whom”. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Blessings,



Pastor Jennifer Tripoli