

A BOLD NEW TAKE ON THE BELOVED CLASSIC

THE COLOR PURPLE



Sunday

January
21st
2024

11:00 am
Worship

Faith

&

Film

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” arr. Jason D. Payne	Kyle Webber
Call to Worship		Sue Buxton
Opening Hymn #2273**	“Jesus, We Are Here”	
Affirmation of Faith		
Gloria Patri #70*	“Glory Be to the Father”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jennifer Tripoli & Jeff Nelson
Time of Prayer		
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	“If Not Us, Then Who?” arr. Sheldon Curry	Sanctus Choir
Doxology #95*	“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”	
Scripture	Psalm 46	
Song	“The Color Purple” Russell/Willis/Bray	Erica Plesco
Message	“Where is God?”	Jeff Nelson
Closing Hymn #133*	“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”	
Benediction		
Postlude	“Festive Trumpet Tune” David German	

**United Methodist Hymnal
**The Faith We Sing*

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WE NEED **YOU** TO VOLUNTEER FOR FISH DINNERS!

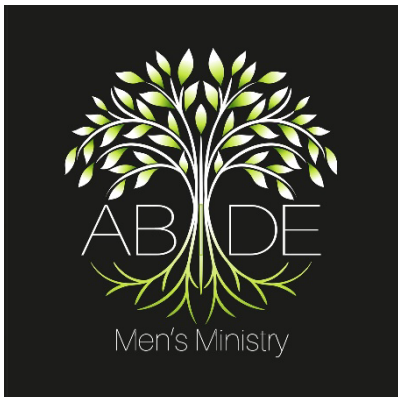
Fridays, February 2nd and 16th & March 1st and 15th

Our first Fish Dinner is **only two weeks away** and we **desperately need volunteers** for all our dinners, so please scan the QR code to sign up OR visit the Connections Table after service and we will help you sign up. Note: Kids that volunteer get credit towards camp! Our famous fish dinners are a wonderful community event where proceeds benefit our children and youth to go to choir camp.



2nd FAITH & FILM MOVIE IS TOMORROW!

Join us at the MJR Troy Movie Theater at Maple and Livernois Roads on Monday, January 22, where we will see "Wonka" where the tickets for kids are free, and adults pay \$8.50 per person. We will see "The Boys in the Boat" on January 29. **Also, if you are looking to have a bite to eat before the movie** and want support the church, stop by the Big Boy at 200 W. Maple in Troy (right down the street from the theater). They will give back 10% of any of meals purchased from 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. on any of the Faith & Film movie days. Just mention Faith & Film.



ABIDE MEN'S MINISTRY

Pastor Jeff is inviting **ALL** the men of Royal Oak First to kick off our new year at our ABIDE Men's Ministry Happy Hour. Come and join us for some food, drinks and a time of connecting and catching up on Tuesday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the Royal Oak Tap House. The Men's Ministry will provide food and a round of drinks. As always, we will have a free will offering to support our mission. Our eight weeks of ABIDE Men's Ministry Fellowship begins on Tuesday, January 30 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Parlor. This will be a time of prayer, reflection and fellowship.

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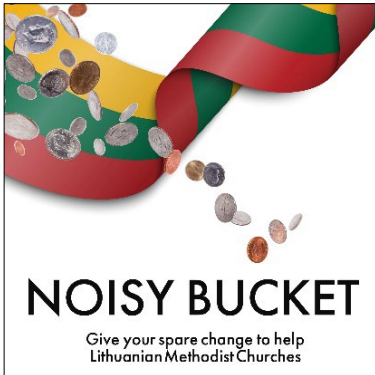
Moms at Pubs

(MAP)



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, January 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Pronto, 608 S. Washington Ave. Royal Oak. If you want to be added to our email list for upcoming events, please contact Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at jtropoli@rofum.org or phone/text 248.703.8805.



SAVE YOUR LOOSE/SPARE CHANGE FOR NOISY BUCKET

Bring in your spare change in on Sunday, January 28 at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services 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!



“SHARE THE LOVE”

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Help us share the love! In the week leading up to Valentine's Day, we hope to send a card to every member of our church. Then at church on Saturday, February 10 at 10:00 a.m., we hope to make and deliver 100 bags of treats and notes. So, we need everyone's hands! We need people to: send cards, bake, make cards (kids and adults), assemble bags and deliver. Scan the QR code or visit the Connections Table after service to sign up.



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FISH DINNERS ARE COMING SOON!

Fridays, February 2nd and 16th & March 1st and 15th
4:30-7:00 p.m.

Our famous fish dinners are back, so bring your family and friends and join us for four wonderful nights of food and fellowship. Our fish dinners benefit our children and youth where proceeds are used to send them to choir camp.



SAVE THE DATE FOR ROYAL OAK FIRST'S VISIONING DAY

Save the date! Saturday, March 9 from 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. We need everyone to attend Royal Oak First's Visioning Day to help us plan the future for our amazing church! We will be covering such questions as: Who are we? What is God calling us to do? Who are our neighbors? and more. We hope everyone will come and be present with us on this very important day. Lunch will be provided and child care will be available. Stay tuned for more details.

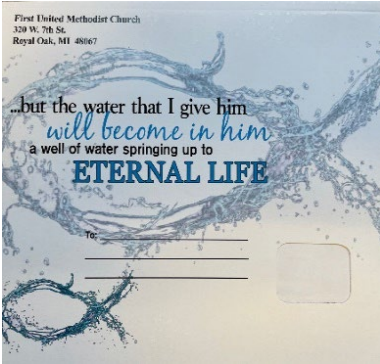


VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ESSENTIALS PANTRY

The first Saturday of the month, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. the Essentials Pantry is open. We need volunteers to gather from our supply inventory and hand out these supplies to those in need. If you are able to volunteer, please click the button below to sign up.



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OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE HERE!

2024 Royal Oak First offering envelopes are now available for you to pick up after service at the Welcome Desk! If you are unable to pick up your envelopes, we'll begin mailing them out after January 31. Contact Karen Calhoun at kcalhoun@rofum.org or 248.541.4100 if you have any questions.

JANUARY ESSENTIALS PANTRY COLLECTION



We will start the year off focusing our Missions projects on basic necessity items. The most requested items at the Outreach on 7th Essentials Pantry include: toilet paper, paper towel, shampoo & conditioner, deodorant, dish soap, and all-purpose cleaner. Please bring in a few extra of these items (place in large white bins at Tower entrance or by Welcome Desk at Lafayette entrance) to help keep the Essentials Pantry stocked so they can continue to support over 50 households each month. On Sunday, January 28, we will gather at 10:15 a.m. (between services) to help assemble bags of items to be given out at the Essentials Pantry the following weekend.



REDFORD BRIGHTMOOR INITIATIVE PRODUCE PROGRAM

Thank you for your continued support in providing fresh produce monthly to the families served through Redford Brightmoor Initiative's Free Store! We are in need of four shopping volunteers on February 9. If you are able, please consider also signing up to shop multiple months this year. Click the QR code to sign up.



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PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Margie Dallavo • Sarah and Jordan Altman • Yvonne Bashur • Lisa Forzley • Lee Hoffmann • Sinead Valentine • Al and Gloria Knappenberger • Betty Latimer • Linda Wilson • Diane Sexton • Judy Bryan • Inge Wichers • Ann Anderson • Mary Lou Graeber • Kim Stroud • Dauroran Shirina Lee-Thurman • Mike Long • Diana Shornak • Carrie Morse • Nancy Reid • Dona Wells • Kathy Seidler • Allison and Bill Hempstead • Marian Kremer • Sheryl Hunter • Art Miller • Mary Nahhat • Donna Allen • Charlene Faunt •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Earl Hendrickson • Marshall and Susan Dunlap • Darren Bowie • Kerry Franks • Effie Lambros • Mary Healander • Ellen Delangy • Claire Jones • John Hice • Paul Lucas • Jeff and Marcy Carmichael • Ellen Carmichael • Linda Harding • Lynn Simon • Rob Tencza • John and Joyce Barber • Neal Gaberdiel • Scott Spaulding • Nancy Graves • Laura Cable • Jennifer Gaudette-Wood • Connie Armstrong • Robert Baker • Glen Baker • Faye Rogers • Julia Rogers • Kyron Bradstrom • James Lovitt • Liz Fitch • Jim Slimek • Jonathon Larson • Bob Blonde • Sharon Pillow • Scott Peacor and Kyla Boyse • Larry Campbell • Dan Hicks • Brent Miller • Carl Jones • Dorothy Follette • Deana Sawicki • Atlas • Steve Wurdock • Harold Baker •

Sympathies to:

The Beerer family on the death of Dave's father, Dave Beerer, Sr. on January 14, 2024

*If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List,
please contact Danielle Moody at prayers@rofum.org.*

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

This past week, many of us saw “The Color Purple” together. It is a powerful film. It really got me thinking about the title of the film, and the book it is based on.

Why purple?

Here is an interesting thing about purple: as a color on the light spectrum, it can't exist on its own. It appears at the edges of red, orange, yellow, green, blue and violet. It is at the point where these colors are most fully saturated in themselves that purple is seen. Where these colors are most honest and authentic and clear, a purple line appears stretching the entire length of the light spectrum. Purple is the light of relationship that touches all other colors of light at that moment when they are being most fully themselves.

Blue and red sit at the extremes, swirling at the outer-edges of what can be seen, but when they are brought together there is purple.

Purple unites the edges into an integrated whole.

It is what happened in the film and we know that when the Spirit of Jesus is alive within us and within our community, we find a home that the exclusivity of the world too often cannot offer us.

If you come to worship this Sunday, I invite you to wear something purple and we will lean into the unifying spirit that shows up when we sing, pray and share life together.

Join us this Monday for the film “Wonka”. We will gather at the MJR in Troy at 7:00 p.m. Adult tickets are \$8.50 and kids tickets are free for this movie.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff" followed by a stylized flourish. Below the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.

Pastor Jeff Nelson