



ROYAL OAK
FIRST
A United Methodist Church

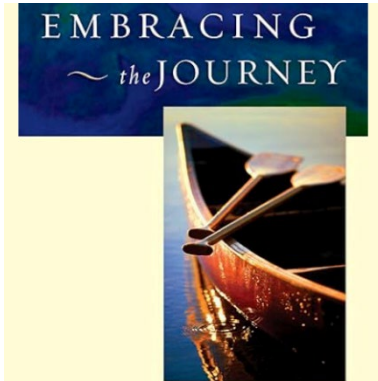
Sunday, September 15, 2024
11:00 AM Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	“apple tree” by Rachel Portman	Michael Rosas
Call to Worship		Sue Buxton
Opening Hymn #593*	“Here I Am, Lord”	
Affirmation of Faith		
Musical Response #62*	“All Creatures of Our God and King”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jennifer Tripoli
Time of Prayer		
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	“Shepherd Me, O God” by Marty Haugen	Sanctus Choir
Doxology #95*	“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”	
Scripture Reading**	Proverbs 31:8-9	
Message	“Speak Up”	Bridget Nelson
Closing Hymn #2241***	“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”	
Benediction		
Postlude	“Toccatino” by Christopher Tambling	

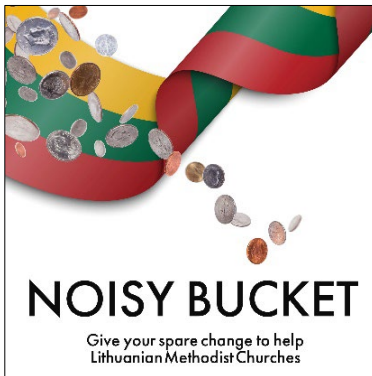
**United Methodist Hymnal*
***New Revised Standard Version*
****The Faith We Sing*

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EMBRACING THE JOURNEY – A SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE THIS FALL

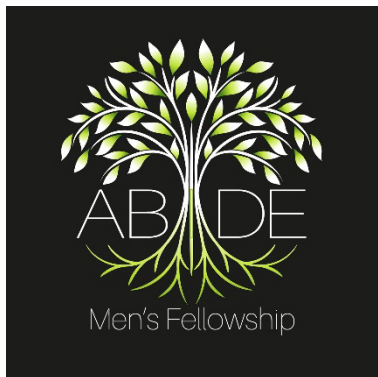
Have you experienced a stirring in your soul to deepen your relationship with God and with others at church? Do you want more connection and a place to be known? Are you interested in sharing both the ups and downs of your faith journey and want to express your doubts or questions without judgement or pat answers? **Join a small group of fellow companions this fall for five sessions.** We will be using the book “Embracing the Journey” which you can purchase for \$13 at the church after service. Each meeting will focus on just one short chapter that includes helpful prompts and questions to encourage your self-reflection prior to our time together. **Scan the QR code to sign up.**



SAVE YOUR LOOSE/SPARE CHANGE FOR NOISY BUCKET

Bring in your spare change in on **Sunday, September 22** 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!

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ABIDE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Resuming on September 24, the ABIDE Men's Fellowship will meet on the last Tuesday of each month at the Royal Oak Tap House (714 S. Washington, Royal Oak) at 7:00 p.m. All other meetings during the month will be held at the church every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. ALL men are welcome and invited to join us at any of the meetings. This will be a time of prayer, reflection and fellowship. Our ABIDE Men's Fellowship has three goals: 1. Make space for friendship and fellowship. 2. Create opportunities to serve. 3. Offer opportunities to grow in faith. We hope you can join us!



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 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Cantaritos Mexican Bar & Grill, 386 N. Main, 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.



PASTOR CHAT-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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 29 at 10:15 a.m. in the Parlor** and last no more than 30 minutes. We look forward to seeing you!

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Big Boy Night is Back!

Tuesday, October 8, 4-8pm



BIG BOY NIGHT!

Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, October 8, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. for Big Boy Night!** This is a fundraiser sponsored by Royal Oak First's Music Guild. All proceeds from Big Boy Night will support our summer choir camp. The restaurant is giving us 15% of all sales between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. We will be at the Troy Big Boy (200 W. Maple, Troy, MI 48084). There will be lots of wonderful items donated by our members as door prizes. Come on out and meet your church family and friends for a tasty dinner, get a door prize or two and support our youth ministry. Pick up a card at the Connections Table to give to the cashier at Big Boy.

USHERS AND GREETERS NEEDED

Would you like to be in service while also being of service that very same day? We have got areas that are fun to volunteer for on Sunday mornings. **Greeters** make sure that everyone who comes to worship with us on Sundays is met with a friendly face to welcome them into our church home. **Ushers** are responsible for welcoming people as they enter the Sanctuary and for passing out Sunday Bulletins. They are also responsible for helping to collect the offering during worship. **Please stop by the Connections Table to sign up or email Paula Derkowski at prderkowski@yahoo.com.**

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COFFEE BAR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you looking for a fun, easy way to connect with other people at church while being of service? We have just the spot for you! Coffee bar volunteers prepare coffee, tea, water, and snacks all before service. Then after service, they keep the coffee coming and wipe tables and counters while interacting with our congregants. **If this sounds interesting to you, please stop by the Connections Table or scan the QR code.**



SOCK-IT-TO-ME SEPTEMBER

New socks are some of the most important items for homeless folks in the winter. Our friends at NOAH at Central give out over 10,000 pairs of socks annually as part of their work supporting the unhoused of Detroit. It is our goal to contribute 1000 pairs of socks 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 to church during the month of September**, and help us reach our goal. Please drop off socks in the white bin near the Tower entrance or in the white bin by the Welcome Desk near the Lafayette entrance.



MEN'S CLOTHES NEEDED!

Currently, **we specifically need the following items for the Outreach on 7th Clothing Closet:**

- Men's Tennis/Athletic Shoes
- Men's Blue Jeans (sizes 34, 36, 38)
- Winter Weather Sleeping Bags
- Backpacks

Please drop items off at the Church office Mon-Thu between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Thank you for your support!

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Mary Nahhat • Nancy Matson • Michele Prud'homme • Joyce Negrich •
Jaime Luczak • The Gothards • Woody Siddall • Marian Kremer •
Megan Mckenzie-Grimm • Rob Filipp • Sue Minch •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Dave Lozowski • Leanna and Max Hamlet • Steve Sealander • Pat Timmons •
Pamala Winnie • Darby Dickenson • Micki Rhen • Missy Winter •
Marie Russian • Betty and Jim Goodrich • Jessica Boyer •
Barbara Witherspoon • Carol Marshall • Ann Avesian • The O'Mara Family •
Victor and Christy Pantin • John Barber, Jr. • John and Joyce Barber •
Margaret Maas •

Sympathies to:

Ken Stringer on the death of his wife, Debbie on September 11, 2024

Congratulations to:

Brian and Peggy Bagian on the birth of their son, Benjamin Bagian on
September 3, 2024

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

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Hey Church Family,

First of all, let me offer a word of thanks to all the hands that made our Kick-Off Sunday so great last Sunday! Hot dogs, ice cream, Bingo, bounce houses, and so much fun! And we have new Cornhole Champions. Way to go Wilson and Mark! We are grateful for the volunteers who set up, cooked, chased things in the wind and tore it all down.

Our program year has, indeed, kicked off. Our Youth Group gathered Sunday night with a record 38 youth showing up, Holy COW started Wednesday and today we are back to two worship services, with Sunday School and Nursery during both. The socks for Sock-it-to-Me September are piling up, so keep them coming!

Everyone is invited to sign up for a class of “Embracing the Journey.” There are going to be a variety of times and dates for these groups and we hope you will look over the Signup Genius to find one that works for you (scan the QR code below). We would love to share this curriculum and small group experience with as many of you as we can!

We know fall is kicking off in your homes as well. As you look at the season ahead, we hope you will weave Sunday service and weekly programs into your routine. We look forward to seeing you!

Peace,



Pastor Bridget Nelson

