



**ROYAL OAK**  
**FIRST**  
A United Methodist Church

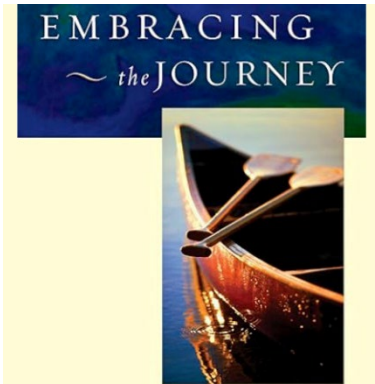
**Sunday, September 29, 2024**  
**9:00 AM Worship**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>Gathering Music</b>	“Opus 23” by Dustin O’Halloran	Michael Rosas
<b>Greeting</b>		Joanna Whaley
<b>Song</b>	“Great Things”	House Band
<b>Song</b>	“Great Are You Lord”	
<b>Welcome &amp; Invitation to Mission</b>		Jennifer Tripoli & Jeff Nelson
<b>Time of Prayer</b>		Nicole Wilson
<b>Invitation to Offering</b>		
<b>Musical Offering</b>	“You Say”	Rosa Moody
<b>Doxology</b>	“Give Thanks”	
<b>Scripture Reading*</b>	Romans 12:1-2, 9-21	
<b>Message</b>	“Bridges Not Walls”	Jeff Nelson
<b>Song</b>	“How Great Thou Art”	
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Departing Music</b>		

*\*New Revised Standard Version*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## 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.**



## 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 for 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 kids going to camp. Pick up a card at the Connections Table to give to the cashier at Big Boy.

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## PRODUCE SHOPPING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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 2 shopping volunteers on October 11 and a delivery driver on October 12. Scan the QR code to sign up.**



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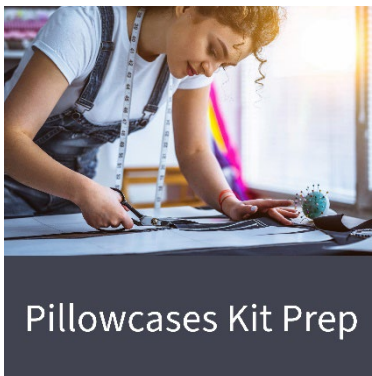


## FAITH & BLUE

Royal Oak First is helping to host the Faith & Blue event that celebrates the partnerships between places of worship and our Royal Oak Police Department. **Please plan to join us on 7th Street on Saturday, October 12, 1-3 p.m. for an afternoon of family fun.** Expect bounce houses, food, and crafts. We are hoping for 8-12 volunteers to help grill/serve food and supervise the craft tables. **Please scan the QR code if you are able to help.**



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## PILLOWCASES KIT PREP

Before we can hold another Pillowcase Assembly Workshop (hosted by the Knowledge Circle ladies), we need to prep additional kits. This involves careful measuring and cutting of fabric. **We are hoping for 5-6 adults to help on the morning of Thursday, October 17 from 10:00 a.m. to noon.** If you can join that day or have supplies to lend, **please scan the QR code.**



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## NOAH SANDWICH ASSEMBLY – FROM HOME

Would you like to spend additional time this Fall in service? We've designed an opportunity for many households to sponsor another NOAH at Central lunch together. You can sign up to make 30 sandwiches at your home to be delivered to church on Sunday, October 27. Additionally, we are collecting individual size bags of chips to donate with the sandwiches. **Please scan the QR code for more information and to sign up!**



## WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP SERVE COMMUNION?

Join us in a meaningful ministry of compassion and connection! We are looking for people to help serve communion on Sundays at both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. service. We will provide the training for this very important ministry. **If this is something that interests you, please contact Michael Rosas at [mrosas@rofum.org](mailto:mrosas@rofum.org) or 248.541.4100.**



## LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO READ SCRIPTURE DURING SUNDAY SERVICE

We are always looking for new people to read the **scripture (and other liturgical pieces) at our 11:00 a.m. Sunday service.** We provide the training and the script; you just need to arrive at 10:45 a.m., stay for your part of the service, and then you are done and can enjoy the rest of the service. **Please contact Michael Rosas at 248.541.4100 x 1119 or email [mrosas@rofum.org](mailto:mrosas@rofum.org) if you are interested.**

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## GREETERS & USHERS NEEDED

Would you like to be in service while also being of service that very same day? **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, passing out Sunday Bulletins and help to collect the offering during worship. **Please stop by the Connections Table after service to sign up or email Paula Derkowski at [prderkowski@yahoo.com](mailto:prderkowski@yahoo.com).**



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

Our friends at NOAH at Central give out over 10,000 pairs of socks annually to the unhoused of Detroit. It is our goal to contribute 1000 pairs of socks or underwear to NOAH, 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 during the month of September**, and help us reach our goal. Please drop off socks and underwear in the white bin near the Tower entrance or in the white bin by the Welcome Desk near the Lafayette entrance.



## TRANSFORMATIVE RETREAT WITH PASTOR JEFF

Join Pastor Jeff on Saturday, October 19, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. for a transformative retreat focused on discovering God's voice through scripture. We will delve into the ancient devotional practice of Lectio Divina, or sacred reading, guiding you to connect more deeply with your Scriptures for personal prayer and devotion. This enriching experience will empower you to embrace the Word of God in a more meaningful way. Bring your Bible, a journal or notebook, and an open heart. This retreat is free of charge and promises to inspire and uplift your spiritual journey. Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your faith! **Signup Genius coming soon.**

# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

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

Amy Youngquist • Michele Prud'homme • Joyce Negrich • Jaime Luczak •  
Nancy Matson • Mark and Lori Gothard • Woody Siddall • Marian Kremer •  
Megan Mckenzie-Grimm • Rob Filipp • Sue Minch •

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

Val Globish • Kathy Brakora • Dave Lozowski • Leeanna and Max Hamlet •  
Steve Sealander • Pat Timmons • Pamala Winnie • Darby Dickenson •  
Micki Rhen • Missy Winter • Marie Russian • Jessica Boyer •  
Barbara Witherspoon • Carol Marshall • John Barber, Jr. •  
John and Joyce Barber • Margaret Maas •

## **Sympathies to:**

The family and friends of Mary Nahhat on her death on September 19, 2024

The family and friends of Karen Davlin on her death on September 22, 2024

## **Congratulations to:**

Stephanie and Benny Nahrstadt on their marriage on September 21, 2024

Anna Orletski and Zachary Oshinsky on their marriage on September 21, 2024

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

# LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

As we wind up the month of September let me make one more plug for you to support our Sock-it-to-Me September sock drive.

For many of our friends living outside or in temporary shelters, a clean, warm pair of socks can make all the difference. Feet, often neglected in the hustle and bustle of daily life, are particularly vulnerable to the elements. Wet, cold, or worn-out socks can lead to serious health issues, including infections and frostbite. By offering something as simple as a new pair of socks, we can provide comfort, dignity, and a sense of hope to those who need it most.

I invite each of you to consider purchasing one more package of socks during your next shopping trip. It may seem small, but remember that when we come together as a community, even the simplest acts of kindness can create ripples of change. Think of the warmth and comfort that each pair of socks represents — not just for the feet they will cover, but for the hearts they will warm.

Thank you for showing our neighbors that they are seen and valued. Your contributions help us build a stronger, more compassionate community, one pair of socks at a time. Please bring your donations to church this week, and let's fill our collection bins with love and warmth.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Together, we can continue to make Christ's love real.

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff Nelson

