



ROYAL OAK
FIRST
A United Methodist Church

Sunday, October 13, 2024
9:00 AM Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	“Autumn” Eithne Ní Bhraonáin	Michael Rosas
Greeting		Chris Mikell
Song	“I Will Follow”	House Band
Song	“God Of This City”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jennifer Tripoli & Jeff Nelson
Mission Moment		Karla Goetz
Reception of New Members		
Time of Prayer		
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	“If I Stand” Rich Mullins	Danielle Patterson
Doxology	“Give Thanks”	
Scripture Reading*	Matthew 14:22-33	
Message	“Take the Step”	Jeff Nelson
Song	“Send Me Out”	
Benediction		
Departing Music		

**New Revised Standard Version*

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CHRISTMAS GREENS SALE IS BACK!

We have wreaths, crosses, canes, balls, centerpieces, and garlands! 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 Friday, November 1. Scan the QR code, call the church office at 248.541.4100 or stop by the Connections Table to order yours today!**



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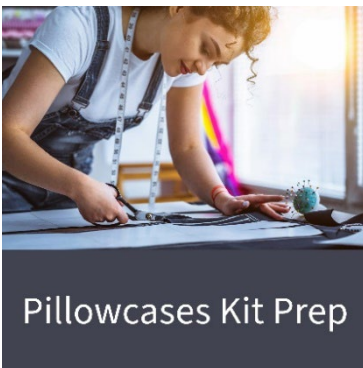
EUCHRE NIGHT

BENEFITTING OUTREACH ON 7TH

Join us on **Saturday, November 9 at 6:00 p.m.** at the **Madison Heights Masonic Lodge (850 Horace Brown Dr. Madison Heights, 48071)** for a fun night of euchre, fellowship with friends, and fundraising for a good cause! Admission is \$25 at the door. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Bring your own drink of choice. You are encouraged to invite your card loving friends. Expect our "Fun with Friends" silent auction to close at 9:00 p.m. For planning purposes, we appreciate your RSVP by scanning the QR code or by stopping by the Connections Table.



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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 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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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! **Scan the QR code to sign up.**



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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!**



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BASS PLAYER/GUITAR PLAYER NEEDED

We are in need of a **periodic bass player/guitar player for the House Band on Sundays from 8:00-10:00 a.m.** Our rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7:45-9:00 p.m. Please reach out to Michael Rosas at mrosas@rofum.org or 248.541.4100 if you are interested.

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MEN'S WINTER GEAR COLLECTION



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We will be collecting much needed winter items throughout the month of October to help our Outreach on 7th lunch guests. **Items include: Men's gloves, hats, long/thermal underwear in larger sizes (L, XL, 2XL), hand/foot warmers, and sleeping bags.** Used men's winter clothing is also appreciated. You may drop off items in the round white bin located at the top of the stairs by the Tower entrance or by the Welcome Desk. Also, please consider bringing shampoo, deodorant, or all-purpose cleaner to restock the Essentials Pantry.

EMBRACING ~ the JOURNEY



EMBRACING THE JOURNEY – A SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE

There is still time to **join a small group of fellow companions in October or November 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.**



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HURRICANE RELIEF

The catastrophic damage caused by Hurricanes Helene and Milton has disrupted the lives of millions. The damage to homes, businesses, and public infrastructure is great. **Today our Missions collection will go directly to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) in response to the devastating effects of the hurricanes.** If you would like to contribute to UMCOR's Hurricane Relief efforts, place your cash or check in your green Missions envelope found **inside your Bulletin.** 100% of your donations will go directly to hurricane relief. Scan QR code to donate with a credit card.



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SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS WANTED

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.** Please stop by the Connections Table to sign up or email Paula Derkowski at prderkowski@yahoo.com.

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We are working on a special gift for our three Pastors, Pastor Jeff, Pastor Jennifer and Pastor Bridget. **Swing by the table in the Gathering Space after either service beginning Sunday, October 13 to participate.** You can also send a note to any or all of our pastors showing your appreciation.



SNACKS NEEDED FOR THE COFFEE BAR

Would you like to make everyone who comes to Sunday service happy? Do you like to bake or buy yummy snacks? **If so, please sign up to bring 3 dozen snacks for the Coffee Bar on Sundays.** The smiling faces and happy bellies will be all the joy you need for the day for sure! Scan QR code or stop by the Connections Table to sign up.



PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Charlie Yago, Sr. • Bonnie Barber • Ann Cline • Joyce Russell •
Amy Youngquist • Michele Prud'homme • Joyce Negrich • Jaime Luczak •
Nancy Matson • Mark and Lori Gothard • Woody Siddall •
Megan Mckenzie-Grimm •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Margaret Maas • Deana Sawicki • Jim Castellani • Barbara Witherspoon •
Val Globish • Dave Lozowski • Leeanna and Max Hamlet • Steve Sealander •
Pat Timmons • Pamala Winnie • Darby Dickenson • Micki Rhen •
Missy Winter • Marie Russian •

Sympathies to:

The Altman family on the death of Lori's sister-in-law, Patricia Napper

Congratulations to:

Chelsea and Tom Olsen on their marriage on October 5, 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,

I felt compelled to reach out to you this week, not just to express my gratitude but to share a bit of my heart during this difficult time. Your support—through prayers, cards, texts, and emails—has been a steady source of comfort as my father completed his earthly journey and entered his eternal rest this past week. I've had the privilege of walking alongside many of you in your own moments of sorrow, yet when it was my turn, I found myself feeling unprepared. Your wisdom, grace, and kindness have lifted Bridget, Sam, Casey, and myself, reminding us that we are not alone. Thank you from the depths of our hearts.

The relationship I shared with my dad can truly be captured by the word "reconciliation." Like many fathers and sons, we faced our share of struggles in understanding and connecting with each other. But by the grace of God, over the past 15 years, we found a path to forgiveness and acceptance—ultimately becoming the best of friends. That bond is a gift I cherish the most.

This week, we will travel to Rhinelander, Wisconsin, to gather with family and friends to celebrate my dad's life. The memorial will be held in the church that has been a cornerstone of our family's faith for over 50 years. It's where my brother was baptized, where we learned and grew together during Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, and where we said goodbye to our mother 26 years ago. My hope is that Royal Oak First will serve as a similar anchor and source of light for each of you.

I look forward to being with you this Sunday. Your love and support will undoubtedly help carry us through this journey.

With Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Pastor Jeff". 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