

Take the Step

**Sunday, October 27, 2024
11:00 AM Worship
Royal Oak First United Methodist Church**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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| Prelude | “Midnight Carousel” Grant Horsley | Kimi Matsumoto, flute Julia Westenberg, flute |
| Call to Worship | | Rosa Moody |
| Opening Hymn | “Gratefully Offer Talents and Service” | |
| Affirmation of Faith | | |
| Musical Response #2026*** | “Halle, Halle, Halleluja” | |
| Welcome & Invitation to Mission | | Jennifer Tripoli & Jeff Nelson |
| Choral Anthem | “Follow Me” Tim Osiek | Sanctus Choir |
| Time of Prayer | | |
| Scripture Reading** | Matthew 14:22-33 | |
| Message | “Stay Focused” | Jeff Nelson |
| Consecration of 2025 Estimates of Giving | | |
| Closing Hymn #399* | “Take My Life, and Let It Be” | |
| Benediction | | |
| Postlude | “Postlude on EIN FESTE BURG” Wilbur Held | Michael Rosas |

**United Methodist Hymnal*

***The Message*

****The Faith We Sing*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



2024 Church Conference

Sunday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m.
In-Person

2024 CHURCH CONFERENCE

Please mark Sunday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. on your calendar for our in-person Annual Church Conference. We will be joined by our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Darryl E. Totty, to conduct our business meeting, elect our leadership for the next year and be informed of what is happening in the wider connection of the United Methodist Church. This is an important meeting and will give you a chance to help shape the direction of our congregation. This meeting will be held in-person only.



CHRISTMAS GREENS SALE

We have wreaths, crosses, canes, 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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ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

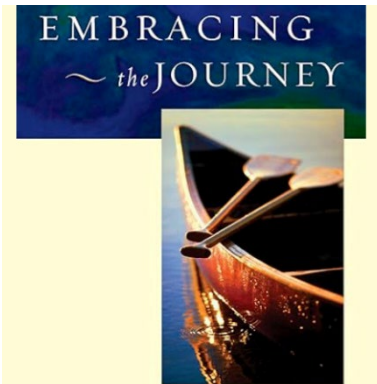
Monday, December 2 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

This special Advent event for women includes a program of speakers and music followed by dessert. You are invited to host a table for friends and family or sign up to simply attend and we will assign you to a table. We invite you to spend this evening with us, getting our hearts and minds focused on what matters most this season. Whether you want to host a table or just attend, please scan the QR code to sign up by November 15.



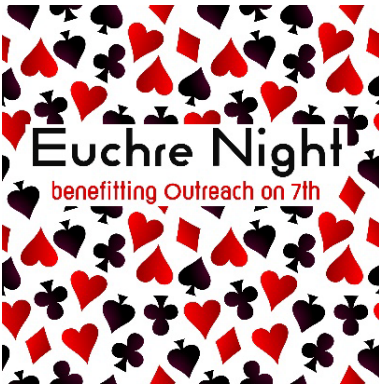
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EMBRACING THE JOURNEY – A SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE

There is still time to **join a small group of fellow companions in November for five sessions.** We will be using the book “Embracing the Journey”. 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.**



EUCHRE NIGHT BENEFITTING OUTREACH ON 7TH

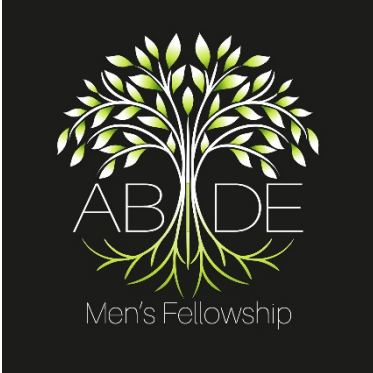
Join us on **Saturday, November 9 at 6:00 p.m.** at the **Madison Heights Masonic Lodge (850 Horace Brown Dr. Madison Heights, 48071)** for a fun night of euchre, fellowship with friends, and fundraising for a good cause! Admission is \$25 at the door. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share, your own drink of choice, and invite your card loving friends. Expect our “Fun with Friends” silent auction to close at 9:00 p.m. Please RSVP by scanning the QR code. ****If you have any auction items to donate to our silent auction, please reach out to Karla Goetz at missions@rofum.org.****



MEN'S WINTER GEAR COLLECTION

We are collecting much needed winter items through the end 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.** 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.

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ABIDE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The ABIDE Men's Fellowship meets 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!



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:

Phil Button • Leonard Benyas • Noel Peterson • Jeanette Maylen •
Sue and Dave Minch • Bonnie Barber • Ann Cline • Joyce Russell •
Amy Youngquist • Michele Prud'homme • Joyce Negrich • Jaime Luczak •
Nancy Matson • Woody Siddall • Megan Mckenzie-Grimm •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Joseph Connors • Grayson Hamlet • Phillip & Corine Samuelson •
The O'Mara 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 •

Congratulations to:

Lynn Bryan and Varun DaCosta on their wedding on October 19, 2024

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

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LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

It is the time of year where I to invite you to make a meaningful financial investment in the mission and ministries of Royal Oak First. Remember how vital our mission is:

- We are a community of radical welcome, where individuals of all ages, races, and backgrounds come together to embody the love of Jesus. We are proud to be an open and affirming congregation.
- We are also deeply committed to serving our economically vulnerable neighbors. Through Outreach on 7th, we provide meals, food assistance, and other essential support. Additionally, we are engaging with leaders across Royal Oak to foster a broader conversation about how we can care for all our neighbors with mercy and justice.

Your investment truly matters. Together, we are making a difference.

As I mentioned recently, we have experienced a shift in our giving patterns this year, resulting in a 10% decrease in revenue. You can help us address this challenge by:

1. Becoming a lead investor in our ministry, stepping up in a significant way to provide a strong foundation for our efforts.
2. Increasing your current level of giving by 10%.
3. Making your giving consistent through electronic giving.

Let me emphasize: every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference. It takes all of us to bring Royal Oak First's mission and ministry to life.

Please remember to bring your commitment card this Sunday or feel free to mail it to the church office. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out.

Together, we are taking this next step into God's future.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff" with a simple smiley face drawn below the name.

Pastor Jeff Nelson

