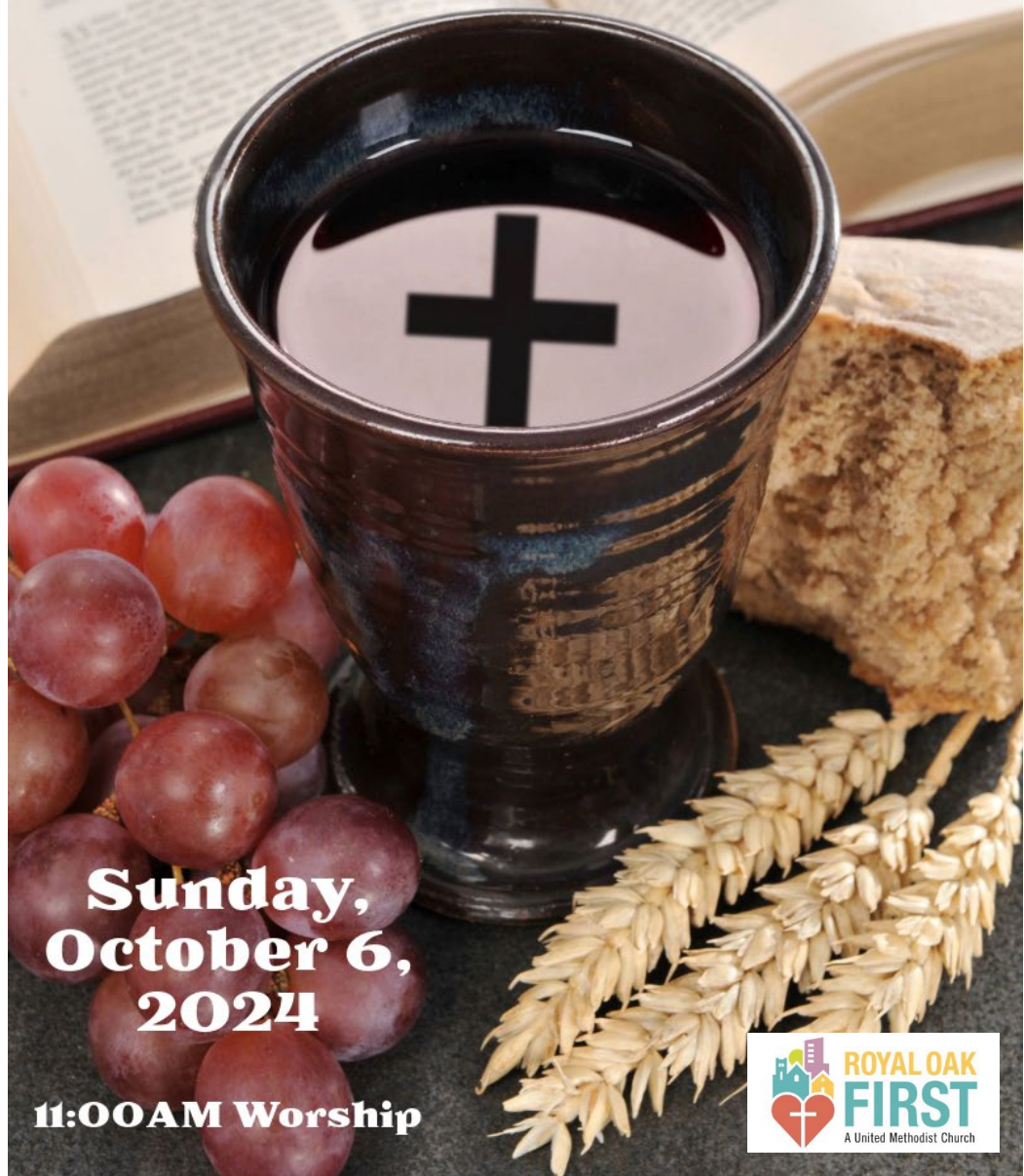


# World Communion Sunday



**Sunday,  
October 6,  
2024**

**11:00AM Worship**



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>Choral Introit</b>	“Uyai Mose” Alexander Gondo	Sanctus Choir Kimi Matsumoto, djembe
<b>Call to Worship</b>		Patrick Calhoun
<b>Opening Hymn #552*</b>	“Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather”	
<b>Affirmation of Faith</b>	The Apostle’s Creed	
<b>Musical Response #2026***</b>	“Halle, Halle, Halleluja”	
<b>Welcome &amp; Invitation to Mission</b>		Jennifer Tripoli
<b>Time of Prayer</b>	Patrick Calhoun and Nicole Wilson	
<b>Invitation to Offering</b>		Chris Mikell
<b>Musical Offering</b>	“Ang Katawan Ni Kristo” (Behold, the Body of Christ) Ricky Manalo, CSP	Sanctus Choir Kimi Matsumoto, flute Maria Moro
<b>Doxology #2036*</b>	“Give Thanks”	
<b>Scripture Reading**</b>	Psalm 133:1	
<b>Message</b>	“The Beauty of Unity in Diversity”	Jennifer Tripoli
<b>Sacrament of Holy Communion</b>		
<b>Communion Song #2267***</b>	“Taste and See”	
<b>Closing Hymn #2235-b***</b>	“We Are Marching” (Siyahamba)	
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	“South African Trilogy” Daryl Hollinger	Michael Rosas

*\*United Methodist Hymnal*  
*\*\*New International Version*  
*\*\*\*The Faith We Sing*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Big Boy Night is Back!

Tuesday, October 8, 4-8pm



## BIG BOY NIGHT IS THIS TUESDAY!

Big Boy Night is this **Tuesday, October 8, from 4:00- 8:00 p.m.** 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. **Pick up a card at the Connections Table to give to the cashier at Big Boy.**

## FAITH & BLUE COMMUNITY EVENT

Royal Oak First has the honor of hosting this year's Faith & Blue. This is a national event between local houses of worship and local police departments to strengthen community connections. **This event will be held on Saturday, October 12 from 1-3 p.m. There will be hot dogs, bounce houses, crafts and games. The Royal Police Chief and the K9 units will be here.** Please come by to show our support to our own Royal Oak Police Department. Additionally, there are opportunities to volunteer to help make this event happen. Please scan the QR code or sign up at the Connections Table in the Gathering Space on Sundays.

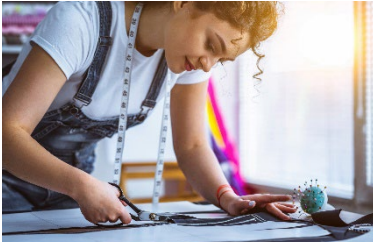


## PRODUCE COLLECTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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 a delivery driver on October 12 and we are looking for shopping and delivery volunteers for the upcoming months as well. Scan the QR code to sign up.**



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Pillowcases Kit Prep

## 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!**



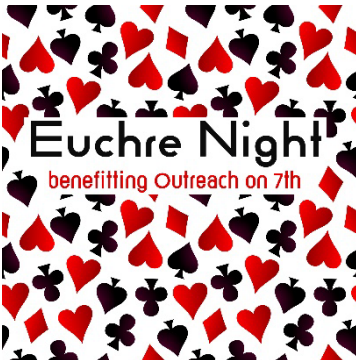
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## CHRISTMAS GREENS SALE IS BACK!

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 or stop by the Connections Table to order yours today!



## 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.



## BASS PLAYER/GUITAR PLAYER NEEDED

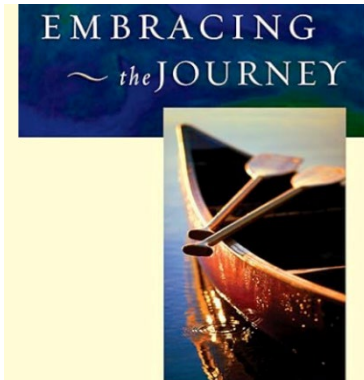
We are in need of a **periodic bass player/guitar player for the House Band on Sundays from 8:00-10:00 a.m.** Our rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7:45-9:00 p.m. Please reach out to Michael Rosas at [mrosas@rofum.org](mailto:mrosas@rofum.org) or 248.541.4100 if you are interested.

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## MEN'S WINTER GEAR COLLECTION

To support the Outreach on 7th lunch guests as the weather turns chilly, we will be collecting much needed winter items throughout the month of October. **Much appreciated 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. Thank you for supporting this important mission! You may drop off items in either round white bin located at the top of stairs by the Tower entrance or by the Welcome Desk. Also, please consider bringing in shampoo, deodorant, or all-purpose cleaner to restock the Essentials Pantry.



## 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.**



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# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

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

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:**

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

## **Sympathies to:**

The family and friends of Kathy Brakora on her death on September 29, 2024

Jeff and Linda Jones on the death of Jeff's mother, Flora Jones on September 28, 2024

The Nelson family on the death of Jeff's father, Dennis Nelson on September 26, 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,

On this special day, we gather with believers from around the world to celebrate World Communion Sunday. It is a day when Christians across every continent come together at the Lord's Table, uniting in faith, despite our vast differences in culture, language, and traditions.

Here, at this table, there is room for all. We come as we are—each with our own stories, struggles, and burdens—but we are united in Christ's love. His sacrifice on the cross has made this unity possible, and His grace meets us wherever we are.

As we partake of the bread and cup today, let us remember that this sacred act not only connects us to God but to believers everywhere. May this World Communion Sunday inspire us to live as agents of peace and reconciliation, loving one another as Christ has loved us. Let us carry this spirit of unity into our everyday lives, showing the world the beauty of God's kingdom where all are welcome.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, consisting of a series of loops and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Pastor Jennifer Tripoli