The image features three lit candles in the foreground, their flames glowing brightly. They are positioned in front of a stained glass window with vertical panels of green and blue glass. The background is dark, making the candles and the light from the window stand out.

# All Saints Day

**Sunday, November 3, 2024 9:00AM**  
**ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Gathering Music** "Waking Up" House Band

**Greeting** Chris Mikell

**Song** "What a Beautiful Name"

**Song** "We Fall Down"

**Welcome & Invitation to Mission** Jennifer Tripoli & Jeff Nelson

**Time of Prayer**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Song** "I Will Remember You"

**Doxology #2036\*\*** "Give Thanks"

**Scripture Reading\*** John 14:1-3

**Message** "I Will Remember You" Jeff Nelson

**Remembering the Saints**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Song** "How Great Thou Art"

**Benediction**

**Departing Music**

*\*New Revised Standard Version*  
*\*\*The Faith We Sing*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## 2024 CHURCH CONFERENCE

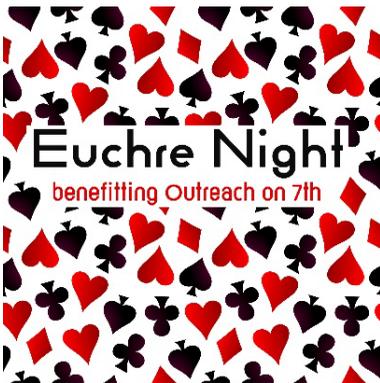
Please mark Sunday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. on your calendar for our in-person Annual Church Conference. We will be joined by our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Darryl E. Totty, to conduct our business meeting, elect our leadership for the next year and be informed of what is happening in the wider 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.



## 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.**



## EUCHRE NIGHT BENEFITTING OUTREACH ON 7<sup>TH</sup>

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. Please RSVP by scanning the QR code.



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## SILENT AUCTION BEGINS SUNDAY!

Our "Fun with Friends" silent auction will open this **Sunday morning, November 3**. Please stop by the table and place a few bids. Auction items include:\* restaurant gift cards\* babysitting\* cake decorating lesson w/ cupcakes\* homemade cookies\* Golf outing\* disc golf/pickleball outing\* writing workshop\* artwork, rainbow colored blanket, and more. **There is still time to donate an item or experience. Please reach out to Karla at [missions@rofum.org](mailto:missions@rofum.org) if you have something to contribute.** (Ideas we'd love to see added: Gift wrapping help, personal shopper for the afternoon, fall yard clean-up, meal prep help, tickets to a sporting event, favorite board/card game lesson.) Thanks!

## COULD YOU HELP PREPARE/SERVE THE HOLIDAY MEALS FOR OO7?

For our Thanksgiving meal this year, Outreach on 7<sup>th</sup> (OO7) is expecting approximately 80+ people from our Lunch Program and the Essentials Pantry. **We need volunteers to cook and serve on Thanksgiving Day. We will also need people to pick up a turkey from us and cook/slice it and return it to the church. Then, we will need volunteers to help prepare and serve the Christmas meal on Christmas Day.** Scan the QR code to sign up for the Thanksgiving meal and/or the Christmas meal.



## PLEDGE CARD

If you have turned in your pledge card, we thank you, and if not, there is still time to do so. You can get a card at the **Connections Table** or in the church office. Your estimate of giving is a vital part of our budget planning as it helps us determine the resources available for our programs, projects and ministries for the upcoming year. Please prayerfully consider how you can help support the ministries here in our church.

A form titled "2025 Operating Pledge (choose one)". It includes fields for Weekly Pledge, Monthly Pledge, and Yearly Pledge, each with a dollar sign and a line for the amount. Below these are two checkboxes: one for pledging an additional donation of \$ per week/month to the Caring & Repairing Fund, and another for helping set up recurring online giving. A note states that online donations using credit, debit, or bank accounts may be made through the website at [www.rofum.org/giving](http://www.rofum.org/giving). At the bottom, there are fields for Full Name, Address, City, State, Zip, Email, and Phone.

# ROLL OF REMEMBRANCE

November 2, 2023 – November 2, 2024

## Members We Have Lost

Ken Burger	Mary Nahhat	Debbie Stringer
Bob Foote	Dennis Nelson	Joe Waisanen, Jr.
Al Knappenberger	Marguerite Nowacek	Dona Wells
Estelle Knoy	James Respecki	Charles Yago, II
Paul Kondrat	Helen "Betty" Roth	
Art Miller	Shirley Shafer	

## Loved Ones and Their Families We Have Lost

Anita .....	Jim & Linda Wilson's friend
Lyle.....	Jan Matsumoto's uncle
Deni Bartley .....	Marian Kremer's sister
Dave Beerer, Sr.....	Dave Beerer's father
Alvina Faith Brabham.....	Erica Plesco's mother
Kathy Brakora .....	Diana Shornak's friend
Ellen Bratberg.....	Steve Bratberg's mom
Ellen Carmichael.....	Jenni Clark's mother
Jim Carmichael.....	Jenni Clark's father
David Chambers .....	Judy Chambers' brother-in-law
Margery Clark-Lewis.....	Jane Sledd's mother
Karen Davlin .....	Wendy Baker's mother
Joanne Ewers Duffy.....	Cindy McCarthy's mother
Marshall Dunlap.....	Susan Dunlap's husband
Mary Evangelista .....	Maria Moro's aunt
Gerald "Jerry" Gibson .....	Richard Gibson's father
Patty Glass .....	Mike Glass' wife
Erol Graeber .....	Mary Lou Graeber's nephew
Nancy Graves.....	Diana Shornak's sister
Bette Hudson.....	Cynthia Garrett's mother
Flora Jones.....	Jeff Jones' mother
Cindy Kantz .....	Cathy Thatcher & Debbie Togger's sister
Jim Kincannon .....	Elizabeth Kincannon's brother-in-law
Anna Kubacki .....	Brian Kubacki's mother
Bill Legros.....	Kathi Burger's friend
Joan Michalak.....	Wayne Michalak's mother
Lorna Minewiser .....	Jim Minewiser's mother
Patricia Napper .....	Lori Altman's sister-in-law

Josephine Nunez.....	Cathy Tovarez's mother
Phyllis Pearce.....	Shirley Harris' cousin
Sharon Pillow.....	Susan Howard-Brown's cousin
Harriett Prud'homme.....	Bob Prud'homme's sister
Ivan Rice.....	Kathy Riggs' father
Heather Riggs.....	Randy and Kathy Rigg's daughter-in-law
Chrystl Roman.....	Yale Porter's mother
Dorothy Simon.....	Karen Calhoun's aunt
Lynn Simon.....	Karen Calhoun's cousin
Dorothy Dawkins Smith.....	Former member
James Smith.....	Bob and Michele Prud'homme's friend
Patricia Smith.....	Megan Landry's aunt
Janice Stroud.....	Kim Stroud's mother
Phyllis Turner.....	Lee Ross' mother
Nira Watkins.....	Former member
Zola Webster.....	Cheryl Miller's mother
Mark Weirick.....	Cathy Fall & Liz Kempf's brother-in-law
Daniel Welch.....	Former member

## Dedications of Abiding Memorials

### Memorials

In memory of Faye Bond  
 In memory of Audrey Leenhouts  
 In memory of Joseph Waisanen, Jr.  
 In memory of Barbara Irish  
 In memory of Bob Foote  
 In memory of Al Simmons  
 In memory of Paul Kondrat  
 In memory of Art Miller  
 In memory of Al Knappenberger  
 In memory of Mary Nahhat  
 In memory of Dennis Nelson  
 In memory of Charles Yago, II

### Outreach on 7th

In memory of Al Simmons  
 In memory of Jim Thompson

### Music Guild – Choir Camp

In memory of Faye Bond  
 In memory of Audrey Leenhouts  
 In memory of Art Miller  
 In memory of Mary Nahhat

### MEMORIAL BANNER HANGING IN THE SANCTUARY ON ALL SAINTS DAY

The Memorial Banner is dedicated to God's glory and carries 543 bells in memory of loved ones from 1995 until 2002. The banner was created in two colors: GREEN for the celebration of life. GOLD for the glory of God and Christ's eternal victory over death. We remember with thanksgiving those persons who touched us with their love.

# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

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

Phil Button • Marlene Yago • The England Family • Noel Peterson •  
Jeanette Maylen • Sue and Dave Minch • Joyce Russell • Amy Youngquist •  
Michele Prud'homme • Joyce Negrich • Jaime Luczak • Nancy Matson •  
Woody Siddall • Megan Mckenzie-Grimm •

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

Lisa Wilson • Joseph Connors • The Hamlet Family •  
Phillip & Corine Samuelson • The O'Mara Family • Margaret Maas •  
Deana Sawicki • Barbara Witherspoon • Val Globish • Dave Lozowski •  
Steve Sealander • Pat Timmons • Pamala Winnie • Darby Dickenson •  
Micki Rhen • Missy Winter • Marie Russian •

## **Sympathies to:**

The Clark family on the death of Jenni's mother, Ellen Carmichael on October 25, 2024

Megan Landry on the death of her aunt, Patricia Smith on October 23, 2024

## **Congratulations to:**

Stephen and Heather England on the birth of their son, Bennett Oliver England on October 22, 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,

One of the greatest honors of my life is helping people celebrate the lives of their loved ones. Over the years, I have been privileged to be present at hundreds of funerals and memorial services.

From these experiences, I've learned two important truths:

1. Everyone has a unique story to be told, filled with both struggle and triumph.
2. In the retelling of these stories, God's love always shines. Always.

This Sunday, we will celebrate All Saints Day, a time to remember our family and friends who have entered into God's eternal embrace. I trust that both of these truths will be evident as God's light and love shines through those we will remember.

During the service, we will name the 16 members of our community who have entered their eternal rest this past year. We will also provide an opportunity for each of us to remember all of our other friends and family whose memories we carry in our hearts. All Saints' Sunday is our chance to remember and share the stories of those we cherish.

This year's celebration is particularly personal for me, as I have faced two significant losses this past year. This summer, my best high school friend, George, was tragically killed in a car accident. He was my longest-standing friend, and we shared countless laughs and encouragement over the years. This fall, my father passed away after a year of health struggles. I am grateful for our relationship, and I deeply miss our Sunday afternoon phone calls. It is hard to imagine my life without both of them. I am thankful that All Saints Day gives me one more chance to honor, remember, and give thanks for them. I pray that God's light will shine in the candles I will light for them both.

I invite you to join us this Sunday. Bring the names and memories of those you love and who have loved you.

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff Nelson

