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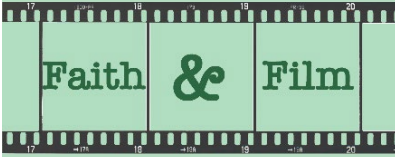
Sunday, January 12, 2025
11:00 AM Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	“Gather at the Water”	Michael Rosas
Call to Worship		James Brooker
Opening Hymn	“Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson & Jennifer Tripoli
Mission Moment		Karla Goetz
Time of Prayer		
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	“The White Dove” Derek Healey	Sanctus Choir
Doxology #95**	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	
Scripture Reading*	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	
Message	“The First Move”	Jeff Nelson
Renewal of Baptimal Promises		
Response	“Gather at the Water”	Julia Westenberg, Analisa Thomas, Michael Rosas
Closing Hymn #610**	“We Know That Christ Is Raised”	
Benediction		
Postlude	“Prelude in G Major BWV 557” J.S. Bach	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 13, 20 and 27
7:00 p.m.



MJR Troy Movie Theater

FAITH & FILM BEGINS

MONDAY, JANUARY 13 WITH **"WICKED"**

For three Monday nights in January, (13, 20 and 27), we will head over to the MJR Troy Movie Theater at Maple and Livernois Roads at 7:00 p.m. to see a movie together. Join us for **"Wicked"** on Monday, January 13 and **"Mufasa"** on Monday, January 20. Tickets are \$8.25 each. Children are admitted for free for the "Mufasa" movie. The Monday, January 27 movie is still TBD.

CALLING ALL THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Our annual Women's Retreat is happening **February 28 - March 2** and we would love to have you join us! Spend the weekend with friends, old and new, leaning into our connection with God and with each other. Fun, food, fellowship! We are staying at Echo Grove Retreat Center near Leonard and the cost is \$175. Scan the QR code to sign up or stop by the Connections Table.



SCAN ME



SPAGHETTI DINNER VARIETY SHOW SIGN YOUR ACT UP TODAY!

On **Sunday, February 2 at 5:00 p.m.** the Music Guild will be putting on a Spaghetti Dinner Variety Show! Proceeds will help our youth go to camp this summer. The opportunity to showcase your talents is open to all. Scan the QR code to sign your act up today!



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TRANSFORMATIVE RETREATS WITH PASTOR JEFF

Our retreats held **every third Saturday from 9:30-11:30 a.m.** are intentional spaces designed to cultivate a deeper relationship with the divine, offering you the opportunity to recharge your spirit and discover the profound peace that comes from being in God's presence. Scan the QR code to sign up for any or all of the retreats.



****January 18th: Silence, Stillness, and Solitude****

****February 15th: Faith and Fatherhood****

****March 15th: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross****

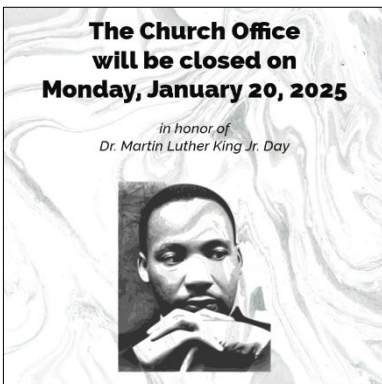
****April 19th: Listening for God's Resurrecting Voice****

****May 17th: A Morning with the Mystics****



SPAGHETTI DINNER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS (KIDS & ADULTS!)

We can use volunteers! We need help with setting up, cooking, ticket sales, washing dishes, cleanup at the end of the night, along with ushers for the variety show itself. This is an opportunity for youth to volunteer at the dinner to help offset their individual cost of going to camp. Scan the QR code to sign up to volunteer.



OFFICE CLOSED ON JANUARY 20TH

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2025 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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RBI PRODUCE COLLECTION

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 shopping volunteers for the upcoming months.** Scan the QR code to sign up.



"SHARE THE LOVE" VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Help us share the love! In the week leading up to Valentine's Day, we hope to send a card to every member of our church. Then at church on **Saturday, February 8 at 10:00 a.m.**, we hope to make and deliver 100 bags of treats and notes. We need people to: send cards, bake, make cards (kids and adults), assemble bags and deliver. Scan the QR code to sign up.



SAVE THE DATES FOR FISH DINNERS!

Fridays—February 21, March 7 & 21 and April 4 from 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Our famous fish dinners are coming soon, so bring your family and friends and join us for four wonderful nights of food and fellowship. Our fish dinners benefit our children and youth where proceeds are used to send them to choir camp.

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Moms at Pubs

(MAP)



MOMS AT PUBS (MAP)- THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

MAP is a group that meets for fun and fellowship at a local pub, giving moms a chance to relax, laugh, and enjoy the fellowship of other moms. We normally meet monthly on the 4th Thursday of each month. **But this month we will meet on Thursday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m. at The Side Bar, 116 W. 4th Street, Royal Oak.** Each month we pick a different location where to meet. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at jtripoli@rofum.org or phone/text 248.703.8805.

Various Men's Clothing Needed

for Outreach on 7th



VARIOUS MEN'S CLOTHING NEEDED

Outreach on 7th needs various men's clothing items. **Men's warm winter boots**, specifically sizes 10, 11 and 12; **men's white t-shirts** (round neck) sizes L and XL; **men's warm winter coats** sizes XL, 2X, 3X. You may drop off items in the round white bin located at the top of the stairs by the Tower entrance or the bin by the Welcome Desk.

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Ann Cline • Jan Matsumoto • Joe & Inge Wichers • Laci Basel •
Bernice Sayers • Lee Hoffmann • Landon & Sawyer Cattran • Robin Burkett •
Lily Faunt • Lisa Rye • Michelle Wirsu • Diana Shornak • David Salvette •
Charlene Orletski • Diane Sexton • Theresa Skelton • Joe Nowaczok •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Melissa McMahon • Brighton Assembly of God Church • Basil Hawai •
Ken Schmitz • Steven Kramer • Val Globish • Missy Winter • Renee Rahim •
Barbara Witherspoon • Meghin Russell • Camryn Cogburn • John Morris •
Bernie Stubitsch • Mike Elliott • Deana Sawicki • Effie Lambros •
Marykay McCaskey • Dan Cowles • Charlie Maher • Robin Mayers • Mary B. •
Dorothy Follette • James • Joyce Micheaux • Jessica Boyer •
Michael Retaskie •

Sympathies to:

The Brown family on the death of Ann's mother, Betty Goodrich on December 31, 2024

Congratulations to:

Grace and David Rhoades on the birth of their son, Lu Yi Rhoades on January 1, 2025

*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,

As many of you know, I'm a big movie fan. There's something magical about getting lost in a story and experiencing the world through the eyes of different characters. In many ways, our faith is also one grand narrative—a story we're invited to immerse ourselves in. It's a tale of God's unwavering commitment to humanity and all of creation.

This Monday, we continue our beloved January tradition of going to the movies together! Our Faith & Film gatherings provide a wonderful opportunity to watch a film and reflect on how God's story weaves through the narrative on the screen. And of course, we can't forget the popcorn!

For the next three weeks, we'll gather at the MJR Theaters in Troy at 7:00 p.m., with tickets priced at just \$8.25.

This week, we'll be diving into the film "Wicked"! This adaptation of the beloved musical is not only powerful, but is also rich with theological themes that we can wrestle with together. So, grab a friend and join us at the movies this Monday!

And just a reminder—this Sunday, we'll return to our regular worship schedule with services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff Nelson

