



Sunday

January  
19<sup>th</sup>  
2025

11:00 am  
Worship

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Faith

&

Film

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

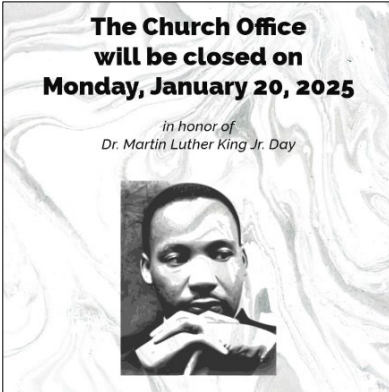
<b>Prelude</b>	“Popular” by Stephen Schwartz	Kimi Matsumoto
<b>Call to Worship</b>		Patrick Calhoun
<b>Opening Hymn #2248***</b>	“Baptized in Water”	
<b>Welcome &amp; Invitation to Mission</b>		Jeff Nelson & Jennifer Tripoli
<b>Baptism</b>		Braedyn Blachowski Caisyn Ellis Laikyn Harris <i>Sons/Daughter of Megan and Kimberly Mckenzie-Grimm</i>
<b>Time of Prayer</b>		Nicole Wilson
<b>Invitation to Offering</b>		
<b>Musical Offering</b>	“Praise His Holy Name” by Keith Hampton	Sanctus Choir
<b>Doxology #95**</b>	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	
<b>Scripture Reading*</b>	Galatians 1:6-10	
<b>Special Music</b>	“Defying Gravity”	Danielle Patterson & Kirsten Williams
<b>Message</b>	“Defying Gravity”	Jeff Nelson
<b>Closing Hymn #519**</b>	“Lift Every Voice and Sing”	
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	“Improvisation on ‘Lift Every Voice and Sing’”	Michael Rosas

*\*New Revised Standard Version*

*\*\*United Methodist Hymnal*

*\*\*\*The Faith We Sing*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## 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.

*“I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant.”*

--Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



## FAITH & FILM IS TOMORROW NIGHT! JOIN US TO SEE “MUFASA”

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 **“Mufasa”** on Monday, January 20. Tickets are \$8.25 each, but children are admitted for free for the “Mufasa” movie. The Monday, January 27 movie is still TBD.



## TOILET PAPER COLLECTION

Toilet paper is one of the most frequently requested items our Outreach on 7th volunteers are asked for. Both the Essential Pantry visitors and our daily lunch guests will ask if we have any extra rolls to spare. The next time you roll into church, please bring in a package to share. We are hoping to collect 1000+ rolls which will allow us to fully stock our supply and share with our partners at Redford Brightmoor Initiative. This Missions Team collection will continue through the end of February.

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## SERVICE



ON SUNDAY

## SERVICE FOR OTHERS ON SUNDAY

Join us for service for others **in between services on Sunday, January 26**, where we will be sorting and packaging various items for the Essentials Pantry. Stop by right after the 9:00 a.m. service in the Parlor.

## 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. 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jtripoli@rofum.org) or phone/text 248.703.8805.



## 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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## Volunteers Needed for Spaghetti Dinner



SPAGHETTI DINNER  
VARIETY SHOW

## 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.



## SHARE THE LOVE BY SPREADING KINDNESS & CONNECTION

Let's come together to spread kindness and connection! In the week leading up to Valentine's Day, we aim to send a card to every member of our church community. On Saturday, February 8 at 10:00 a.m., we will gather to assemble and deliver 100 bags filled with treats and heartfelt notes. **We need your help in a variety of ways:**

- Send cards to fellow church members
- Bake sweet treats
- Make or buy cards and mail out
- Assemble and deliver the treat bags (on Feb. 8)

Together, we can make sure everyone feels remembered and connected. Scan the QR code to sign up and join us in sharing the love!

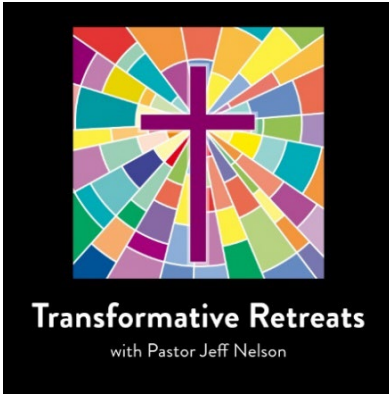


## RBI PRODUCE COLLECTION

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.



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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.



**\*\*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\*\***



## 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.



## 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.



# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

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

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

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

Lance Wilburn • Ellen Delangy • Jackson Parshall • Carol Marshall •  
Melissa McMahon • Brighton Assembly of God Church • Basil Hawai •  
Ken Schmitz • Steven Kramer • Val Globish • Missy Winter • Renee Rahim •  
Barbara Witherspoon • Meghin Russell • John Morris • Bernie Stubitsch •  
Mike Elliott • Deana Sawicki • Marykay McCaskey • Dan Cowles •  
Dorothy Follette • James • Joyce Micheaux • Jessica Boyer • Michael Retaskie •

## **Congratulations to:**

Inge Wichers on her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 28  
Jim Miller on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 23  
Charlene Faunt on her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 20  
Dave Minch on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 19

## **Sympathies to:**

The Weber and Ryckman families on the death of Eileen's mother, Isabelle Smith on  
January 12, 2025

Scott and Beckie Shuttleworth on the death of Beckie's dad, Ralph Thompson on  
January 5, 2025

The family and friends of former member Kim Fulton on her death on January 2, 2025

*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,

As winter blankets our beloved community in snow and chilly winds, we are reminded of the warmth we can bring to those in need. This year, we're kicking off our Winter Toilet Paper Collection, and we're determined to earn the esteemed title of the "Toilet Paper Church!" (Yes, I can hear the chuckles already!)

Over the past year and a half, we have been proud to provide a non-food Essentials Pantry on the first Saturday of each month. From soap to toothpaste, cleaning supplies to feminine hygiene products, and yes, plenty of paper products, we have been blessed to share God's grace in tangible ways to over 60 families. In fact, we're rolling out over 200 rolls of toilet paper each month to ensure that our friends and neighbors have access to life's basic needs.

But we can't do it alone! We invite you to join us in this mission to make Christ's Love Real. Throughout January and February, we're setting our sights on a goal of collecting 1,000 rolls of toilet paper. Each roll represents a small yet mighty act of love for the unhoused and under-served in our community. Your contributions will not only support our Outreach on 7th Program but will also extend our reach to our partners at the Free Store in the Brightmoor neighborhood of Detroit.

So, let's roll up our sleeves and get to work! Bring in your toilet paper donations (please drop off at either round collection bin at the Tower entrance or just across from the Welcome Desk) and help us spread the message that we care deeply for those around us. As we gather these essential items, let's also remember that we are called together to meet the deeper needs of belonging, healing, and service.

Together, we can ensure that no one in our community is left to face the winter without the essentials they need. Thank you for being such a vital part of this loving and caring congregation.

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff Nelson

