

Sunday

January  
26<sup>th</sup>  
2025

11:00 am  
Worship



Faith

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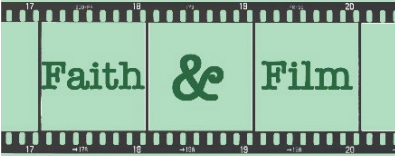
# ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>Prelude</b>	“Circle of Life” by Elton John and Tim Rice	Jennifer Semivan
<b>Call to Worship</b>		Megan Landry
<b>Opening Hymn #2236***</b>	“Gather Us In”	
<b>Affirmation of Faith</b>		
<b>Response #64**</b>	Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verse 4)	
<b>Welcome &amp; Invitation to Mission</b>		Jeff Nelson & Jennifer Tripoli
<b>Introduction of Robert Bryson</b>		
<b>Mission Moment</b>	Noisy Bucket	
<b>Time of Prayer</b>		
<b>Invitation to Offering</b>		
<b>Musical Offering</b>	“Song of the Wanderer” by Dan Forrest	Liz Wright, soprano
<b>Doxology #95**</b>	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	
<b>Scripture Reading*</b>	Mark 1:9-14	
<b>Message</b>	“Kingdom Journey”	Jeff Nelson
<b>Closing Hymn #437**</b>	“This Is My Song”	
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	“This Little Light of Mine” arr. Mark Patterson	

*\*New Revised Standard Version  
\*\*United Methodist Hymnal  
\*\*\*The Faith We Sing*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



MJR Troy Movie Theater

## THE LAST FAITH & FILM IS TOMORROW NIGHT! JOIN US TO SEE "A COMPLETE UNKNOWN"

Come to the MJR Troy Movie Theater at Maple and Livernois Roads on Monday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m. to see "A Complete Unknown". (Please note the R rating for "A Complete Unknown" is primarily due to language). Tickets are \$8.25 each. We hope to see you there!

## 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.

Pastor Chat

## PASTOR CHAT-SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

If you're new to Royal Oak First and you'd like to know more about our church or if you'd like to learn the next steps about how to become part of everything going on here, then come to the Pastor Chat. The next **Pastor Chat will be on Sunday, February 2 at 10:15 a.m. in the Parlor** and last no more than 30 minutes. We look forward to seeing you!

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## JOIN US FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER VARIETY SHOW!

Join us on **Sunday, February 2 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.**, where the Music Guild will be putting on a Spaghetti Dinner Variety Show! Dinner is first at 5:00 p.m. (\$12 adult/\$8 kid with kids under 5 eating free, with tickets purchased at the door) and is followed by the show portion of the evening at 6:00 p.m. Proceeds will go toward kids going to summer camp. **Last call to sign up to be a part of the variety show! Scan the QR code to sign up for the variety show by Wednesday, January 29.**



## SPAGHETTI DINNER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS (KIDS & ADULTS!)

We can use volunteers on Sunday, February 2! 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.



## 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.





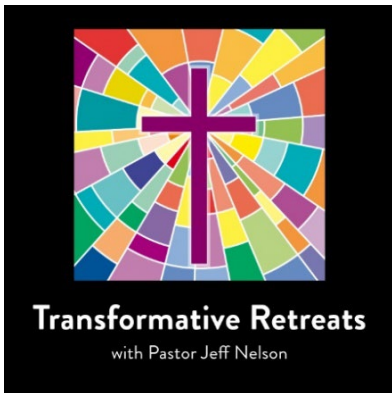
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## “SHARE THE LOVE” DRIVERS NEEDED!

Let's come together to spread kindness and connection! **On Saturday, February 8 we really need help to deliver 100 bags filled with treats and heartfelt notes to church members that we assembled that same day.**

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



## 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 (FOR DADS)\*\***

**\*\*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 & April 4, 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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## WE NEED **YOU** TO VOLUNTEER FOR FISH DINNERS!

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

Our first Fish Dinner is **just a few weeks away** and we **really need volunteers for all our dinners**, so please scan the QR code or visit the Connections Table after service and we will help you sign up. Note: Kids that volunteer get credit towards camp! Our famous fish dinners are a wonderful community event where proceeds benefit our children and youth to go 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.



## TOILET PAPER COLLECTION

Toilet paper is one of the most frequently requested items our Outreach on 7th volunteers are asked for. Both the Essentials 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.

# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

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

Tim Murphy • Mary Lou Graeber • Grace Perkins • Joe & Inge Wichers •  
Ann Cline • Bernice Sayers • Laci Basel • Jan Matsumoto • Lee Hoffmann •  
Lily Faunt • Lisa Rye • Diana Shornak • Charlene Orletski • Diane Sexton •  
Theresa Skelton • Joe Nowaczok •

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

Michael Retaskie • David Wiker • Michael Roman • Jeff Callihan •  
Lance Wilburn • Ellen Delangy • Jackson Parshall • Carol Marshall •  
Melissa McMahon • Brighton Assembly of God Church • Basil Hawai •  
Ken Schmitz • 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 •

## **Sympathies to:**

The family and friends of Chuck Gumbel (an extended family member of Megan Landry) on his death on January 22, 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,

I am thrilled to share some exciting news with you regarding our Outreach on 7th program. We are welcoming Robert Bryson as our new Outreach on 7th Coordinator! Robert has stepped into this pivotal role, working closely with Shirley Harris and dozens of volunteers overseeing the day-to-day operations of our lunch program, clothing closet, small food pantry, and the monthly essentials pantry. His dedication to fulfilling our mission of Making Christ's Love Real is truly inspiring.

For those who may not yet know him, Robert is not a stranger to us. He joined our team after serving as a volunteer for a year, during which he demonstrated a deep commitment to the neighbors we serve. Growing up in Redford and serving in the U.S. Navy, Robert brings a wealth of life experience and a heart for service. He is currently working towards his bachelor's degree in social work, which will further enhance his ability to connect with and support our community.

Robert's approach is rooted in seeing our guests as unrepeatable miracles of God. He believes in uplifting their inherent dignity and goes out of his way to know them personally. You may have heard about the extended hours of service he provided this week, offering unhoused persons a warm respite from the cold. This act of kindness is just a glimpse into the compassionate spirit he brings to our church.

As we embark on this new chapter with Robert at the helm of our Outreach on 7th program, I invite each of you to welcome him with open arms. Let's show him the warmth and love that defines our congregation. I encourage you to introduce yourselves, share stories, and offer your support as he begins this important work.

Together, we can continue to meet the basic needs of food, clothing, and personal hygiene, and open the door to deeper connections of belonging, healing, and service within our community. With Robert's guidance, I am confident that our outreach efforts will flourish.

Thank you for being such a loving and supportive community. Let us rejoice in this new addition to our family and look forward to the incredible things God will do through Robert and our Outreach on 7th program.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff" above a simple line drawing of a smiling face with a heart-shaped mouth.

Pastor Jeff Nelson

