



**ROYAL OAK**  
**FIRST**  
A United Methodist Church

**Sunday, February 9, 2025**  
**9:00 AM Worship**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>Gathering Music</b>	“Green Onions” Booker T. & the M.G.’s	House Band
<b>Greeting</b>		Griffin Anspach
<b>Song</b>	“Battle Belongs”	
<b>Song</b>	“Way Maker”	
<b>Welcome &amp; Invitation to Mission</b>		Jeff Nelson & Jennifer Tripoli
<b>Mission Moment</b>		Karla Goetz
<b>Time of Prayer</b>		
<b>Invitation to Offering</b>		
<b>Musical Offering</b>	“True Colors”	Kiersten Ciccone
<b>Doxology</b>	“Give Thanks”	
<b>Scripture Reading*</b>	Luke 5:1-11	
<b>Message</b>	“The Call of the Ordinary”	Jeff Nelson
<b>Closing Song</b>	“Rest On Us”	
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Departing Music</b>		

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## MCHS BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Royal Oak First is sponsoring birthday parties (for a total of 6 boys) at the Methodist Children's Home (MCHS Family of Services) on **February 19** and **March 19**. **If you are willing to purchase birthday gifts or volunteer to decorate and serve food at one of the parties**, we would greatly appreciate your help. The boys who live in this foster program have experienced significant hardships and trauma, and a joyful birthday celebration is very special for them. Please scan the QR code to sign up.



## 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\*\***



## RBI PRODUCE-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

For the past six years, Royal Oak First members have provided produce monthly to be given out at the Redford Brightmoor Initiative (RBI) Free Store. This is often the only fresh produce these families receive all month. Currently, **we need 4 shoppers on March 7**. Please check your calendar and sign up using the QR code if you are able. Thank you!



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## WHY SHOULD YOU VOLUNTEER AT FISH DINNERS?

These dinners are a beloved tradition, drawing in many from the surrounding area and offering a welcoming space for connection.



For those already part of the church, it's a chance to come together, build friendships, and contribute to a greater cause. Through the generosity of those who volunteer, the funds raised from the dinners help provide scholarships that ensure our youth can attend summer camp, fostering growth, learning, and faith in the next generation.

Volunteering for the Fish Dinners at Royal Oak First is more than just taking tickets, preparing/serving a meal or cleaning up after that meal.

**It's an opportunity to make a lasting impact on the community. It's about building a strong, supportive community that uplifts and invests in everyone, now and in the future.** Please scan the QR code to sign up for one or all of the fish dinners on **Fridays, February 21, March 7 & 21 & April 4, 4:30-7:00 p.m.** Note: Kids that volunteer get credit towards their camp costs!



## 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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## SUPPORT OUR YOUTH BAKE SALE AT FISH DINNERS BY BAKING!

Our Youth Group (ROY) will be selling baked goods at all of our Fish Dinners and you can help! All proceeds will go towards the Youth Group's summer service trips. If you would be willing to bake something for their sale, scan the QR code to sign up.



## JOIN OUR SUMMER CAMP STAFF!

We are going back to Camp Ohiyesa in Holly! It is time to start thinking about campfires, Olympics, swimming, and all the fun we have! Camp will be the week of July 20-26 for kids grades 4-12 and we need volunteers! Camp staff applications are available in the church office and at the Connections Table. Please turn in by February 21. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at 248.703.8805 or email her at [jtripoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtripoli@rofum.org).



## WOMEN'S RETREAT-FEB. 28 TO MARCH 2

Hey Ladies! Are you looking for a 38-hour getaway that's close to home? A chance to relax, laugh, and make connections with other women at church? If so, join us for the women's retreat where we will explore how we've experienced God and consider where God might meet us. There will be time for reflection, games, laughter, nature, and naps. Only two to a room, so grab a friend and register today. Scan the QR code to sign up.



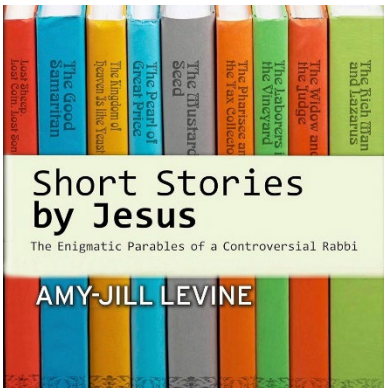


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## WORLD MEDICAL RELIEF SERVICE DAY

For two years, Royal Oak First has sent dozens of volunteers (teens and adults) to World Medical Relief in Southfield to help sort medical supplies to be sent in aid shipments throughout the world. Our next service day is Saturday, March 8, 8:45-11:30 a.m. Wear comfortable shoes, as most volunteers will be standing, but some sitting tasks are available too. Please scan the QR code to sign up.



## LENT SMALL GROUP BOOK STUDY

During Lent this year, everyone is invited to be part of a small group book study! We will have at least five groups, all beginning the week of March 9th to choose from - evening, daytime, in-person and on Zoom. The book is "Short Stories by Jesus" which will lead us through Jesus' parables. It is written by Amy-Jill Levine, theological scholar, retired professor and author. Our sermon series will match the topics of the chapters of the book. We hope you will take this opportunity to meet some new people, learn some new things and grow in your own faith! Scan the QR code today!



## SAVE THE DATE FOR BASEBALL NIGHT

**Baseball is coming to Royal Oak First on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>!** We will be hosting a family fun night revolving around baseball. Special guest will be Johnny Kane, Detroit Tigers (and Pistons) broadcast personality with FanDuel Sports Network who will engage us with baseball stories on and off the field. We will start with a tailgate party and then a lively program with music, skits and giveaway prizes, our broadcast personality and ending with fireworks! Sign up is coming soon, so set the evening aside on your calendar and plan to bring family and friends!

# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

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

George Bard • Lily Warren • Woody Siddall • Landon & Sawyer Cattran •  
Mary Lou Graeber • Tim Murphy • Grace Perkins • Joe & Inge Wichers •  
Bernice Sayers • Laci Basel • Jan Matsumoto • Lee Hoffmann • Lily Faunt •

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

Karen Cunningham • Michael Retaskie • David Wiker • 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 • Deana Sawicki •

## **Sympathies to:**

The family and friends of Rick Hartsoe on his death on January 25, 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 Beloved Community,

As we gather this week, I am reminded of Romans 15:13 (NRSV): “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Hope is a precious gift, illuminating our hearts and providing strength in challenging times.

While some may suggest we place our hope in simple optimism, our hope is anchored in something tangible - something real. Our optimism is rooted in the life and love of Jesus, who walks alongside us. Hebrews 10:23 (NRSV) encourages us to “hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he (Christ) who has promised is faithful.”

At Royal Oak First United Methodist, we try to make hope real through our service to the community. Our Essentials Pantry provides vital support to the underserved of our community, offering not just personal hygiene items, but dignity and respect. Each item we distribute is a testament to our commitment to inclusivity and compassion, reminding those we serve that they are valued and loved.

In these times of uncertainty, let us remember to look to Jesus and to one another. When life feels overwhelming, pause and pray, for Christ has faced every challenge and triumphed—for each and every one of us.

Together, the love of Christ becomes a beacon of hope in our community.

Let us continue to be hope-filled people.

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff Nelson

