



ROYAL OAK
FIRST
A United Methodist Church

Sunday, March 2, 2025
9:00 AM Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	“Chameleon”	House Band
Greeting		Griffin Anspach
Song	“Graves Into Gardens”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson & Jennifer Tripoli
Baptism		Benny Bagian <i>Son of Peggy & Brian Bagian</i>
Time of Prayer		
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	“For The Dreamers” For King + Country	Cassandra Wilson
Doxology	“Give Thanks”	
Scripture Reading*	Luke 9:28-36	
Sermon Song	“I Can Only Imagine”	Griffin Anspach
Message	"Moments That Change Everything"	Jennifer Tripoli
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Song	“Make Room”	
Benediction		
Departing Music		

**Common English Bible*

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ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

Drive Thru Ashes on Lafayette! Drive up to the Lafayette Street side of the church to receive the imposition of ashes right in your car! Our pastors will be available for a special blessing from 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Simple Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m. Join us for a simple soup supper in the Gathering Space before worship begins. What better way than to gather around the table with a hot bowl of soup and bread.

Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m. Held both online and in-person in the Sanctuary, where we will have the imposition of ashes.



UPCOMING FISH DINNERS

Fridays, 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 wonderful food and fellowship. Our fish dinners benefit our children and youth where proceeds are used to send them to choir camp. We have Cod (baked or deep fried), Zander (Pike Perch) and Chicken Tenders along with choice of Baked Potato or French Fries, Coleslaw, Roll with Butter and a Beverage and Dessert! YUM!



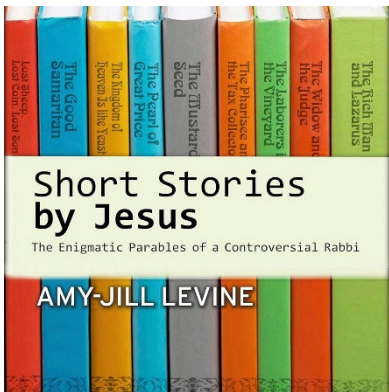
SUPPORT OUR YOUTH BAKE SALE AT FISH DINNERS BY BAKING!

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.**



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LENT SMALL GROUPS BOOK STUDY

During Lent this year, everyone is invited to be part of a small group book study! **We have 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. Books are available at the church Connections Table for purchase for \$12. We will be using the Participant Guide, not the actual book, if you plan on purchasing it on your own. Scan the QR code today!



FISH DINNERS VOLUNTEERS

These dinners are a beloved tradition, drawing in many from the surrounding area and offering a welcoming space for connection. 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. Please scan the QR code to sign up for one or all of the fish dinners on **Fridays, March 7 & 21 & April 4, 4:30-7:00 p.m.** Note: Kids that volunteer get credit towards their camp costs!



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 2 shoppers on March 7.** Please sign up using the QR code.



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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.



“1946” MOVIE SCREENING & DISCUSSION

Royal Oak First is partnering with Journey Center of Michigan to host a **viewing and contemplative discussion** of the documentary “1946: *The Mistranslation that Shifted Culture*” on **Sunday, March 9, from 1:00-4:00 p.m.** The documentary follows researchers who trace the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians to a Bible translation choice in 1946. It chronicles the discovery of archives at Yale University which unveil astonishing new revelations and cast significant doubt on any biblical basis for LGBTQIA+ prejudice. Please note the goal that this conversation be held with an atmosphere of respect, civility, love, and open-hearted sharing and listening to one another.



LENT SANDWICH & LUNCH ASSEMBLY FROM HOME

Are you looking for a one-time service opportunity this Lent? We’ve designed an opportunity for many households to sponsor another NOAH at Central lunch together. You can sign up to **make 30 sandwiches or 30 lunches at your home to be delivered to church on Sunday, April 13.**

Additionally, we are hoping to send 3-5 volunteers to help serve the meal on Tuesday, April 15. Please scan the QR code for more information and to sign up!

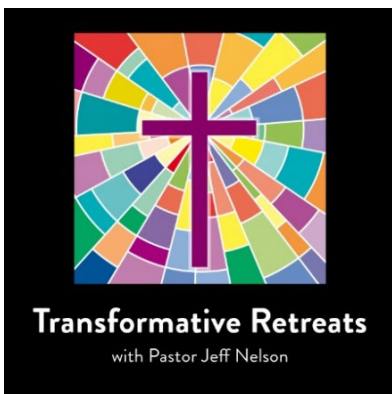


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SAVE THE DATE FOR BASEBALL NIGHT

Our family fun night on **Friday, March 14th** starting at **6:15 p.m.** will include special guest, 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, and ending with fireworks! **Tickets are available at the door: \$10 for adults, \$5 for those 12-18 years old, and kids under 12 are free. Please scan the QR code to sign up.**



TRANSFORMATIVE RETREATS WITH PASTOR JEFF

We invite you to step away from the busyness of life and immerse yourself in these retreats, held every third Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Our retreats 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.

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

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

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

Scan the QR code to sign up for any or all of the retreats.



**YARN DONATIONS
FOR SHAWL MINISTRY**



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If you or your loved ones have extra yarn, please consider donating it to our Shawl Ministry. The Shawl Ministry meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 1-3 p.m. They share fellowship while knitting or crocheting comfort items that are gifted to others in times of sorrow or celebration. New members are always welcome! And yarn donations are greatly appreciated! **Please leave your donations in the white collection barrels.**

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Judy Bryan • Tom Landry • Joyce Negrich • Bill & Allison Hempstead •
The Thurman Family • Lori Vickers • George Bard • Mark Thatcher •
Woody Siddall • Landon & Sawyer Cattran • Tim Murphy • Grace Perkins •
Mary Lou Graeber • Joe & Inge Wichers • Bernice Sayers • Laci Basel •
Jan Matsumoto • Lee Hoffmann • Lily Faunt •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Bill Diemond • Deana Sawicki • Tom Fritz • Bernie Stubitsch •
Pat Timmons • Michael Elliott • Beth Copland • Karen Cunningham •
Michael Retaskie • Jeff Callihan • Lance Wilburn • Ellen Delangy •
Jackson Parshall • Carol Marshall • Melissa McMahon •
Brighton Assembly of God Church • Basil Hawai • Ken Schmitz •
Missy Winter •

Sympathies to:

The Tripoli family on the death of Jim's aunt, Val Globish on February 20, 2025

*If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List,
please contact Danielle Moody at prayers@rofum.org.*

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR


Friends,

There are moments in life that change everything—times when God's presence becomes unmistakable and our faith is strengthened in ways we never imagined.

This week, as we celebrate Transfiguration Sunday, we reflect on Luke 9:28-36, where Peter, James, and John witness Jesus revealed in His divine glory. This breathtaking moment on the mountaintop reminds us that a brief encounter, a single decision, or an unexpected turn of events can set in motion a transformation far beyond what we anticipate.

May we open our hearts to these defining moments, recognizing God's presence in both the ordinary and the extraordinary. Let us trust that He is always at work, guiding, shaping, and drawing us closer to Him in ways we may not yet understand.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Tripoli". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Pastor Jennifer Tripoli