

Whatever It Takes



**BUILDING
ON THE VISION**

Saturday, October 19
4:00 pm Worship

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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OPPORTUNITIES

Aging In Grace

Sunday, October 20, 12:15 pm

Legal Aspects of Aging with Nancy Orletski, Craig Sleeman, and Annette Wahl

Sunday, October 27, 12:15 pm

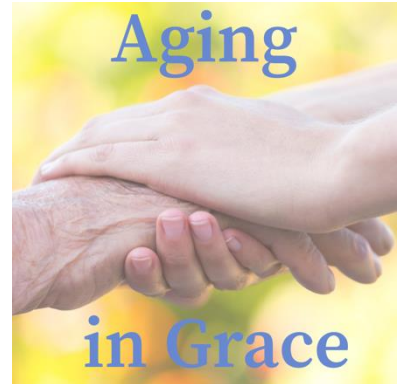
Normal Cognitive Decline vs. Dementia: When to Worry with Lynn Breuer, LMSW, CHC

Sunday, November 3, 12:15 pm

Successful Aging Through Financial Empowerment with LaToya Hall, MSW

Sunday, November 10, 12:15 pm

Mental Health Concerns of Aging with Matthew Swarts, MSSW, LMSW



Adoption Celebration

Saturday, October 26, 5:00 pm

Our dear friends, Shannon and Kim Abela-Godfrey, have been in the process of adopting their wonderful foster-daughter, Harmony, for years. That process is coming to a joyful end, and Harmony's adoption will be finalized next week. Join us for cake and coffee to celebrate Harmony's official addition to the Abela-Godfrey family and our church family. If you have any questions, **contact the Jennifer Tripoli at jtripoli@rofum.org**.



Women's Retreat: Fall into Friendships

Friday, November 1 – Sunday, November 3

Register by Wednesday, October 23

Join us for a weekend of friendship and connecting with other women. Campfires, activities, small groups, and book discussions await us at Lake Huron Retreat Center.

The cost is \$150 for the full weekend or you can join us on Saturday for \$50. If the price is restrictive for you, let us know. We will not allow that to get between you and a weekend of friendship.

Register online at rofum.org/womensretreat or at the Connect Here Desk.

If you have any questions, **contact Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org**.



Spooktacular is Back!

Sunday, October 27, 1:00 pm

Every year, the City of Royal Oak hosts the annual Spooktacular, a Halloween festival with games, trick-or-treating, and entertainment for the families of our community. Royal Oak First is one of the hosts for this community event with candy and games. We will be collecting candy donations at the Connect Here Desk in the Gathering Space. Contact **Danielle Moody** at dmoody@rofum.org if you have any questions.



Service Opportunity at Redford Brightmoor Initiative

Saturday, November 2, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm



Join us at Redford Brightmoor Initiative in Redford to help prepare and serve lunch during their Free Store. Sign up online at rofum.org/links or at the Connect Here Desk at church. For more information, contact **Astrid Harrod** at **248-635-6357** or RBI@rofum.org.

Missions Coordinator Position Available

At Royal Oak First, we strive to make a real difference in our community. The Missions Coordinator serves to organize missional collections, help us care for our hungry and homeless neighbors, and work with our community mission partners. For more information, visit rofum.org/jobs or contact **Jennifer Tripoli** at jtripoli@rofum.org.



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Bag Lunches for the NOAH Project

Collection ends Sunday, November 3



Royal Oak Youth (ROY) will be making 600 sandwiches and bag lunches for our friends at The NOAH Project, and you can help. ROY is looking for juice boxes, fruit cups, applesauce cups, raisins, pudding cups, cookies, muffins, small candy, chips, pretzels, cheese or peanut butter crackers, or granola bars to fill out the bags. Drop off your items in the collection boxes in the Narthex by Sunday, November 3. If you have any questions, contact **Bridget Nelson** at bnelson@rofum.org.

RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for our church family: Peggy Gill; James Respecki; Karen Calhoun; Judy Ather; Beckham Boozan; Jack Hughes; John Boyse; Pecky Lewis; Neal Harris; Janet Kinney; Ken Burton; Alice Bentley; Ann Cline; Dorothy Matsumoto; Diane Sexton; Art & Delores Miller; Dick & Judy Bryan

Prayers for our extended family: Ryan O'Hare; Marshall Knight; Dennis Clifton; Mark Palmer; Vickie Zimmerman; Ryan Monte; Sheila Boyer; Margie Reese; Norma Jean Wilke; Carol Barney; Kris Beachum

Senior Spotlight: Vel Lowman

Sympathy to the Harris family on the death of Shirley Harris' brother, Harold Hendricks.

Sympathy to the Plaxton family on the death of Allison Plaxton's father, Richard Reynolds.

This list includes prayer concerns from the past six weeks.
For the complete Prayer List, please contact our
Pastoral Care Team at prayers@rofum.org.

SUPPORT GROUPS

AA Meetings

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 6:00 pm on the 1st Floor

Nar-Anon

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the Youth Room

Straight Spouse Network

Second Friday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Parlor

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 20

9:00 am	Royal Oak Children's Choir.....	Room #307
9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	Infants & Toddlers – Nursery	
	Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 8) – Bible Time Square	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Gathering Space
10:15 am	Half Truths	Room #305
10:30 am	Bible Sunday Meeting	1 st Floor Conference Room
11:00 am	Worship & Bible Sunday	Sanctuary
	Infants & Toddlers – Nursery	
	Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 8) – Bible Time Square	
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour	Gathering Space
12:15 pm	Aging in Grace	Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm	Cantata Academy Chorale	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Core Values	1 st Floor Conference Room
5:30 pm	Youth Group Dinner	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Youth Group	ROY Commons
7:00 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsals	Choir Room & Sanctuary

Monday, October 21

10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
12:30 pm	Team Huddle (Staff Meeting)	ROY Commons
2:00 pm	Director Team Meeting	ROY Commons
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	AA Meeting	1 st Floor Conference Room
6:00 pm	New Leader Meeting	Parlor
6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	Roy Commons
7:00 pm	The Experience of Loss	Room #201
7:00 pm	Scout Troop 1601	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga	Chapel
8:00 pm	Men's Bible Study	Parlor

Tuesday, October 22

9:00 am	First Friends.....	Nursery
10:00 am	Discipleship Fast Track	Parlor
10:00 am	The Good and Beautiful Life	ROY Commons
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Blood Pressure Class	Fellowship Hall
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons	Parlor
5:00 pm	Royal Oak Children's Choir.....	Chapel
6:00 pm	Sing Out Detroit!	Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 22 continued

7:00 pm	Men's Basketball.....	Addams Elementary School
7:00 pm	The Good and Beautiful Life	ROY Commons
7:00 pm	Weird Bible	Room #305

Wednesday, October 23

10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Sermon Practice	Sanctuary
11:30 am	ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out)	The Avenue Restaurant
1:00 pm	Piano Lesson.....	Parlor
3:15 pm	Piano Lesson.....	Sanctuary
3:30 pm	Violin Lessons.....	Parlor
5:30 pm	Holy COW.....	Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
6:00 pm	AA Meeting	1 st Floor Conference Room
6:00 pm	Discipleship Fast Track.....	Parlor
6:15 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsals	Room #201, Sanctuary, Choir Room
6:30 pm	Infant/Toddler Music	Bible Times Square (Chapel)
6:30 pm	Carillon Bell Choir	Room #307
6:30 pm	Understanding Good and Evil	Room #303
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon	ROY Commons
7:30 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Chapel
7:45 pm	Piano	Room #307

Thursday, October 24

10:00 am	As We Gather Worship	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry.....	Parlor
3:00 pm	Royal Oak Children's Choir.....	Room #307
7:00 pm	Love Wins.....	Parlor
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary & Choir Room

Friday, October 25

9:30 am	As We Gather Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Roga Chair Yoga	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Therapeutic Rehab Sandwich Making.....	Kitchen
6:00 pm	AA Meeting	Parlor

Saturday, October 26

11:00 am	Memorial Service	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Gatney Meeting	1 st Floor Conference Room
4:00 pm	Worship	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Adoption Celebration	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Still Beloved: Spouses	Sanctuary

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

This week I was reading Paul's letter to the Romans. It is a book of dense and deep theology and yet, at the same time, it is a letter of tender and sincere pastoral care. In the opening, Paul wrote these beautiful lines to his friends,

"First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world."

I could have written those words about you. I am so proud to be a part of the movement here at Royal Oak First.

Your faith inspires me. Your care of each other, for the hungry and for our mission partners is what makes Christ's love real. We received an email from our partners in Lithuania showing us how the money collected through our loose-change offerings is helping to renovate the former communist deportation center into a vibrant church and community center and a note from The African Children's Choir thanking you for the \$4,200 offering you gave to them last week. This is a reminder how your faithfulness is being "reported all over the world." The Holy Spirit is working through you in truly amazing ways!

This week we start our Generosity Season. In a couple of weeks, each of us will make a pledge to next year's mission and ministry budget. Most of my colleagues hate this time of year, fearing that they have to "twist arms" in order to keep their doors open and their lights on. That has just never been our experience. Because of your faith, I look forward to this time every year. You always rise to the occasion God puts in front of us.

I am eager to see the miracles continue to unfold again this year.

Thank you for your faithfulness.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff" in a cursive style. Below the signature is a simple smiley face drawn with a circle and two dots for eyes.