



Whose name is on it?

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Amazing Grace</i> Debi Szeliga	
Pastor's Welcome		
Hymn #140	Great is Thy Faithfulness Sandy Prokopp	*UMH
Invitation to Mission		
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>I Can Only Imagine</i> Tim Schoenherr	
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	Matthew 22:15-22 Kathy Peterson	**CEB
Message	Whose Name Is On It?	Jeff Nelson
Song	<i>Home</i> House Band	
Benediction		

* United Methodist Hymnal

** Common English Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Office is Open!

Beginning this week, the church office is open Monday-Friday, 10:00 am-3:00 pm. If you would like to visit the office, please call ahead so we can be ready for you. Masks are required at all times inside the building.

You can find more information on our strategies for reopening the church on our website at rofum.org/reopening. Each week, that information will be updated and mailed to the congregation. Please contact the office at office@rofum.org or 248-541-4100 if you have any questions.

October Hygiene Collection

Our lunch program serves approximately 100 meals each week to people experiencing hunger and homelessness in our community. Throughout the month of October, we are collecting personal hygiene items to make sure that, in addition to food, the people we serve always have access to deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, razors, etc. to help keep them clean. Drop off your donations of travel-sized personal hygiene items at the church during the lunch program, Monday through Friday, 10:30-11:30 am. These small items that so many of us take for granted make a real difference in the lives of the people we serve.

New Fall Yard Signs

We have two new yard-sign designs available as we enter into our Fall/Winter seasons: "Don't Stop Believing" and "Praying for our Teachers/Students". These two new signs, along with our consistent message of "God Loves You (and there's nothing you can do about it)" are available on a first come basis. If you would like a sign but are unable to pick-up from church, please call the office to make arrangements.

Mailing List Sign Ups

While we are kept apart by the pandemic, our prayers and concerns continue to grow. If you would like to receive a weekly update on the prayer list, sign up at rofum.org/maillinglist or contact Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org.

RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for our church family: Inge Wichers; Betty Lawson; Marilyn McCreedy; Pam Ortner; George Bard; Joyce Hollingsworth; Jan Carlson; Karen Porter; Nancy Lorenz; Cathy Baker; Linda Jones; Kim Frentz; Greg Umstead; John Wagster; Peggy Gill; Diana Shornak; Carol Hardt; Mike Monte; Pat Blagg; Joan Johnson; Krista Conyers; Dave & Sue Minch; Jan Carlson; Marilyn Hocking; James Respecki; Kevin Lasky; Bruce and Ginny Conrad; Jenny Lowman; Lee Hoffmann; Inge Wichers; Betty Latimer; Barb Nicholas; Sue Parisi-Reid; Dick LaCombe; Paula Derkowski; Joe Waisanen Jr; Crystal Clark; Marian Kremer; Bill Young; The Riggs Family

Prayers for our extended family: Anthonne Tracy; Sheila & Marty Boyer; Pam Payne; Richard Evans; Richard Nahhat; Mary Jo Cady; Teresa Baker; Joleen Duprey; Mike Pilon; Kathy Kearns; Bonnie Politowski; Effie Lambros; Steve & Peggy Zelonium; Lorraine Bowden; Joal Brown; Tracy & Paul; Lucy Sieck; Pat Callahan; Pam Payne; Tim Bell; Laurie Harris Wiener; Heidi and Dan Grogan; Essential workers and health care providers fighting COVID-19; Margaret O'Donnell; Don & Ann Anderson

Senior Spotlight: Lee Hoffmann

Sympathy to the family and friends of Betty Locke on her death, October 8.

Sympathy to the family and friends of June Stephan on her death, October 12.

Sympathy to Ginny Borts on the death of her nephew James Murdoch, October 1.

For the complete Prayer List, please contact our
Pastoral Care Team at prayers@rofum.org.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

We are having a party. And not just any kind of party - it will be a Halloween party. Please come to the church on Saturday, October 31, anytime between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. Our friends from DelectaBowl will be there with their food truck, Erica Plesco will be spinning tunes on the lawn, and most importantly, we will get the chance to see each other.

Please bring your chairs or blankets. We will have the front lawn divided into socially distanced spaces so you can eat safely. Costumes are optional, but masks are required. We will have hand-sanitizing stations, and there will be access to our bathrooms. There is free parking in the church lot, and as always, we offer a hug-free zone.

I promise the food will be plentiful and good, have vegetarian options, and thanks to a generous donation, it will be free!! All we ask (if it is possible) is that you bring a donation of personal hygiene items to support our As We Gather bag lunch community.

We are missing you and so before the weather no longer permits us to gather outdoors, let us come together for food, fun, and fellowship.

Please call or contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Grace and Peace,\

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Jeff". Below the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.

PS Usually, around Halloween, we invite all of the kids to come to worship in costumes. It is so fun to see all the creativity. Since we won't be able to do that in worship, we are asking that you send a picture of you and your family in costume (this is for adults as well as kids) so that we share them in worship and on social media. You can send your pictures to Erica at eplesco@rofum.org.