



I am Strong in  
My Weakness

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**Sunday, October 3, 2021 9:00AM**  
**ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## WE NEED USHERS AND GREETERS

You can help make worship a powerful, welcoming experience for others! We have opportunities for people to serve as ushers and greeters. Pick some days to create a regular schedule...like ushering for all the even number months or greeting on the first Sunday of every month. Volunteering is a great way to get to know people in your church family! **Visit the Welcome Desk at church or visit [www.rofum.org](http://www.rofum.org) to sign up.**

## MEN'S WINTER GEAR COLLECTION



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To support our lunch program guests and church members as the weather turns chilly, we will be collecting much needed winter items through the remainder of October. **We need the following items: men's gloves/mittens, men's winter hats, men's winter boots, men's scarves, long/thermal underwear tops and bottoms (L, XL, XXL), men's winter socks, and hand & foot warmers.** Thank you for supporting this important mission!



## CHURCH-WIDE, ONE-DAY RETREAT – ROOTED IN APPRENTICESHIP

**Saturday, October 9, 10:00 am-3:00 pm**

We will explore Jesus' criteria for choosing his group of men and women disciples and learn how his holistic and integrated teaching approach of apprenticeship was designed to produce transformed and spiritually mature followers. We will practice apprenticeship by having fun fellowship, a shared meal, practical teaching, thoughtful discussion and small group break-outs. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Co-Leaders: Pastor Jeff Nelson and Joyce Hollingsworth. **Register in advance at [www.rofum.org](http://www.rofum.org) or call 248.541.4100.**

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## CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our Annual Church Conference will be on Thursday, October 14 at 7:00 pm on Zoom. **We will provide the Zoom link along with the Conference Report via an email blast on Monday, October 11.**

**SATURDAY  
NIGHT  
WORSHIP**

## SATURDAY NIGHT WORSHIP

Please plan to join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 4:00 pm in the Parlor. **Any questions, please call Joyce Russell at 586.758.4729.**



## RBI PRODUCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Royal Oak First volunteers have provided fresh produce monthly to the families served through Redford Brightmoor Initiative's Free Store for the past 2 years! That amounts to over 1200 bags of produce! We continue this mission on the second Saturday of each month and could use your support. We still need additional volunteers to shop on October 8 and November 12. Each volunteer fills 13 small bags with a variety of fruits and vegetables. **Stop by the Connect Here desk in the gathering space after service to sign up or call the church office at 248.541.4100.**

# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

## Prayers for Our Church Family:

Jane Button • Ed Cline • Michael Frank • Aloma Mirjah • Dave Minch •  
Nancy Lorenz • George Marck • Janice Marsh • Laci Basel • Charlene Faunt •  
Amy Youngquist • Barb Nicholas • Nancy Thompson • Marian Kremer •  
Bob Prud'homme • Marilyn Hocking • Cynthia Cline • Melinda Loftin • Tom Soboleski •  
Karen Wetzel • Audrey Leenhouts • Janet Ramseyer • Lee Hoffmann • John Wagster •  
Neil Franks • Patricia Callahan • Maya Lane Harris • Kimberlyn Palchak •  
Diane Shornak • Carrie Morse • Cindy McCarthy • Betty Lawson • Fred Bowden •

## Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Earl Hendrickson • Evert & Kay Burchell • Neil Mullins • Effie Lambros •  
Lucille Gunnels • Carl Gunnels • The Pushman Family • Jessica Simpson •  
Jack Barlow • Kathy Kearns • Linda Morrell • Marc Reddekopp • Gina Mirjah •  
Michael McFarlane • Darryl Warren • Sue Sugden • Sally Sou • Teresa Baker •

## Congratulations to:

Alexia and Dan Clyne on the birth of their daughter, Lenora on September 27

## Sympathies to:

Janet Ramseyer on the death of her husband, Lloyd Ramseyer on September 23, 2021  
Tim Schoenherr on the death of his father, Roger Schoenherr on September 25, 2021  
Barb Hardt on the death of her mother, Carol Hardt on her death, September 26, 2021

## Senior Spotlight:

Sue Buxton

For the complete Prayer List,  
please contact our Pastoral Care Team at [prayers@rofum.org](mailto:prayers@rofum.org).

# LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

This is the view from “my office” this morning. Spending the week in Gulf Shores has been restoring to mind, body and soul. The largeness of the ocean has this way of putting life into perspective, helping me know my place in the grand scheme: small but present, connected to the beauty and grandeur of the universe. My problems always seem small while standing on the edge of the ocean and I absorb a peace that the rhythms of the tide invite. I am grateful for the time away. We haven’t done much and I guess that is the point. Just be. Be present to the moment - to each other - and to the beauty of all that surrounds us.



The news traveled pretty fast down here to Alabama that Jennifer Tripoli’s first sermon went really, really well. Her vulnerability about the times in her life she felt like she didn’t belong resonated with us and her reassurance that in God’s family there is a place for all of us is the best of news. Royal Oak First, you have called and raised up another preacher! Jennifer, we are proud of you.

I also heard the news that our new Organist and Handbell Director, Kyle Webber had a great first Sunday. We have been so blessed that in the midst of so many transitions, God has brought so many called and talented people to our team. Kyle is definitely a gift. A graduate of Valparaiso School of Music, the same alma mater as our own Liz Wright, Kyle has been the music director at both Chelsea First and Nardin Park United Methodist Churches. Kyle loves to make music and is as passionate about bells as he is about the organ. He has recently married Susanna and together they are blending a family of five. We are glad to welcome him and his family to Royal Oak First.

This is the last week to sign up for our October 9th church-wide retreat: “Rooted in Apprenticeship”. Apprenticeship is all about learning from someone who is a master at

their craft and as Christians we believe that Jesus mastered the spiritual life. I am excited to be joining our Adult Discipleship Coordinator, Joyce Hollingsworth in leading this event. Please sign-up today by visiting our website [www.rofum.org](http://www.rofum.org) or calling the church office at 248.541.4100.

And finally, I want to just shine a light on four saints whose lives we are celebrating: Betty Cairns, Priscilla Benson, Carol Hardt, and Lloyd Ramseyer. These four saints were all members of our church who all entered into their eternal rest this past month. Betty was a long-time member of St. John's United Methodist Church, Priscilla was a fixture in the music ministry here at Royal Oak First for decades, Carol was a leader at the Berkley First United Methodist Church, and Lloyd was a staple of our Saturday evening worship. We give thanks for each of their lives and are grateful for the blessings they gave to us, to their families and to the Kingdom of God.

See you Sunday.

Grace and Peace,

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

**Experience Real Love, Form Real Friendships,  
Make a Real Difference**

