

I Belong



Sunday, September 26, 2021 11:00AM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	Variations on “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. Albert Travis	Kyle Webber
Hymn #158 (*UMH)	Come, Christians, Join to Sing	Sanctus Members
Call to Worship		Sandy Prokopp
Invitation to Mission		Erica Plesco
Special Anthem	“Draw Me Close/I Need Thee Every Hour” arr. Mark Hayes	Sanctus Members
Time of Prayer		Sandy Prokopp
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	“Andantino” Giuseppe Concone	Kiersten Ciccone
Doxology #95 (*UMH)	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
Scripture (**CEB)	Acts 3:1-10	Sandy Prokopp
Message	I Belong	Jennifer Tripoli
Hymn #419 (*UMH)	I Am Thine, O Lord	Sanctus Members
Benediction		Jennifer Tripoli
Postlude	“Toccata in Seven” John Rutter	Kyle Webber

**United Methodist Hymnal*
***Common English Bible*

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 www.rofum.org to sign up.**



SOCK-IT-TO-ME SEPTEMBER IS BACK!

New socks are one of the most important items for homeless folks in the winter. Our friends at The NOAH Project (at Central UMC) give out over 10,000 pairs of socks annually as part of their work supporting the homeless of Detroit. We've set a goal to contribute 2021 socks this year. **Bring a package or two of NEW MEN'S TUBE SOCKS to church between now and October 3rd.**

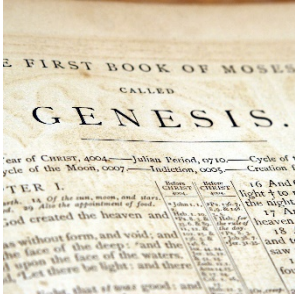


CHURCH-WIDE, ONE-DAY RETREAT – ROOTED IN APPRENTICESHIP

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 or call 248.541.4100.**

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APOCRYPHAL TALES: READING BETWEEN THE TESTAMENTS

Wednesdays, September 29-November 3, 6:30-8:00 pm

This will be a reading and discussion group covering the “apocrypha” the books that appear in some versions of the Old Testament but not in our Bibles. This includes the Additions to Daniel, Tobit, Judith, 1 & 2 Maccabees, Wisdom of Solomon, and Sirach. Every week we will read and discuss a different book. Leader: Joshua Wright. **Sign-up at www.rofum.org or call 248.541.4100.**



CHURCH CONFERENCE

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

I am Loved

I Belong



I am Forgiven

Don't miss out on picking up your final
ROOTED magnet piece at services next
Sunday, October 3!

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PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Barb Nicholas • Amy Youngquist • Michael Frank • Aloma Mirjah • Dave Minch •
Carol Hardt • Janice Marsh • Laci Basel • Charlene Faunt • Nancy Thompson •
Marian Kremer • Bob Prud'homme • Nancy Lorenz • Marilyn Hocking • Cynthia Cline •
Melinda Loftin • Tom Soboleski • Ed Cline • Karen Wetzel • Audrey Leenhouts •
Lloyd Ramseyer • 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 •

Sympathies to:

Family and friends of Priscilla Benson on her death, September 20, 2021

Senior Spotlight:

Sue Buxton

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

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Bridget and I will not be with you in church this week as we will be enjoying a week away on the sunny beaches of Gulf Shores, Alabama. Admittedly a week away in the deep-south sounded like a great idea four months ago, as we truly appeared to be in the last days of the COVID-19 pandemic. But with plane tickets purchased and an Airbnb rental secured, we will proceed with our plans for some time of rest and relaxation. Our plans will be adjusted as we will cook and eat in our condo and not venture out for shopping or much sightseeing. We will be able to spend lots of hours enjoying the ocean, reading, playing Upwords and taking afternoon naps.

I am excited to welcome to our preaching pulpit for the very first time, our very own Jennifer Tripoli. Jennifer is a lifelong member of Royal Oak First, has served in critical leadership roles and for the last five years has been a member of our staff team, serving as our Executive Director. Over the past year, Jennifer has felt the call to ministry and with our support has been involved in the Licensed Local Pastor Program this past year. Through her reading, writing, and classes, Jennifer is embracing the work God is doing within her and is emerging with a clearer sense of herself as a Christian leader. We are proud of you, Jennifer!

I can tell you that the first time you preach can be overwhelming. So please keep Jennifer in your prayers this week and please show up either in person or online to support her. Royal Oak First has played a significant role in Jennifer's formation and call as a disciple of Christ and I know that Jennifer appreciates all of you.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jennifer Tripoli". The signature is stylized and includes a simple smiley face drawn below the word "Pastor".

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