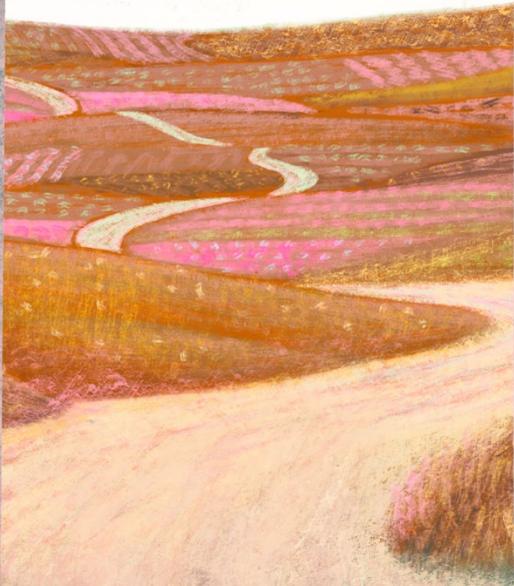


Don't Look Back



Sunday, January 2, 2022 9:00AM and 11:00AM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	Variations on “Puer Nobis” arr. Albert Zabel	Kyle Webber
Bell Peal		Amy Rhoades
Hymn #254 (*UMH)	“We Three Kings”	Congregational Singing
Call to Worship		Bridget Nelson
Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson
Associate Pastor Commissioning		Compass Team Members
Hymn #593 (*UMH)	“Here I Am, Lord”	Congregational Singing
Invitation to Offering		Bridget Nelson
Musical Offering	“I Will Trust in You” arr. Lauren Daigle	Jaclyn Doerr
Doxology #95 (*UMH)	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	Congregational Singing
Prayer of Dedication		Bridget Nelson
Scripture (**CEB)	Philippians 3:12-16	Bridget Nelson
Message	Don’t Look Back	Jennifer Tripoli
Communion		Jennifer Tripoli/Bridget Nelson
Hymn	“On This Day of Celebration”	Congregational Singing
Benediction		Jennifer Tripoli
Postlude	“The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy” arr. Lloyd Larson	Kyle Webber

**United Methodist Hymnal*

***Common English Bible*



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING WITH PASTOR JEFF

Join us for a virtual town hall meeting with Pastor Jeff on Sunday, January 16 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. During the meeting, we will have updates from various church areas (i.e. finance, personnel, etc.) along with answers to your questions submitted ahead of time, followed by open comments. **Please email your questions by Thursday, January 6 to ltrumbull@rofum.org or call the church office at 248.541.4100.** There is also a form at the welcome desk that you can fill out with your questions. We are excited for as many of you to participate on Zoom as possible!



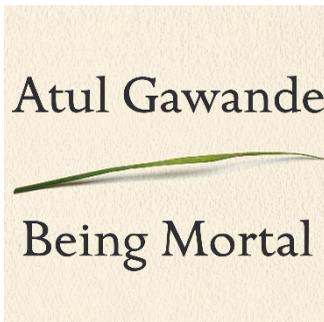
SAVE THE DATE! DO YOU HAVE IDEAS FOR FUTURE MISSIONS PROJECTS?

Join us on Tuesday, January 18 at 6:00 p.m. (**NOTE: this is an updated date and time**) for a Missions 2022 planning and sharing meeting. We will meet upstairs at church in Room 305 to brainstorm ideas for the new year. If you have ideas but can't attend, please email Karla Goetz at missions@rofum.org prior to the meeting. We are looking forward to hearing your ideas!



“BEING MORTAL” BOOK DISCUSSION

Using the bestseller “Being Mortal”, we will engage in conversations about how to live a life with meaning to the last with dignity and joy. We will uncover our deepest wishes and find ways to live more fully now and how we can encourage that for others in our lives. **Beginning Wednesdays, January 26-February 23 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Visit www.rofum.org to sign up.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



“FIRST THOUGHTS” AND “ABIDE” DEVOTIONALS AND THOUGHTS EMAIL

We are launching two new weekly emails from Pastor Jeff and our other pastors/preachers that will be delivered to your inbox weekly beginning in January 2022. The first email is “First Thoughts”, a moment of inspiration and information on what God is doing in our church and community. The second email is “Abide”, a weekly devotional geared for the men of our congregation. **Email us at firstthoughts@rofum.org with your email address and let us know which devotional you would like to receive, “First Thoughts” or “Abide”.**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PRODUCE COLLECTION

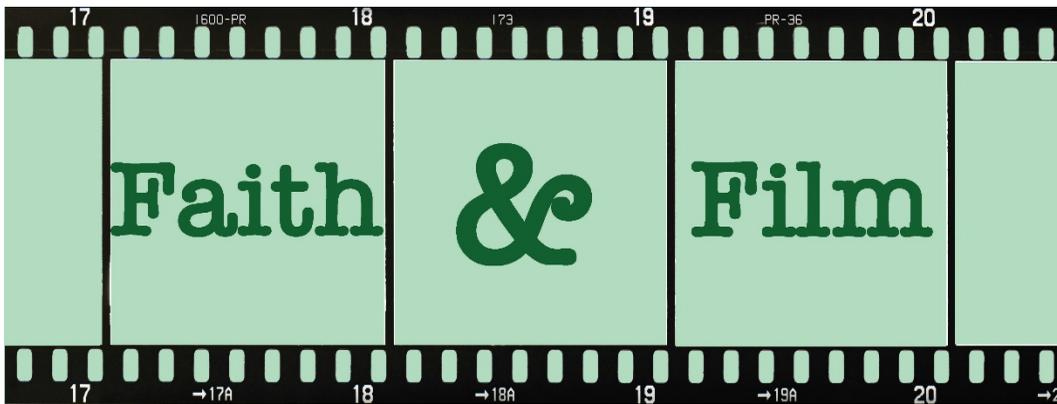
To support our partnership with the Redford Brightmoor Initiative (RBI), Royal Oak First members have provided fresh produce to the RBI Free Store once a month for the past two years. This is an easy service opportunity that makes a big impact for families in need. **We could use three more shoppers in January, and any future month you are able. Sign up after service or at www.rofum.org.**

MEN'S WINTER GEAR COLLECTION



NEW NEEDS FOR MEN'S WINTER GEAR!

We need the following items: men's gloves/mittens, **men's winter boots**, men's winter hats, **long/thermal underwear tops and bottoms (L, XL, XXL)**, men's winter socks and **sleeping bags**. Thank you for supporting our Lunch Program guests!



FAITH & FILM IS BACK!

Royal Oak First is going back to the movies! For three Monday nights in January, we will head over to the MJR Troy Movie Theater at Maple and Livernois Roads at 7:00 p.m. to see a current movie together. Tickets are only \$8.50. If you have any questions, contact the church office at 248.541.4100 or office@rofum.org. The theater we will be in is reserved just for Royal Oak First. **We will be requiring all attendees to wear a mask while inside the theater.**

Monday, January 10—“WEST SIDE STORY”

Love at first sight strikes when young Tony spots Maria at a high school dance in 1957 New York City. Their burgeoning romance helps to fuel the fire between the warring Jets and Sharks -- two rival gangs vying for control of the streets.

Monday, January 17—“SING 2”

Can-do koala Buster Moon and his all-star cast of animal performers prepare to launch a dazzling stage extravaganza in the glittering entertainment capital of the world. There's just one hitch -- he has to find and persuade the world's most reclusive rock star to join them. What begins as Buster's dream of big-time success soon becomes an emotional reminder of the power of music to heal even the most broken heart.

Monday, January 24—This film will be announced soon, so keep watching this space!

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Michael Frank • Brian Cook • Nancy Matson • The Vandermark Family •
Grace Perkins • Sue Parisi • John Wagster • Lillian Cook • Ron Peludat •
Don McCreedy • Bruce Conrad • Yvonne Bashur • Rachel Fitzpatrick •
Beckham Boozan • Phil and Jane Button • Dorthea Schuldeis •
Dorothy Matsumoto • Carl Sweet • Al Simmons • Barb Simmons • Laci Basel •
Todd Wells • Nancy Lorenz • Lisa Rye • Charlene Faunt • Marian Kremer •
Tom Soboleski • Janet Ramseyer • Neil Franks • Dave Minch • Patricia Callahan •
Maya Lane Harris • Kimberlyn Palchak • Diane Shornak • Carrie Morse •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Chuck, Shawn and Taylor Blevins • Michael Tucker • Tom Dunstan •
The Broderik Family • Beth Roselle • T.B. • Chrystl Roman • Tina Bell •
Jethro Horton • Flora Jones • Deni Bartley • Earl Hendrickson •
Evert & Kay Burchell • Effie Lambros • The Pushman Family • Marc Reddekopp •
Michael McFarlane • Darryl Warren • Sue Sugden • Sally Sou • Teresa Baker •

Prayers for All That Have Been Impacted by COVID-19

For the complete Prayer List,
please contact Danielle Moody at prayers@rofum.org.

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

This Sunday, you will welcome two new pastors to our community. Effective January 1, 2022, our Bishop David Allan Bard has appointed the Reverends Jennifer Tripoli and Bridget Nelson to the pastoral team of Royal Oak First. Neither of these women are new to us, as both have served as lay members of our staff for some time. We welcome them in their new roles as Associate Pastors. We officially welcome and install them as pastors at both of our worship experiences this Sunday.

Jennifer will be serving as our Executive Associate Pastor. Jennifer will continue to offer leadership in the administrative and financial areas of our church. Helping to provide order for the local church is one of the important roles that pastors play and Jennifer brings incredible gifts in these areas. In addition, Jennifer will expand her pastoral calling with visitations, worship leadership, and teaching. We are excited for the ways God will work through Jennifer's ministry among us.

Bridget will be serving as our Associate Pastor of Programs. Bridget will continue to offer leadership in Children, Youth and Families ministries as well as coordinate our program team which includes Missions, Congregational Care, New Member Welcoming and Adult Discipleship. Like Jennifer, Bridget brings incredible administrative gifts to our team and will continue to help bring order to our congregation. In her role as Associate Pastor, Bridget will bring a more sacramental presence to your Children, Youth and Family Programs, with more frequent experiences of Holy Communion and the renewal of baptism. In addition, she will participate more often in the teaching and preaching ministries of our church. We are grateful that Bridget has responded to God's call on her life and look forward to the ways her ministry will be a blessing to many.

Thank you Royal Oak First for being a community that nurtures a culture of call.

God is doing new and exciting things among us.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive 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.