



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	“Meditation” from Thais	Polly Tan
Song	“I Will Follow”	Congregational Singing
Song	“Changed”	Congregational Singing
Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson
Mission Moment		Allison Harris
Time of Prayer		Jeff Nelson
Musical Response	“Rooted in Love”	Congregational Singing
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	“Sweet By and By” arr. Joseph Webster	Polly Tan
Doxology	“Give Thanks”	Congregational Singing
Prayer of Dedication		Jeff Nelson
Scripture (*CEB)	Exodus 18:5-9,13-23	Erica Plesco
Message	You’re Doing it Wrong	Bridget Nelson
Song	“Here I Am, Lord”	Congregational Singing
Benediction		Bridget Nelson
Sending Music		House Band

**Common English Bible*

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SHAWL MINISTRY

If you love needlework and would enjoy the fellowship of others in mission, **Shawl Ministry will meet Thursday, January 13 in the Parlor from 1:00-3:00 p.m.** They create shawls and afghans to give to persons in need of prayer, comfort or blessings. Shawl Ministry meetings are on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 1:00 p.m.



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 Wednesday, January 12 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!

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PASTOR CHAT

If you're new to Royal Oak First and you'd like to know more about our church or if you'd like to learn the next steps about how to become part of everything going on here, then come to the Pastor Chat. **The next Pastor Chat will be on Sunday, January 23 at 10:15 am in the Parlor** and last no more than 30 minutes. We look forward to seeing you!

SATURDAY NIGHT WORSHIP

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Our next **Saturday Night Worship service will be on Saturday, January 15 at 4:00 p.m.** After that, we will resume the first and third Saturdays of Saturday Night Worship in February.

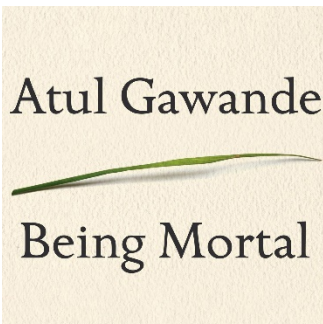


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Give your spare change to help
Lithuanian Methodist Churches

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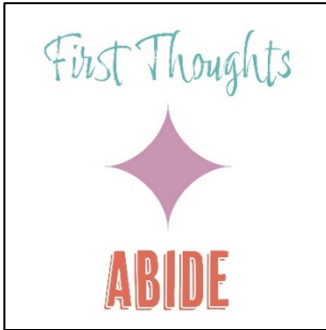
Bring in your spare change in on **Sunday, January 23** and we will collect it for our efforts to support the United Methodist churches in Lithuania.



“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.

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“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. “First Thoughts” is a moment of inspiration and information on what God is doing in our church and community. “Abide” is 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.**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PRODUCE COLLECTION

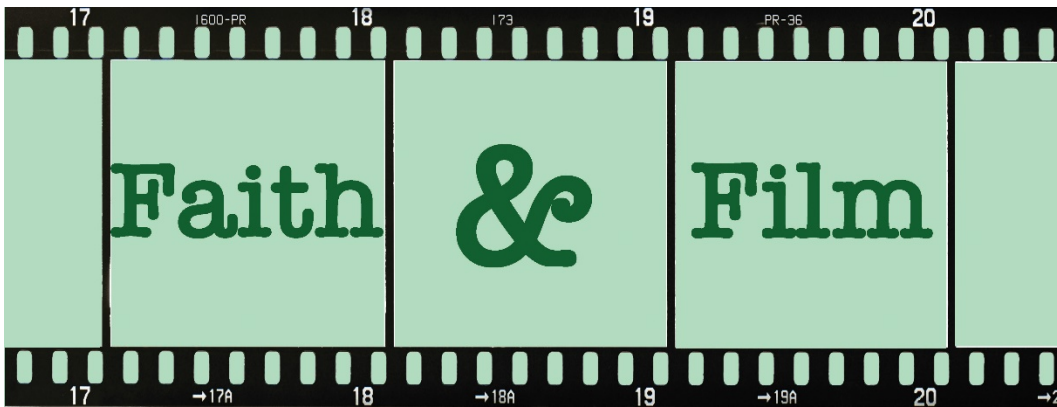
To support our partnership with the Redford Brightmoor Initiative (RBI), Royal Oak First members have provided fresh produce to the RBI Free Store once a month for the past two years. This is an easy service opportunity that makes a big impact for families in need. **We could use more shoppers in January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

MEN'S WINTER GEAR COLLECTION



URGENT 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 STARTS TOMORROW!

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:

John Dorsey • Craig Sleeman • Wendell Bell • Andrew Sluss • Brian Cook •
Al Simmons • Nancy Matson • Grace Perkins • Sue Parisi • John Wagster •
Ron Peludat • Don McCreedy • Bruce Conrad • Yvonne Bashur •
Phil and Jane Button • Dorthea Schuldeis • Dorothy Matsumoto • Carl Sweet •
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 •
Michael Frank •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

The Blevins Family • 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 •

Sympathies to:

James Coleman on the death of his grandmother, Jean Pierce on December 20, 2021

The friends and family of James Carr on his death December 23, 2021

John Marsh and Janice Marsh on the death of their cousin, Alice Marsh on December 30, 2021

Friends and family of Bill Brunson on his death January 3, 2022

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

Greetings Church Family!

First, let me take a moment to thank you all for your gracious support and encouragement to me on this journey to becoming a Licensed Local Pastor. I am so grateful to be able to use this credential right here at Royal Oak First, alongside my partner, Jeff and my friend, Jennifer. We continue to live in the midst of challenging times and yet, the ministries of our church are making a difference and even growing. I am so fortunate to be part of this staff team! Thank you for your support.

This Sunday's message will allow me to share some developments in our congregational care ministries. We have always worked hard to care for all of our people, but this pandemic showed us that we were doing it wrong. I am sure we can all think of a time in our lives when we were trying to do something, but it just wasn't working the way we wanted. Or, we got in over our heads and couldn't even see clearly enough to get ourselves out. Maybe someone came along and told us "You're doing it wrong" or maybe we figured that out ourselves and changed course. I know I have been there!

In our scripture this week, we learn about a time when Moses was finding his way as a leader and got in over his head. It's actually his father-in-law Jethro, who loves him very much, who comes along to let him know he needs to try something different. And what Jethro suggests to Moses not only worked for Moses, but we think it might help us as a congregation to create more connection and better care for our people.

This Sunday, we are commissioning seven of our members into a new and important role as Care Ministry Connectors. This is a first phase of an exciting new model of care. I will fill you in on all the details on Sunday.

Peace,

Bridget