

# PURPOSE



Sunday, February 13, 2022 9:00AM  
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>Song</b>	“Love the Lord”	Congregational Singing
<b>Song</b>	“Build Your Kingdom”	Congregational Singing
<b>Invitation to Mission</b>		Jeff Nelson
<b>Mission Moment</b>		Karla Goetz
<b>Time of Prayer</b>		Susanna Webber
<b>Musical Response</b>	“Rooted in Love”	Congregational Singing
<b>Offering Our Gifts and Tithes</b>		
<b>Musical Offering</b>	“Spanish Romance” Fernando Sor	Elliot Nielander
<b>Doxology</b>	“Give Thanks”	Congregational Singing
<b>Prayer of Dedication</b>		Jeff Nelson
<b>Scripture</b> (*CEB)	Matthew 22:34-40	Erica Plesco
<b>Sermon Song</b>	“Give a Little Bit” Davies/Hodgson	Erica Plesco
<b>Generosity Time</b>		Ann Brown & Jeff Nelson
<b>Message</b>	Purpose	Jeff Nelson
<b>Song</b>	“Love Can Change the World”	Congregational Singing
<b>Benediction</b>		Jeff Nelson
<b>Sending Music</b>		Youth Band

*\*Common English Bible*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

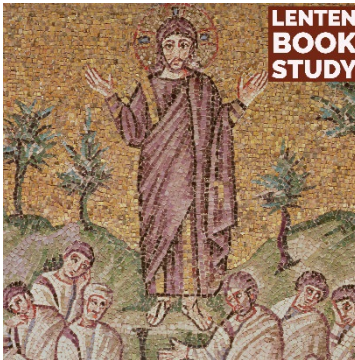
## FISH DINNER CARRY-OUT



Our famous Fish Dinners are back for carry-out ONLY! On Fridays, February 25, March 11, March 25 and April 8, between 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., we will be offering carry-out only. All carry-outs will be brought to your car through the Tower entrance on 7th Street. For only \$13, you will get ½ lb. of fried Cod, a baked potato, and coleslaw. ALL fish dinners must be pre-ordered and pre-paid. For each meal you want to purchase, you will sign up for that many slots during a 15 minute window. Visit [www.rofum.org](http://www.rofum.org) to order or use this QR code:



## SIGN UP FOR A LENTEN BOOK STUDY!



Starting March 6, we will spend six weeks in small groups, reading and discussing the book “Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner’s Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven,” by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. We will dig into the historical, theological and Jewish context of Jesus’ timeless message that still speaks to our hearts and culture today. Books available for \$15 at the “Connect Here” table in the Narthex or purchase at any bookstore. There will also be a Zoom Retreat on April 22 and 23 with all small groups, which includes a conversation with the author Dr. Amy-Jill Levine! Visit [www.rofum.org](http://www.rofum.org) to sign up or use this QR code:



## CONNECT WITH ROYAL OAK FIRST ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

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## HOUSEHOLD ITEMS FOR RBI

Help us support our friends at the Redford Brightmoor Initiative (RBI) as they care for families in need within their community. During February, we are collecting household items such as: **paper towel, dish soap\*, cleaning products\*, laundry detergent\*, band-aids, Ziplock bags, garbage bags, batteries, lightbulbs, smoke alarms, hand warmers, extension cords/power strips, and car items: oil, antifreeze, washer fluid.** (\*Please send regular family size, not bulk Costco size.)



## PRODUCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To support our partnership with the Redford Brightmoor Initiative, Royal Oak First members have provided fresh produce to the Brightmoor 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 two more shoppers in February, and any future month you are able. Sign up after service at the Connect Here table or visit [www.rofum.org](http://www.rofum.org) or use this QR code:



## SANDWICH/LUNCH MAKING ASSEMBLY FROM HOME

Our New Year Sandwich & Lunch service opportunity to benefit the NOAH Project, was a huge hit! So we have signed up to do it again during Lent. We are looking for 10 households to sign up to make 30 sandwiches or 30 lunches at your home to be delivered to church on Sunday, March 6. Sign up at the Connect Here table after service or visit [www.rofum.org](http://www.rofum.org) or use this QR code:



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## ADULT HANDBELL ENSEMBLE FORMING

Join us for this six week musical journey of ringing handbells during the Lenten season. Rehearsals will be on Mondays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. starting March 7 with the last rehearsal being April 18 (skipping March 28 for Spring Break). We will culminate the experience by playing in worship on April 24. No prior handbell ringing experience is necessary nor is music reading ability required. Contact Kyle Webber at [kwebber@rofum.org](mailto:kwebber@rofum.org) or 248.541.4100 to sign up. Ring on!

## SATURDAY NIGHT WORSHIP

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Our next Saturday Night Worship service will be on Saturday, February 19 at 4:00 p.m.



## LENTEN MUSICAL MOMENTS

Join us online every Sunday in Lent at 4:00 p.m for a 30 minute Musical Moment. Each week, different members of our congregation will present 20-30 minutes of music. Many of us are missing the music at Royal Oak First that we had been used to pre-pandemic. This will be a safe way to lift your spirits with music! You will hear a variety of music each week from choral ensembles, soloists, house band, organ music, piano music, instrumental music and more. Tune in each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. on our YouTube channel beginning March 6.



## TIME OF PRAYER

Royal Oak First is now offering a Time of Prayer every Tuesday from 11:00-11:30 a.m. Join one of our Pastors in the Sanctuary to review the prayer list, share our own joys and concerns and spend some time in silence with God. Contact Danielle Moody at [dmoody@rofum.org](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org) with any questions.



**DID YOU KNOW** that we offer Sunday School on our 2nd floor during both services every Sunday? Children who are 4 years old, and are less than a year away from kindergarten through youth in 8th grade are welcome! Younger children are welcome in our nursery on the first floor, and high school aged youth are encouraged to participate in worship. Children and youth of all ages are welcome in worship if that is what is best for your family.

Children and youth attending Sunday School can be dropped off at the doors of the "Bible Times Square" on the 2nd floor. Parents/guardians can sign their child in and out from this same spot. We use a Rotation Sunday School model, meaning we use one story from the Bible each month, and learn about it four different ways. Our rotations are Science, Art, Drama and Games. We find that our kids learn a story more deeply after experiencing it a variety of ways in our different activities. Our time begins with all ages together in the Bible Times Square where we read the story for the month and sing some songs and watch some videos about the story. Depending on the number of children present and the age range, we are equipped to split into as many as four groups. Age groups participate in a different rotation each week.

During the school year, Sunday School runs for the entirety of the worship service. In the summer, children and youth can sit with their families in worship until the Children's Moment, after which they will be excused to go upstairs.

Our Sunday School program is a critical piece of our Children, Youth and Family program and is coordinated by Christine Ryckman. She organizes the activities and works to ensure there are enough volunteers each week.

If you have any questions, you can reach out to Christine Ryckman at [cryckman@rofum.org](mailto:cryckman@rofum.org) or Bridget Nelson at [bnelson@rofum.org](mailto:bnelson@rofum.org).

# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

## **Prayers for Our Church Family:**

Charlene Faunt • Mike Long • Carl Shafer • Mary Lou Graeber • Bob Foote •  
Tom Soboleski • Bruce Conrad • Audrey Leenhouts • Carol Lewis •  
John Dorsey • Marilyn Hocking • Betty Latimer • Craig Sleeman • Brian Cook •  
Grace Perkins • John Wagster • Yvonne Bashur • Carl Sweet •  
Nancy Lorenz • Marian Kremer • Diane Shornak •

## **Prayers for Our Extended Family:**

Harold Baker • Pam Payne • Margaret O'Donnell • Frank Cataldo • Mike S. •  
Aurelia DeGala • Tom Dunstan • Beth Roselle • T.B. • Chrystl Roman •  
Jethro Horton • Flora Jones • Deni Bartley • Earl Hendrickson •  
Evert & Kay Burchell • Effie Lambros • The Pushman Family •  
Marc Reddekopp • Darryl Warren • Sue Sugden • Teresa Baker •

## **Congratulations to:**

Chris and Corie Thayer on the birth of their son, Nash Ross Thayer on  
February 6, 2022

## **Sympathies to:**

Marilyn McCreedy on the death of her husband, Don McCreedy on February  
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](mailto:prayers@rofum.org).

# LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

“The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.”

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

“Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.”

—Matthew 5:14-16 The Message

*“It’s my life  
It’s now or never  
But I ain’t gonna live forever  
I just want to live while I’m alive”*

—Bon Jovi

Dear Friends,

What do Transcendental Philosopher Emerson, the Evangelist St. Matthew, and Hair Metal icon Jon Bon Jovi all have in common?

The above three quotes suggest that they all know something about the power of purpose.

Purpose is the reason for which something is done or created.

Purpose is why something exists.

The question of purpose underlies most everything.

What is the purpose of our lives? What is the purpose of religion? What is the purpose of church?  
What is the purpose of money?

Resilience comes more readily when one is clear about their purpose. Purpose gives direction and focus. Purpose is the source of strength and passion.

Circumstances can change our approach, our strategy, our techniques, even our priorities, but they need not change our purpose. In fact, the clearer, and more committed, a person or a community are to their core purpose, the less likely they are to be rocked during times of crisis.

This weekend we will explore the power of purpose in our lives and community. Thank you for being a part of this journey with us.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Pastor Jeff". To the left of the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with a wide, open mouth and two dots for eyes.