

GENEROSITY



Sunday, February 27, 2022 11:00AM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	“Thrice Happy the Monarch” G.F. Handel	Russell Calhoun, Trumpet
Hymn #377 (*UMH)	“It Is Well with My Soul”	Congregational Singing
Call to Worship		John Marsh
Musical Response	“Rooted in Love”	Congregational Singing
Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson & Erica Plesco
Mission Moment	Noisy Bucket	Erica Plesco
Time of Prayer		John Marsh & Jeff Nelson
Song	“Gratitude” Alex Guebert	Carillon Ringers
Scripture (**CEB)	2 Corinthians 9:5-15	John Marsh
Sermon Song	“Give a Little Bit” Davies/Hodgson	Erica Plesco
Generosity Time		Tim Ryckman & Jeff Nelson
Message	Generosity	Jeff Nelson
Offering Our Tithes, Gifts and Pledges for 2022		
Musical Offering	“Gratitude” Nicole Nordeman	Susanna Webber
Doxology #95 (*UMH)	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	Congregational Singing
Prayer of Dedication		Jeff Nelson
Hymn #140 (*UMH)	“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”	Congregational Singing
Benediction		Jeff Nelson
Postlude	“Praeludium in G” BWV 568 J.S. Bach	Kyle Webber

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

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DRIVE THROUGH ASHES ON ASH WEDNESDAY

Come by the church on the Lafayette Street side of the church between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2 to receive the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion right in your car! Our Pastors will be available for a special blessing.



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

There will be Ash Wednesday Worship on Wednesday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary and online. Worship will feature music from the Taize Community, Imposition of Ashes, and Holy Communion. Some of our youth will be leading us in worship. Please plan to attend either in person or online.



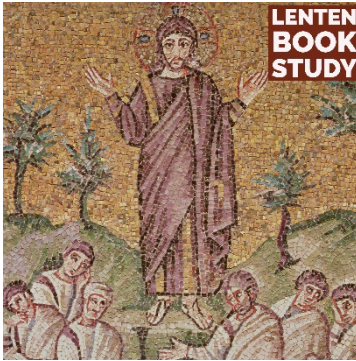
FISH DINNER CARRY-OUT

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 to order or use this QR code:



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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 to sign up or use this QR code:



EATING AT PRONTO HELPS SUPPORT OUR LUNCH PROGRAM



Enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner at Pronto (608 S. Washington Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48067) and help our Royal Oak First Lunch Program at the same time. **Just let your server know that you are from Royal Oak First and they will give 10% of your bill back to our program each month.** This includes all bills containing food as well as any of your catering needs.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS FOR RBI



Help us support our friends at the Redford Brightmoo 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.*)

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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 or 248.541.4100 to sign up. Ring on!



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 with any questions.

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

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

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Joan Firestone • Grandma Johnson • 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 • Evert & Kay Burchell • Effie Lambros •
The Pushman Family • Marc Reddekopp • Darryl Warren • Sue Sugden •
Teresa Baker •

Sympathies to:

The friends and family of Karen Parke on her death February 20, 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

Dear Friends,

I started going to the gym after Christmas.

I usually get there between three and five days a week and I have been keeping workouts pretty simple. I do about 30 minutes of cardio and then another half an hour of weights.

It is interesting. After every workout nothing seems to be very different. I really don't notice any change. I look in the mirror after working out and I appear to be the same guy.

But after eight weeks of showing up and being consistent, I see a difference. I feel better. I can jog a little longer and lift a little more. My clothes are a little loose. And my spirits are a little higher.

And again on a day to day basis, it doesn't feel like much is happening. But over time the consistency of my actions, no matter how little they may seem, are making a difference.

Consistency matters.

And it matters in terms of our faith life.

Small actions, done consistently over time, change things. Spending time in silence and prayer. Reading scripture and *The Upper Room* (our denominational devotional). Taking weekly Sabbath.

And it is true in our generosity.

Each week Bridget and I choose to give a little bit of what we have earned to the church. Each week it doesn't feel like much but we do our best to simply stay consistent.

And guess what?

At the end of the year we look back and realize that the little bit we give each week adds up.

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Consistency matters.

And it matters for us as a community. Together this year we will raise a million dollars together. I never in a million years thought I would ever be a part of something this big!

Together we are feeding the hungry, housing the homeless, caring for our elders, visiting the sick, inspiring children and youth, providing essentials to families in needs, supporting churches in Lithuania, throwing birthday parties for foster children, making sure teachers have the supplies they need to teach and making sure that everyone is welcome in the family of God!

This week you will be given the chance to fill out an operating pledge card and to make a gift to the endowment. Just like showing up at the gym or showing up for prayer, small acts of generosity given consistently over time make an impact.

Thank you for showing up for our church.

With a grateful heart!



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