

# Help Wanted



## ADVENT 2021

Rooted in Patience

Friday, December 24, 2021 9:00PM  
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>Prelude</b>	"Concerto for Trumpet (Vivace)" George Philip Telemann	Dylan Larking, Trumpet
<b>Hymn #234</b> (*UMH)	"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Stanzas 1,2,3,6)	Congregational Singing
<b>Introduction to Advent</b>		Erica Plesco
<b>Lighting of the Advent Candle</b>		Gnegy-Jones Family
<b>Response</b>	"Angels We Have Heard on High" (Refrain only)	Congregational Singing
<b>Welcome to Worship</b>		Jeff Nelson
<b>Hymn #211</b> (*UMH)	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Stanzas 1,2,3,6)	Congregational Singing
<b>Lesson</b> (**CEB)	John 1:1-5,14a	Erica Plesco
<b>Hymn #245</b> (*UMH)	"The First Noel" (Stanzas 1,2)	Congregational Singing
<b>Lesson</b> (**CEB)	Isaiah 9:2,6-7	
<b>Hymn #240</b> (*UMH)	"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" (Stanzas 1,2)	Congregational Singing
<b>Lesson</b> (**CEB)	Luke 2:1-18	
<b>Anthem</b>	"A La Nanita Nana" arr. Johnson	Sanctus Trio
<b>Invitation to Offering</b>		Erica Plesco
<b>Musical Offering</b>	"Pat-a-Pan Noel" arr. Schram	Sanctus Trio
<b>Scripture</b> (**CEB)	Luke 1:26-38	Erica Plesco
<b>Message</b>	Help Wanted	Jeff Nelson
<b>Communion</b>		
<b>Service of Candlelight</b>		
<b>Hymn #239</b> (*UMH)	"Silent Night, Holy Night"	Congregational Singing
<b>Hymn #246</b> (*UMH)	"Joy to the World"	Congregational Singing
<b>Postlude</b>	"Christmas Joy!" Dan Miller	Kyle Webber

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

# Merry Christmas

from all of us  
at Royal Oak First!



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunday, December 26

Only one service at 11:00 a.m.



## WORSHIP SERVICE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 AT 11:00AM ONLY

Remember, there is only one worship service at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 26. Also, there will be no Sunday School that day, but the nursery will be open. We will return to our normal services of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 2. Masks are required and we will have coffee and water for you to take with you.



## Holiday Office Hours

## HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed on Monday, December 27, Tuesday, December 28 and Monday, January 3.



## VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING WITH PASTOR JEFF

We are planning to hold 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 for Pastor Jeff and Royal Oak First by Thursday, January 6 to [ltrumbull@rofum.org](mailto:ltrumbull@rofum.org) or call the church office at 248.541.4100. There will also be a form at the front desk that you can fill out with your questions. We will record the meeting so if you cannot attend, we can send you the recording. We are excited for as many of you to participate on Zoom as possible!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Being Mortal

## “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](http://www.rofum.org) to sign up.

## “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. If you are interested, please email [firstthoughts@rofum.org](mailto:firstthoughts@rofum.org) with your email address and let us know which devotional you would like to receive.

## CUSTODIAN POSITION AVAILABLE

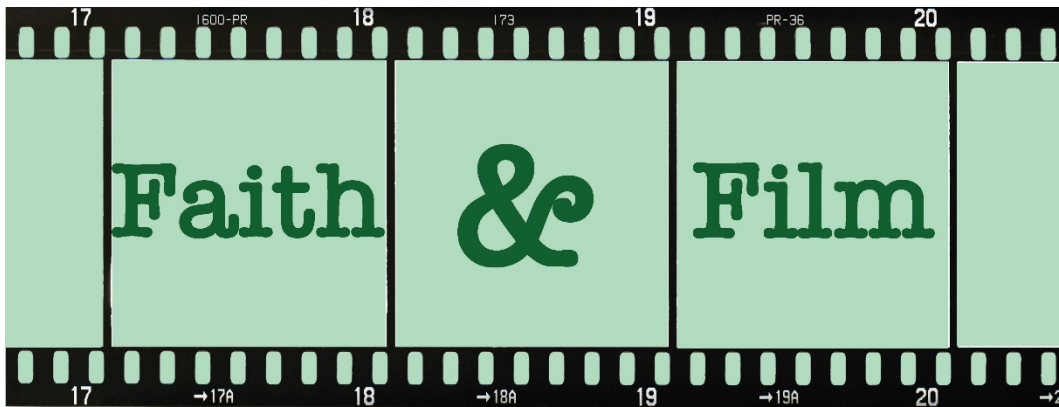
The Custodian is responsible for the appearance, cleanliness and maintenance of the building and grounds. If you are interested in joining our team, you can find a full job description at [rofum.org/jobs](http://rofum.org/jobs) or if you have further questions, please contact Jennifer Tripoli at 248.541.4100 or [jtripoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtripoli@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](mailto: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:

Nancy Matson • Grace Perkins • Michael Frank • Lillian Cook • Brian Cook •  
Sue Parisi • John Wagster • 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:

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

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

## Prayers for All That Have Been Impacted by COVID-19

## Chancel Flowers in Memory of:

Carol Hardt from her loving family

For the complete Prayer List,  
please contact Danielle Moody at [prayers@rofum.org](mailto:prayers@rofum.org).



# LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas!

On behalf of the entire Royal Oak First family, I welcome you on Christmas Eve. Whether you are connecting in person, online, on the front lawn or in your thoughts and prayers, we are so honored to share this moment together as a community.

We need Christmas. We need it this year more than ever.

The gift of Christmas changes everything we think we know about our lives. More than ever, our world may feel unsavable, and yet here tonight there is this baby named Jesus, which literally means "Save." Our world and our lives often feel abandoned, and yet here tonight is this baby named Immanuel, "God with us." But Christmas is not just about a baby and all of the romantic business. Christmas is about a word from God - a word that echoes back to the prophets of old:

*"Do not remember the former things,  
Nor consider the things of old.  
Behold, I am doing a new thing..."  
--Isaiah 43:18-19*

That is what tonight is all about. The invitation to join in the "new thing" God wants to do within us, through us and among us. Christmas is our chance to stop and notice the newness that God is giving, that lets our life, and our world, start over in a fresh place. And yes, even in the midst of the messes of our current moment - there is a newness that is waiting to be realized.

So welcome to Christmas Eve. It is our prayer tonight that you hear the invitation to this "new thing" being born among us.

Grace and Peace,

