



Love?

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Sunday, October 2, 2022 11:00AM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	“One Bread, One Body” arr. Lloyd Larson	Kyle Webber
Call to Worship		Karla Ringeisen
Opening Hymn #2221***	“In Unity We Lift Our Song”	
Apostles’ Creed		
Response #70**	“Glory Be to the Father”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson
Time of Prayer		
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	“Ave Verum” W.A. Mozart	Sanctus Choir
Doxology #95**	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	
Prayer of Dedication		
Scripture*	Mark 6:30-44	
Poem		Rachel Kain
Message	“Loved? Loved.”	Bridget Nelson
The Great Thanksgiving		
Communion Hymn	“A Place at the Table”	
Prayer After Communion		
Closing Hymn	“A Place at the Table” (Stanza 1)	
Benediction		
Postlude	“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” arr. Jason D. Payne	

**Common English Bible*
***United Methodist Hymnal*
****The Faith We Sing*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!



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We are working on a special gift for our three Pastors, Pastor Jeff, Pastor Jennifer and Pastor Bridget. Swing by the table in the gathering space after either service beginning October 2 to participate. You can also send a note to any or all of our pastors showing your appreciation.

CANDY
DONATION &
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SPOOKTACULAR CANDY DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Royal Oak Spooktacular is happening Sunday, October 23 from 1-4 pm and we will be hosting a trick or treating stop on our corner! We need donations of Halloween candy to pass out to all the kids, and we also need a few volunteers to pass out the candy! Can you help us out? Candy donations can be brought to church anytime. **Let Danielle Moody (248.541.4100 or dmoody@rofum.org) know if you can volunteer!**

24/6: DISCOVERING THE ANCIENT WISDOM OF SABBATH FOR A MODERN WORLD

ON ZOOM

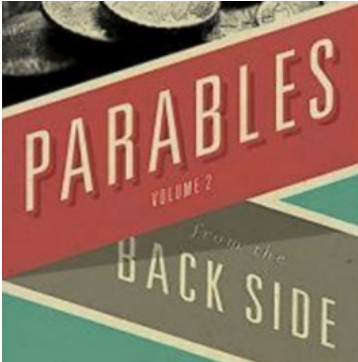
Sundays, October 2-November 6 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Using Matthew Sleeth's book "24/6: A Prescription for a Healthier, Happier Life" as a guide, Pastor Jeff Nelson will help us discover the powerful invitation to "Remember the Sabbath and Keep it Holy." The Sabbath is about letting go of the controls one day a week and letting God be God. Purchase your copy of the book at your bookstore of choice. Scan QR code or visit www.rofum.org to register.



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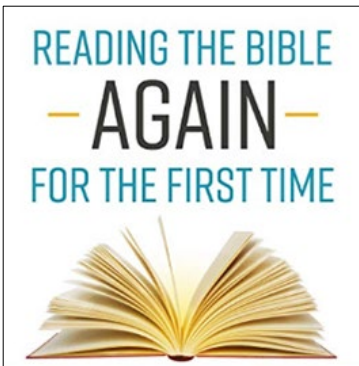
PARABLES OF JESUS

Wednesdays, Oct. 5-Nov. 16 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

This is about the parables of Jesus led by Pastor Jeff Nelson using J. Ellsworth Kalas' book "Parables from the Back Side Volume 2". Purchase your copy of the book at your bookstore of choice. Scan QR code or visit www.rofum.org to register.



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READING THE BIBLE AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME

Thursdays, Oct. 6-Nov. 17 from 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Join Pastor Bridget Nelson for a discussion on the book, "Reading the Bible Again for the First Time". Theologian Marcus Borg invites Christians to "take the Bible seriously without taking it literally". Join us as we take another look at the Bible in a fresh new way to find its guidance for an authentic life of faith. Purchase your copy of the book at your bookstore of choice. Scan QR code or visit www.rofum.org to register.



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CHAIR YOGA CLASSES OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

Chair Yoga classes, presented by our own Kimberlyn Palchak's "in.balance" are open for registration for October, November and December. The classes include: Mindful Meditation, Seated Yoga, and Focused Breathing. Classes are on Tuesdays from 12:15-12:45 p.m. and Thursdays from 12:15-12:45 p.m. (in October only). Classes will be held on Tuesdays only in November and December. To sign up, scan the QR code or visit www.rofum.org.



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Big Boy Night is Back!

Tuesday, October 25, 4-8pm



After a two-year COVID interruption, our **Big Boy Night** is returning this fall! Mark your calendar for **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, FROM 4-8 PM.**

The Big Boy is at 30460 John R, between 12 and 13 Mile, in Madison Heights.

This is a fundraiser sponsored by Royal Oak First's Music Guild. All proceeds from Big Boy Night will support our summer choir camp. The restaurant is giving us 10% of all sales between 4 and 8 PM. Pick up a card at the Connections Table in the Narthex after worship to present to cashier for us to receive the 10% back.

Every 30 minutes we will be raffling off lots of wonderful items donated by our members. Most people leave with a gift or two.

And there is something new this time. We are raffling off a new 42" Smart TV at the end of the evening! You need not be present to win. Raffle tickets will be \$5. Raffle tickets will be available to purchase at the Connections Table in the Narthex after worship starting on Sunday, October 2.

Come on out and meet your church friends for a tasty dinner, maybe win a prize or two and support our youth ministry.

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Amy Lieblein • Sheryl Hunter • Mary Nahhat • Diane Sexton • Faye Bond •
Diana Shornak • The Fall Family • Mark Lowman • Ian Kobb • Donna Allen •
Ann Anderson • Al Simmons • Charles Courtney • Mary Lou Graeber •
Art Miller • Lisa Rye • Bob Foote • Tom Soboleski • Audrey Leenhouts •
Mike Long • Charlene Faunt • Marian Kremer •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

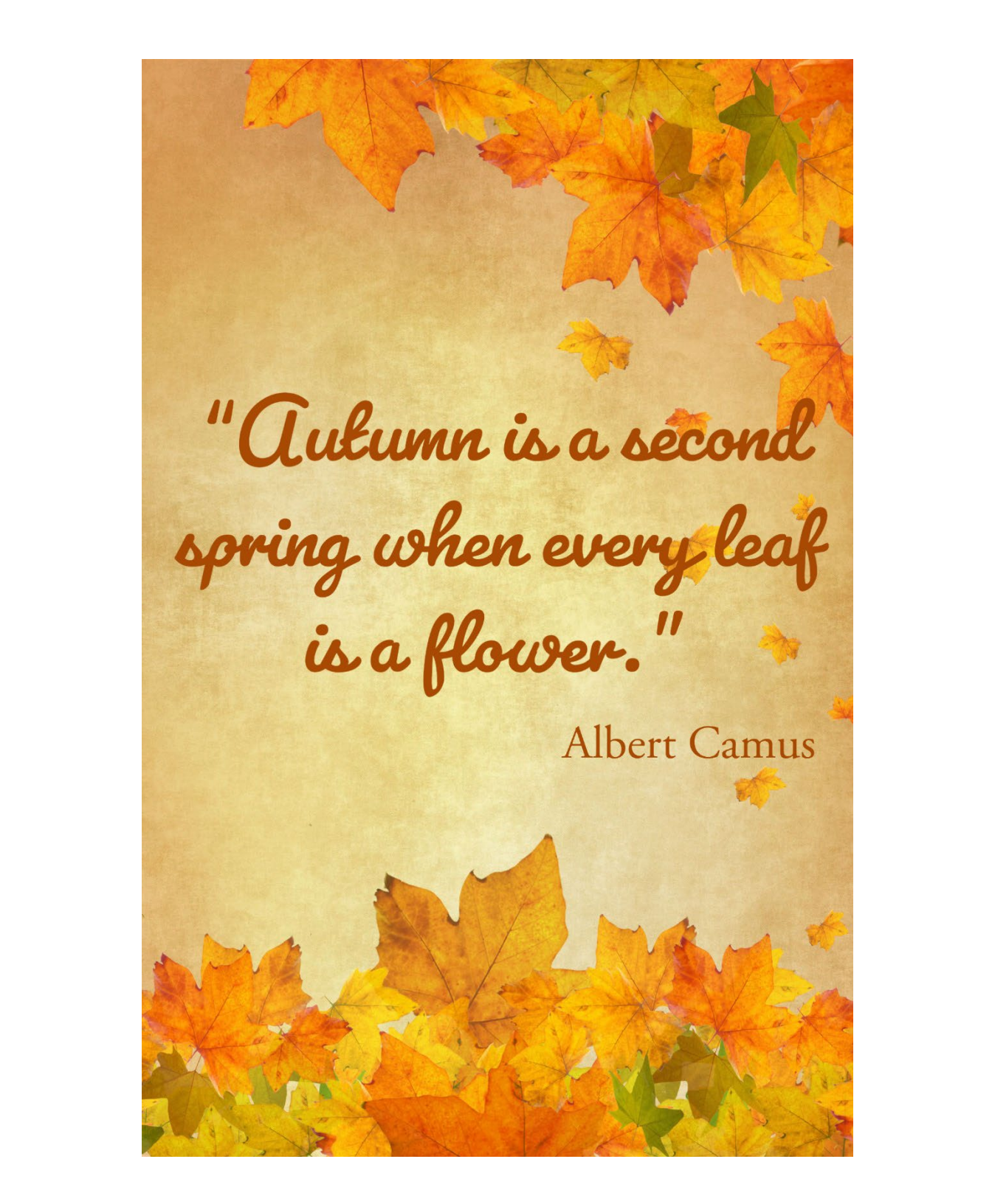
Neil Franks • Holly Sherrer • Margie Reese • Cheryl Castellani •
Jamie Wittenberg • Carrie • Joan Firestone • Jeff and Marcy Carmichael •
Dan Hicks • Brent Miller • James • Edwin Gillette • Carl Jones •
Dorothy Follette • Deana Sawicki • Atlas • Wally Bojan • Shelley •
Cyndi Luczak • Kelly • Steve Wurdock • Grandma Johnson • Harold Baker •
Jethro Horton • Darryl Warren • Sue Sugden •

Prayers for All That Have Been Impacted by COVID-19

Sympathies to:

Lee Gnegy (husband) and Linda Jones (daughter) on the death of Shirley Gnegy on September 25, 2022

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List,
please contact Danielle Moody at prayers@rofum.org.



*"Autumn is a second
spring when every leaf
is a flower."*

Albert Camus

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings Friends,

Thank you for all the ways you have helped our fall program get off to a great start! Seeing our kids at Sunday School and Holy COW on Wednesdays, our youth group on Sunday nights and so many of you coming into the building for classes or meetings or fellowship groups; it has been wonderful to see us "up and running" this fall.

There is still time to sign up for Adult Discipleship classes that start in the next week. Pick one that will stretch you in your understanding and faith - there are some short term commitments and opportunities to read some good books. I hope you will take a look and find something that works for you.

Next Sunday, we will celebrate the more than 25 years of Jennifer Semivan's ministry with young people and music. She is retiring but will still be part of this church family. It will be a joy to recognize her ministry among us and thank her for all the time and love she has given.

This week we continue to look at the ways Jesus flips the script on us in order to show us something new or see something we know in a new way. I'll be sharing a message on love - and how God's love cannot be limited by our human understanding. I hope you can join us!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bridget Nelson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Bridget Nelson