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**JOY.**



Sunday, September 18, 2022 9:00AM  
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>Gathering Music</b>		Tim Schoenherr
<b>Song</b>	“Raise a Hallelujah”	
<b>Song</b>	“Ancient Words”	
<b>Welcome &amp; Invitation to Mission</b>		Kyle Webber & Jeff Nelson
<b>Sacrament of Baptism</b>		Clive Burkett <i>Son of Colleen and Mike Burkett</i>
<b>Time of Prayer</b>		
<b>Response</b>	“Be Still”	
<b>Invitation to Offering</b>		
<b>Musical Offering</b>		
<b>Doxology</b>	“Give Thanks”	
<b>Prayer of Dedication</b>		
<b>Scripture*</b>	Luke 6:1-11	
<b>Poem</b>		Susanna Webber
<b>Message</b>	“Joy? Joy.”	
<b>Song</b>	“Joy of the Lord”	
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Sending Music</b>		House Band

*\*New International Version*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## 2022 Church Conference

Thursday, September 22 at 7pm  
via Zoom

## 2022 CHURCH CONFERENCE

Please mark **Thursday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m.** on your calendar for our Annual Church Conference. We will be joined by our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Darryl E. Totty, to conduct our business meeting, elect our leadership for the next year and be informed of what is happening in the wider connection of the United Methodist Church. This is an important meeting and will give you a chance to help shape the direction of our congregation. **This meeting will be held via Zoom with the link to be emailed out on Monday, September 19.**

## Sock-It-To-Me



September

## SOCK-IT-TO-ME-SEPTEMBER!

New socks are one of the most important items for homeless folks in the winter. Our friends at The NOAH Project (at Central UMC) give out over 10,000 pairs of socks annually as part of their work supporting the homeless of Detroit. It is our goal to contribute 2022 socks to NOAH this year, in addition to restocking the supply at Outreach on 7th. Please bring a package or two of **NEW MEN'S CREW SOCKS** to church between now and October 3.

GREATER DETROIT DISTRICT



**HANDS WITH  
DETROIT**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## HANDS WITH DETROIT

The goal of Hands with Detroit is for United Methodists throughout the region to join together to support our neighbors in Detroit during the weekend of October 1st. Royal Oak First has signed up to participate in two ways: we will help establish a new dog park near Cass Community Services on Saturday, October 1, and we will pack sandwiches/lunches on Sunday, October 2 that we can send to the NOAH Project. Visit [www.rofum.org](http://www.rofum.org) or scan the QR code to sign up.



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## PAUL'S LITTLE LETTERS BIBLE STUDY

**Wednesdays, Sept. 21-Oct. 26 from 7:30-9:00 p.m.**

This is a Bible study led by Josh Wright on the Apostle Paul's short letters in the New Testament: 1 & 2 Thessalonians, Galatians, Philippians, Ephesians, and Colossians. Adults and teens 16 years and older are welcome.

Scan QR code or visit [www.rofum.org](http://www.rofum.org) to register.



## THE GOSPEL IN BLACK AND WHITE

### ON FACEBOOK LIVE

**Mondays, Sept. 26-Nov. 28 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

Join Pastor Jeff and his friend and colleague Reverend Dr. Kevin Smalls, Senior Pastor at Southfield Hope, for an online discussion on the Gospel of John focused uniquely on the different perspectives in interpretations of the Jesus story

from both a Black and White perspective. Scan QR code or visit [www.rofum.org](http://www.rofum.org) to register.



## JOURNEY TOWARD WHOLENESS USING WISDOM OF THE ENNEAGRAM WORKSHOP

**Fri., Sept. 30, 6-8 p.m. & Sat., Oct. 1, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.**

One of the most ancient spiritual tools for understanding human beings is the Enneagram. In this 1.5 day workshop facilitated by Joyce Hollingsworth, you will learn about the Enneagram, increase your own self-awareness and gain new

insight into your relationships with others – especially those different from you. Together we will see how the wisdom of the Enneagram can help us better follow Jesus' call to love others and love yourself. Join us to see with new eyes what makes you "tick", get to know and develop deeper connections with others at church, and move beyond the shallows in your spiritual journey. Scan QR code or visit [www.rofum.org](http://www.rofum.org) to register.



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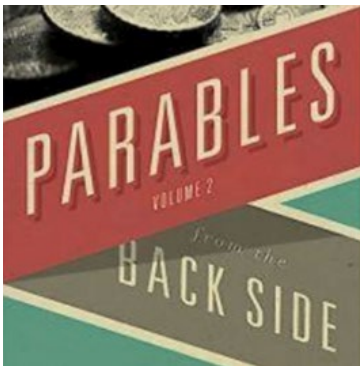


## **24/6: DISCOVERING THE ANCIENT WISDOM OF SABBATH FOR A MODERN WORLD**

### **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](http://www.rofum.org) to register.



## **PARABLES OF JESUS**

**Wednesdays, Oct. 5-Nov. 16 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. OR 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](http://www.rofum.org) to register.



READING THE BIBLE  
— AGAIN —  
FOR THE FIRST TIME



## **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](http://www.rofum.org) to register.

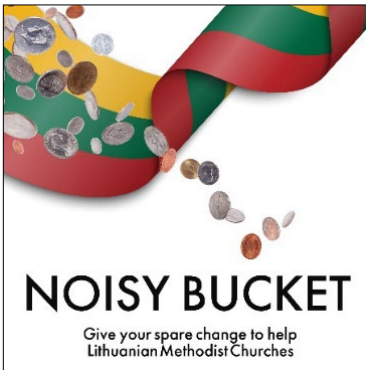


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## YOGA CLASSES ARE BACK!

Chair Yoga classes, presented by our own Kimberlyn Palchak's "in.balance" are back. The classes will 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 the 2nd floor Chapel. To sign up, scan the QR code or visit [www.rofum.org](http://www.rofum.org).



## SAVE YOUR LOOSE/SPARE CHANGE FOR NOISY BUCKET

Bring in your spare change in on Sunday, September 25 at either the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service and we will collect it for our efforts to support the United Methodist churches in Lithuania. Don't miss out on making the bucket noisy!

# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

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

Mary Nahhat • Donna Allen • Faye Bond • The Fall Family • Diane Sexton • Diana Shornak • Maya VanderMeer • Brian LaRose • Mark Lowman • Karen Porter • Ian Kobb • Ann Anderson • Shirley Gnegy • Virginia Sleeman • 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:**

Joan Firestone • Jeff and Marcy Carmichael • Dan Hicks • Brent Miller • James • Neil Franks • Edwin Gillette • Carl Jones • Dorothy Follette • Deana Sawicki • Atlas • Wally Bojan • Shelley • Cyndi Luczak • Lisa Green • 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:**

Sue Genschoreck on the death of her mother, Betty Bendz on September 9, 2022

Amanda and Bill Warren on the death of their mother, Patsy Mabry on September 9, 2022

Ron Peludat on the death of his brother, Art Peludat on September 8, 2022

### **Congratulations to:**

Mike and Amy Spath on the birth of their daughter, Dorothy Spath on September 11, 2022

Kira (Tull) and Jacob Centala on their marriage on August 13, 2022

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List,  
please contact Danielle Moody at [prayers@rofum.org](mailto:prayers@rofum.org).

# LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

One of the great things about being a United Methodist is that we are a part of a large network of churches that span the entire globe. This network puts us in mission and service in places we would never be able to go or support on our own. When natural disasters strike or when war erupts, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is one of the first to respond and often one of the last to leave. All of this is possible because of giving that happens at the local church level. Royal Oak First is proud to be a part of this connection.

This connection is not just global but it is also regional. Royal Oak First is a part of the Greater Detroit District, a network of 79 churches throughout Southeastern Michigan. Together we feed the hungry, provide resources to school children and help immigrants find legal and safe asylum. Together God does far more among us than we could ever do on our own.

One of the ways we live into this connection is through our Annual Church Conference. For those new to our denomination, the Annual Church Conference is our annual church meeting where the business of the church is conducted. This meeting is convened and presided over by our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Darryl Totty. This is our chance for the entire church membership to come together to learn about the workings of the larger United Methodist Connection.

This year's conference will be held on Thursday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be held on Zoom and the Zoom link will be emailed out on Monday, September 19. If you are not on our email list, please call the church office at 248.541.4100.

Please plan to attend. Your presence will make a difference.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Pastor Jeff". Below the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.