

A watercolor illustration of a coastal scene. In the foreground, two small, weathered wooden rowboats are on a blue body of water with white-capped waves. The background features a sandy, light-brown shoreline with several trees that have brown and orange foliage. A large, bright white circle representing the sun or moon is in the upper right of a light blue sky.

# Water Walkers

Sunday, October 16, 2022 9:00AM  
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Gathering Music**

Tim Schoenherr

**Song**

“Your Grace is Enough”

**Song**

“Take My Life”

**Welcome & Invitation to Mission**

Kyle Webber & Jeff Nelson

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Harlan & Otto Simons  
*Sons of Sara and Marshal Simons*

**Song #2051\*\***

“I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”  
Stanzas 1,2,1

**Time of Prayer**

**Response**

“Be Still”

**Invitation to Offering**

Erica Plesco

**Musical Offering**

Jason Sherman

**Doxology**

“Give Thanks”

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture\***

Matthew 14:22-33

**Message**

“When We Start to Sink”

Jennifer Tripoli

**Song**

“Whom Shall I Fear”

**Benediction**

**Sending Music**

House Band

*\*New International Version*

*\*\*The Faith We Sing*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MEN'S WINTER GEAR COLLECTION



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To support the Outreach on 7th lunch guests as the weather turns chilly, we will be collecting much needed winter items through the remainder of October. Much appreciated items include: men's gloves, men's winter hats, long/thermal underwear in larger sizes (L, XL, 2XL), and hand/foot warmers. Thank you for supporting this important mission! Also, please consider supporting their ongoing needs of pudding or fruit cups, snack chips, 8 oz water bottles, and basic hygiene items such as deodorant, razors and shaving cream.

## 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.

## CARDS TO EDUCATORS

During October, we will continue the support of the educators of our church by sending them cards and notes of support. Please scan this QR code to find our list of Royal Oak First educators with addresses for mailing your cards, or stop by the information table for a printed copy. Even sending a few will go a long way to helping us surround our church family members with the love and support they need. Thank you for helping!

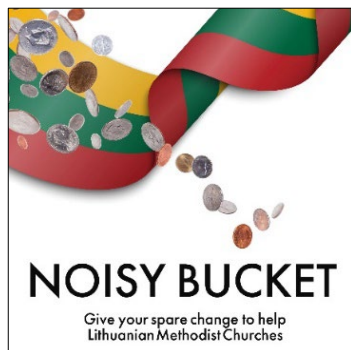


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## **SPOOKTACULAR CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED**

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. Can you help us out? Candy donations can be brought to church anytime. Also, join us right after the 11:00 a.m. service on October 23 for some lunch and then head out to Spooktacular after that!



## **SAVE YOUR LOOSE/SPARE CHANGE FOR NOISY BUCKET**

Bring in your spare change in on Sunday, October 23 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!



## **OUR NEXT PASTOR CHAT IS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30**

If you're new to Royal Oak First and you'd like to know more about our church or if you'd like to learn the next steps about how to become part of everything going on here, then come to the Pastor Chat. Questions such as: "How can I help serve the community?"; "I have questions about the beliefs of the United Methodist Church"; or "How can my kids be involved in the church?" will be covered. The next Pastor Chat will be on Sunday, October 30 at 10:15 a.m. in the Parlor and last no more than 30 minutes. We look forward to seeing you!



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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](http://www.rofum.org).



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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 giving out door prizes donated by our members. Most people will leave with a gift or two.

And there is something new this time. We are having a special door prize of a new 42" Smart TV at the end of the evening! You need not be present to win. Tickets are available for a \$5 donation. Tickets will be available 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:**

Cathy Baker • Trisha Ferguson • Sheryl Hunter • Amy Lieblein •  
Mary Nahhat • Diane Sexton • Faye Bond • Diana Shornak • 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:**

Joe • Mike Pilon • Larry Campbell • Phillip Makinen • Don Wolosok •  
Carl Gunnels • Holly Sherrer • Jamie Wittenberg • Carrie • 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 • 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:**

The Nahhat family with the passing of Wendy Nahhat's stepmother,  
Deeon Davis

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

Happy Fall, my friends!

I hope you were able to enjoy the beautiful days we have had this past week.

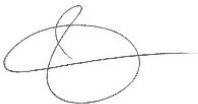
We are continuing to look at Matthews's gospel, specifically Matthew 14:22-33. Last week Pastor Jeff focused on doing the hard things. This week we are going to look at keeping our eyes on Jesus.

At the end of the month, you will have the opportunity to make your financial investment to the church for 2023. Financial support helps us keep the mission and ministry of our church active in our community and the world. Our church is committed to doing the hard things...together we are feeding the hungry, caring for our elders, visiting the sick, providing essentials to families in need, and inspiring children and youth. Your continued support makes all this possible and we are so grateful.

Over the next couple of weeks, Pastor Jeff is going to be focusing on the theme *Water Walkers*. We will look at what it means to be called to places we have not yet been and then how we all will need to get out of the boat.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jennifer Tripoli', with a stylized loop and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Pastor Jennifer Tripoli