



Water Walkers

Sunday, October 23, 2022 9:00AM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music		Tim Schoenherr
Song	“Rise Up (Lazarus)”	
Song	“Come Thou Fount (I Will Sing)”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Erica Plesco & Jeff Nelson
Mission Moment	Noisy Bucket	
Time of Prayer		
Response	“Be Still”	
Invitation to Offering		Erica Plesco
Musical Offering	“It Is Well With My Soul” Matt Redman	Jennifer Bowen
Doxology	“Give Thanks”	
Prayer of Dedication		
Scripture*	Matthew 14:22-33	
Message	“Get to the Other Side”	Jeff Nelson
Song	“I Will Follow”	
Benediction		
Sending Music		House Band

**New International Version*

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CHRISTMAS GREENS SALE IS HERE!

We have wreaths, crosses, roping, blankets, baskets, centerpieces, tins and more! Royal Oak First Music Guild's Christmas Greens Sale benefits our Summer Choir Camp Program to help offset costs so that camp is affordable for every child. You must place your order by 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 20. Go to www.rofum.org/greens-sale-2022 to order yours today!



MEN'S WINTER GEAR COLLECTION

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!

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.

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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!



PASTOR CHAT - 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!

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.



Pumpkins
LEAVES
FALL
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HARVEST
BLESSINGS

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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 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:

Abby Tripoli • Charles Kroell • 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:

Tara Bouck • 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:

Family and friends of Marjorie Showers on her death, October 19, 2022

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

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

God said, "This is the symbol of the covenant that I am drawing up between me and you and every living thing with you, on behalf of every future generation. I have placed my bow in the clouds; it will be the symbol of the covenant between me and the earth.

--Genesis 9:12-13

Dear Friends,

God made us a Rainbow Promise.

In the story of Noah, the rainbow appears on the other side of disaster.

Remember the story - Noah's entire world is falling apart, storms are raging and everything that was familiar is being destroyed. Noah is hunkered down in a life boat, crammed in with the things he hopes will survive this apocalyptic moment. He has no idea how long this will last and if there is even a glimmer of hope to which he can hold on to.

Life has Noah moments. Moments when the whole world is falling down around you, when forces larger than us, forces beyond our control, are tearing down everything that was once familiar.

In the midst of Noah moments, sometimes all you can do is ride out the storm.

We have been living through that season as an entire planet for almost two years now. The COVID-19 global pandemic has rocked our world, flooding us with uncertainty and fear, drowning out so much of what was once familiar.

In midst of these storms, we look for rainbows. We look for signs of hope. We need these signs, no matter how small, to remind us that goodness and mercy are still possibilities.

Look for rainbows. Be the rainbow.

In the earliest days of the pandemic, my little family sought to be the rainbow to our neighborhood. In those earliest days of isolation and confusion, we simply passed out a flyer to our neighbors saying that on Saturday evenings from 7:00-7:20 p.m., we would come out on our porch and we would play dance music. And guess what - dozens of neighbors came out. We did the "YMCA" and the "Chicken Dance". We did the "Macarena". We let Kool & The Gang's "Celebration" ring out through our streets.

We danced. We waved. We laughed. We checked in with each other. We remembered that even in the midst of this storm, we could find joy. And we did this together for the next 10 weeks. These little dance parties became a rainbow in the midst of the storm.

This storm is not over. And the world is still in need of rainbows. So look for rainbows. Be the rainbow.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jeff
