



# Water Walkers

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

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Gathering Music**

Tim Schoenherr

**Song**

“Child of Love”

**Song**

“Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)”

**Welcome & Invitation to Mission**

Kyle Webber & Jeff Nelson

**Time of Prayer**

**Response**

“Be Still”

**Invitation to Offering**

**Musical Offering**

“Walking on Water”

Maria Moro

**Doxology**

“Give Thanks”

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture\***

Matthew 14:22-33

Erica Plesco

**Message**

“How Do You Know It’s Really Jesus”

Jeff Nelson

**Song**

“Rise Up (Lazarus)”

**Benediction**

**Sending Music**

House Band

*\*New International Version*

# 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 & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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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](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org)) know if you can volunteer!

## CHAIR YOGA



October, November &  
December dates  
now available!

## 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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## **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, 8oz water bottles, and basic hygiene items such as deodorant, razors and shaving cream.



## **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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## **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:**

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:**

Mike Pilon • Kim • 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**

### **Congratulations to:**

Garrett and Jonathon Pawley-Wolak on their marriage on September 23,  
2022

Erica and Jason Sherman-Plesco on their marriage on September 10, 2022

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

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 3rd, 4th, AND 5th GRADERS WHO ARE RECEIVING THEIR OWN BIBLES TODAY!

London Counts  
Jacob DeTavernier  
Caelyn Doerr  
Evelyn Doerr  
Sam Goetz  
Evie Gross  
Oliver Gross  
Jase Hall  
Lily Hammond  
Stafford Krieger  
Lilly Little  
Lochlyn MacNeill  
Sage MacNeill  
Kenna Schmidt  
Linus Updyke  
Oscar Updyke



# LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

For nearly 20 years Jennifer Semivan has been a vital member of our church staff making Christ's love real to children and youth through her ministry of music. Hundreds of children and their families have learned and experienced the love of Jesus first-hand because of Jennifer's sincere faith, infectious enthusiasm and unbounded joy. She has had the privilege of sharing the gift of music with children of the children she taught decades ago! She has made a generational impact in the church, an impact that will be felt for years to come.

Jennifer gets it! She knows that sharing music builds community. She knows that singing and making music together creates space for friendship. She knows that long after kids forget a Sunday School lesson or a passage of scripture that the songs they sing about God or Jesus or love of the church will stick with them for a lifetime - *"Put some oil in my lamp keep 'em burning..."* She knows that a week of singing together in the woods will help create memories that will last a lifetime. And yes, long before the internet discovered it, Jennifer knew that "Baby Shark" was about the coolest song ever!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

This Sunday is Jennifer's last official Sunday as a member of our staff team. And while she is not going anywhere and will remain an active worshiper, servant and supporter of our mission and ministry, this weekend is a significant shift both for Jennifer and for us. We have truly been blessed by her presence and leadership.

I am inviting all of you who have been touched by Jennifer's ministry to join us this Sunday at 11:00 a.m. as we recognize and celebrate all that Jennifer has meant to us and our church.

Jennifer, well done good and faithful servant. We look forward to seeing what God has in store in this next chapter of your life!

Grace and Peace,



Pastor J Semivan