



Sunday, November 20, 2022 9:00AM  
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Gathering Music**

Tim Schoenherr

**Song**

“All Hail the Power”

**Song**

“Everlasting God”

**Welcome & Invitation to Mission**

Kyle Webber & Jeff Nelson

**Time of Prayer**

**Response**

“Be Still”

**Offering Our Tithes and Gifts**

Erica Plesco

**Musical Offering**

Reflection on “Holy Manna”

Carillon Ringers  
with Joan Johnson, Dulcimer  
and Allison Harris, Violin

**Doxology**

“Give Thanks”

**Scripture\***

Luke 23:33-43

**Message**

“All Hail the King”

Jeff Nelson

**Song**

“There’s Nothing that Our God Can’t Do”

**Benediction**

**Sending Music**

House Band

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

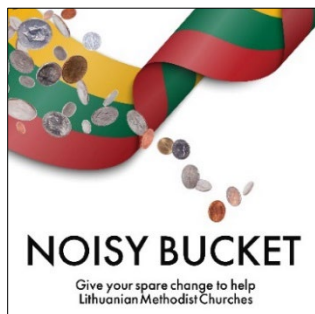


## ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS GREENS BY 1PM TODAY!!!

We have wreaths, crosses, roping, grave 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.** Scan the QR code to the right or go to [www.rofum.org/greens-sale-2022](http://www.rofum.org/greens-sale-2022) to order yours today!



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## SAVE YOUR LOOSE/SPARE CHANGE FOR NOISY BUCKET

Bring in your spare change in on Sunday, November 27 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!



## CHILDREN'S STORYTIME WITH PASTOR JEFF—FACEBOOK LIVE

**Every Sunday in Advent starting November 27 at 7:30 p.m.** Join Pastor Jeff on Facebook Live every Sunday evening in Advent (November 27, December 4, December 11, and December 18) for a reading of a story that will get you in the spirit of the season.

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## CHRISTMAS MINI-CONCERTS— LIVESTREAMED

Join us on our YouTube Channel and Facebook page for live mini-concerts featuring musicians from Royal Oak First. Concerts will be presented at Noon during the four Wednesdays in Advent: November 30 (Kyle Webber, organ), December 7 (Sam Garrett, vocalist), December 14 (Liz Wright, vocalist), and December 21 (Erica Plesco, vocalist and Jason Sherman, guitar). Concerts will last approximately 30 minutes and will lift your spirit with the music of the season.



## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY COLLECTION

My name is Kiersten Ciccone and I'm currently working on my service project for this semester for NHS (National Honor Society). I've chosen to create care packages for families who have babies in the NICU at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak to hopefully make their time there easier and more comfortable. In order to do this, I'm in need of donations of items. Items can range from *travel size* toiletries (like shampoo, conditioner, body wash/face wash, lotion, toothpaste) to other general care items such as blankets, hair ties/scrunchies, hair brushes, toothbrushes, etc. If you have any questions, you can come find me by the nursery on most Sundays or contact me at [cicconekiersten@gmail.com](mailto:cicconekiersten@gmail.com). Thank you so much in advance!



## TOYS & CLOTHING FOR CASS COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES

Now through December 4, our United Women in Faith (UWF) group will be collecting new, unwrapped toys and winter clothes for the kids at Cass Community Social Services. They are accepting gifts for kids ages birth to 18 years, but ask that nothing requires batteries or resemble weapons. Let's help these kids experience the joy of Christmas! Drop off after Sunday services or Monday-Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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## ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

**Monday, December 5 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

This special Advent event for women includes a program of speakers and music followed by dessert. You are invited to host a table for friends and family or sign up to simply attend and we will assign you to a table. It will be a busy month, so we invite you to spend this evening with us, getting our hearts and minds focused on what matters most this season. Scan the QR code to sign up or visit [www.rofum.org](http://www.rofum.org).



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## Food Pantry Donations Needed



## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS!

With the holidays quickly approaching, Outreach on 7th is trying to restock our pantry with non-perishable foods so that we are able to continue to fill any requests for help that we may get. Some of the items we are in need of are: soups, canned pastas, fruit cups, cans or pouches of tuna or chicken breast, macaroni and cheese, dry pastas and sauce. These items and many other non-perishable items will help us to restock our pantry room as well as help us to continue keeping our Little Pantry box outside filled on a daily basis. Also, keep in mind that any items with easy open or pop top cans make it much easier for those using our Little Pantry. Items can be dropped off on Sundays after service or Monday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thank you so much for your continued support.



## CRAFTING A RULE OF LIFE RETREAT

Held January 30-February 1, 2023 at the Lake Huron Retreat Center, the Crafting a Rule of Life Retreat guides both Clergy and Laity through the process of imagining and affirming the practices in your life that act as a "truss" – intentional practices and ways of living that ground you through all life's ups and downs. Led by Rev. Cora Glass and Rev. Jeff Nelson, your retreat time also includes times for reflection through art and nature. Scan the QR code to register or for more details.



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# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

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

Natalia Tovarez • Jen Irish-Minewiser • Trisha Ferguson • Sheryl Hunter • Mary Nahhat • Diane Sexton • Faye Bond • Mark Lowman • Donna Allen • Ann Anderson • Al Simmons • Mary Lou Graeber • Lisa Rye • Audrey Leenhouts • Charlene Faunt • Marian Kremer •

## **Prayers for Our Extended Family:**

Scott Morrell • Sharon Pillow • Susan Inch • Rachel Timm • Linda Swanson • Scott Peacor and Kyla Boyse • Tara Bouck • Joe • Mike Pilon • Larry Campbell • Phillip Makinen • Carl Gunnels • Jamie Wittenberg • Carrie • Joan Firestone • Jeff and Marcy Carmichael • Dan Hicks • Brent Miller • James • Edwin Gillette • Carl Jones • Dorothy Follette • Deana Sawicki • Atlas • Cyndi Luczak • Kelly • Steve Wurdock • Grandma Johnson • Harold Baker • Darryl Warren • Sue Sugden •

## **Prayers for All That Have Been Impacted by COVID-19**

### **Sympathies to:**

Mark and Natalie Talaga on the death of their brother, Aaron LaMore on November 11, 2022

The Matsumoto Family on the death of Jan's father, Roger Reed on November 16, 2022

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

**Advent is almost here!!!  
November 27 through December 24**



*Christmas  
Wish List*

HOPE

PEACE

JOY

LOVE

# LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

One of my favorite stories in scripture is in Luke's gospel and it is the scene where Jesus comes for a meal at the home of his friends Martha and Mary. In this story, Martha is busy getting the meal prepared while Mary is sitting and visiting with her friend, Jesus. Martha gets frustrated that Mary is not helping her with all the things that need to be accomplished.

"Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" she exclaims.

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "You are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Here is what I know about Martha - she didn't realize that this was the last time Jesus would ever be at home to share a meal. She didn't know that in the weeks to come that her friend Jesus would be crucified. If she had only realized that this would be the last time she would be with her friend, I believe Martha would have been less worried about what was going to be on the table and far more attentive to who was in the room.

This story is fresh in my heart today because it is Thanksgiving week. Many of us will be at tables with people we love and who love us. And I know that sometimes the stress of preparations for the meal, our desire to make sure everything is just perfect, can get in the way of the joy of the gathering itself.

So this week I invite each of us to receive the invitation of Jesus to choose the "better part," to be present to each other, and simply enjoy each other's company. Take time to laugh. Make sure to tell your favorite stories. Tell each other what you appreciate most. I promise you will remember this long after the dishes are done and the leftovers are refrigerated.

Presence is the better part. May you find space at your Thanksgiving table for the joy this day, and every day, invites.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Grace and Peace,

