

A photograph of three lit candles in the foreground, with a blurred stained glass window in the background. The candles are lit, and their flames are bright orange and yellow. The stained glass window behind them features vertical panels of green and blue glass with leaded glass patterns.

All Saints Day

**Sunday, November 6, 2022 9:00AM & 11:00AM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	“Shall We Gather at the River” arr. Joel Raney	Tim Schoenherr, Piano Kyle Webber, Organ
Call to Worship		Jennifer Tripoli (9AM) Faye Bond (11AM)
Opening Hymn #117**	“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”	
Apostles’ Creed		
Response #70**	“Glory Be to the Father”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Erica Plesco & Jeff Nelson
Holy Land Trip Commissioning		
Time of Prayer		
Offering	“Softly and Tenderly” Gilbert Martin	Sanctus Choir
Doxology #95**	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	
Scripture*	John 14:1-7	
Message	“Save Me a Place”	
Remembering the Saints		
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Communion Hymn	“A Place at the Table”	
Closing Hymn #711**	“For All the Saints”	
Benediction		
Postlude	Variations on “Sine Nomine” Denis Bedard	

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VIGIL FOR THE HOMELESS

Please join us at our Vigil for the Homeless to kick off Homeless Awareness Month. It will take place on Sunday, November 6 at 5:00 p.m. at 249 Baldwin Avenue, Pontiac, MI 48342. Each year, more than 3,000 residents in Oakland County experience homelessness. The vigil recognizes people living on the streets and those who have passed away while experiencing homelessness. There will be an early mingle, music, a memorial to the deceased, speakers and a candlelight vigil.



TOYS FOR CASS COMMUNITY 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.



CHRISTMAS GREENS SALE IS HERE!

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 to order yours today!



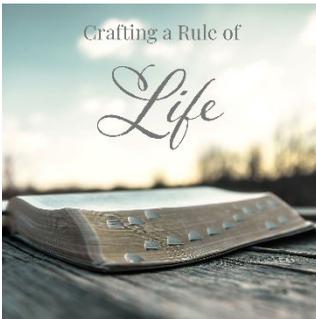
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SIGN UP FOR CHAIR YOGA CLASSES

Chair Yoga classes, presented by our own Kimberly Palchak's "in.balance" are open for registration for November and December. The classes include: Mindful Meditation, Seated Yoga, and Focused Breathing. Classes are on Tuesdays from 12:15-12:45 p.m. To sign up, scan the QR code or visit www.rofum.org.



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. There will be an option for retreat participants to connect through quarterly Zoom gatherings through 2023 to share progress in living out your personal rule of life. Scan the QR code to register or for more details.



"THE CHOSEN" ON THE BIG SCREEN!

We have 10 tickets available for a showing of the first two episodes of season 3 of "The Chosen" shown on the big screen at MJR Troy Grand Cinema on Friday, November 18 at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$10 per ticket. Pastor Jeff will be at the theatre and will also be at the Big Boy on 15 Mile (right down the street) after the showing for lunch. Feel free to join him there. Call 248.541.4100 if you are interested in purchasing a ticket.

ROLL OF REMEMBRANCE

November 18, 2021 – November 3, 2022

Members We Have Lost

Jane Button	Marilyn McCreedy
John Dorsey	Todd Menig
Shirley Gnegy	Merrill Milewski
Marilyn Hocking	Barbara Nicholas
Joan Hoelaars	Karen Parke
Nancy Lorenz	Martha Pascoe
Florence Martin	Carl Shafer
Dorothy Matsumoto	Chuck Simon
Donald McCreedy	John Wagster

Loved Ones and Their Families We Have Lost

Donald Avesian	Donna & Jim Yates (Donna's father)
Betty Bendz	Sue Genschoreck's mother
John Brown	Joyce Negrich's brother-in-law
Bill Brunsdon	Former member
James Carr	Former member
Frank Cataldo	Bonnie Barber's cousin
Tim Christopher	Kim Christopher's stepson
Elaine Darany	The Nahhat Family's cousin
Joseph Darany	The Nahhat Family's cousin
Deeon Davis	The Nahhat Family
Toby Farrington	Lunch Program guest
Michael Frank	Lunch Program guest
Catherine Guirey	Julia & Elianna Westenberg's grandma
Barb Irish	Jen Irish-Minewiser's mother
Tim Johnson	Roger Johnson's brother
Steven LaRue	Lunch Program guest
Patsy Mabry	Amanda & Bill Warren's mother
Alice Marsh	John Marsh & Janice Marsh's cousin
Hal McNeese	Lunch Program guest
Tony Mezzacapo	Liz Lietao's brother
Joe Monte	Mike Monte's brother
Mike Murray	Leonard's landlord
David Patrick Pearson	Former member
Eileen Pelirne	Bridget Nelson's aunt
Art Peludat	Ron Peludat's brother
Jerry Peterson	Lisa & Jon Rye (Lisa's father)
Jean Pierce	James Coleman's grandmother

George Russian	Roseann Simon's father
Jan Sherman.....	Jason Sherman & Erica Plesco (Jason's mother)
Marjorie Showers	Watkins, Showers, Moody, Hammond, Kincannon & Erard Families
Sally Sou	Diana Shornak's sister
Mary Tucker	Heather Diamond's aunt
Charles Turner	Joyce Negrich's brother
Lisa Vanderham	Sheryl & Kerry Hunter's sister
Bob Vandermark	Cindy Vandermark's cousin and former member
Lenore Westrate.....	Patti & Noel Peterson (Noel's sister)
Hannah Williams	Jennifer Tripoli's cousin's daughter
Stanton Williamson	Mike Long's cousin
George Wright.....	Brian Wright & Mike Monte (Brian's father)
Patricia Zorn.....	Cathy & Mark Thatcher (Cathy's mother)

Dedications of Abiding Memorials

Memorials

In memory of John Brown
 In memory of Jane Button
 In memory of Janet Carlson
 In memory of John Dorsey
 In memory of Shirley Gnegy
 In memory of Marilyn Hocking
 In memory of Nancy Lorenz
 In memory of Dorothy Matsumoto
 In memory of Don McCreedy
 In memory of Marilyn McCreedy
 In memory of Barbara Nicholas
 In memory of Chuck Simon
 In memory of Charles Turner
 In memory of John Wagster

Lunch Program

In memory of Marilyn Hocking
 In memory of John Wagster

UMCOR Ukraine

In memory of Jane Button

Choir Camp

In memory of Shirley Gnegy

“IN CHRIST SHALL ALL BE MADE ALIVE”

The Memorial Banner is dedicated to God's glory and carries 543 bells in memory of loved ones from 1995 until 2002. The banner was created in two colors:

GREEN for the celebration of life.

GOLD for the glory of God and Christ's eternal victory over death.

We remember with thanksgiving those persons who touched us with their love.

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 • Art Miller • Lisa Rye • Audrey Leenhouts • Charlene Faunt • Marian Kremer •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Jim Castellani • Jaime C. • Scott Peacor and Kyla Boyse • Tara Bouck • Joe • Mike Pilon • Larry Campbell • Phillip Makinen • Don Wolosok • 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 • Jethro Horton • Darryl Warren • Sue Sugden •

Prayers for All That Have Been Impacted by COVID-19

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

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

This Sunday is All Saints Sunday.

When we think of the saints we often think of the super traditional ones like St. Francis of Assisi or St. (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta. I have a soft spot for St. Jude the patron saint of the Detroit Lions and all other lost causes. Even my Protestant self has lifted a prayer to St. Anthony when all attempts to find my lost keys or phone have failed - *"Tony, Tony, look around. Something's lost and must be found!"*

And in recent years we have expanded our notion of the saints to contemporary peacemakers like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks and Dorothy Day. While I love and am inspired by the "celebrity" saints - today is not just about the ones who have their own Wikipedia page.

Today is not Some Saints Sunday. And it is not Super Saints Sunday. Today is ALL Saints Sunday and as we like to say around here, all means ALL!

Saints are not a special category of people who happen to be the opposite of sinners. No, saints are just regular people sinners who happen to have been forgiven. Saints are humans. And that is all of us by the way.

And that's why All Saints Sunday is so important. This Sunday we celebrate ALL the saints - all the people in our lives, both living and dead, who God has used to pour life into our bodies. And it is on this day each year we set aside space to especially remember the saints from our church family, and our personal lives, who have died in the last year.

This Sunday we honor all of our saints.

And we honor all of our grief - even the complicated grief. And let's be honest, some grief is more complicated than others. Like how do I grieve a parent I loved but who was not a great parent. For others this Sunday will remind them that their losses are as fresh as the day it first happened even if that day was five years ago.

On All Saints Sunday we honor ALL of it!

So I hope you will come and be a part of this moment with us this weekend. It is always a very special and sacred time together.

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff