



Sunday, January 1, 2023 10:00AM  
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>Prelude</b>	“We Three Kings of Orient Are” arr. Lloyd Larson	Kyle Webber
<b>Call to Worship</b>		Erica Plesco
<b>Opening Hymn #254**</b>	“We Three Kings”	
<b>Apostles’ Creed</b>		
<b>Response #70**</b>	“Glory Be to the Father”	
<b>Welcome &amp; Invitation to Mission</b>		Jeff Nelson
<b>Time of Prayer</b>		
<b>Offering Our Tithes and Gifts</b>		
<b>Musical Offering</b>	“Home By Another Way” James Taylor	Brian Wright
<b>Doxology #95**</b>	“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”	
<b>Scripture*</b>	Matthew 2:1-11	
<b>Song</b>	“Do You See What I See?”	Erica Plesco & Bridget Nelson
<b>Message</b>	“Do You See What I See?”	Jeff Nelson
<b>Sacrament of Holy Communion</b>		
<b>Communion Hymn #219**</b>	“What Child Is This”	
<b>Closing Hymn #454**</b>	“Open My Eyes, That I May See”	
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	“Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella” arr. Larry Shackley	



**ROYAL OAK  
FIRST**  
A United Methodist Church

20  
23

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Church Office Holiday Hours

### CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The church office will be **closed** on Monday, January 2. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 3. Our normal office hours are 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



January, February  
& March dates  
now available!

### CHAIR YOGA CLASSES RESUME JAN. 3!

Chair Yoga classes, presented by our own Kimberlyn Palchak's "in.balance" are open for registration for January, February and March. Each session includes: Mindful Meditation, Seated Yoga, and Focused Breathing. Classes are on Tuesdays from 12:00-12:30 p.m. To sign up, visit [www.rofum.org](http://www.rofum.org) or scan the QR code.



SCAN ME



Start the New Year in Service!

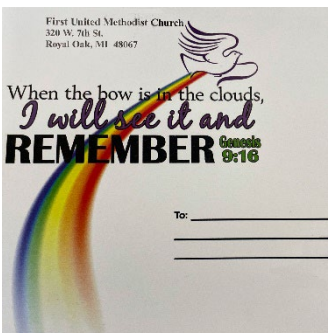
Sandwich/  
Lunch Making  
from Home

### NEW YEAR SANDWICH/LUNCH ASSEMBLY FROM HOME

Would you like to start the New Year in service? We've designed an opportunity for many households to sponsor another NOAH Project lunch together. You can sign up to make 30 sandwiches or 30 lunches at your home to be delivered to church on Sunday, January 8. Scan QR code or visit [www.rofum.org](http://www.rofum.org) for more information and to sign up!



SCAN ME



### OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE HERE!

2023 Royal Oak First offering envelopes are now available for you to pick up after service at the Welcome Desk! If you are unable to pick up your envelopes, we'll begin mailing them out after January 31. Contact Karen Calhoun at [kcalhoun@rofum.org](mailto:kcalhoun@rofum.org) or 248.541.4100 if you have any questions.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## CRAFTING A RULE OF LIFE RETREAT

Led by Rev. Cora Glass and Rev. Jeff Nelson and held January 30-February 1 at the Lake Huron Retreat Center, this 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. Scan the QR code to register or for more details.



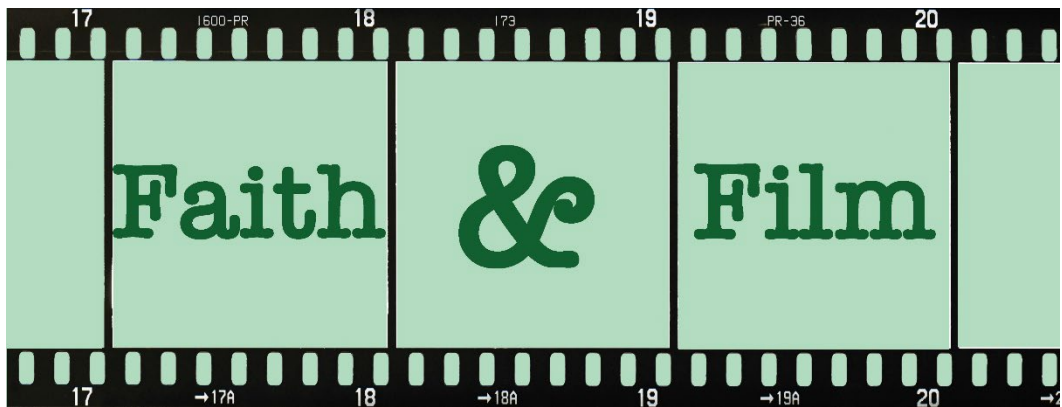
## JANUARY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Throughout January, we will be collecting pantry food items to help restock the Outreach on 7th pantry and refill the little free pantry. Due to both the holidays and the increase in food costs, they have had an increase of food assistant requests recently. Please bring non-perishable, easy to prepare food items throughout the month of January. Requested items include: **soup, canned pasta, canned tuna or chicken, mac & cheese, dry pasta & sauce, fruit cups.** Thank you! Additionally, please continue to watch for sales on warm winter gear. The need for those items will continue throughout the cold weather months.



## AN EVENING AT THE TABLE

On Friday, January 13 from 7:00-9:00 p.m., the Royal Oak First Pride & Ally Group invites you to a special evening of music and storytelling with Joanna Whaley and a panel discussion hosted by Adelynn Campbell. We want to create a space where everyone can be free in the presence of God. No matter who you are, who you love, who loves you, or how you identify, you are welcome here--this night of music and storytelling will be fully inclusive. We hope you can join us!



## FAITH & FILM 2023

Royal Oak First is going back to the movies! For three Monday nights in January, we will head over to the MJR Troy Movie Theater at Maple and Livernois Roads at 7:00 p.m. to see a current movie together. Tickets are only \$8.50. If you have any questions, contact the church office at 248.541.4100 or [office@rofum.org](mailto:office@rofum.org). The theater we will be in is reserved just for Royal Oak First.

### **Monday, January 9—"I Wanna Dance With Somebody"**

Discovered by record executive Clive Davis, Whitney Houston rises from obscurity to international fame in the 1980s to become one of the greatest singers of her generation. A joyous, emotional, heartbreaking celebration of the life and music of Whitney Houston, one of the greatest female R&B pop vocalists of all time, tracking her journey from obscurity to musical superstardom.

### **Monday, January 16—"Puss in Boots: The Last Wish"**

Puss in Boots discovers that his passion for adventure has taken its toll: he has burnt through eight of his nine lives. Puss sets out on an epic journey to find the mythical Last Wish and restore his nine lives. Kids (14 & under) get in free for this movie!

### **Monday, January 23—"A Man Called Otto"**

Otto is a grump who's given up on life following the loss of his wife and wants to end it all. When a young family moves in nearby, he meets his match in quick-witted Marisol, leading to a friendship that will turn his world around.

# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

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

Kathi Burger • Lee Hoffmann • Susan Howard-Brown • Al Knappenberger •  
Betty Goodrich • Pat Callahan • Polly Tan • David Murray •  
Karla Ringeisen • Tom Soboleski • Karen Porter • Barb Simmons •  
Corey Haines • Jim Shumaker • Natalia Tovarez • Jen Irish-Minewiser •  
Sheryl Hunter • Veronica Ajavon • Mary Nahhat • Diane Sexton •  
Faye Bond • Donna Allen • Ann Anderson • Al Simmons •  
Mary Lou Graeber • Lisa Rye • Audrey Leenhouts • Charlene Faunt •  
Marian Kremer •

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

Margaret O'Donnell • Effie Lambros • Mary Lou Howard • Peter Edward •  
Rick Hocking • Linda A. • Scott Morrell • Sharon Pillow • Rachel Timm •  
Linda Swanson • Scott Peacor and Kyla Boyse • Tara Bouck • Joe •  
Mike Pilon • Larry Campbell • Phillip Makinen • Carl Gunnels •  
Joan Firestone • Jeff and Marcy Carmichael • Dan Hicks • Brent Miller •  
James • Edwin Gillette • Carl Jones • Dorothy Follette • Deana Sawicki •  
Atlas • Kelly • Steve Wurdock • Harold Baker • Darryl Warren •  
Sue Sugden •

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

### **Sympathies to:**

Ginny Panone on the death of her daughter, Emily Panone on December 27, 2022

The Pankopf Family on the death of Krista's father, Norbert Topolski on December 18, 2022

*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

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2023.

The New Year's celebration is a chance to look both back and to look forward. Today is an opportunity to both remember where we have been and to anticipate where we will go.

Looking back, Royal Oak First has emerged from the challenges of these past three years with a renewed commitment to community, hospitality and service. I believe we can be really proud of the following:

- An improving online worship service experience.
- Developing a network of care so that more people are connected and cared for by the church family.
- Continued commitment to feeding and providing for the care of our most vulnerable neighbors.
- Deepened support from our mission partners.
- A committed focus on children, families and youth.

Looking forward I believe 2023 will see Royal Oak First focus on the following:

- Improving the ways we welcome and connect those who are new to the community.
- Deepen our commitment to serve the economically vulnerable and those experiencing homelessness. This year we will launch Outreach on 7th as our nonprofit and open the Personal Essentials Pantry for personal hygiene and toiletries items.
- Extending our inclusivity theology and all are welcome messages, especially through online and social media channels, to those looking to belong to this type of faith community.

Looking back, I am filled with humility and gratitude for the way God has been so faithful to our community.

Looking forward, I am excited for all that God might do through us in the months ahead.

I look forward to making this journey together!

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink. The word "Pastor" is written in a cursive style. Below the signature is a simple smiley face drawn with a circle and two dots for eyes.