



Merry Christmas!

Sunday, December 25, 2022, 10 a.m.

Royal Oak First: A United Methodist Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	“Rise Up Shepherd and Follow” arr. Lloyd Larson	Kyle Webber
Call to Worship		Jennifer Tripoli
Carol #246**	“Joy to the World”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson
Carol #219**	“What Child Is This”	
Time of Prayer		
Carol #230**	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	
Offering Our Tithes and Gifts		
Musical Offering	“Child in the Manger” arr. Larry Shackley	
Doxology #95**	“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”	
Scripture*	Luke 2:1-20	
Message	“Significance of Small Things”	Bridget Nelson
Carol #251**	“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”	
Benediction		
Postlude	“The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy” arr. Lloyd Larson	

**Common English Bible*
***United Methodist Hymnal*

Merry Christmas

from all of us
at Royal Oak First!



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunday, January 1

Only one service at 10:00 a.m.



ONLY ONE SERVICE ON JANUARY 1

Remember, there is only one worship service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 1. There will be no Sunday School on that day. We will return to our normal service times of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 8.



Church Office
Holiday Hours

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The church office will be closed on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2. Also, please note, that church office hours on Tuesday, December 27, Wednesday, December 28 and Thursday, December 29 will be 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Our normal office hours are Monday-Thursday from 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 or scan the QR code.



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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 for more information and to sign up!



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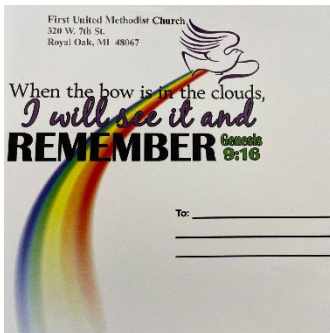


CRAFTING A RULE OF LIFE RETREAT

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.

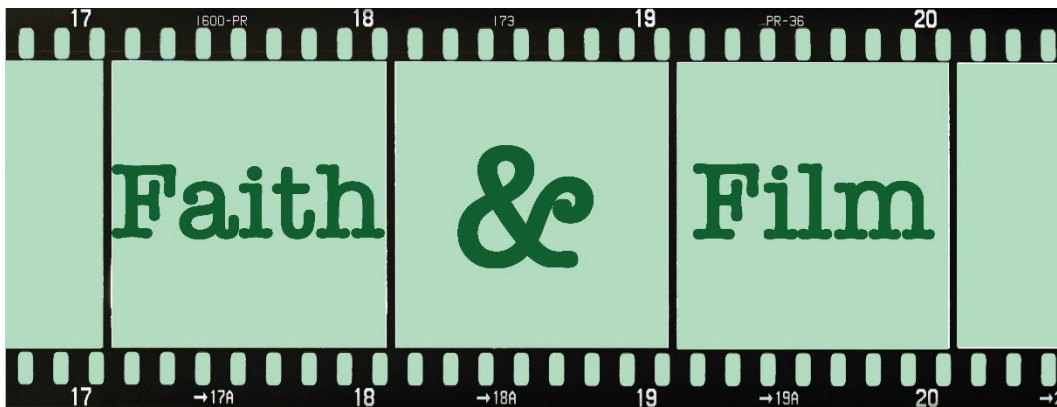


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OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE HERE!

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 if you have any questions.



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. 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:

Susan Howard-Brown • Al Knappenberger • Betty Goodrich • Pat Callahan • Polly Tan • Sheryl Hunter • Tom Soboleski • David Murray • Karla Ringeisen • Karen Porter • Barb Simmons • Corey Haines • Jim Shumaker • Natalia Tovarez • Jen Irish-Minewiser • 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:

Carole Hitchens on the death of her husband, Jack Hitchens on December 19, 2022

Jeff and Deb Lockledge on the death of Jeff's father, Jack Lockledge on December 17, 2022

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

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Merry Christmas!

We made it. We got to Christmas. We did all the things that we do to make the season bright and now it's here. And it's a Sunday, so we are actually having church. Typically in the United Methodist Church we would not have a service on Christmas day, after going all out on Christmas Eve, but we don't miss a Sunday. So, we will be here, for one service at 10:00 a.m. It's Christmas morning so just wear your comfiest clothes or even your pajamas - all are welcome!

When you look at the manger scene - observing the animals and the parents and the shepherds and angels, do you ever find yourself wondering why God chose to enter into our world in this particular way? Why such a small and humble entrance?

I don't know the answer, but it reminds me of an experience I had when something small became more significant than it appeared. I look forward to sharing it with you!

Merry Christmas to all!

Pastor Bridget Nelson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bridget Nelson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping underline.