



Sunday, December 4, 2022 11:00AM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came" arr. Paul Manz	Kyle Webber
Call to Worship		Patrick Calhoun
Opening Hymn	"God Almighty, We Are Waiting"	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson
Advent Candle Lighting		Simms Family
Response #204**	"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"	
Time of Prayer		Joanna Whaley
Offering Our Tithes and Gifts		
Musical Offering	"Child of Promise, Child of Love" arr. Lloyd Larson	Sanctus Choir
Doxology #95**	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	
Scripture*	Luke 1:26-38	
Message	"Christmas Wish List: Peace"	Jennifer Tripoli
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Closing Hymn #238**	"Angels We Have Heard on High"	
Benediction		
Postlude	"Savior of the Nations, Come" arr. Paul Manz	

**New International Version*

***United Methodist Hymnal*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHILDREN'S STORYTIME WITH PASTOR JEFF—FACEBOOK LIVE

Join Pastor Jeff on Facebook Live for the next three Sunday evenings (December 4, 11, and 18) at 7:30 p.m. for a reading of a story that will get you in the spirit of the season.



TOYS & CLOTHING FOR CASS

Now through December 4, our United Women in Faith (UWF) group will be collecting new, unwrapped toys and winter clothes for the kids (ages birth to 18 years) at Cass Community Social Services. They ask that gifts do not require batteries or resemble weapons. Drop off after Sunday services or Monday-Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.



CHRISTMAS MINI-CONCERTS

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 for the next 3 Wednesdays. 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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO BUY PRODUCE

Royal Oak First provides and delivers fresh produce to Redford Brightmoor Initiative's (RBI) Free Store Shoppers every month. We still need one volunteer shopper on December 9th and four shoppers on January 14th. Shoppers buy enough produce to make 15 plastic bags of assorted produce. Scan QR code or visit www.rofum.org to sign up.



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SPREAD THE CHEER!

Saturday, December 10 from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Sign up by December 7 to bring four dozen of your favorite type of cookie or holiday treat. You will go home with a variety platter of cookies and also a couple treat bags to deliver to the home of our church members. We need people to make and send cards, to bake, to assemble bags and to deliver. Scan QR code or visit rofum.org to sign up.



BABY'S FIRST CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 11 at 9:00 a.m. Worship

Families with infants experiencing their very first Christmas are invited to 9:00 a.m. worship for a special blessing and gift from the church. We are excited to celebrate this special moment with you and your newborn!



CHRISTMAS SWEATER SUNDAY

Sunday, December 11 at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Worship

Wear your favorite Christmas sweater - "ugly" or not! Come and spread the joy of the season with your best Christmas get-up!



GIFT WRAPPING EVENT AT METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME & SOCIETY (MCHS)

Maureen Martin is coordinating a group of volunteers to wrap Christmas gifts at the Methodist Children's Home & Society on Monday, December 12 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. With 32 boys currently living at MCHS, volunteers to wrap are very appreciated and needed. Scan QR code to sign up.



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COMMUNITY CAROL SING

Tuesday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a community carol sing! All are invited! We will meet at the church, carol through the streets of downtown Royal Oak and finish at Royal Oak Manor. We will then head back to the church for one last sing and a time of fellowship including hot chocolate, coffee and snacks.



A FEAST OF CAROLS

Sunday, December 18 at 3:00 p.m.

Join us live and in person for this year's "A Feast of Carols" Christmas Concert featuring ensembles of Royal Oak First including our Sanctus Choir, Carillon Ringers, Youth Choirs, Bands and a full orchestra. Be sure to take in the sounds of our ensembles at Royal Oak First for an afternoon of glorious music.

Longest Night Service



LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

Tuesday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Whether mourning the loss of a loved one, dealing with an illness, navigating financial struggles or simply not feeling the spirit of Christmas; this service is a quiet, prayerful moment acknowledging the difficulties of the season.

Food Pantry Donations Needed



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS!

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 non-perishable items help us restock our pantry room as well as keeping our Little Pantry box outside filled. Items with easy open or pop top cans are best. Drop off on Sundays after service or Monday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Royal Oak First Swag Store



ROYAL OAK FIRST CHURCH SWAG IS HERE!

Looking for some awesome Christmas gifts? Wanna tell everyone that your church is the coolest one around? Check out our church swag webpage! We have t-shirts (short sleeve and long sleeve), sweatshirts, hats and even a t-shirt for your doggie (you could try putting it on your cat, but we wouldn't recommend that!). Scan QR code or visit www.rofum.org to order.



January 9, 16 and 23
7:00 p.m.



MJR Troy Movie Theater

FAITH & FILM IS BACK!

Royal Oak First is going back to the movies! For three Monday nights in January, (9, 16 and 23), 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. If you have any questions, contact the church office at 248.541.4100 or office@rofum.org. Stay tuned to this space for details about what movies we will be seeing.

Crafting a Rule of

Life



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.



PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Al Knappenberger • Pat Callahan • Barb Simmons • Corey Haines •
Jim Shumaker • 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:

Peter Edward • Rick Hocking • Linda A. • Scott Morrell • Sharon Pillow •
Susan Inch • Rachel Timm • Linda Swanson • Sue Sugden •
Scott Peacor and Kyla Boyse • Tara Bouck • Joe • Mike Pilon •
Larry Campbell • Phillip Makinen • Carl Gunnels • 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 • Harold Baker • Darryl Warren •

Prayers for All That Have Been Impacted by COVID-19

Sympathies to:

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

The friends and family of Karen Laverdiere on her death, November 15, 2022

Congratulations to:

Erin and James Berry on the birth of their daughter, Jolene Marie Berry on November 7, 2022

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

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

*"May the Lord of peace himself give you peace always in every way.
The Lord be with all of you."*

--2 Thessalonians 3:16

Friends,

Today we will be looking at the Gospel of Luke. Specifically Luke 1:26-38 where we will find some peace for this holiday season.

We will be lighting the second candle on the Advent wreath. We light this candle as a symbol of our longing for peace. A peace that is just not limited to the worldly way of understanding peace - as the absence of conflict. God's peace is about trust, love, and mystery.

Join us this Sunday as the Virgin Mary teaches us that peace comes to everyone.

Blessings,



Pastor Jennifer Tripoli

