

# I WANNA DANCE

WITH SOMEBODY



Sunday

January  
15

9:00 a.m.  
Worship

Faith

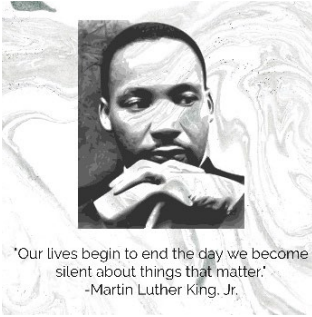
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>Gathering Music</b>	“Who You Say I Am”	House Band
<b>Song</b>	“Awake My Soul”	
<b>Song</b>	“Lift Every Voice and Sing”	
<b>Welcome &amp; Invitation to Mission</b>		Jeff Nelson
<b>Baptism Recognition</b>		Leonard Benyas & Rob Stephen
<b>Time of Prayer</b>		
<b>Offering Our Tithes and Gifts</b>		
<b>Musical Offering</b>	“Blessings” Laura Story	Laura Potter
<b>Doxology</b>	“Give Thanks”	
<b>Scripture*</b>	Isaiah 40:3-5 John 10:14-16	Erica Plesco
<b>Song</b>	“I Wanna Dance with Somebody”	Susanna Webber & Jackie Doerr
<b>Message</b>		Jeff Nelson
<b>Song</b>	“Alive and Breathing”	
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Sending Music</b>		

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2023 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

## January Food Pantry Collection



## 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, there have had an increase of food assistance requests recently. Please bring non-perishable food items throughout the month of January. Requested items include: soup, canned pasta, canned tuna or chicken, mac & cheese, dry pasta & sauce, fruit cups.



## LUNCH PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers for Outreach on 7th's Lunch Program. There are many areas you can help in: cook hot meals, pack daily lunch bags, and serve lunch. The Lunch Program runs Monday-Friday. Your volunteer shift would be from 9:30 a.m. to noon on any day you choose to volunteer. Please reach out to Mike Monte at [mmonte@rofum.org](mailto:mmonte@rofum.org) or call 248.840.7472 or visit [www.rofum.org](http://www.rofum.org) to sign up.



## AN EVENING AT THE TABLE POSTPONED

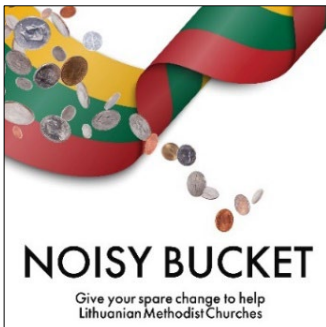
Due to unforeseen circumstances, "An Evening at the Table" has been postponed. Check out this space in April for an announcement of the rescheduled date in May.

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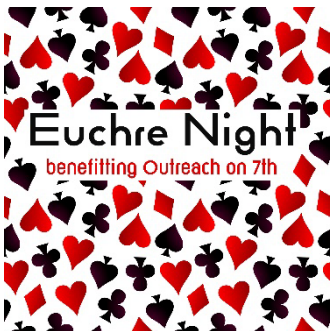
## PASTOR CHAT - SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

If you're new to Royal Oak First and you'd like to know more about our church or if you'd like to learn the next steps about how to become part of everything going on here, then come to the Pastor Chat. Questions such as: "How can I help serve the community?"; "I have questions about the beliefs of the United Methodist Church"; or "How can my kids be involved in the church?" will be covered. The next Pastor Chat will be on Sunday, January 22 at 10:15 a.m. in the Parlor and last no more than 30 minutes. We look forward to seeing you!



## SAVE YOUR LOOSE/SPARE CHANGE FOR NOISY BUCKET

Bring in your spare change in on Sunday, January 22 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!



## EUCHRE NIGHT BENEFITTING OUTREACH ON 7TH

Join us on Friday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Royal Oak Tap House for a fun night of euchre, fellowship with friends, and fundraising for a good cause! Admission is \$25 at the door and will include light appetizers and soft drinks. All proceeds will support the Outreach on 7th Lunch Program and Essentials Pantry. You are welcome to purchase additional food and drink, to your liking. You are encouraged to invite your card loving friends. For planning purposes, we appreciate your RSVP-scan the QR code or visit [www.rofum.org](http://www.rofum.org).

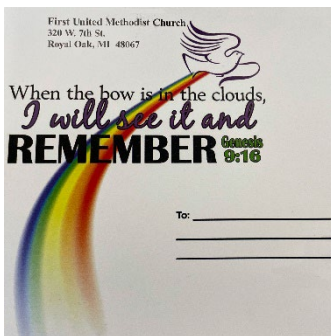


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## SHARE THE LOVE

Help us share the love! In the week leading up to Valentine's Day, we hope to send a card to every member of our church. Then at church on Saturday, February 11 at 10:00 a.m., we hope to make and deliver 100 bags of treats and notes. So, we need everyone's hands! We need people to: send cards, bake, make cards (kids and adults), assemble bags and deliver. Scan the QR code or visit [www.rofum.org](http://www.rofum.org) or visit the information table after service to sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Danielle at [dmoody@rofum.org](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org) or 248.541.4100.



## OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE HERE!

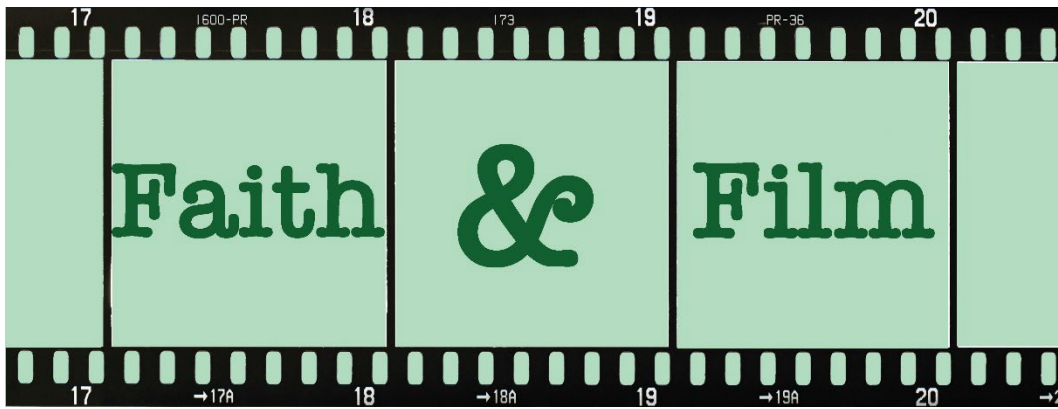
2023 Royal Oak First offering envelopes are now available for you to pick up after service at the Welcome Desk! If you are unable to pick up your envelopes, we'll begin mailing them out after January 31. Contact Karen Calhoun at [kcalhoun@rofum.org](mailto:kcalhoun@rofum.org) or 248.541.4100 if you have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



## SIGN UP FOR CHAIR YOGA CLASSES

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.





## FAITH & FILM 2023 HAS BEGUN!

Join us for the next two Mondays at MJR Troy Movie Theater at Maple and Livernois Roads at 7:00 p.m. 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 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:

Art Miller • Kathi Burger • Woody Siddall • Al Knappenberger •  
Betty Goodrich • Pat Callahan • Polly Tan • Lee Hoffmann • Tom Soboleski •  
Karen Porter • Corey Haines • Jim Shumaker • Jen Irish-Minewiser •  
Sheryl Hunter • Mary Nahhat • Diane Sexton • Donna Allen •  
Ann Anderson • Mary Lou Graeber • Lisa Rye • Audrey Leenhouts •  
Charlene Faunt • Marian Kremer •

## Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Maryann Standing • Laurie Sessions • Margaret O'Donnell •  
Mary Lou Howard • Peter Edward • Rick Hocking • 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:

The friends and family of Phyllis Bartle on her death, January 7, 2023

The friends and family of John Van Brandeghen on his death, January 7,  
2023

### Chancel Flowers:

Chancel Flowers provided by Lee Gnegy and Linda & Jeff Jones in memory  
of Shirley Gnegy's Birthday (January 15)

*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,

This week our nation pauses to remember the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This is the only federally recognized celebration of the contributions of a man whose primary vocation was as a Christian pastor and preacher. For me this holiday is indeed a “Holy Day,” more of a religious observance than a cultural or historical observance.

I once heard that when asked, “What authors have most influenced your thought?” Dr. King responded, “There are four: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.” That has always left an impression on me. Monday’s holiday is our reminder that civil rights, social justice and the work of dismantling racism are central to our faith and core to what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

There is no room in the teaching of scripture and in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus for racism on any level. What Dr. King so boldly reminded us is that one cannot love God and accept any form of racism, oppression, or systems that hold a person or a specific group of people down. Dr. King’s legacy should wake us up and cause us to take inventory personally and globally.

For the past year, I have been a part of a group of leaders here at Royal Oak First that have been engaged in prayerful work of understanding our Christian commitment to anti-racist work. These conversations have been difficult and challenging but also inspiring. This is work we will continue to do as a congregation. This weekend I invite you to consider being a part of the next set of conversations and work toward what it means to be a community of justice and reconciliation. If you are interested in being a part of these conversations, please contact our Adult Discipleship Coordinator Joyce Hollingsworth at [jhollingsworth@rofum.org](mailto:jhollingsworth@rofum.org).

Thank you for being a part of a faith community that is willing to engage in this most urgent and faithful work.

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff