



Sunday, January 8, 2023 11:00AM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	"Shall We Gather at the River" arr. Dave Howland	Kyle Webber
Call to Worship		Joyce Russell
Opening Hymn #605**	"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"	
Affirmation of Faith		
Response #70**	"Glory Be to the Father"	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Erica Plesco & Jeff Nelson
Mission Moment	2022 Year in Review	Karla Goetz
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Tithes and Gifts		
Musical Offering	"Slipping Away" by Elliot Nielander	Elliot Nielander
Doxology #95**	"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"	
Scripture*	Matthew 3:13-17	
Song	"Down to the River to Pray"	Erica Plesco, Jackie Doerr & Susanna Webber
Message	"Wade in the Water"	Jeff Nelson
Baptismal Renewal		
Closing Hymn #2107***	"Wade in the Water"	
Benediction		
Postlude	"Wade in the Water" arr. Barbara Harbach	

**Common English Bible*

***United Methodist Hymnal*

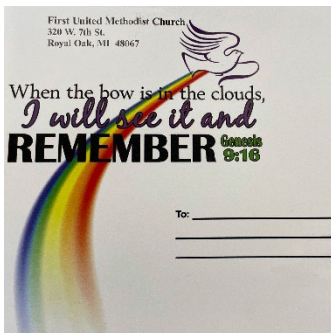
****The Faith We Sing*

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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.



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 or 248.541.4100 if you have any questions.



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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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, 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!

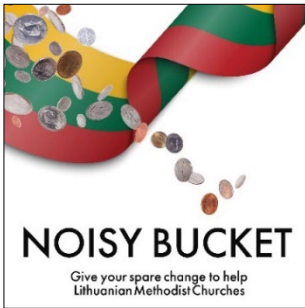


PASTOR CHAT - SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

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!



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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!



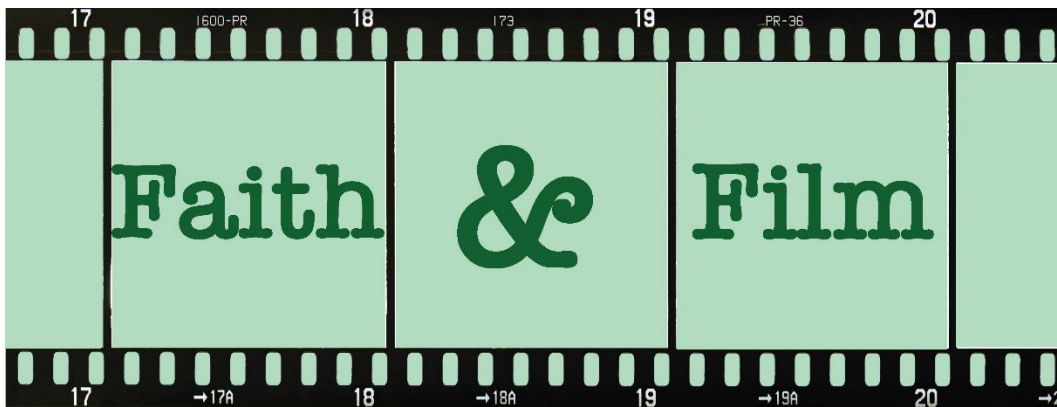
GREEN MISSIONS ENVELOPES

Traditionally, Royal Oak First has reserved the second Sunday of each month as our Missions Sunday. We often welcome one of our community partners to speak during the Mission Moment and also will include green Missions envelopes in your Bulletin. The donations collected in these green envelopes fund our Missions budget for the year. Thank you for your continued support!



VOLUNTEERS FOR LUNCH PROGRAM 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 or call 248.840.7472 or visit www.rofum.org to sign up.



FAITH & FILM 2023 STARTS TOMORROW!

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:

Phyllis Bartle • Kathi Burger • Woody Siddall • Al Knappenberger •
Betty Goodrich • Pat Callahan • Polly Tan • Lee Hoffmann • David Murray •
Karla Ringeisen • Tom Soboleski • Karen Porter • Corey Haines •
Jim Shumaker • Natalia Tovarez • 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:

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:

Mary Lou Graeber on the death of her brother, Bob Graeber on December 20, 2022

Congratulations to:

Jenny Orletski-Dehne and Travis Dehne on the birth of their son, John Bode Dehne on January 1, 2023

*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,

My best friend in high school owned the movie theater in our hometown. This meant I got to see a lot of movies. Sometimes in the middle of the day, hours before the theater would open, my friend George would treat me to a private showing of one of the films everybody was clamoring to see. It was watching films like “Dead Poets Society”, “Batman”, “Field of Dreams” and “The Fugitive” that my love for movies was born.

Movies tell stories. They give the chance to enter alternate worlds and see things from a different point of view. They entertain us. They challenge us. They inspire us. Movies give us something to think about and then share those thoughts with others.

That is why I love going to the movies with you. During January, we will once again sponsor our Faith & Film series. At 7:00 p.m. on each of the next three Mondays, at MJR Grand Cinema in Troy, we will watch a film together, then we will discuss and explore the theological implications the following Sunday in worship.

So please plan to join us this week for the film “I Wanna Dance with Somebody”, the story of famed singer Whitney Houston’s life. It is a story of both hope and tragedy and will remind you of the musical legacy she left the world. The film is PG-13 and deals with Houston’s sexual identity and addiction in an honest and tasteful manner.

Again we will meet at the MJR in Troy at Main and 15 Mile. Tickets are \$8.50. I hope you’ll come and join us.

See you at the movies,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Jeff". Below the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.