



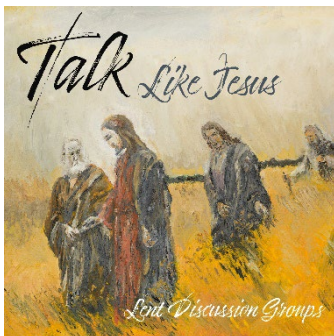
BACK TO BASICS

Sunday, February 12, 2023 11:00AM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	Prelude on “Aurelia” arr. John S. Dixon	Kyle Webber
Call to Worship		Sue Buxton
Opening Hymn #529**	“How Firm a Foundation”	
Affirmation of Faith		
Response #70**	“Glory Be to the Father”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Kyle Webber & Jeff Nelson
Mission Moment		Mike Monte
Song	“A Celtic Farewell” arr. Linda Lamb	Carillon Ringers with Allison Harris, Violin
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Tithes and Gifts		
Musical Offering	“Grant Us Thy Peace” Felix Mendelssohn	Sanctus Choir
Doxology #95**	“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”	
Scripture*	Matthew 6:25-34	
Message	“No Worries”	Jeff Nelson
Closing Hymn #512**	“Stand By Me”	
Benediction		
Postlude	“Lord, I Know I Been Changed” arr. Larry Shackley	

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LENT DISCUSSION GROUPS BEGIN 2/20!

We are comfortable talking *about* Jesus. What's interesting though is that all our *Jesus talk* seldom sounds like Jesus. **What if we talked less about Jesus and more like Jesus?** During Lent we will take a closer look at 5 different gospel stories – 1 per week – focusing on how Jesus engaged with the key characters. In our discussion groups we'll examine the theme of that week's gospel story and apply to our own lives Jesus' approach of going under the surface to get at the "heart of the matter". We are offering one virtual Zoom option for those who are unable to meet in-person. **Scan the QR code or stop by the Connections Table after service to sign up.**



ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 22

Drive Thru Ashes on Lafayette! Come by the church on the Lafayette Street side of the church to receive the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion right in your car! Our pastors will be available for a special blessing from **7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.**

Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m. Held both in-person in the Sanctuary and online, Ash Wednesday worship will feature music from the Taize Community, Imposition of Ashes, and Holy Communion.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FISH DINNERS!

Fridays, Feb. 24, March 10 & March 24, 4:30-7:00 p.m.

We need volunteers for various jobs at our Fish Dinners. Kids that volunteer get credit towards summer choir camp! **Scan the QR code or stop by the Connections Table after service to sign up.**



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The Grief Recovery Method®
by The Grief Recovery Institute®

THE GRIEF RECOVERY METHOD BEGINS 2/28

The Grief Recovery Method is just that – a method – a step by step process – an “action program” - for unlocking and respecting the emotional experience of our grief and exploring different beliefs about grief – especially the ones holding us back in life. No matter the kind of loss you've experienced, there is room for everyone to heal. **Tuesdays, starting February 28 for 8 weeks, ending April 25 (we will be off March 28 for Spring Break) from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** Workshop leader is Tami Hollingsworth-Dowd, Certified Grief Recovery Specialist®. The cost is discounted at \$200/person (if this is cost-prohibitive, we have scholarships available) and limited to 14 people. **You must register by Friday, February 24 if you want to participate! Scan the QR code or stop by the Connections Table after service to sign up.**



SCAN ME



CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP

Every Sunday evening beginning February 26 from 5:30-7:00 p.m., we will start afresh our Centering Prayer Workshop by exploring the messages of our Lent “Talk Like Jesus” sermon series. Each week, we will examine one of the 5 Gospel stories for Lent through a Lectio Divina Contemplative Prayer method that involves: reading out loud the gospel story, quiet meditative listening for how God is speaking to each of us individually through the gospel story, and discussion of how Christ meets and speaks through the message of the story to each of us uniquely. **Scan the QR code or stop by the Connections Table after service to sign up.**



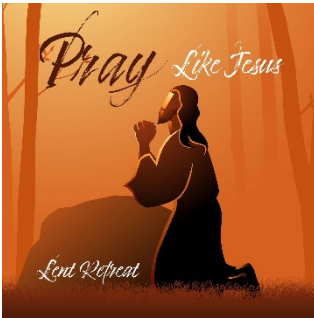
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JOIN OUR CHOIR CAMP STAFF!

Camp will be the week of July 16-22 and we need volunteers! **Camp staff applications are available in the church office and at the Connections Table. Please turn in by February 28.** If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at 248.703.8805 or email her at jtripoli@rofum.org.

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LENT RETREAT – “PRAY LIKE JESUS”

On Friday, March 3 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 4 from 9:30 a.m.-noon, join Pastor Jeff as we learn to pray like Jesus using the prayer that he taught us; The Lord’s Prayer.



There will be time for silence, reflection and discussion on the prayer that is beloved by so many Christians. This is an experience that you won’t want to miss and you’ll be thankful you came. **Scan the QR code or stop by the Connections Table after service to sign up.**



LENT SANDWICH AND LUNCH ASSEMBLY

Are you looking for a one-time service opportunity this Lent? 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, March 5. Additionally, we are hoping to send 3-5 volunteers to help serve the meal on Monday, March 6. Scan the QR code or stop by the Connections Table after service to sign up.



FEBRUARY FILL-A-BAG ESSENTIALS PANTRY COLLECTION

Outreach on 7th is gearing up to open an Essentials Pantry. This will be a place for families to have access to household cleaning and personal hygiene items that are not covered under other assistance programs. Our February collection will stock this Essentials Pantry so it will be ready to open around Easter. Please fill a bag **(you can pick up a bag at the church office or on Sundays at the Connections Table!)** with any of these items and bring them to church in February: **all-purpose spray cleaner, dish soap, wipes, sponges, paper towel, hand soap, shampoo/body wash, tooth paste, tooth brushes, deodorant.** Thank you for helping us to expand our support programs!

FISH DINNERS ARE BACK!

Fridays, February 24, March 10, March 24

Did you know that proceeds from our fish dinners benefit our children and youth?

Kids Meal (12 & under)---\$5

Choice of: Baked or Deep Fried Cod, Chicken Tenders and either Baked Potato or French Fries.
Includes: Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

Kids Meal (13-18)---\$10

Choice of: Baked or Deep Fried Cod, Chicken Tenders and either Baked Potato or French Fries.
Includes: Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

Chicken Tenders Plate---\$14

Includes: 1/2 lb. Chicken Tenders, choice of either Baked Potato or French Fries, Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

Petite Cod Plate---\$15

Includes: 1/3 lb. Deep Fried Cod, choice of either Baked Potato or French Fries, Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

Full Cod Plate---\$17

Includes: Choice of 1/2 lb. Deep Fried or Baked Cod. choice of either Baked Potato or French Fries.



PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Sheryl Hunter • Lisa Rye • Mike Long • Ann Cline • Al Knappenberger •
Kim Abela-Godfrey • Jane Sledd • David Salvette • Kathy Sestok •
Pat Callahan • Kathi Burger • Tom Soboleski • Art Miller • Woody Siddall •
Betty Goodrich • Polly Tan • Lee Hoffmann • Karen Porter • Jim Shumaker •
Jen Irish-Minewiser • Mary Nahhat • Diane Sexton • Donna Allen •
Ann Anderson • Mary Lou Graeber • Audrey Leenhouts • Charlene Faunt •
Marian Kremer •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Bob Blonde • Judy Gorney • Patty Glass • Jim Castellani • Suzanne Ortiz •
Mary McKinnon • Dolores Mason • Victor Burguess • Laurie Sessions •
Margaret O'Donnell • Mary Lou Howard • Rick Hocking • Scott Morrell •
Sharon Pillow • Rachel Timm • Linda Swanson •
Scott Peacor and Kyla Boyse • Mike Pilon • Larry Campbell • Phillip Makinen •
Carl Gunnels • Joan Firestone • Jeff and Marcy Carmichael • Dan Hicks •
Brent Miller • James • 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

*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,

The Lenten journey towards Easter is coming up in the next couple of weeks. Lent, which is a derivation of the Old English word meaning spring, is a 40-day time of preparation set aside to get ready for a season of new growth and new possibilities. And after the long, cold and dreary winter we have experienced, we are ready for this new season.

In order to give us the space to be prepared, we have different opportunities for you to be connected in service, friendship, and devotion. Let me highlight the following three:

Fish Dinners

This is our gift to the community. In years past, hundreds of people came for the fish, but more importantly they came for the connection. People come with family and friends. They come to catch up and enjoy good food and conversation. We need your help! This takes many hands to make this happen. Please plan to serve at least one of the dinners this season. There is a job for everyone. And here is the deal, every dollar raised goes to support children and youth camp and mission trip experiences! Good food. Good fun. Great cause. Please plan to serve along with us.

Small Group Discussions

Lent is a great time to come together with a smaller circle of church friends to dig a little deeper into the stories that animate this season. This year we are looking at some of the great stories of Jesus' encounters with people of different ages, races and backgrounds. Can we learn to *Talk Like Jesus*? Please find a group and join us on this journey.

Lent Retreat

During Lent, I like to set aside some expanded and focused time to just be with Christ in community. This is usually a great time to focus on one area in particular of our Christian life and faith together. I am excited to offer a prayer retreat at the beginning of our Lenten Journey on Friday, March 3 and Saturday, March 4. We will really be looking at how Jesus prayed and the special prayer he taught his disciples to pray. There will be lots of time for personal discovery, journaling and prayer. I hope you will plan to join us.

You will find the details and the necessary sign-up information in our Bulletin and on our church website.

I am looking forward to taking this journey together.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff" above a simple line drawing of a smiley face with a bow-like flourish to the right.

Pastor Jeff Nelson