



Beat It, Satan!

Sunday, February 26, 2023 11:00AM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	Meditation on “How Great Thou Art” arr. John Carter	Jennifer Semivan
Call to Worship		Jennifer Tripoli
Opening Hymn #269*	“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”	
Affirmation of Faith		
Response #70*	“Glory Be to the Father”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Erica Plesco & Jeff Nelson
Noisy Bucket		
Song	“Wondrous Love” arr. Richard Walters	Liz Wright, Soprano
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Tithes and Gifts		
Musical Offering	“Lonesome Valley” arr. Gilbert Martin	Sanctus Choir
Doxology #95*	“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”	
Skit	“Jesus is Tempted by the Devil”	Doug Clark & Jeff Jones
Message	“Beat it, Satan”	Jeff Nelson
Closing Hymn #377*	“It Is Well with My Soul”	
Benediction		
Postlude	“Main Titles” (The Cider House Rules) By Rachel Portman	

**United Methodist Hymnal*

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CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP IS TONIGHT!

Sundays, 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 five 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.**



The Grief Recovery Method®
by The Grief Recovery Institute®

THE GRIEF RECOVERY METHOD BEGINS 2/28

The Grief Recovery Method is a method – a step by step process – for unlocking and respecting the emotional experience of our grief and exploring different beliefs about grief – especially the ones holding us back in life. **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). **Scan the QR code or stop by the Connections Table after service to sign up.**



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 more volunteer shoppers for March and April.** Shoppers buy enough produce to make 15 plastic bags of assorted produce. **Scan QR code or visit www.rofum.org to sign up.**

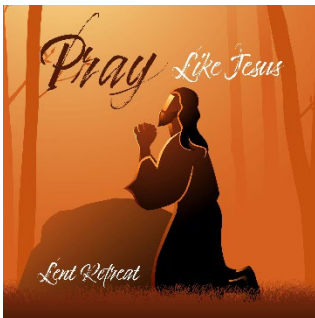


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ONLY A FEW MORE DAYS TO FILL-A-BAG FOR THE ESSENTIALS PANTRY COLLECTION

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 after service!**) 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!



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.**



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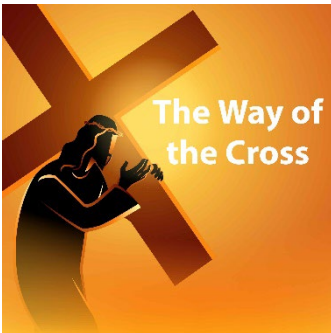


WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR FISH DINNERS!

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

Our famous fish dinners are back, so bring your family and friends and join us for three wonderful nights of food and fellowship. Did you know our fish dinners benefit our children and youth? Help us out in raising those funds by volunteering at a Fish Dinner to make it a success!

Please scan the QR code to sign up. Kids that volunteer get credit towards camp! If you have questions, please contact Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org.



“THE WAY OF THE CROSS”

Wednesday, March 22, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Spend some time reflecting on Jesus' last days as you walk through the stations of the cross. Members of our church will be creating spots for you to stop and experience at your own pace.

There will be a soup and bread dinner from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Come when you can and stay as long as you like.



EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FOR SYRIA & TURKEY

Be a part of our month-long fundraising effort for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) for the work they are already doing in Turkey and Syria following the earthquakes. **We have a challenge to match a \$5,000 gift from within the church. Scan the QR code or stop by the Connections Table after service to donate and help us meet our match** to increase our aid to Syria and Turkey!



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?

JOIN US THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24 FROM 4:30-7:00 p.m.

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, Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

Walleye (Zander) Plate---\$18

Includes: 1/2 lb. Deep Fried Walleye (Zander), choice of either Baked Potato or French Fries, Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert



PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Heather Diamond • Michelle Prud'homme • Ann Cline • Marian Kremer •
Dick and Kay LaCombe • Kim Abela-Godfrey • Jane Sledd • Sheryl Hunter •
Lisa Rye • Mike Long • Al Knappenberger • David Salvette • Kathy Sestok •
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 •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Tom Thatcher • Allison and Bill Hempstead • Colin Creger • Larry Mead •
Tom Hill • Judy Gorney • Bob Blonde • Patty Glass • Jim Castellani •
Suzanne Ortiz • Mary McKinnon • Dolores Mason • Victor Burgess •
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 Those Impacted by the MSU Tragedy

Sympathies to:

The family and friends of Flora James on her death, February 16, 2023
Heather Diamond on the death of her grandpa, Dennis Hempstead on
February 22, 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,

I once asked a mentor of mine, "In a world of so many competing priorities, how do you decide where to spend your time and give your attention?"

I will never forget what he told me.

He said, "Jeff, as a follower of Jesus that answer is easy - you go where the need is the greatest."

I have always used that as a guiding principle in my life and ministry and have been blessed to be a part of churches that followed his advice. We look around and find where a need is not being met and we do our best to meet it.

The NOAH project needs socks - we collect socks. Outreach on 7th needs winter hats and gloves - we collect hats and gloves. Brightmoor needs diapers - we collect diapers.

And likewise, when a place in the world is hit hard by disaster or has been forgotten or neglected, we "lean in" in order to be of service and support where the need is greatest.

Last year the Lenten season began as war broke out in Ukraine. Following this principle that Jesus followers go where the need is greatest, the people of Royal Oak First responded and together we were able to send \$20,000 to support Ukrainian refugees.

This year, we begin our Lenten journey with the people of Turkey and Syria in our hearts. On February 6, 2023, a powerful 7.8 magnitude earthquake and a series of strong tremors and aftershocks devastated southeast Turkey (officially the Republic of Türkiye) and northwest Syria. The death toll has passed 41,000 and continues to rise. Two weeks later, on February 20, 2023, an additional 6.3 magnitude earthquake hit southern Turkey, causing additional deaths and injuries. Tens of thousands are injured and hundreds of thousands displaced across a region already beset by turmoil from the nearly 12-year conflict in Syria and the ongoing refugee crisis.

If we are going to go where the need is the greatest - then this is where we are called to go. Over the Lenten season, we will be joining United Methodists and other people of faith and good will from all around the world to raise money for the relief effort. It is our hope to raise \$10,000.

There are a few ways you can give. You can stop by the Connections Table after service or you can scan this QR code.



SCAN ME

I appreciate my mentor's wise advice. Following it over the years has always put me and the churches I am with right into the heart of God's work in the world.

Thank you for your faithful discipleship.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jeff
A simple line drawing of a smiley face with a single dot for a nose and a curved line for a mouth. Below the face is a stylized, cursive signature that appears to read "Pastor Jeff".