

# "All God's People"

Sunday, September 24, 2023

9:00AM Worship



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>Gathering Music</b>	“I Sing the Almighty Power of God” arr. Lloyd Larson	Kyle Webber
<b>Song</b>	“Friend of God”	
<b>Song</b>	“Counting Every Blessing”	
<b>Welcome &amp; Invitation to Mission</b>		Jennifer Tripoli & Jeff Nelson
<b>Mission Moment</b>	Noisy Bucket	Leonard Benyas
<b>Time of Prayer</b>		Erica Plesco
<b>Offering Our Gifts and Tithes</b>		
<b>Musical Offering</b>	“Alfie” by Burt Bacharach	Leonard Benyas
<b>Doxology</b>	“Give Thanks”	
<b>Scripture</b>	Luke 4:14-21	
<b>Poem</b>	“Change”	Dimonique Boyd
<b>Message</b>	“A Whole New World”	Jeff Nelson
<b>Closing Song</b>	“God of This City”	
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Departing Music</b>	“Friend of God”	House Band

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## ONE SUNDAY IS ALL IT TAKES

Did you know that you can sign up to help just one Sunday for certain areas within the church. **We are always in need of people to be: USHERS—GREETERS—COFFEE HOUR HELPERS—SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSISTANTS.** Pick any Sunday and reach out to Karen Calhoun at [kcalhoun@rofum.org](mailto:kcalhoun@rofum.org) or 248.541.4100.



## MOMS AT PUBS (MAP)

MAP is a group that meets for fun and fellowship at a local pub, giving moms a chance to relax, laugh, and enjoy the fellowship of other moms. **This month we will meet on Thursday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jolly Pumpkin, 419 S. Main Street, Royal Oak.** Please join us! If you have any questions or want to be added to our email list for upcoming events, please contact Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at [jtripoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtripoli@rofum.org) or phone/text 248.703.8805.



## CALLING ALL BREAD BAKERS – WE NEED YOU!

On Sunday, October 1st, we are celebrating World Communion Sunday. To celebrate, we are asking those of you who love baking to bring in a favorite bread to share at coffee hour. Bonus points if the bread has an origin from outside the United States (in recognition of World Communion Sunday). If not, your favorite bread will do! **Please simply bring in your bread on Sunday morning, October 1st when you arrive for worship. We just ask that you have the bread cut and ready to serve.** Contact Kyle Webber, Worship and Arts Director at [kwebber@rofum.org](mailto:kwebber@rofum.org) if you have any questions.

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## **OCTOBER SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Please join us for our next Social Action Committee meeting on **Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the purple conference room.** Please feel free to attend even if you have not come to meetings in the past! Please reach out to Christie Mikell at 734.347.4006 or [socialaction@rofum.org](mailto:socialaction@rofum.org) with any questions.



## **“GOOD GIFTS” CONCERT JOANNA WHALEY**

Join us on **Saturday, October 7 here at Royal First at 7:00 p.m. for a concert that makes space for ALL people to connect with God.** ALL MEANS ALL. This is an album release show and will feature songs about faith and the struggle to hold onto faith when faith systems today do not want queer people to have Jesus. This is a LGBTQIA+ friendly event, as well as the venue. **Tickets are free of charge (and are available for pickup at the Connections Table now),** but please consider a donation on the night of the concert.



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## “ALL GOD’S PEOPLE” SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION SERIES & RETREAT!

For over two years, the Racial Reconciliation Team has been faithfully meeting and learning about racism and racial reconciliation in a Christian context. The team has created a **five-week version of this learning experience in small group settings starting in early October**. Five topics will be covered: a biblical view of justice, the historical origins of racial designations, systemic racism in America, the traumatic impact of discrimination on people of color, and the history of racial discrimination within the United Methodist denomination. There is no homework and no book to read! Instead, a video for each week’s topic will be shown during each session followed by the Racial Reconciliation team facilitating a discussion of that topic. **On Saturday, November 11 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. all the small groups will meet together for a half day retreat.** It will be an opportunity to share our perspectives and insights on racial justice, build a sense of community, and create a common purpose around what the ministry of racial reconciliation can look like at Royal Oak First. **Scan QR code to sign up for a small group and the retreat.**



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## SOCK-IT-TO-ME SEPTEMBER (UNDERWEAR TOO!)

**Update: we have received 550 pair of socks and underwear so far.** It is our goal to contribute 1,000 pairs of socks or underwear to NOAH this year, in addition to restocking the supply at Outreach on 7th. **Please bring a package or two of NEW MEN’S CREW SOCKS or NEW MEN’S UNDERWEAR to church before October 1.** Drop off in the round bin near the Tower entrance or the one by the Welcome Desk.

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## **FRIENDS OF LITHUANIA GATHERING**

As you know, we have a global partnership with the churches in Lithuania (this is where our Noisy Bucket offering goes). The last time we were together was in 2018 and what a great time we had sharing and getting to know one another along with strengthening our relationships to this ministry.

With that being said, you are invited to a Friends of Lithuania Gathering at Royal Oak First. This gathering will focus on connecting and recommitting ourselves to this ministry along with naming our own faith stories as a way to have deeper conversations with our partner churches here in the U.S. and Lithuania.

### **Dates:**

**Friday, October 13, 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, October 14, 9:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, October 15, Rev. Remigijus Matulaitis will preach at the 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. services**

We will have other churches from all around the U.S. along with Rev. Remigijus Matulaitis from Lithuania in attendance for this weekend. Please prayerfully consider attending this important gathering as we continue our mission with our partner churches in Lithuania. **You can find the registration form on the Connections Table. The cost is \$125 per person that covers all meals (lunch & dinner on Friday and Saturday), along with refreshments, conference materials and programs. Please register by September 30.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Jennifer at 248.541.4100 or [jtripoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtripoli@rofum.org).

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## RBI PRODUCE PROGRAM

Thank you for your continued support in providing fresh produce monthly to the families served through Redford Brightmoor Initiative's Free Store! **We still need 4 shopping volunteers on October 13.** Thank you to all who have helped with continued success of this project! Scan QR code to sign up.



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## A RETURN TRIP TO THE RBI FREE STORE!

After a rewarding week in August supporting the Redford Brightmoor Initiative Free Store in various ways, our volunteers requested a return trip. **We have lined up another volunteer day on the morning of Saturday, October 14th.** We hope you will consider joining as we help to assist the Free Store shoppers, serve breakfast, and play games with children while they wait. Teen and adult volunteers are appreciated. Scan QR code to sign up.



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## NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY FOR ROYAL OAK FIRST!

**Photography dates:** October 5-7 & October 10-11, 2023

**Times:** Thursday (10/5), 2:00-8:30 p.m.; Friday (10/6), 2:00-7:00 p.m., Saturday (10/7), 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Tuesday (10/10) & Wednesday (10/11), 2:00-8:30 p.m.

Whether you have been here your whole life, or you still feel new here, or somewhere in the middle, or you may sometimes wonder who all these people are. Universal Church Directories has been contracted to help us make a picture directory so we can see and learn each other's faces and names.

There is no charge to you or the church for the pictures or directories. Each household that is photographed will receive a directory and an 8" x 10" picture for themselves, without charge. There is an opportunity to purchase photos at your appointment, but you are not obligated to purchase anything. We will have a price sheet ahead of time so you can consider getting professional photos to maybe use for holiday cards, a family portrait or as a gift for family and friends.

Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of the 2024 Pictorial Directory here at Royal Oak First. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jennifer at 248.541.4100 or [jtripoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtripoli@rofum.org).

Schedule your appointment online (instructions below) or you can schedule it at the Connections Table. **Online scheduling Instructions:**

- Go to the Universal Church Directories website ([www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com))
- Click on the "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login" box on the right side of the page
- Enter your church code: mi1810
- Enter your church password: photos
- Click the enter button
- Click the desired date
- Click the reserve time button beside the desired appointment time
- Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by red asterisk)
- Click Schedule Appointment button at the bottom

If you have more than six family members being photographed, please reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:00 p.m. and 6:10 p.m.)



# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

## **Prayers for Our Church Family:**

Inge Wichers • Estelle Knoy • Faye Bond • Heather Diamond • Jimmy Ansel •  
The Perry Family • Dauroran Shirina Lee-Thurman • Yale Porter •  
Alexa Brinning • Mike Long • Ann Anderson • Karen Porter • Diana Shornak •  
Betty Latimer • Carrie Morse • Nancy Reid • Dona Wells •  
Gloria Knappenberger • Audrey Fick • Joan Johnson • Al Simmons •  
Lee Hoffmann • Kathy Seidler • Jordan Altman • Allison and Bill Hempstead •  
Marian Kremer • Sheryl Hunter • Art Miller • Mary Nahhat • Diane Sexton •  
Donna Allen • Audrey Leenhouts • Charlene Faunt •

## **Prayers for Our Extended Family:**

Dave Beerer, Sr. • Margaret and Robert Maas • Cheryl Castellani •  
Rich Zielinski • Laura Cable • Jennifer Gaudette-Wood • Connie Armstrong •  
Rog Garwood • Robert Baker • Glen Baker • Faye Rogers • Julia Rogers •  
Effie Lambros • Chrystl Roman • Ken Burger • Kyron Bradstrom •  
James Lovitt • Lisa Green • JJ • Liz Fitch • Jim Slimek • Diana Laginess •  
Harold Baker • Connie and Ken Warner • Jonathon Larson • Tom Hill •  
Bob Blonde • Patty Glass • Sharon Pillow • Scott Peacor and Kyla Boyse •  
Larry Campbell • Joan Firestone • Jeff and Marcy Carmichael • Dan Hicks •  
Brent Miller • James • Carl Jones • Dorothy Follette • Deana Sawicki • Atlas •  
Kelly • Steve Wurdock •

## **Sympathies to:**

The Calhoun family on the death of Karen's brother, Jim Thompson

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**Royal Oak First is always grateful when people give of their time, talent and/or treasure.**

Did you know that there are several different ways to give financially?

**Text to Give:** Text the amount you wish to give to 855.566.0093.

**In Person:** You can place a check or cash in an offering envelope and drop it in the offering plate when it goes by or in one of the offering collection boxes just outside the Sanctuary.

**Giving App:** Download the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app to set up one-time or recurring donations.

**Online:** Visit [rofum.org/giving](http://rofum.org/giving) to set up and manage your one-time and recurring gifts.

You can always check out our website, [www.rofum.org](http://www.rofum.org) for **Volunteer Opportunities** or subscribe to our weekly email, by going to this link: <http://eepurl.com/c9m7L9>.

For more information, contact Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at 248.541.4100 ext. 1225 or email [jtripoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtripoli@rofum.org).

Thank you!

# LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

*"Imagination will often carry us to worlds that never were. But without it we would go nowhere."*

-Carl Sagan

*"Where there is no vision, the people perish."*

Proverbs 29:18

*"The imagination must come before the implementation. Our culture is competent to implement almost anything and to imagine almost nothing."*

-Walter Bruggemann - *The Prophetic Imagination*

*"Someday we will find it, the rainbow connection. The lovers, the dreamers and me."*

-Kermit the Frog

One of the most important things that God has entrusted to the community of faith is a prophetic imagination. A prophetic imagination is the ability to see beyond the limitations of our present circumstances. A prophetic imagination is the God-given gift of seeing the world as it was originally created.

Do me a favor and just pause for a minute and let's imagine the world as God intended.

What do you see?

When I do this I begin to see a world guided by justice, compassion and mercy. I dream of a world where peace reigns, where the marginalized and oppressed are uplifted, and where justice is served without prejudice and discrimination.

Friends, let us be a people of prophetic imagination.

That is why I am inviting you again to seriously consider joining one of our "All God's People" small discussion groups this fall. This is more than just a chance to learn new facts - this is our chance to imagine together the new world (maybe actually the original world) that we are invited to co-create together. You can sign up for one of our groups by scanning this QR code or stopping by our Connections Table.



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Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jeff Nelson