



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023, 9:00 A.M.

CHOOSE TODAY:  
DOING GOD'S MINISTRY TOGETHER

*"Make the Best Choice"*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>Gathering Music</b>	“As For Me” Pat Barrett	House Band
<b>Song</b>	“Whom Shall I Fear”	
<b>Song</b>	“Great Are You Lord”	
<b>Welcome &amp; Invitation to Mission</b>		Jennifer Tripoli & Jeff Nelson
<b>Moment of Spiritual Direction</b>		Nicole Wilson
<b>Time of Prayer</b>		
<b>Song</b>	“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”	
<b>Scripture</b>	Joshua 24:14-17	
<b>Message</b>	“Choose Today”	Jeff Nelson
<b>Consecration of 2024 Estimates of Giving</b>		
<b>Song</b>	“Ceasefire” by King and Country	Cassandra Wilson
<b>Song</b>	“Yes and Amen”	
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Departing Music</b>	“Yes and Amen”	

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## NURSERY COORDINATOR NEEDED!

The Nursery Coordinator is often a family's first staff connection at Royal Oak First. **Our nursery is an important point of hospitality and connection for the families of our youngest children. This person manages the staffing, scheduling, cleaning and supplies for the nursery. This person supervises paid and volunteer staff and ensures there are activities for older kids. Our Nursery Coordinator is involved in events such as Vacation Bible School and Baby's First Christmas and other church events that require child care.** This person reports to the Associate Pastor of Programs. The position is 5 hours a week with 2 additional hours a month. Full job description is available in the church office. Applications should be sent to [bnelson@rofum.org](mailto:bnelson@rofum.org) and should be received by November 10.



## SAVE THE DATE!

### BOBBY JO VALENTINE CONCERT

We invite everyone to join us on Thursday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m. for a Bobby Jo Valentine concert full of heart-opening, award-winning folk/pop music. Bobby Jo Valentine's music exists outside the lines of any genre, but the music's thoughtful, spirit focused lyrics and catchy melodies reach listeners across all walks of life. The poetic nature and spiritual focus of his stories and original songs has resulted in notable awards and a growing, loyal following around the country. Bobby Jo Valentine has toured across the nation at numerous United Methodist Churches. **Tickets (\$10) will be available for purchase at the door.** All proceeds will go towards sponsoring a child to go to Camp Beloved.

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## NOVEMBER SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Please join us for our next Social Action Committee meeting on **Thursday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor.** 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.



## LAST CALL FOR MEN'S WINTER GEAR COLLECTION

To support the Outreach on 7th lunch guests as the weather turns chilly, we will be collecting much needed winter items throughout the month of October. Much appreciated items include: **Men's gloves, hats, and long/thermal underwear in larger sizes (L, XL, 2XL).** Used men's winter clothing is also appreciated. Thank you for supporting this important mission! Also, please consider bringing in some food items to restock our food pantry. Easy to prepare, non-perishable food items are always in high demand.

# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

## Prayers for Our Church Family:

Lee Hoffmann • Randy Riggs • Inge Wichers • Phyllis Wagster •  
Mary Lou Graeber • Mark Thatcher • Pam Belecki • Kim Stroud •  
Heather Diamond • The Perry Family • Dauroran Shirina Lee-Thurman •  
Karen and Yale Porter • Alexa Brinning • Mike Long • Ann Anderson •  
Diana Shornak • Betty Latimer • Carrie Morse • Nancy Reid • Dona Wells •  
Kathy Seidler • Jordan Altman • Allison and Bill Hempstead • Marian Kremer •  
Sheryl Hunter • Art Miller • Mary Nahhat • Diane Sexton • Donna Allen •  
Charlene Faunt •

## Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Pam Payne • Rob Tencza • The O'Mara Family • John & Joyce Barber •  
Adam Hempstead • Neal Gaberdiel • Scott Spaulding • Nancy Graves •  
Dave Beerer, Sr. • Margaret and Robert Maas • Rich Zielinski • Laura Cable •  
Jennifer Gaudette-Wood • Connie Armstrong • Robert Baker • Glen Baker •  
Faye Rogers • Julia Rogers • Effie Lambros • Chrystl Roman •  
Kyron Bradstrom • James Lovitt • JJ • Liz Fitch • Jim Slimek • Diana Laginess •  
Harold Baker • Jonathon Larson • Tom Hill • Bob Blonde • Patty Glass •  
Sharon Pillow • Scott Peacor and Kyla Boyse • Larry Campbell •  
Jeff and Marcy Carmichael • Dan Hicks • Brent Miller • James • Carl Jones •  
Dorothy Follette • Deana Sawicki • Atlas • Kelly • Steve Wurdock •

## Sympathies to:

The friends and family of Faye Bond on her death, October 24, 2023  
The Tull family on the death of Kip's brother, Rog Garwood on October 23, 2023  
The Paswater family on the death of Dave's mother, Sharon Paswater on October  
22, 2023  
The friends and family of Audrey Leenhouts on her death, October 20, 2023

## Congratulations to:

David Rhoades and Grace Zhou on their marriage on October 2, 2023



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## **TODAY IS PLEDGE CARD SUNDAY**

Over the past three weeks, we have been talking about what it means to be God's people and "Doing God's Ministry Together". Royal Oak First is committed to serving the Lord by doing little things to help people and communities that too often get left out and left behind. We are a caring and generous people whose love extends beyond our walls to people both right outside our front door and people halfway around the world.

Pledge Card Sunday is the day we invite those who consider Royal Oak First their home church, to make their 2024 financial commitment to the transforming work of Christ through our mission and ministries.

Enclosed in today's Bulletin, you will find a 2024 Pledge Card. Please prayerfully consider how you will invest in the ministries of Royal Oak First. Your estimate helps us plan and support the work that is so meaningful to all of us.

Your faithful generosity continues to make a difference here at Royal Oak First and around the world. We are excited to see how God will continue to use our gifts to bring transforming love and healing hope to the world.

# Happy Halloween!



# LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

We just did our morning staff check-in. It has been a crazy couple of months around here, and our team has been feeling all the feels. So, we paused this morning and I asked people to share where they have seen God in these past few weeks.

I wish you could have been here.

One staff person told a story of how the couple of dollars given by some of our lunch guests was used to help another guest get a bus pass - that's the gospel.

Another spoke about how a new couple (who just became members) are driving all the way from Wyandotte every Sunday to be here for good worship AND an inclusive community.

A mention was made of the joy of seeing many wearing Halloween costumes at this past Sunday's services and then giving candy to thousands of kids at Spooktacular that same day.

A staff member who recently experienced a loss of a family member, spoke about how just sitting with her family on their front porch had really helped her see how important the work is that she and others do here at the church.

You help make ALL this and so much more possible.

This is Pledge Card Sunday. This is your chance to say I am a part of making Christ's Love Real. Please plan to bring your card with you on Sunday or please mail it to the church.

As I said last Sunday, as we face some new financial and communal realities, your support is more important than ever.

All I can say is thank you from the bottom of my very grateful heart.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff Nelson". Below the signature is a simple smiley face drawn with a circle and two dots for eyes.

Pastor Jeff Nelson

P.S. - It is quite a season and we have lost three incredible saints in our community. We say thank God for the lives of Faye Bond, Audrey Leenhouts and Al Simmons.

P.P.S. - And more than ever we offer our prayers and solidarity with the people of Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, and all places where violence shatters lives and communities. Today, our hearts turn to Lewiston, Maine. Let there be Peace on Earth and let it begin with us.