



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023, 11:00 A.M.

CHOOSE TODAY:
DOING GOD'S MINISTRY TOGETHER
"Through the Wilderness"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	“Helen’s Meadow” arr. Grant Horsley	Kimi Matsumoto, Flute & Julia Westenberg, Flute
Call to Worship		James Brooker
Opening Hymn #145	“Morning Has Broken”	
Affirmation of Faith		
Gloria Patri #70	“Glory Be to the Father”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Kyle Webber & Jeff Nelson
Mission Moment		Ann Brown
Time of Prayer		
Hymn #2168	“Love the Lord Your God”	Sanctus Choir
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. Craig Courtney	
Doxology #95	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	
Scripture	Joshua 24:14-17	
Poem	“The Wilderness”	Dimonique Boyd
Message	“Through the Wilderness”	Jennifer Tripoli
Closing Hymn	“A Wilderness Wandering People”	
Benediction		
Postlude	“Postlude in Classic Style” Gordon Young	

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SPOOKTACULAR CANDY DONATIONS AND HALLOWEEN DRESS UP FOR THE “BIG KIDS”!

Royal Oak Spooktacular is happening Sunday, October 22 from 1-4 pm and we will be hosting a trick or treating stop on our corner! **We need donations of Halloween candy to pass out to all the kids!** Candy donations can be brought to church anytime. Also, the kids will be dressing up in Halloween costumes on this day and **we want to invite everyone (including the “big kids”!) to dress up as well!**



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.



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.



SCAN ME



BIG BOY NIGHT!

Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, October 24, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. for Big Boy Night!** This is a fundraiser sponsored by Royal Oak First's Music Guild. All proceeds from Big Boy Night will support our summer choir camp. The restaurant is giving us 15% of all sales between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. We will be at the Big Boy at 30460 John R, between 12 and 13 Mile, in Madison Heights. There will be lots of wonderful items donated by our members as door prizes. Come on out and meet your church family and friends for a tasty dinner, get a door prize or two and support our youth ministry.

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BOBBY JO VALENTINE CONCERT

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. Tickets (\$10) will be available for purchase at the door. All proceeds will go towards sponsoring a child to go to Camp Beloved.



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 or 248.541.4100.

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Randy Riggs • Mark Thatcher • Mary and Sam Nahhat • Inge Wichers •
Faye Bond • Pam Belecki • Nick Maylen • Kim Stroud • Heather Diamond •
Jimmy Ansel • 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 •
Joan Johnson • Al Simmons • Lee Hoffmann • Kathy Seidler • Jordan Altman •
Allison and Bill Hempstead • Marian Kremer • Sheryl Hunter • Art Miller •
Diane Sexton • Donna Allen • Audrey Leenhouts • Charlene Faunt •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Adam Hempstead • Neal Gaberdiel • Scott Spaulding • Nancy Graves •
Dave Beerer, Sr. • Margaret and Robert Maas • 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 friends and family of David Walstad on his death, October 2, 2023

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 3rd GRADERS

WHO ARE RECEIVING THEIR OWN BIBLES TODAY!

Roland Burguess

Brooke Harris

Henry Harris

Nora Harris-Ko

Gavin Luczak

Zoey Ward



LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

Joshua 24:15

Friends,

I hope you were able to enjoy the beautiful sunny days we have had this past week.

This month we will reflect upon the words found in Joshua, a story that repeatedly asks a profound question: What does it mean to be God’s people and to serve the Lord? This week, we will talk about finding ourselves lost in the wilderness of life and remembering that we are not alone in the wilderness.

During our time together over the next few weeks, we will be focusing on the theme “Doing God’s Ministry Together”. We will look at what matters most and making the best choice.

At the end of the month, you will have the opportunity to make your financial commitment to the church for 2024. Your financial support helps us keep the mission and ministry of our church active in our community and in the world.

Let us draw inspiration from Joshua’s story and remember what it truly means to be God’s people and to serve the Lord, even when we find ourselves in the wilderness.

Blessings,



Pastor Jennifer Tripoli