



ROYAL OAK
FIRST
A United Methodist Church

Sunday, November 19, 2023
11:00 AM Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	“Toccata” Carlos Seixas	Olivia Miller, Audrey Miller, Alaina Ryckman & Hannah Haines
Call to Worship		Connie Royal
Opening Hymn #131*	“We Gather Together”	Royal Oak First Orchestra
Affirmation of Faith		
Gloria Patri #70*	“Glory Be to the Father”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Erica Plesco & Jeff Nelson
Sacrament of Baptism		Isaac Lynn Baker <i>Son of Christopher and Emily Baker</i>
Hymn #92	“For the Beauty of the Earth”	
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” arr. Jantz Black	Sanctus Choir
Doxology #95*	“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”	
Scripture	Luke 10:38-42	
Poem	“Cross the Room”	Dimonique Boyd
Message	“The Martha and Mary Continuum”	Bridget Nelson
Closing Hymn #102*	“Now Thank We All Our God”	
Benediction		
Postlude	“Now Thank We All Our God” arr. Albert Travis	

* *United Methodist Hymnal*

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ADVENT 2023

MISSION PROJECT



Join our Advent 2023 Mission Project which supports the Metro Detroit Youth Club in Royal Oak.

There are two ways to give:

DONATE ITEMS...

Pick out one or two tags from our “giving tree” on the Connections Table in the gathering space. Shop for those items and return them to the church by December 12. These gifts will support the Metro Detroit Youth Club Adopt-a-Family program and will make holiday gifts possible for local families who are struggling financially this year.

If you are feeling especially generous, reach out to Karla at missions@rofum.org and you can adopt a whole family of children by purchasing two gifts and stocking stuffers for each child in the family. Families range in size, so you can request the size of family you are able to support, 1-6 children.

DONATE MONEY...

We are holding a special collection this winter to fund the transportation program at Metro Detroit Youth Club (MDYC). The transportation program busses students from area public schools to the club for their after-school program where students are supervised while playing games, receiving tutoring and homework help, and building friendships.

Without this transportation, most families would not be able to participate in what the club has to offer. For those who don't have the time to shop but still want to support the work the MDYC does to help local families in need, this is a fantastic option for giving. Scan this QR code to donate.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



2023 CHURCH CONFERENCE

Please mark Sunday, November 26 at 3:00 p.m. on your calendar for our Annual Church Conference. We will be joined by our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Darryl E. Totty, to conduct our business meeting, elect our leadership for the next year and be informed of what is happening in the wider connection of the United Methodist Church. This is an important meeting and will give you a chance to help shape the direction of our congregation. **This meeting will be held via Zoom and in-person. The Zoom link will be emailed out on Monday, November 20.**



OUTREACH ON 7TH THANKSGIVING MEAL—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For our Thanksgiving dinner this year, we are expecting approximately 80 people from our regular Lunch Program as well as our newer guests from our Essentials Pantry. We will serve a full Thanksgiving dinner which will include turkey and all of the sides with pies for dessert. **We will need volunteers to cook and volunteers to help us serve on Thanksgiving Day from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. We will also need four or five people to pick up a turkey from us the week of Thanksgiving and cook it and slice it at their home and return it to us in large aluminum pans no later than November 23.** Please contact Mike Monte at mmonte@rofum.org or scan the QR code.



SCAN ME



CHILDREN'S STORYTIME WITH PASTOR JEFF ON FACEBOOK LIVE

Every Sunday in Advent starting December 3 at 7:30 p.m. Join Pastor Jeff on Facebook Live every Sunday evening in Advent (December 3, 10, and 17) at 7:30 p.m. for a reading of a story that will get you in the spirit of the season.

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PASTOR CHAT-SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

If you're new to Royal Oak First and you'd like to know more about our church or if you'd like to learn the next steps about how to become part of everything going on here, then come to the Pastor Chat. The next **Pastor Chat will be on Sunday, December 3 at 10:15 a.m. in the Parlor** and last no more than 30 minutes. We look forward to seeing you!



ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Monday, December 4 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

This special Advent event for women includes a program of speakers and music followed by dessert. **You are invited to host a table for friends and family or sign up to simply attend and we will assign you to a table.** We invite you to spend this evening with us, getting our hearts and minds focused on what matters most this season. **Whether you want to host a table or just attend, please scan the QR code to sign up by November 19.**



CHRISTMAS MINI-CONCERTS— LIVESTREAMED & IN-PERSON

Join us on our YouTube Channel and Facebook page for live mini-concerts featuring musicians from Royal Oak First. **Concerts will be presented at Noon during the three Wednesdays in Advent: December 6 (Erica Plesco, vocalist and Jason Sherman, guitar), December 13 (Neal Harris and Allison Harris), and December 20 (Kyle Webber and Rachel Morin).** Concerts will last approximately 30 minutes and will lift your spirit with the music of the season.

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SPREAD THE CHEER!

Saturday, December 9 from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

We need everyone's hands to help us spread holiday cheer! We need kids to make cards, people to send cards, to bake, to assemble bags of cookies and to deliver cookies. Starting on this Sunday, you can pick up a list of church members to mail Christmas cards to. On Saturday, December 9, bring four dozen of your favorite type of cookie or holiday treat to share and you will get to go home with a variety of cookies. This is a lovely, and delicious, way to spread holiday joy within our church family. If you any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Danielle at dmoody@rofum.org.



SCAN ME



A FEAST OF CAROLS

Sunday, December 10 at 3:00 p.m.

Join us for this year's "A Feast of Carols" Christmas Concert featuring ensembles of Royal Oak First including our Sanctus Choir, Carillon Ringers, Children's Choirs, Youth Choir, and Bands. Be sure to take in the sounds of our ensembles at Royal Oak First for an afternoon of glorious music.

CHOOSE TODAY! DOING GOD'S MINISTRY TOGETHER

2024 Operating Pledge (please one)

Weekly Amount \$ _____

Monthly Amount \$ _____

Yearly Amount \$ _____

I We pledge an additional donation of \$ _____ per week/month to our Caring & Requiring Fund for unforeseen circumstances.

I We would like help setting up recurring online giving.

Online donations using credit, debit or bank accounts may be made through our website at www.rofum.org/giving

Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

2024 PLEDGE CARD

If you have turned in your pledge card, we thank you, and if not, there is still time to do so. **You can get a card at the Connections Table or in the office. Your estimate of giving is a vital part of our budget planning as it helps us determine the resources available for our programs, projects and ministries for the upcoming year.** Please prayerfully consider how you can help support the ministries here in our church.

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Ann Anderson • Inge Wichers • Jeanette Maylen • Abby Tripoli •
Scott Shuttleworth • Lee Hoffmann • Mary Lou Graeber • Randy Riggs •
Mark Thatcher • Pam Belecki • Kim Stroud • Heather Diamond •
The Perry Family • Dauroran Shirina Lee-Thurman • Karen and Yale Porter •
Alexa Brinning • Mike Long • 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:

The O'Mara Family • Rob Tencza • Pam Payne • 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 •
Jonathon Larson • Tom Hill • Bob Blonde • 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 • Harold Baker •

Sympathies to:

Friends and family of Patty Glass on her death, November 15, 2023

Friends and family of Marguerite Nowacek on her death, November 14, 2023

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings Church Family!

First, I want to thank you for your support and encouragement of our (ROY) Youth Group Fall Retreat last weekend. We had 29 teenagers and 5 adults and a lot of fun out in Leonard, Michigan at Echo Grove Camp. We spent the weekend learning about the fruits of the spirit - it was a great time!

As I write this, Holy COW is wrapping up. Our mid-week program for 5th graders and younger is a highlight of the week around here. We have a remarkable team of volunteers that help these kids with crafts, music and games. It can get loud! At the same time, there are hand bells ringing, Knowledge Circle is meeting upstairs and an AA meeting in the Parlor. We are so fortunate to be part of a church that really has something for everyone!

As we move into this week of Thanksgiving, we prepare our hearts and minds for friends and family and too much food. What a great time to bring out the favorite story of Martha and Mary, the sisters who get a visit from Jesus. One wants to sit and talk with Jesus and the other is stressing about all that needs to be done. What can we learn from Martha and Mary for our own upcoming holidays? Jesus has the answer for us - let's look at it together this Sunday.

See you Sunday,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bridget Nelson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Bridget Nelson