The image features three lit candles in the foreground, their flames glowing brightly. They are set against a dark background, with a stained glass window visible in the background. The window has a grid pattern and is filled with various colors, including green, blue, and yellow. The overall scene is lit by the warm light of the candles and the light from the window.

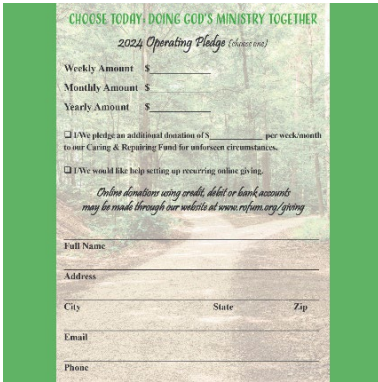
All Saints Day

**Sunday, November 5, 2023 9:00AM & 11:00AM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	Variations on "Sine Nomine" arr. Denis Bedard	Kyle Webber
Call to Worship		Mike McNutt (9AM) Brian Semivan (11AM)
Opening Hymn #711*	"For All the Saints"	
Apostles' Creed		
Gloria Patri #70*	"Glory Be to the Father"	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jennifer Tripoli & Jeff Nelson
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering (at 9AM service)	"You Will Be Found" from "Dear Evan Hansen"	Jenni Clark
Musical Offering (at 11AM service)	"When the Saints Go Marching In" arr. Lloyd Larson	Sanctus Choir
Doxology #95*	"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"	
Scripture	John 11 (selected verses)	
Song	"I'll Be There for You" (Theme from "Friends")	
Message	"What a Friend We Have in Jesus!"	Jeff Nelson
Remembering the Saints		
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Closing Hymn #526*	"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"	
Benediction		
Postlude	"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" arr. Charles Ore	Kyle Webber

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHOOSE TODAY: DOING GOD'S MINISTRY TOGETHER
2024 Operating Pledge (choose 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.



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.**



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 with any questions.

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NURSERY COORDINATOR NEEDED!

The Nursery Coordinator is often a family's first staff connection at Royal Oak First. **This person manages the staffing, scheduling, cleaning and supplies for the nursery. This person supervises paid and volunteer staff.** This person reports to the Associate Pastor of Programs. The position is 5 hours a week with 2 additional hours a month. Applications should be sent to bnelson@rofum.org and should be received by November 10.



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.**



FINAL CALL FOR MEN'S WINTER GEAR COLLECTION

To support the Outreach on 7th lunch guests this winter, we could still use more winter items such as: **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!

Notice: Unfortunately due to vendor shortages and staffing, we will not have a Greens Sale this year through Royal Oak First. We just wanted to let you all know so you could make other plans. We expect to bring it back next year!

ROLL OF REMEMBRANCE

November 4, 2022 – November 1, 2023

Members We Have Lost

Phyllis Bartle	Kevin Lasky	Jim Shumaker
Faye Bond	Audrey Leenhouts	Alvin Simmons
Patricia Callahan	Pecky Lewis	Marilyn Thompson
Flora James	Mark Lowman	John Van Brandeghen
Kathy Kantarian	Suzanne Ortiz	
Dick LaCombe	Jean Pell	

Loved Ones and Their Families We Have Lost

Matthew Armour	Amy Youngquist's nephew
John Aoun	Christie Mikell's grandfather
Bruce Barr	Former member
Sarah Brown.....	Roger Brown's mother
Joyce Callahan	Cathy Young's stepmom
Maryann Cristof	Amy Nielander's mother
Carol Crowe.....	John Crowe's mother
Rog Garwood	Kip Tull's brother
Brad Glutting.....	LeeAnn Witherspoon's brother in law
Bob Graeber.....	Mary Lou Graeber's brother
Carl Gunnels.....	Betty Latimer's nephew
Yvonne Haines	Corey Haines' mother
Susan Hanna.....	Woody Siddall's aunt
Dennis Hempstead	Heather Diemond's grandfather
Inez Hice	John Hice's mother
Jack Hitchens	Former member
John C. Hughes.....	Polly Peltier's brother
Dennis Janney.....	Sheryl Hunter's brother
Melvin Janney.....	Sheryl Hunter's father
Bob Johanson.....	Rob Johanson's father
Marilyn Kamischke.....	Rachel Kamischke's grandma
Diana LaBrecque.....	Renee Grieme's mother
Aaron LaMore	Mark & Natalie Talaga's brother in law
Karen Laverdiere	Former member
Jack Lockledge.....	Jeff Lockledge's father
Joe Maguire.....	Kevin Walsh's uncle
Linda Marean.....	Joan Johnson's friend
Dale Matson	Don & Nancy Matson's brother and Jane & Jim Walbridge's uncle

Mary McKinnon.....	Scott McKinnon's mother
Sharon Muoio	Diane Gibson's mother
Margaret O'Donnell.....	Jim Tripoli's friend
Emily Panone	Ginny Panone's daughter
Sharon Paswater	Dave Paswater's mother
Linda Pollard.....	Sara Garcia's mother
Roger Reed	Jan Matsumoto's father
Jean Rotolo	Former member
Clarence Ruppel.....	Betty Latimer's brother-in-law
Doug Ruppel.....	Betty Latimer's nephew
John R. Schniers	Heather Haines' father
Laurel Sessions	Trish Lambert's mother
Penny Showers	Erard, Hammond, Kincannon, Moody, Showers, Watkins Families
Sue Sugden.....	Mary Lou Graeber's sister
Tom Thatcher	Mark Thatcher's brother
Jim Thompson	Karen Calhoun's brother
Norbert Topolski	Krista Pankopf's father
Charlie Tripoli	Jim Tripoli's uncle
Ellen Tull.....	Liz Wright's mother
John Vandermark	Cindy Vandermark's brother
David Walstad	Carolyn Gabler's friend
Darryl Warren	Andrea's McKinnon's brother
Helen Westenberg	Julia Westenberg's grandma
Penny Wilkie.....	Jill Brown's mother

Dedications of Abiding Memorials

Memorials

In memory of Joan Hoelaars
 In memory of Mark Lowman
 In memory of Kathy Kantarian
 In memory of Patricia Callahan
 In memory of Melvin Janney
 In memory of Audrey Leenhouts

Music Guild-Choir Camp

In memory of Mark Lowman
 In memory of Dick LaCombe
 In memory of John Wagster

Lunch Program

In memory of Kathy Kantarian

“IN CHRIST SHALL ALL BE MADE ALIVE”

The Memorial Banner is dedicated to God’s glory and carries 543 bells in memory of loved ones from 1995 until 2002. The banner was created in two colors: GREEN for the celebration of life. GOLD for the glory of God and Christ’s eternal victory over death. We remember with thanksgiving those persons who touched us with their love.

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Ann Anderson • Lee Hoffmann • Randy Riggs • Inge Wichers •
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 • 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:

Rob Tencza • The O'Mara Family • 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 •
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 •

Congratulations to:

Ben and Becca Huber on the birth of their son, Charles Foster Huber on October 29, 2023

Liz Reed and Josh Widmayer on the birth of their son, Neo James on October 28, 2023

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

"Be at peace with your own soul, then heaven and earth will be at peace with you."

—Isaac of Nineveh

"Grief is like a long valley, a winding valley where any bend may reveal a totally new landscape."

—C.S. Lewis, "A Grief Observed"

Dear Friends,

One of my greatest privileges is helping families celebrate the life of their loved ones. There is a spiritual power that becomes present when the life of a recently deceased loved one is remembered and their story is retold. Something beautiful takes over when we hear stories about their school days or how they met their significant other or what their favorite cookie was or memories of family vacations.

There are tears and laughter. There is sadness and joy. And by the time we are done, there is peace.

We come together this Sunday to remember: Faye Bond, Audrey Leenhouts, Al Simmons, Suzanne Ortiz, Marilyn Thompson, Pecky Lewis, Jim Shumaker, Jean Pell, Dick LaCombe, Kevin Lasky, Flora James, Patricia Callahan, John Van Brandeghen, Phyllis Bartle, Kathy Kantarian, Mark Lowman and all the other family and friends whose lives we remember and whose stories we want to keep telling.

It's called All Saints Day. It is our chance to keep their stories alive.

The one thing I have witnessed in these moments of remembering is that grief can be transformed into gratitude - that in the telling of the story we move from sadness over what we have lost into gratitude for what we have been given.

May the remembering of our saints fill us with gratitude for having known them, loved them and shared life with them.

For All the Saints,



Pastor Jeff Nelson

Pledge Update

I want to thank all of you for your pledge to the 2024 Operating Budget. This is a very important tool for us in planning our program and budget. Our budget last year was \$975,000. We want to underwrite the budget with 83% of pledged income so we are hoping for \$809,250 in pledges this year.

Here is where we are after one week: 81 Pledges for a total of \$273,562.00; 31 New Pledges for a total of \$61,098; Additional increased pledges totaling: \$17,730.

We are at 34% of our target. If you are willing and able to make a pledge this year, it will be very much appreciated. Please drop off or mail in your pledge to the church office. And as always, please give me a call if you have any questions.