



"Darkness cannot drive out darkness;
only *light* can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate;
only *love* can do that."

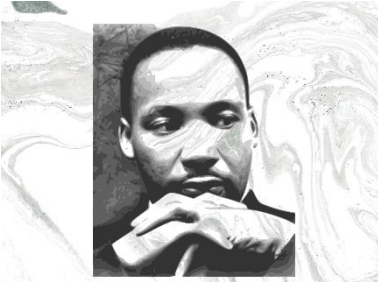
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sunday, January 14, 2024 9:00AM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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| Gathering Music | “I’ve Got Peace Like a River” arr. Mark Hayes | Kyle Webber |
| Song | “Everlasting God” | |
| Song | “Trust in God” | |
| Welcome & Invitation to Mission | | Jennifer Tripoli & Jeff Nelson |
| Mission Moment | 2023 Year in Review | Karla Goetz |
| Leadership Commissioning | | |
| Song | “For Everyone Born” (Stanza 1) | |
| Time of Prayer | | |
| Invitation to Offering | | Erica Plesco |
| Musical Offering | “Down By the Riverside” arr. Joyce Eilers | Cassandra Wilson, Stephen & Lance Shea |
| Doxology | “Give Thanks” | |
| Scripture | Mark 10:35-45 | Erica Plesco |
| Message | “Drum Major Instinct” | Jeff Nelson |
| Song | “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” | |
| Benediction | | |
| Sending Music | “Everlasting God” | House Band |

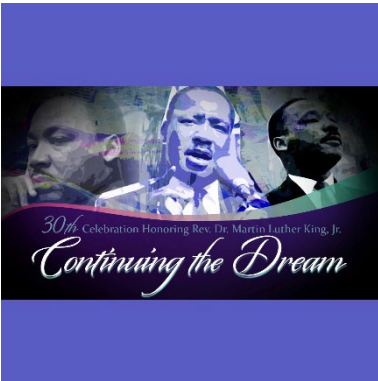
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"Our lives begin to end the day we become
silent about things that matter."
-Martin Luther King, Jr.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



CONTINUING THE DREAM- DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION TODAY!

You are invited to the 30th Celebration Honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Sunday, January 14 for a 2:30 p.m. reception and a 3:30 p.m. worship right here at Royal Oak First! Join us in-person or watch online.

FAITH & FILM STARTS TOMORROW!

Join us at the MJR Troy Movie Theater at Maple and Livernois Roads on Monday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m. to see "The Color Purple". Tickets are \$8.50 per person. On January 22, we will see "Wonka" where the tickets for kids are free, and adults pay \$8.50 per person. We will see "The Boys in the Boat" on January 29. **Also, if you are looking to have a bite to eat before the movie** and want support the church, stop by the Big Boy at 200 W. Maple in Troy (right down the street from the theater). They have offered to give back 10% of any of meals purchased by someone from Royal Oak First from 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. on any of the Faith & Film movie days. Just bring your Sunday Bulletin mentioning Faith & Film.



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JANUARY ESSENTIALS PANTRY COLLECTION

We will start the year off focusing our Missions projects on basic necessity items. The most requested items at the Outreach on 7th Essentials Pantry include: toilet paper, paper towel, shampoo & conditioner, deodorant, dish soap, and all-purpose cleaner. Please bring in a few extra of these items (place in large white bins at Tower entrance or by Welcome Desk at Lafayette entrance) to help keep the Essentials Pantry stocked so they can continue to support over 50 households each month. On Sunday, January 28, we will gather at 10:15 a.m. (between services) to help assemble bags of items to be given out at the Essentials Pantry the following weekend.



REDFORD BRIGHTMOOR INITIATIVE 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 are in need of four shopping volunteers on February 9. If you are able, please consider also signing up to shop multiple months this year. Click the QR code to sign up.



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, January 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Pronto, 608 S. Washington Ave. Royal Oak. If you want to be added to our email list for upcoming events, please contact Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at jtropoli@rofum.org or phone/text 248.703.8805.

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“SHARE THE LOVE” VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Help us share the love! In the week leading up to Valentine’s Day, we hope to send a card to every member of our church. Then at church on Saturday, February 10 at 10:00 a.m., we hope to make and deliver 100 bags of treats and notes. So, we need everyone’s hands! We need people to: send cards, bake, make cards (kids and adults), assemble bags and deliver. Scan the QR code or visit www.rofum.org or visit the Connections Table after service to sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Danielle at dmoody@rofum.org or 248.541.4100.



FISH DINNERS ARE COMING SOON!

**Fridays, February 2nd and 16th & March 1st and 15th
4:30-7:00 p.m.**

Our famous fish dinners are back, so bring your family and friends and join us for four wonderful nights of food and fellowship. Our fish dinners benefit our children and youth where proceeds are used to send them to choir camp.



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR FISH DINNERS

Fridays, February 2nd and 16th & March 1st and 15th

Our famous fish dinners are a wonderful community event where proceeds benefit our children and youth to go to choir camp. To make it successful, WE NEED VOLUNTEERS, so please scan the QR code to sign up. Note: Kids that volunteer get credit towards camp! If you have questions, please contact Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org.

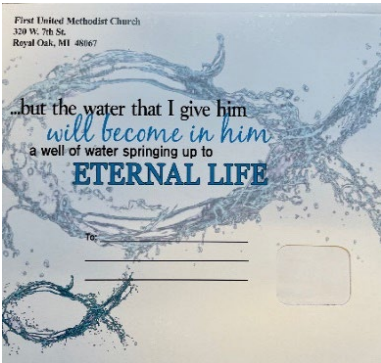


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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ESSENTIALS PANTRY

The first Saturday of the month, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. the Essentials Pantry is open. We need volunteers to gather from our supply inventory and hand out these supplies to those in need. If you are able to volunteer, please click the button below to sign up.



OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE HERE!

2024 Royal Oak First offering envelopes are now available for you to pick up after service at the Welcome Desk! If you are unable to pick up your envelopes, we'll begin mailing them out after January 31. Contact Karen Calhoun at kcalhoun@rofum.org or 248.541.4100 if you have any questions.



SAVE THE DATE FOR ROYAL OAK FIRST'S VISIONING DAY

Save the date! Saturday, March 9 from 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. We need everyone to attend Royal Oak First's Visioning Day to help us plan the future for our amazing church! We will be covering such questions as: Who are we? What is God calling us to do? Who are our neighbors? and more. We hope everyone will come and be present with us on this very important day. Lunch will be provided and child care will be available. Stay tuned for more details.

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Al and Gloria Knappenberger • Amy Rhoades • Lee Hoffmann •
Diane Sexton • Robin DeSantis • Dauroran Shirina Lee-Thurman •
Yvonne Bashur • Sinead Valentine • Sarah and Jordan Altman •
Betty Latimer • Linda Wilson • Judy Bryan • Jeanette Maylen • Inge Wichers •
Ann Anderson • Mary Lou Graeber • Randy Riggs • Kim Stroud • Mike Long •
Diana Shornak • Carrie Morse • Nancy Reid • Dona Wells • Kathy Seidler •
Allison and Bill Hempstead • Marian Kremer • Sheryl Hunter • Art Miller •
Mary Nahhat • Donna Allen • Charlene Faunt •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Marshall and Susan Dunlap • Darren Bowie • Kerry Franks • Effie Lambros •
Mary Healander • Ellen Delangy • Claire Jones • John Hice • Paul Lucas •
Jeff and Marcy Carmichael • Ellen Carmichael • Linda Harding • Lynn Simon •
Rob Tencza • John and Joyce Barber • Neal Gaberdiel • Scott Spaulding •
Nancy Graves • Dave Beerer, Sr. • Laura Cable • Jennifer Gaudette-Wood •
Connie Armstrong • Robert Baker • Glen Baker • Faye Rogers • Julia Rogers •
Kyron Bradstrom • James Lovitt • Liz Fitch • Jim Slimek • Jonathon Larson •
Bob Blonde • Sharon Pillow • Scott Peacor and Kyla Boyse • Larry Campbell •
Dan Hicks • Brent Miller • Carl Jones • Dorothy Follette • Deana Sawicki •
Atlas • Steve Wurdock • Harold Baker •

*If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List,
please contact Danielle Moody at prayers@rofum.org.*

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

“An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.”

-Reverend Dr. Martin Luther, Jr.

Dear Friends,

Today, we celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King. Dr. King is more than an icon of social justice and racial equality, King’s ministry is a witness to the prophetic power of Christ’s Gospel when it is lived out in the world. We will not only celebrate and remember King’s ministry during our worship services this Sunday, but later that afternoon we will host The Greater Detroit District MLK Celebration. I encourage you to come and meet other United Methodist’s from across the Metro Detroit community, all whom are committed to the work of bringing the Kingdom of God closer. There is a reception at 2:30 p.m. with the service beginning at 3:30 p.m.

As a part of our Sunday services this week, we will be commissioning our leadership teams. I am thankful for the folks who answered the call to serve and help our church be healthy and strong. It feels appropriate to be doing it on the Sunday where we remember the life of Dr. King. King consistently called the church and the nation to serve the greater good.

And finally, I want to remind you to join me at the movies this Monday, where we will watch “The Color Purple” together. “The Color Purple” is the movie musical based on the award-winning book by Alice Walker. This is a part of our Faith & Film series where we watch a film on Monday and talk about it together in worship the following Sunday. The movies are at the MJR in Troy (100 E. Maple Road). They begin at 7:00 p.m. and tickets are \$8.50.

See you in worship and see you at the movies.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff" followed by a stylized flourish. Below the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.

Pastor Jeff Nelson