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Sunday

January
28th
2024

9:00 am
Worship



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Faith & Film

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Song "Yes and Amen"

Song "Way Maker"

Welcome & Invitation to Mission Jennifer Tripoli & Jeff Nelson

Mission Moment Noisy Bucket Leonard Benyas

Time of Prayer

Invitation to Offering

Musical Offering "Pure Imagination" Megan Porath
Bricusse/Newley

Doxology "Give Thanks"

Scripture Genesis 15:1-6 Susanna Webber

Message "Pure Imagination" Jeff Nelson

Song "Imagine"

Benediction

Sending Music "Yes and Amen" House Band

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WE NEED **YOU** TO VOLUNTEER FOR FISH DINNERS!

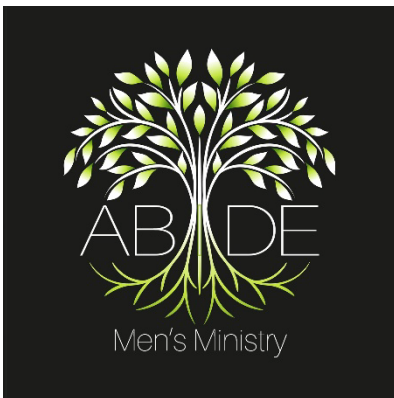
Fridays, February 2nd and 16th & March 1st and 15th

Our first Fish Dinner is **one week away** and **we desperately need volunteers for all our dinners**, so please scan the QR code to sign up OR visit the Connections Table after service and we will help you sign up. Note: Kids that volunteer get credit towards camp! Our famous fish dinners are a wonderful community event where proceeds benefit our children and youth to go to choir camp.



3rd FAITH & FILM MOVIE IS TOMORROW!

Join us at the MJR Troy Movie Theater at Maple and Livernois Roads on Monday, January 29, where we will see "The Boys in the Boat" with tickets priced at \$8.50 per person. **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 will give back 10% of any of meals purchased from 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. on any of the Faith & Film movie days. Just mention Faith & Film.



ABIDE MEN'S MINISTRY

Pastor Jeff would like to remind all the men of Royal Oak First that our eight weeks of ABIDE Men's Ministry Fellowship begins on Tuesday, January 30 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Parlor. This will be a time of prayer, reflection and fellowship.

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FISH DINNERS BEGIN THIS FRIDAY!

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.

“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 the Connections Table after service to sign up.



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 drop off your donated items (place in large white bins at Tower entrance or by Welcome Desk at Lafayette entrance) to help keep the 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.



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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.



PILLOWCASE ASSEMBLY WORKSHOP

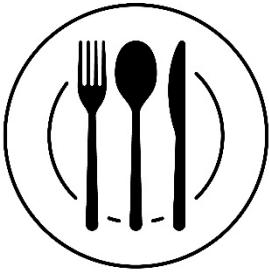
On Monday, February 5th at 6:30 p.m., the Missions Team could use your help making children's pillowcases to donate to our friends at Cass Community Social Services. Every child who stays with them receives a new pillowcase and pillow to keep. Unfortunately, their supply has run out and they have asked if we could make pillowcases to help them restock. Everyone can help, no need to be able to sew! Additionally, we are asking to borrow sewing machines, irons, and fabric scissors and would gladly accept donated fabric and string. Scan the QR code for more information and to sign up.



SUPPORT OUR YOUTH BY BAKING!

Our youth group will be selling baked goods at the Fish Dinners and you can help! If you would be willing to bake something for their sale, get in touch with Bridget at 248.541.4100 or bnelson@rofum.org. All proceeds will go towards the youth group summer service trips.

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Feeding Our Youth Group

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Every Sunday night, our Youth Group gathers for fellowship and activities to grow in our relationship with God and with each other. A big part of this is having dinner together. Would you be willing to provide dinner for our youth? **You can cook at home, or cook here at church or sponsor us ordering something.** If you would be able to help in this way, get in touch with Bridget at 248.541.4100 or bnelson@rofum.org.

MARCH GROWTH LAB— “CONTEMPLATING PRAYER”

When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, were they asking for a formula? Instead, what if we consider prayer as a means for connecting with the Divine above all else? At our March 2nd Growth Lab, we will explore metaphors for connecting to God and contemplative practices that can grow our awareness of God within and around us. Join us from 9:30 a.m.-noon for a time of learning, sharing, and practicing. Scan the QR code to sign up.



SCAN ME



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. You can sign up using the QR code or look for your invitation in the mail.



SCAN ME



PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Margie Dallavo • Sarah and Jordan Altman • Yvonne Bashur • Lisa Forzley • Lee Hoffmann • Sinead Valentine • Al and Gloria Knappenberger • Betty Latimer • Linda Wilson • Diane Sexton • Judy Bryan • Inge Wichers • Ann Anderson • Mary Lou Graeber • Kim Stroud • Charlene Faunt • Dauroran Shirina Lee-Thurman • 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 •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Weston Phinney • Earl Hendrickson • Marshall and Susan Dunlap • Darren Bowie • Kerry Franks • Effie Lambros • Mary Healander • Ellen Delangy • Claire Jones • John Hice • Paul Lucas • Harold Baker • Jeff and Marcy Carmichael • Ellen Carmichael • Rob Tencza • John and Joyce Barber • Neal Gaberdiel • Scott Spaulding • Nancy Graves • 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 •

Sympathies to:

Erica Plesco on the death of her mother, Alvina Faith Brabham on January 23, 2024

The Calhoun family on the death of Karen's aunt, Dorothy Simon on January 23, 2024

The Calhoun family on the death of Karen's cousin, Lynn Simon on January 23, 2024

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

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

When I was young I would imagine I played first base for the Milwaukee Brewers. I'd stand on the sidewalk in front of our yard with my Steve Garvey autographed bat in one hand and yellow tennis ball in the other. Before bouncing that ball on the pavement and swinging away, I'd point to the back fence and "call my shot." And as the ball cleared the fence, I could hear the fans in the invisible stands cheer as I rounded those make believe bases a hero!

Of all the gifts God has given us, imagination might be among the most powerful.

Imagination allows us to see what is unseen and then work to make it a reality.

When we dare to imagine, we can tap into a divine source that can bring about incredible transformations both within ourselves and in our communities.

The film "Wonka" is an invitation to imagine (and it is also an invitation to enjoy chocolate!).

It is time for us at Royal Oak First to imagine our future. What is God calling us to create together?

Please mark the date of March 9th from 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on your calendar for our church-wide Visioning Day. We will gather together to pray, think, explore and imagine what is next for our congregation! I hope you will plan to be part of this day.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Pastor Jeff". 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

P.S. - I can almost imagine a Super Bowl trophy coming to Detroit! I bet many of you can too!