



**Sunday, January 7, 2024 9:00AM**  
**ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>Gathering Music</b>	“Wade in the Water” arr. Mark Hayes	Kyle Webber
<b>Song</b>	“Holy Water”	
<b>Song</b>	“Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)”	
<b>Welcome &amp; Invitation to Mission</b>	Jennifer Tripoli & Jeff Nelson	
<b>Time of Prayer</b>		
<b>Invitation to Offering</b>		
<b>Musical Offering</b>	“River God” by Nichole Nordeman	Susanna Webber
<b>Doxology</b>	“Give Thanks”	
<b>Scripture**</b>	Mark 1:14-20	Erica Plesco
<b>Message</b>	“Remember”	Jeff Nelson
<b>Sacrament of Holy Communion &amp; Baptismal Renewal</b>		
<b>Song</b>	“Child of God”	
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Sending Music</b>	“Holy Water”	House Band

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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 55 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.

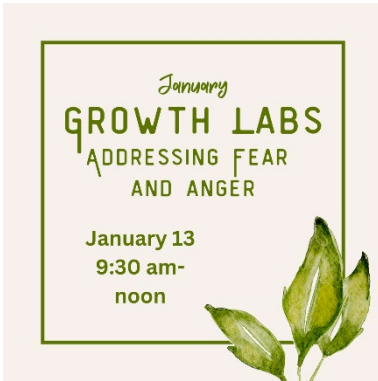


## REDFORD BRIGHTMOOR INITIATIVE PRODUCE PROGRAM

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 two shopping volunteers on January 12 and four more on February 9, click the QR code to sign up. Please consider signing up to shop one or two months this year. Thank you to all who have helped with the continued success of this project!

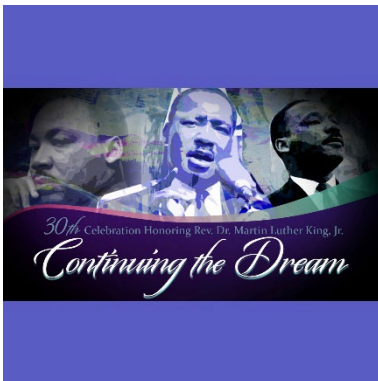


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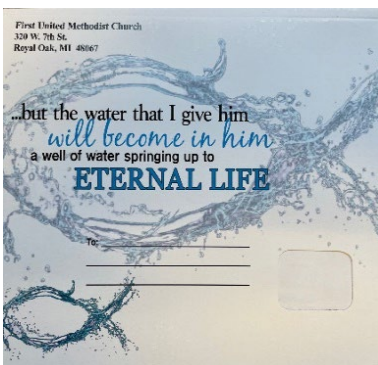
## **GROWTH LAB: ADDRESSING FEAR AND ANGER** **Saturday, January 13, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

A new year offers us an invitation to consider new habits we might want to start and old habits we might want to release. How can we discern if the fear or anger we are feeling is something that is motivating us to take action or something that is keeping us from flourishing? At Growth Lab on Saturday, January 13, we will be exploring tools that help us address the sources of fear and anger. Join us as we dig into ways we can root out negative sources of fear and anger as we seek to live with an awareness of God's presence. Scan the QR code to sign up.



## **CONTINUING THE DREAM-** **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.** **CELEBRATION**

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.

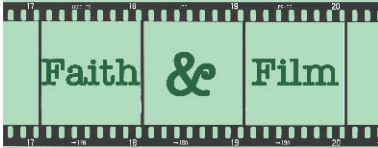


## **OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE HERE!**

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.

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January 15, 22 and 29  
7:00 p.m.



MJR Troy Movie Theater

## FAITH & FILM STARTS JANUARY 15!

For three Monday nights in January, (15, 22 and 29), we will head over to the MJR Troy Movie Theater at Maple and Livernois Roads at 7:00 p.m. to see a movie together. Our first movie on January 15 will be “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. Stay tuned to this space for details about the last movie we will be seeing. **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.



## “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](http://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](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org) or 248.541.4100.



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## FISH DINNERS ARE COMING SOON!

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

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](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org).



## CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT

Join Rachel Morin on piano, along with Mark Dubois on oboe and Laura Larson on flute for a concert featuring music by Clara Schumann, Madeleine Dring, Alyssa Morris and Isabella Leonarda on Friday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. here at Royal Oak First.

# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

## **Prayers for Our Church Family:**

Lee Hoffmann • Diane Sexton • Robin DeSantis •  
Dauroran Shirina Lee-Thurman • Al and Gloria Knappenberger •  
Amy Rhoades • Yvonne Bashur • Sinead Valentine • Sarah Altman •  
Steve Conyers • Betty Latimer • Linda Wilson • Judy Bryan •  
Scott Shuttleworth • 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 • Jordan Altman •  
Allison and Bill Hempstead • Marian Kremer • Sheryl Hunter • Art Miller •  
Mary Nahhat • Donna Allen • Charlene Faunt •

## **Prayers for Our Extended Family:**

Kerry Franks • Effie Lambros • Mary Healander • Ellen Delangy • Claire Jones •  
John Hice • Paul Lucas • Jeff and Marcy Carmichael • Ellen Carmichael •  
Linda Harding • Lynn Simon • The O'Mara Family • Rob Tencza • Pam Payne •  
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 • Diana Laginess •  
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](mailto:prayers@rofum.org).*

# LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope the holidays were meaningful for you and your family. Here are some important events this month:

## **Baptism Renewal**

Join us this Sunday, January 7, for Holy Communion and Baptism Renewal at both services. Let's start the year together, remembering God's grace and blessings.

## **Growth Lab**

On Saturday, January 13, our resident Spiritual Director, Nicole Wilson, will lead a morning of reflection and renewal on how to better experience God's peace through understanding and integrating tough emotions like anger and fear. Visit the Connections Table after worship for more information.

## **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration**

We have been chosen as the host site for the Greater Detroit District MLK Celebration. Join us on Sunday, January 14 for an afternoon of worship and testimony, continuing Dr. King's work. We also need volunteers for hospitality. Contact Pastor Jennifer if you can help.

## **Faith & Film**

Let's go to the movies! Beginning January 15, we will watch a movie together on Monday and discuss it during worship the following Sunday. All movies will be at the MJR in Troy, starting at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8.50. Join us for dinner before the movies at the Big Boy near the theater, where thanks to the Music Guild a portion of the receipts will support sending our children and youth to camp. Our hopeful movie lineup is as follows:

- January 15: "The Color Purple"
- January 22: "Wonka" (kids tickets are free for this movie!)
- January 29: "The Boys in the Boat"

Please join us for these moments of connection and community. Happy New Year!

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff Nelson