

# THE BOYS IN THE BOAT

Sunday

February  
4<sup>th</sup>  
2024

9:00 am  
Worship



Faith

&

Film

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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| <b>Gathering Music</b>                     | “Blessed Assurance”<br>arr. Jeff Bennett | Kyle Webber                    |
| <b>Song</b>                                | “Battle Belongs”                         |                                |
| <b>Song</b>                                | “Hold Us Together”                       |                                |
| <b>Welcome &amp; Invitation to Mission</b> |  | Jennifer Tripoli & Jeff Nelson |
| <b>Time of Prayer</b>                      |  |                                |
| <b>Invitation to Offering</b>              |  | Erica Plesco                   |
| <b>Musical Offering</b>                    | “Promises”                               | House Band                     |
| <b>Doxology</b>                            | “Give Thanks”                            |                                |
| <b>Scripture</b>                           | John 17:20-23                            |                                |
| <b>Message</b>                             | “It’s About the Boat”                    | Jeff Nelson                    |
| <b>Song</b>                                | “Great Are You Lord”                     |                                |
| <b>Benediction</b>                         |  |                                |
| <b>Departing Music</b>                     |  | House Band                     |

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Support Our Youth by Baking!**

## SUPPORT OUR YOUTH BAKE SALE AT FISH DINNERS 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, scan the QR code to sign up. All proceeds will go towards the youth group summer service trips.



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## WE NEED FISH DINNERS VOLUNTEERS!

**Fridays, February 16<sup>th</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered for our first fish dinner! We have three more fish dinners and could still use volunteers, 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!



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## 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.



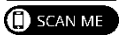
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## REDFORD BRIGHTMOOR INITIATIVE PRODUCE PROGRAM

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 two shopping volunteers on February 9 and one delivery person. We also need more volunteers for future months as well. Click the QR code to sign up.



## "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. We need people to: send cards, bake, make cards (kids and adults), assemble bags and deliver. Scan the QR code to sign up.



## ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

**Drive Thru Ashes on Lafayette!** Drive up to the Lafayette Street side of the church to receive the imposition of ashes right in your car! Our pastors will be available for a special blessing from 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

### **Simple Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m.**

Join us for a simple soup supper in the Gathering Space before worship begins as we kick-off our Lenten journey around the theme of coming to the table. What better way than to gather around the table with a hot bowl of soup and bread.

**Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m.** Held both in-person in the Sanctuary and online, where we will have the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

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## Active Shooter Training

Sunday, February 18  
12:30 p.m.

## ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING

Please join us for an important training about how to handle being in an active shooter situation. Sergeant Buckley from the Royal Oak Police Department will give a presentation, followed by a Q & A period on Sunday, February 18 at 12:30 p.m. We expect the training to last no more than one hour.



World Medical Relief  
SERVICE DAY

## WORLD MEDICAL RELIEF-SERVICE DAY

Last spring, several dozen members of Royal Oak First went to World Medical Relief in Southfield to help sort medical supplies in order to fill a shipping container to be sent to Turkey as earthquake relief. We had a great time and were immediately discussing a return trip. Our return date has been set as Saturday, February 24, 8:45-11:30 a.m. Plan to wear comfortable shoes, as most volunteers will be standing, but some sitting tasks are available too.



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## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



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March  
GROWTH LAB  
CONTEMPLATING  
PRAYER

March 2  
9:30 am-  
noon



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## SAVE THE DATE!

We need everyone to attend Royal Oak First's Visioning Day on Saturday, March 9 from 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. 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. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided and child care will be available. You can RSVP by using the QR code or look for your invitation in the mail.



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## FEEDING OUR YOUTH GROUP

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, scan the QR code.



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## JOIN OUR CHOIR CAMP STAFF!

We are going back to Camp Ohiyesa in Holly! It is time to start thinking about campfires, Olympics, swimming, and all the fun we have! Camp will be the week of July 21-27 for kids grades 4-12 and we need volunteers! **Camp staff applications are available in the church office and at the Connections Table. Please turn in by March 1.** If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at 248.703.8805 or email her at [jttripoli@rofum.org](mailto:jttripoli@rofum.org).

# 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:**

Ann Vee • Weston Phinney • Earl Hendrickson • Darren Bowie • Kerry Franks • Effie Lambros • Ellen Delangy • Claire Jones • 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:**

The friends and family of Rev. Marshall Dunlap on his death, January 29, 2024

The McCarthy family on the death of Cindy's mother, Joanne Ewers Duffy on January 27, 2024

*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,

In Fellowship Hall, on the lower level, hangs the pictures of all the pastors who have had the honor to serve this congregation. (Thankful to Owen and Paul Perkins for the display that tells this story.)

There have been at least 59 senior pastors in the nearly 200 years that Royal Oak First has existed. This week, we pause to give thanks for the life of Reverend Marshall Dunlap who entered into his eternal rest this past week. Marshall and his wife, Reverend Susan Dunlap, faithfully served this congregation from 1999-2009. I am thankful for his ministry, collegial spirit and friendship.

Pastor Bridget and I are particularly thankful for the model Marshall and Susan demonstrated as a clergy couple. They showed this congregation that spouses could work together in mutuality and respect and made it possible for couples like Bridget and myself to be welcomed as a team into ministry. The stories of Marshall and Susan's ministry here are significant. I hear lots of stories of Marshall's wonderful bass singing voice, his commitment to youth and wonderful dry sense of humor. Marshall and Susan made a commitment to a fuller inclusion of all God's people at a time when that was riskier and not always welcome. We have been able to "draw the circle wider" because of the work they did together. And on a personal note, when I went on my leave, Pastor Marshall was one of my colleagues who reached out to make sure I was ok. He was kind, curious and without judgment. It was a call that was necessary and needed at a time of personal struggle. I am proud to have been his colleague in ministry.

For those of you who were blessed by Pastor Marshall's ministry, I know this loss is personal. May God comfort you in your mourning. And for those of us who have connected to this movement since, just know that we are in large part who we are today because of the faithful witness of this humble, kind and caring man.

If you are wanting to send a note of personal condolences to Pastor Susan and her family, please reach out to the church office and we will be happy to provide you with an address.

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff Nelson

P.S. – You should be receiving your mailed invitation to our church-wide Visioning Day to be held on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> soon. Please plan to be part of this important day of conversations that will clarify and set the direction for the next season of our life together. You can also RSVP your attendance right here by scanning this QR code.



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