

Royal Oak First United Methodist Church



COME TO THE  
*Table*



Sunday, March 3, 2024  
11:00AM

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>Prelude</b>	“Prelude and Fugue in A Minor” att. to J.S. Bach	Kyle Webber
<b>Call to Worship</b>		Allison Plaxton
<b>Opening Hymn #158*</b>	“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”	
<b>Affirmation of Faith</b>		
<b>Gloria Patri #70*</b>	“Glory Be to the Father”	
<b>Welcome &amp; Invitation to Mission</b>		Jennifer Tripoli & Jeff Nelson
<b>Song #2193**</b>	“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”	
<b>Time of Prayer</b>		
<b>Invitation to Offering</b>		
<b>Musical Offering</b>	“Table of Grace” arr. Pepper Choplin	Sanctus Choir
<b>Doxology #95*</b>	“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”	
<b>Scripture***</b>	Luke 24:13-35	
<b>Message</b>	“Jesus is at Every Table”	Bridget Nelson
<b>Song #2184**</b>	“Sent Out in Jesus’ Name”	
<b>Sacrament of Holy Communion</b>		
<b>Song</b>	“Amazing Grace”	
<b>Benediction</b>		

*\*United Methodist Hymnal*

*\*\*The Faith We Sing*

*\*\*\*Common English Bible*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR ROYAL OAK FIRST'S VISIONING DAY?

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.



## FEEDING THE 5,000—SUNDAY, MARCH 17

In continuing with our Lenten Mission of "Feeding the 5,000", on **Sunday, March 17**, we are asking all of our church members to consider bringing shelf-stable food items with them **to either service**. These are items that can survive long periods on shelves (without the need of refrigeration), such as:

- Peanut Butter
- Rice
- Canned Veggies and Fruits
- Crackers
- Pasta/Pasta Sauce
- Dried Fruits

During Communion, we will be asked to bring these items forward as an offering for our local food pantries and mission partners, who are committed to providing resources for our friends and neighbors needing assistance with food security. When we look at our individual resources and reflect on how we can make a difference in the world, well...the task can feel a bit overwhelming, but when we work together...miracles can happen! Thank you for your continued support of our missions and your generosity during this Lenten season.

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## ONE LAST FISH DINNER ON MARCH 15!

Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

4:30-7:00 p.m.

There is one last fish dinner left, so bring your family and friends and join us for delicious food and great fellowship. Our fish dinners benefit our children and youth where proceeds are used to send them to choir camp.



## WE NEED A FEW MORE VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FINAL FISH DINNER!

Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

Thank you to everyone who volunteered for our first three fish dinners! We have one last fish dinner 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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## SUPPORT OUR YOUTH BAKE SALE AT FISH DINNERS BY BAKING!

Our youth group are selling baked goods at our last Fish Dinner 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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## GET READY FOR “EGG MY HOUSE”!

Make Easter morning “egg-stra” special for your kids with a yard full of candy and toy-filled eggs! Purchase twenty-four (24) eggs for \$25 or double the fun with forty-eight (48) eggs for \$50. All proceeds support the Youth Mission Trip. **Order by scanning the QR code before Sunday, March 24th.**



## EASTER EGG FILLERS COLLECTION

The kids and youth of Royal Oak First are collecting donations of individually wrapped pieces of candy, toys/trinkets, and plastic eggs for their annual ‘Egg My House’ fundraiser. **Donations are being accepted through Sunday, March 24.** A collection bin will be set up at the Connections Table on Sunday mornings. If you prefer to shop from home and have it delivered, simply scan the QR code to order from our Amazon Wish List.



## SAVE THE DATE!

### SPAGHETTI DINNER VARIETY SHOW

On **Sunday, April 7 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.**, the Music Guild will be putting on a Spaghetti Dinner Variety Show! Proceeds will help our youth go to camp this summer. The opportunity to showcase your talents will be open to all, so stay tuned for details. Plan to come join the fun on Sunday, April 7!

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## WOMEN'S RETREAT

We are bringing back the Women's Retreat!! Friday, **April 12 through Sunday, April 14**, join women from Royal Oak First for a weekend of fun, fellowship and faith! We will be at Lake Huron Retreat Center, just north of Port Huron from Friday evening until Sunday morning. Take some time to get away, enjoy a beautiful place and meet some new friends from church. Scan the QR code for more information and to sign up!



## 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 always in need of shopping volunteers and a delivery driver each month. If you are able, please consider also signing up to shop and/or deliver for multiple months this year. Scan the QR code to sign up.



## 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 to sign up.



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The Grief Recovery Method®  
by The Grief Recovery Institute®

## GRIEF RECOVERY METHOD WORKSHOP

The Grief Recovery Method is just that – a method – a step by step process – an “action program” - for unlocking and respecting the emotional experience of our grief and exploring different beliefs about grief – especially the ones holding us back in life. No matter the kind of loss you've experienced, there is room for everyone to heal. **Mondays, starting April 1 for 8 weeks, ending May 20 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.** There will be some homework in-between the in-person classes. The workshop is hosted by Royal Oak First United Methodist Church in Room 303 and is available for any community member to sign up. Workshop leader is Tami Hollingsworth-Dowd, Certified Grief Recovery Specialist® and Professional Coach. The cost is discounted at \$200/person and limited to 15 people. **You must register by March 24** if you want to participate! Scan the QR code to sign up!



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2024 Directory

## DID YOU GET YOUR PHOTO TAKEN FOR THE CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY? IF SO...

Come see us at the Connections Table on Sundays after services to pick up your copy of the 2024 Photo Directory.

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## Lent Food Collection



### LENT FOOD COLLECTION

Throughout Lent, we will be focusing our Missions Projects on feeding the hungry throughout our community. We are asking that you bring in the following items for the Outreach on 7<sup>th</sup> Food Pantry: canned soup or pasta, cans/pouches of tuna or chicken, pasta/sauce, etc. Additionally, the Lunch Program would appreciate donations of individually bagged chips, breakfast bars, fruit/applesauce cups, and 8 oz. bottled water. Please drop off in the white bins just up the stairs in the Tower entrance and just outside the Welcome Desk by the Lafayette entrance.

## LENT 2024 MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES



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The Missions Team has arranged many volunteer opportunities for you to help us feed the hungry during Lent. These include "Service (for others) on Sundays", RBI Meal Assemblies, RBI Produce Shopping, and a Sandwich Assembly (from home) supporting the NOAH Project. We would love your participation in any or all of these missions! Scan the QR code to sign up.





# ONE MORE FISH DINNER LEFT!

Friday, March 15  
4:30-7:00PM

*Did you know that proceeds from our fish dinners benefit our children and youth?*

**JOIN US ON FRIDAY, MARCH 15 FROM 4:30-7:00 p.m.**

**Kids Meal (12 & under)---\$5**

Choice of: Baked or Deep Fried Cod, Chicken Tenders and either Baked Potato or French Fries. Includes: Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

**Kids Meal (13-18)---\$10**

Choice of: Baked or Deep Fried Cod, Chicken Tenders and either Baked Potato or French Fries. Includes: Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

**Chicken Tenders Plate---\$14**

Includes: 1/2 lb. Chicken Tenders, choice of either Baked Potato or French Fries, Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

**Petite Cod Plate---\$15**

Includes: 1/3 lb. Deep Fried Cod, choice of either Baked Potato or French Fries, Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

**Full Cod Plate---\$17**

Includes: Choice of 1/2 lb. Deep Fried or Baked Cod, choice of either Baked Potato or French Fries, Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

**Zander (Pike Perch) Plate---\$18**

Includes: 1/2 lb. Deep Fried Zander (Pike Perch), choice of either Baked Potato or French Fries, Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert





## **Palm Sunday Services**

**Sunday, March 24, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services**

Worship in-person or online as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We will be led by our House Band at the 9:00 a.m. service and our Sanctus Choir at the 11:00 a.m. service. Any children that are here will participate in a Palm Parade. It is a day of excitement with palms to wave and joy to spread.

## **Maundy Thursday Service - A New Commandment**

**Thursday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.**

Join us in-person or online for a worship experience where we will remember the Last Supper. There will be a Homily by Pastor Jeff, communion, and music led by the Carillon Ringers.

## **Good Friday Service**

**Friday, March 29, noon**

Join us in-person or online for a traditional and impactful Good Friday worship service remembering Jesus' final day. This is a service of deep reflection. Come to the foot of the cross and experience the passion of Jesus.

## **7 Last Words Poetry/Music Slam**

**Friday, March 29, 7:00 p.m.**

You don't want to miss this live event where poets and musicians muse on Christ's last words. Unique, poignant, and compelling, the 7 Last Words Poetry/Music Slam offers insights into Christ's humanity and divinity in his final moments. Join us in-person or online.

## **Easter Sunday Services**

**Sunday, March 31, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

Christ is risen! Hallelujah! Join us for a morning of worship and celebration featuring our House Band at 9:00 a.m. and Brass Quintet, Sanctus Choir and Handbells at 11:00 a.m. Worship in-person or online. This is a morning celebration not to be missed!

# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

## Prayers for Our Church Family:

Marilyn Alexander • Margie Dallavo • 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:

Crystl Roman • Ken Hendrickson • Suzanne Buxton • Ann Vee •  
Weston Phinney • Earl Hendrickson • Darren Bowie • Kerry Franks •  
Effie Lambros • Ellen Delangy • Claire Jones • 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 former member, Nira Watkins on her death, February 21, 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

Greetings Friends,

Last year, I was in the Smoky Mountains on our church's annual Spring Trek. Most of the group was ahead of me because, well, I'm the slowest hiker ever. My trail name is "Caboose" because I'm always last. Anyway, as I was trudging along, I passed a young girl and she looked familiar to me, and then I saw a woman who looked familiar, and then I had to stop and turn to realize my cousin and his family were passing the other way on the trail! I had not seen my cousin, Joel, in probably 20 years. I see his pictures on Facebook so that's how I recognized his wife and daughter. But since they live in Wisconsin and I live in Michigan, it's fair to say it was a surprise to run into them in Tennessee!

You might have a similar story of not recognizing someone at first because they are out of context somehow. Times when you had to do a double take because the person you were seeing just did not fit into the context you were in. It speaks to how our brain groups and categorizes people and places. It's probably a good thing our brains do that, but it can cause some real confusion in moments like these.

This week, we will hear the story of the two guys who are on the road to Emmaus and don't realize that Jesus is walking with them. How did they come to recognize him eventually? The answer holds some ideas for what it means to be a community of faith.

I hope to see you Sunday!

Peace.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bridget Nelson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Bridget Nelson