

Royal Oak First United Methodist Church



COME TO THE
Table



Sunday, March 10, 2024
11:00AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	“Celebration on Praise to the Lord” arr. Burroughs	Carillon Ringers
Call to Worship		Josh Wright
Opening Hymn #98*	“To God Be the Glory”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jennifer Tripoli & Jeff Nelson
Children’s Musical Moment	“Kisses from God” “Give Me a Be-Attitude” arr. Naomi Walker	PreK-K Choir 1 st & 2 nd Grade Choir
	“Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho” arr. Craig Curry	3 rd & 4 th Grade Choir
Time of Prayer		
Invitation to Offering		Erica Plesco
Musical Offering	“The Welcome Table” arr. Craig Curry	Sanctus Choir with Liz Wright, Soloist
Doxology #95*	“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”	
Scripture	Luke 19:1-10	
Message	“Table of Reconciliation”	Jeff Nelson
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Communion Song	“For Everyone Born” arr. Sandra Eithun	Carillon Ringers
Closing Hymn #560*	“Help Us Accept Each Other”	
Benediction		
Postlude	“Toccata in E Minor” Johann Pachelbel	

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Food for Our Neighbors



FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

In continuing with our Lenten Mission, 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.



ONE LAST FISH DINNER ON MARCH 15!

Friday, March 15th

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.

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

Friday, March 15th

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!



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 24.**



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.



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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! Click the button below to sign up!



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! Dinner is first at 5:00 p.m. (\$12 adult/\$8 kid with kids under 5 eating free) and is followed by the show portion of the evening at 6:00 p.m. Come show off your talents! Whether it is singing, acting, stand-up comedy, or something else you're interested in! It can be a single or group act and should not be longer than 5 minutes. Scan the QR code to sign up for the variety show. Proceeds will go toward summer camp and the youth will have an opportunity to work during the dinner to offset their individual cost of going to camp.



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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!



SCAN ME

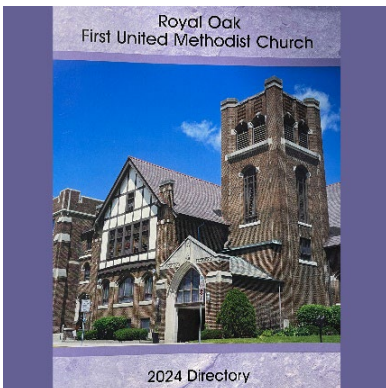


FEEDING OUR YOUTH GROUP

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.



SCAN ME



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 7th 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.

Maunder 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:

Al and Gloria Knappenberger • Margie Dallavo • Joyce Negrich •
Marcy Courtney • Yvonne Bashur • Marilyn Alexander • Lisa Forzley •
Lee Hoffmann • Sinead Valentine • Betty Latimer • Linda Wilson •
Diane Sexton • Judy Bryan • Inge Wichers • Ann Anderson •
Mary Lou Graeber • Kim Stroud • Charlene Faunt • Dauroran Shirina Lee •
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:

Shelly & Jerry • Robin Myers • Frank O'Brien • Cathy Embry •
Steve Sealander • Jim Kincannon • 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 Kremer family on the death of Marian's sister, Deni Bartley on March 5, 2024
The Irish-Minewiser family on the death of Jim's mother, Lorna Minewiser on
March 4, 2024

The Porter family on the death of Yale's mother, Chrystl Roman on March 4,
2024

The friends and family of Joe Waisanen, Jr. on his death, March 3, 2024

The friends and family of Bob Foote on his death, March 2, 2024

The friends and family of James Respecki on his death, February 24, 2024

*If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List,
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LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I wanted to share with you the news of the passing of Jim Respecki and Bob Foote. Although you might not know their names, if you have been around here for a while you would have recognized their faces.

Both of these men were regulars at our Outreach on 7th Lunch Program and were certainly known and loved by the volunteers and staff who served these two guys for years.

Being known and loved...that's the work of Jesus.

For nearly 30 years this congregation has been committed to serving more than just food to our guests. They have committed to creating a culture where every person is known and loved.

- People are called by name.
- Delicious meals are served.
- Clothing is provided.
- Mail is kept and distributed.
- Showers are available.
- Holidays and special moments are celebrated.

People are known and loved.

I want to thank the hundreds of beloved servants who have helped make this ministry so vital over the years. And I also want to thank every one of you who helps keep this church open and staffed so this ministry can continue to shine the light of Christ into the world.

As the families of Jim and Bob prepare to celebrate their lives, we here at Royal Oak First join them in remembering these two sons of God.

Around here they were known and loved.

Rest in peace fellas! We will miss you.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Pastor Jeff". Below the signature is a simple smiley face drawn with a circle and two dots for eyes.

Pastor Jeff Nelson