

Royal Oak First United Methodist Church



COME TO THE  
*Table*



Sunday, March 17, 2024  
11:00AM

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>Prelude</b>	“Prelude in D Major Op. 23” Sergei Rachmaninoff	Rachel Morin
<b>Call to Worship</b>		Ann Brown
<b>Opening Hymn #144*</b>	“This Is My Father’s World”	
<b>Affirmation of Faith</b>		
<b>Gloria Patri #70*</b>	“Glory Be to the Father”	
<b>Welcome &amp; Invitation to Mission</b>		Jennifer Tripoli & Erica Plesco
<b>Receiving New Members</b>		Jeff Nelson
<b>Time of Prayer</b>		
<b>Invitation to Offering</b>		
<b>Musical Offering</b>	“Table of Plenty” arr. Mark Hayes	Sanctus Choir
<b>Doxology #95*</b>	“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”	
<b>Scripture</b>	Luke 9:10-17	
<b>Message</b>	“Table of Abundance”	Jeff Nelson
<b>Sacrament of Holy Communion</b>		
<b>Closing Hymn #140*</b>	“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”	
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	“Little Prelude and Fugue in D Minor” J.S. Bach	Kyle Webber

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Please join us for our next Social Action Committee meeting on **Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor**. Please feel free to attend even if you have not come to meetings in the past! Please reach out to Christie Mikell at 734.347.4006 or email [socialaction@rofum.org](mailto:socialaction@rofum.org) with any questions.



## 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 through March 24** of individually wrapped pieces of candy, toys/trinkets, and plastic eggs for their annual 'Egg My House' fundraiser. 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! Scan the QR code to sign up!



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## 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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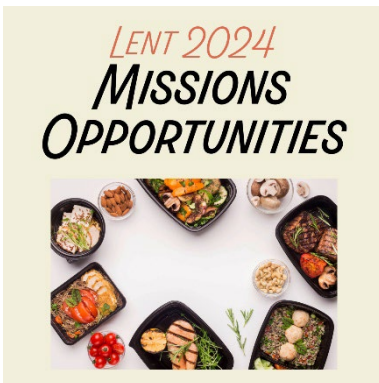
## WOMEN'S RETREAT

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!



## 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

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.





## **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:**

Art Miller • Al and Gloria Knappenberger • Margie Dallavo • Marcy Courtney • Yvonne Bashur • Leonard Benyas • Joyce Negrich • 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 • Dona Wells • Kathy Seidler • Allison and Bill Hempstead • Marian Kremer • Sheryl Hunter • Art Miller • Mary Nahhat • Donna Allen •

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

The Williams Family • Leeanna Hamlet • 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 •

*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,

As you may know my voice has really been struggling this month. This happens from a combination of misuse and overuse. Every week it just seemed to get a little worse. Any advice about how to care for your vocal chords begins with the same advice:

Rest. Be quiet. Stop talking.

Which as you can imagine is hard for me both personally and vocationally. But I am trying. I stayed home this week and have spent most of the days simply not talking. I am calling it an unplanned Sabbatical.

This week has given me some time to slow down and listen - a rare gift in our fast paced world. As I listened to my heart this week it simply kept coming back to gratitude. I am so thankful to God for each and every one of you.

- ~ Thank you to those who show up to serve our children and youth.
- ~ Thank you to those who show up to usher, greet and serve coffee on Sundays.
- ~ Thank you to those who lend their voices and their instruments to lead us in worship.
- ~ Thank you to those who make sandwiches and meals and help people find clothes.
- ~ Thank you to those who bag laundry & dish soap and other non-food essentials for those in need.
- ~ Thanks to the hundreds of you who showed up to serve fish and another hundred who showed up to dream about our future.
- ~ Thank you to those who make a connecting call each month to check on our church family.
- ~ Thank you for your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

All of this is what makes Christ's love real around here.

This Sunday, we will welcome over a dozen new members to our church community.

So much to be thankful for...

Looking forward to the walk toward Easter.

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 a wide, open mouth and two dots for eyes.

Pastor Jeff Nelson