

Palm Sunday



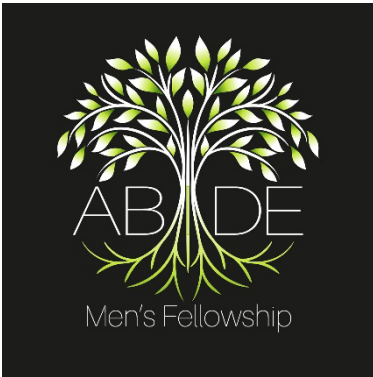
**ROYAL OAK
FIRST**
A United Methodist Church

**Sunday, March 24, 2024
9:00 AM Worship**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” arr. Michael Mazzatenta	Kyle Webber
Song	“Friend of God”	
Song	“Rescuer”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Erica Plesco & Jeff Nelson
Mission Moment	Noisy Bucket	Leonard Benyas
Time of Prayer		Erica Plesco
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	“Child of Love”	House Band
Doxology	“Give Thanks”	
Scripture	John 12:12-15	
Message	“The Grand March”	Jeff Nelson
Song	“House Of The Lord”	House Band
Benediction		
Departing Music		

ANNOUNCEMENTS



ABIDE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The ABIDE Men's Fellowship will meet on the **last Tuesday of each month at the Royal Oak Tap House (714 S. Washington, Royal Oak) at 7:00 p.m.** All other meetings during the month will be held at the church every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. ALL men are welcome and invited to join us at any of the meetings. This will be a time of prayer, reflection and fellowship. Our ABIDE Men's Fellowship has three goals: 1. Make space for friendship and fellowship. 2. Create opportunities to serve. 3. Offer opportunities to grow in faith. We hope you can join us!



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.



WOMEN'S RETREAT IS BACK!

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!



PRIDE & ALLY GROUP BRUNCH

You are invited to join the **Pride & Ally Group for brunch on Sunday, April 14 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service at Pronto's.** (Everyone is responsible for their own brunch bill). We will spend time getting to know each other and discussing the upcoming Pride Events. All are welcome to join us...and all means all. If you would like to receive our emails, please email prideandally@rofum.org.

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Lent Food Collection



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There is still time to 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 a **Sandwich Assembly (from home) supporting the NOAH Project and serving the Easter meal at the Outreach on 7th lunch.** We would love your participation in any or all of these missions! Scan the QR code to sign up.



VISIONING DAY SUCCESS!

As one of the organizers of our Visioning Day, I want to say thank you everyone who attended and all who helped put this day together. We had over 85 people gathered in Fellowship Hall to participate in the planning for the future of Royal Oak First. It was a fun and busy day filled with information gathering, sharing thoughts and ideas with one another, followed by an informal vote of all the day's top priorities.

We want to keep everyone informed as to next steps. Staff and the Compass Team will meet within the next few weeks, to review what has been gathered from the

Visioning Day. A church Vision Statement will also be crafted during this time.

We then plan on holding a church-wide Zoom meeting on Sunday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. (Zoom link to follow) to go over a synopsis of the Visioning Day itself and then present the priorities that were chosen and discuss the next phase. We hope you can attend that meeting so we can share the results of all your efforts from Visioning Day!

--Lee Trumbull, Communications Director



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 • Mark Thatcher • Marcy Courtney • Al and Gloria Knappenberger •
Margie Dallavo • 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 • Kim Stroud • Dauroran Shirina Lee • Diana Shornak •
Carrie Morse • Dona Wells • Kathy Seidler • Allison and Bill Hempstead •
Marian Kremer • Mary Nahhat • Donna Allen • Charlene Faunt •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

MaryVonne Gray • 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 •

Sympathies to:

Jim and Linda Wilson on the death of their friend, Anita on March 15, 2024

*If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List,
please contact Danielle Moody at prayers@rofum.org.*

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Holy Week!

This is the week where the central story of our faith plays out in all its detail. By the end of this week, we will wave palms with enthusiasm, we will sit in the intimacy of an upper room and we will sit in shock at the foot of the cross. The story of Jesus' last week can truly come to life for us when we are present to both retell and relive these critical moments.

Palm Sunday: This Sunday at both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services, we will have the opportunity to wave the palms and join the parade as we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. It is a day of celebration, joy and a commitment to the mission of life and justice even in the face of insurmountable odds.

Maundy Thursday: On Thursday, we remember Jesus' last supper and the radical act of foot washing on the eve of his arrest. Maundy comes from the Latin word "mandatum" which means we get the word mandate. The Gospel of John tells us that on that night, Jesus gave us a new commandment, a new mandate: "Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other". Join us at 7:00 p.m. for an reflective service of prayer, music and communion.

Good Friday: On Friday, we will recall and relive Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion. The irony of calling this day good should not be lost on any of us. The Old English understanding of the word good is closer to what we would now call holy. This is a Holy day where we glimpse the extent to which God will go to stand in solidarity with a suffering world. We will offer two chances to experience this day. At 12:00 p.m., a Tenebrae Service, a service of entrusting the light, where we highlight the drama of the last hours of Jesus' life. At 7:00 p.m., our annual 7 Last Words Poetry & Music Slam will highlight the words Jesus spoke from the cross as only artists can truly do. This is a unique service that you should really experience.

Easter: The week culminates the following Sunday at both 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. as we are reminded of the great pattern of resurrection that is woven throughout all of creation. Out of death God always brings new life.

I hope you come and be part of the grand retelling of our story.

We will truly proclaim the mystery of our faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P.S. – This Tuesday, I will be hosting a Holy Week Happy Hour at the Tap House at 7:00 p.m. for all the men of the church. This is a chance for fellowship, to make new friends and reacquaint with guys you have known for a while. Join me for a Diet Coke, a cup of coffee, a glass of wine or whatever else you enjoy. We will be glad to see you.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff Nelson". The word "Pastor" is written in a cursive style, and "Jeff Nelson" is written in a more casual, slightly slanted cursive. Below the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with a small cross above it.

Pastor Jeff Nelson