

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love. I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do. I love story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love. I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant what seems, I tell it, more sweet. I

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the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Sunday, April 14, 2024
9:00 AM Worship**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	“I’ve Got Peace Like a River” arr. Mark Hayes	Kyle Webber
Song	“Hold Us Together”	
Song	“Love The Lord”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jennifer Tripoli & Jeff Nelson
Mission Moment	Freedom Dreamers	David Mayer
Time of Prayer		Nicole Wilson
Invitation to Offering		Erica Plesco
Musical Offering	“Trust His Heart” Carswell/Mason	Maria Moro
Doxology	“Give Thanks”	
Scripture	Luke 24:36-48	
Message	“Peace and Mission”	Jeff Nelson
Song	“I Will Follow”	House Band
Benediction		
Departing Music		

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PRIDE & ALLY GROUP BRUNCH IS TODAY!

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.



Freedom Dreamers

THE FREEDOM DREAMERS PANEL & MEAL

On **Sunday, April 14, at 3:00 p.m.**, the Freedom Dreamers group will feature an interactive panel discussion on “Overcoming Explicit Bias Towards Returning Citizens” and will conclude with a meal and fellowship. Royal Oak First members George Bard, Arthur Jemison, and David Mayer will be participating in the panel, along with Detroit Police Commissioner Daryl Woods, who will share his insights from within the walls of prison and outside. You all are invited to attend and if you would like to partake in the 4:15-5:30 p.m. meal, please RSVP to David Mayer at davidmayer1512@gmail.com.

HANDS WITH DETROIT SERVICE DAY

The Hands with Detroit Service Day, put on by the Greater Detroit District UMC, is returning on **Saturday, April 27**. Royal Oak First's own Susanna Webber organizes this event for the District! Join in service with volunteers from other United Methodist Churches throughout our district to make an impact. Morning and afternoon shifts are available and you can select the tasks that you prefer: kitchen help, grounds cleanup, light maintenance projects, document destruction, or doormat assembly. This service day is designed for ages 10+. **Please scan QR code to sign up.**



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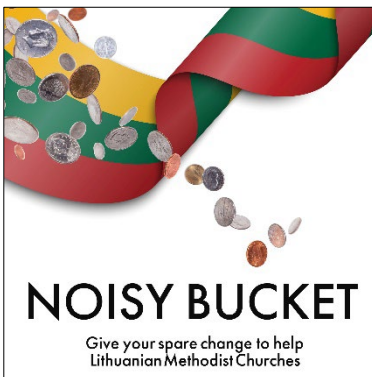
SAVE THE DATE! FOR ZOOM CHURCH-WIDE MEETING FOCUSED ON RESULTS FROM VISIONING DAY

We will hold 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, then discuss what has been done so far, and next steps for the future. We hope you can attend that meeting so we can share the results of all your efforts from Visioning Day!



PASTOR CHAT-SUNDAY, APRIL 28

If you're new to Royal Oak First and you'd like to know more about our church or if you'd like to learn the next steps about how to become part of everything going on here, then come to the Pastor Chat. The next **Pastor Chat will be on Sunday, April 28 at 10:15 a.m. in the Parlor** and last no more than 30 minutes. We look forward to seeing you!



SAVE YOUR LOOSE/SPARE CHANGE FOR NOISY BUCKET

Bring in your spare change in on **Sunday, April 28 at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services** and we will collect it for our efforts to support the United Methodist churches in Lithuania. Don't miss out on making the bucket noisy!

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MAY GROWTH LAB

Join us for the May Growth Lab: New Season, New Practices. The dawn of Spring brings an invitation to look for places of new growth and fresh starts. **On Saturday, May 4, from 9:30 a.m.-noon**, we will discuss why it can be helpful to add new practices into our ways of encountering the Divine. We will also practice some embodied ways of connecting to God. **Scan the QR code to sign up.**



Cinco de Mayo Carry-Out Tacos



CINCO DE MAYO **CARRY-OUT** TACOS— SUNDAY, MAY 5, 4:30-6:30 P.M.

This is a fundraiser sponsored by Royal Oak First's Music Guild and all funds from this event will benefit our Summer Choir Camp. Each meal is \$15 and includes 3 tacos in flour or corn shells, with chips and salsa. Options include: **Seasoned Ground Beef** topped with lettuce and a Mexican cheese blend; **Pulled Pork** topped with Asian slaw and cilantro; **Shredded Chicken Salsa Verde** topped with pickled red onion and Queso Fresco; or **Steak** topped with onion, Mexican cheese and cilantro; AND (new this year!) a vegetarian option of **Seasoned Tofu** topped with grilled onions and bell peppers, lettuce and pickled onion. Scan the QR code to place your **pre-order** and **reserve your pick-up time.**



Cinco de Mayo Carry-Out Tacos



CINCO DE MAYO **CARRY-OUT** TACOS— VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need kitchen prep help, carry-out runners and dishwashers on Sunday, May 5 from 2:00-7:00 p.m. This is a fundraiser sponsored by Royal Oak First's Music Guild and all funds from this event will benefit our summer choir camp. Scan the QR code to pick a spot to volunteer!



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PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Art Miller • Janice Marsh • Al and Gloria Knappenberger • Marcy Courtney •
Grace Perkins • Richard and Dorie Rush • Allison and Bill Hempstead •
Mark Thatcher • Leonard Benyas • Joyce Negrich • Margie Dallavo •
Marilyn Alexander •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

John and Joyce Barber • Scott Spaulding • Effie Lambros • Kathleen Scherr •
Paula Cudney • Michael Retaskie • Sydney Wagner • MaryVonne Gray •
Shelly & Jerry • Robin Myers • Frank O'Brien • Cathy Embry •
Steve Sealander • Jim Kincannon • Suzanne Buxton •

Sympathies to:

The friends and family of Dona Wells on her death on April 9, 2024

Mary Lou Graeber on the death of her nephew, Erol on April 8, 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,

I learned a new word this week- Coddiwomple. Coddiwomple is an English slang word meaning to “travel purposefully toward an as-yet-unknown destination.”

We are in the midst of a Coddiwomple right now at Royal Oak First. On March 9th we gathered with over 80 people for a day of listening and discernment about where God might be leading our movement. The day generated a lot of conversation and some focus around who we are and who we are becoming.

We heard things like:

- Wanting to learn to live the love of Jesus
- Wanting to be a part of the “beloved community”
- Creating lots of opportunities to connect with each other for friendship and growth
- Being a place that lives out its faith in acts of justice and mercy
- Being a resource to help with basic needs both inside and outside the church
- Leaning into our strengths of being an intergenerational community with a commitment and focus on children, family and youth strengths

These are just a few of the long list of things we heard throughout the day.

Since that meeting, the staff has met a couple of times with members of the Compass Team and some other members of the congregation to begin to discern and distill where the Spirit might be calling us to go.

Discernment, like any good Coddiwomple, takes time, intention and invitation for others to join the journey. So I am inviting YOU to join me, members of our staff and the Compass Team, to a virtual Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be on Zoom and the link will be provided as we get closer to the day. That evening we will review the journey, share initial findings, receive your feedback and talk about next steps on the journey.

Together we are headed somewhere - somewhere we are not quite certain of yet - but we are moving there together. That is what discernment is all about.

So welcome to this wonderful Coddiwomple. There is no community I would rather do this with than with all of you!

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff" with a simple smiley face drawn below the name.

Pastor Jeff Nelson