

*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*

**I Love  
to tell the  
Story**

*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 7, 2024  
9:00 AM Worship**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Gathering Music**

Prelude on "Llanfair"  
arr. Michael Mazzatenta

Kyle Webber

**Song**

"Whom Shall I Fear"

**Song**

"Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)"

**Welcome & Invitation to Mission**

Jennifer Tripoli & Jeff Nelson

**Time of Prayer**

Erica Plesco

**Invitation to Offering**

**Musical Offering**

"God Is In This Story"  
Katy Nichole

Danielle Patterson

**Doxology**

"Give Thanks"

**Scripture**

John 20:19-31

**Message**

"Encountering Resurrection"

Jeff Nelson

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Song**

"Trust in God"

**Benediction**

**Departing Music**

House Band

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## SPAGHETTI DINNER VARIETY SHOW IS TONIGHT!

Join us tonight, **Sunday, April 7 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.**, for the Music Guild's Spaghetti Dinner Variety Show! Dinner is first at 5:00 p.m. (\$12 adult/\$8 kid with kids under 5 eating free, with tickets purchased at the door) and is followed by the show portion of the evening at 6:00 p.m. Proceeds will go toward kids going to summer camp.



## PILLOWCASE ASSEMBLY WORKSHOP

Our next Pillowcase Assembly Workshop has been set as **Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the 2nd floor Youth Room.** We hope you can join! No sewing skills are needed, and all pillowcases will be donated to Detroit area youth experiencing housing insecurity. In addition to using your hands to help create the pillowcases, we are hoping one or two of you also have a Serger machine to bring to help speed the process along. If you know anyone with this type of sewing machine, please invite them! **Scan the QR code 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](mailto:prideandally@rofum.org).

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## THE FREEDOM DREAMERS PANEL & MEAL

On **Sunday, April 14, at 3:00 p.m.**, the Freedom Dreamers group will return to Royal Oak First. This month's event 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 4:15-5:30PM meal, please RSVP to David Mayer at [davidmayer1512@gmail.com](mailto: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! This is a fantastic opportunity to 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 ALL-CHURCH TOWN HALL 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 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!

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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 have time to practice some embodied ways of connecting to God. **Scan the QR code to sign up.**



## SENIORS! ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IS OPEN!

For those students planning to attend or who are already attending undergraduate or graduate school, you may wish to be aware of Metropolitan United Methodist Church's annual academic scholarship program. Each year the Church's Centennial Fund awards over 50 scholarships each amounting to \$2,000. The qualifying criteria are noted in the application forms available on the Metropolitan United Methodist Church's website at [www.metroumcdetroit.org/scholarships](http://www.metroumcdetroit.org/scholarships). **This year the application deadline is May 3rd.** Any Methodist church member is welcome to apply.

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# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

## **Prayers for Our Church Family:**

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Marcy Courtney • Al and Gloria Knappenberger • Dona Wells •  
Margie Dallavo • Leonard Benyas • Joyce Negrich • Marilyn Alexander •  
Allison and Bill Hempstead •

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

Paula Cudney • Michael Retaskie • MaryVonne Gray • Sydney Wagner •  
Shelly & Jerry • Robin Myers • Frank O'Brien • Cathy Embry •  
Steve Sealander • Jim Kincannon • Suzanne Buxton •

## **Congratulations to:**

Rob and Julia Filipp on the birth of their daughter, Zoe Mae Filipp on March 27, 2024

## **Sympathies to:**

Kathi Burger on the death of her husband, Ken Burger on March 29, 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

Dear Friends,

It is with great excitement and a touch of showbiz flair that I invite you to our Variety Show and Spaghetti Dinner this Sunday! It is sure to be a night of fun, laughter, and delicious food that will be certain to leave us entertained and inspired.

Join us at 5:00 p.m. for a Spaghetti Dinner with the show to follow. Tickets are \$8 for our littlest stars (kids) (kids under 5 eat for free) and \$12 for adults. Remember, all proceeds from this delightful evening will support our incredible Music Guild and help fund our upcoming summer camp - a cause close to our hearts.

In the words of the legendary Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland, "Hey kids, let's put on a show!" Pastor Bridget and I will even be joining in on the fun with an act!

So grab your family and friends, and come on down to our church and join us for an evening of community, entertainment, and of course, spaghetti! Let's come together as a church family to support our talented performers and help send our kids to camp!

We can't wait to see you there, shining bright like the stars that you are!

With love, laughter, and a sprinkle of showbiz magic.

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 two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.

Pastor Jeff Nelson