



Sunday, November 10, 2024
9:00 AM Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	"Piano Suite: Cider House Rules, Mvt. 1" Rachel Portman	Michael Rosas
Greeting		Chris Mikell
Song	"Way Maker"	
Song	"Great Are You Lord"	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jennifer Tripoli & Jeff Nelson
Mission Moment		Karla Goetz
Time of Prayer		Nicole Wilson
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	"Hold On" Katy Nichole	Jenni Clark & Jarod Clark
Doxology #2036**	"Give Thanks"	
Scripture Reading*	Mark 12:38-44	
Message	"What Are We Supposed to Do Now?"	Jeff Nelson
Song	"Be Still"	
Benediction		
Departing Music		House Band

**New Revised Standard Version*

***The Faith We Sing*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



2024 Church Conference

Sunday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m.
In-Person

2024 CHURCH CONFERENCE IS TONIGHT!

Join us tonight, Sunday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. for our in-person Annual Church Conference. We will be joined by our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Darryl E. Totty, to conduct our business meeting, elect our leadership for the next year and be informed of what is happening in the wider connection of the United Methodist Church. This is an important meeting and will give you a chance to help shape the direction of our congregation. This meeting will be held in-person only.



Advent by Candlelight
A special evening for women

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Monday, December 2 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

This special Advent event for women includes a program of speakers and music followed by dessert. **You are invited to host a table for friends and family or sign up to simply attend and we will assign you to a table.** We invite you to spend this evening with us, getting our hearts and minds focused on what matters most this season. **Whether you want to host a table or just attend, please scan the QR code to sign up by November 15.**



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Holiday Meals Volunteer Opportunities

COULD YOU HELP PREPARE/SERVE THE HOLIDAY MEALS FOR OO7?

For our Thanksgiving meal this year, Outreach on 7th (OO7) is expecting approximately 80+ people from our Lunch Program and the Essentials Pantry. **We need volunteers to cook and serve on Thanksgiving Day. We will also need people to pick up a turkey from us and cook/slice it and return it to the church. Then, we will need volunteers to help prepare and serve the Christmas meal on Christmas Day.** Scan the QR code to sign up for the Thanksgiving meal and/or the Christmas meal.



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2025 Operating Pledge
(choose one)

Weekly Pledge \$ _____
Monthly Pledge \$ _____
Yearly Pledge \$ _____

☐ I will pledge an additional donation of \$ _____ per week/month to our Caring & Requiring Fund for unforeseen circumstances.
☐ I would like help setting up recurring online giving.

Online donations using credit, debit or bank accounts may be made through our website at www.refuge.org/giving.

Full Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____
Phone _____

PLEDGE CARD TURN IN

If you have turned in your pledge card, we thank you, and if not, there is still time to do so. You can get a card at the **Connections Table** or in the **church office**. Your estimate of giving is a vital part of our budget planning as it helps us determine the resources available for our programs, projects and ministries for the upcoming year. Please prayerfully consider how you can help support the ministries here in our church.



THANK YOU TO OUR VETERANS!

Veteran's Day is tomorrow and we wanted to take this opportunity to thank our veterans for their service to our country. Your bravery, sacrifice, and strength do not go unnoticed, and we will always be indebted to you and your family for all that you have given to our country.



TRANSFORMATIVE RETREAT WITH PASTOR JEFF

Join Pastor Jeff on **Saturday, November 16, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.** for a transformative retreat focused on **discovering God's voice through scripture**. We will delve into the ancient devotional practice of *Lectio Divina*, or sacred reading, guiding you to connect more deeply with your Scriptures for personal prayer and devotion. This enriching experience will empower you to embrace the Word of God in a more meaningful way. Bring your Bible, a journal or notebook, and an open heart. This retreat is free of charge and promises to inspire and uplift your spiritual journey. Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your faith! **Scan the QR code to sign up.**



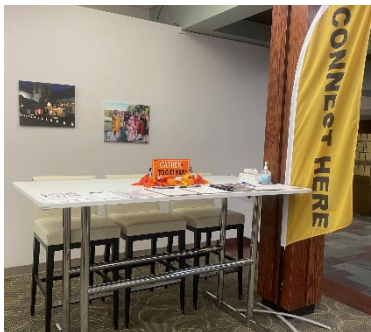
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RBI PRODUCE SHOPPING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you for your continued support in providing fresh produce monthly to the families served through Redford Brightmoor Initiative's Free Store! **We are in need of shopping volunteers for the upcoming months.** Thank you to all who have helped with the continued success of this project! Scan the QR code to sign up.



CONNECTIONS TABLE

Did you know that our Connections Table (located in the Gathering Space) is not only the place to sign up for service opportunities and get information about what is happening in the church, it is also a place where new folks often feel most comfortable approaching to start to learn about Royal Oak First. **Swing by the Connections Table after service to learn more or scan the QR code to sign up for a shift.**



SNACKS NEEDED FOR THE COFFEE BAR

Would you like to make everyone who comes to Sunday service happy? Do you like to bake or buy yummy snacks? **If so, please sign up to bring 3 dozen snacks for the Coffee Bar on Sundays.** The smiling faces and happy bellies will be all the joy you need for the day for sure! Scan QR code or stop by the Connections Table to sign up.



ADVENT AT ROYAL OAK FIRST IS COMING!

More details to follow.



PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Joe Nowaczok • Carrie Morse • Marlene Yago • The England Family •
Noel Peterson • Jeanette Maylen • Sue and Dave Minch • Phil Button •
Joyce Russell • Amy Youngquist • Michele Prud'homme • Joyce Negrich •
Jaime Luczak • Nancy Matson • Woody Siddall • Megan Mckenzie-Grimm •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Fred Jackson, Jr. • Susie Inch • Margie Reese • Diane Miller •
Ellen Delangy • Lisa Wilson • Joseph Conners • Grayson Hamlet •
Phillip & Corine Samuelson • The O'Mara Family • Margaret Maas •
Deana Sawicki • Barbara Witherspoon • Val Globish • Dave Lozowski •
Steve Sealander • Pat Timmons • Pamala Winnie • Darby Dickenson •
Micki Rhen • Missy Winter • Marie Russian •

Congratulations to:

Jenny and Dan Cattran on the birth of their sons, Sawyer Robert Cattran and
Landon David Cattran on November 6, 2024

Bobby and Courtney Hoekstra on the birth of their daughter, Marcella Jane
Hoekstra on November 2, 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,

There are three things weighing on my heart this week:

Elections

National elections, and this one in particular, cause a lot of different emotions and reactions for individuals and communities. This week I have heard from a lot of you asking about how we understand our faith and where God is in the midst of all these feelings, especially when the results didn't turn out like some of you had hoped. I have spent much of these past few weeks wrestling with these questions and praying for the Holy Spirit to offer us a word of both hope and challenge.

Church Conference

I want to invite you to attend our annual Church Conference this Sunday evening. The Conference will begin at 7:00 p.m. and we be led by Reverend Dr. Daryl Totty, our District Superintendent. This meeting will elect our leadership for the next season as well take care of all the other important business of the church. Please plan to join us. Don't worry, we know the Lion's kickoff is at 8:20 p.m. and we promise to have you home on time.

Generosity Campaign

I want to thank everyone who has participated in our Generosity Campaign by turning in a Pledge Card. This card helps us plan for next year's mission and ministry budgets. We are off to a great start and over halfway to reaching our target. Next week I will provide a full update on your generosity. If you have not made your commitment to this year's campaign, I encourage you to please consider doing so. Together, we can truly make Christ's Love Real in this community and beyond.

Know that you are all in my prayers.

Grace and Peace,

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

Pastor Jeff Nelson

