

# Makin' it Real

"Make the First Move"

Sunday, April 27, 9:00AM

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>Gathering Music</b>	"Takin' Care of Business"	House Band
<b>Greeting</b>		Griffin Anspach
<b>Song</b>	"Battle Belongs"	
<b>Song</b>	"Rest on Us"	
<b>Welcome &amp; Invitation to Mission</b>		Jeff Nelson & Bridget Nelson
<b>Mission Moment</b>	"Noisy Bucket"	
<b>Time of Prayer</b>		
<b>Invitation to Offering</b>		
<b>Musical Offering</b>	"Around The Corner"	Joel Palmer
<b>Doxology</b>	"Give Thanks"	
<b>Scripture Reading*</b>	John 20:19-31	
<b>Message</b>	"Makin' it Real: Make the First Move"	Jeff Nelson
<b>Closing Song</b>	"Way Maker"	
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Departing Music</b>		

*\*New Revised Standard Version*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## HANDS WITH DETROIT SERVICE DAY

The Hands with Detroit service day, put on by the Greater Detroit District UMC, is returning on **Saturday, May 3**. 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, Tiny Homes, painting, or hygiene kit assembly. This service day is designed for ages 10+. Please scan the QR code for additional information and to sign up.



## Cinco de Mayo Carry-Out Tacos



## CINCO DE MAYO CARRY-OUT TACOS

**Monday, 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 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.



## CONFIRMATION WORSHIP ON MAY 4

We are excited to have 13 of our youth being Confirmed this year. This group has spent time together in monthly gatherings learning about God, their faith, their church and themselves. **On May 4, the 11:00 a.m. service will be a service of Confirmation. All are welcome!** We just wanted to give notice that it will not feel entirely like a usual 11:00 a.m. service. Come join us and celebrate this milestone moment in the lives of these young people.

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## MAKIN' IT REAL T-SHIRTS!

As part of our Makin' it Real Campaign (Easter through Pentecost) we have new t-shirts! We made it red so you can wear it on Pentecost! **Check out our online church store to purchase a t-shirt. You can also look through our other t-shirts and sweatshirts and get what you like.** All these purchases support our Children Youth and Family Ministries.



## MAKIN' IT REAL - DAY OF PRAYER

Join us on Wednesday, May 14 for a Day of Prayer. One of the ways we make Christ's love real is through prayer - for the people we love, for the people in our church, for our world. **On May 14, our Sanctuary will have prayer stations set up for you to move through at your own pace, anytime from 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.** Plan to stop in and be part of this meaningful prayer experience!



## “LIVE IT OUT” VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**June 23-26, 2025 6:00-8:00PM**

Come join us as at Vacation Bible School where we will explore what it means to love like Jesus, by showing kindness and forgiveness, praying for and serving others.

We'll learn how to "Live It Out" by showing Jesus' love in everything we do! Any questions, please contact Tori Kozan at [tkozan511@gmail.com](mailto:tkozan511@gmail.com). Scan the QR code to sign up.



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## FINAL TRANSFORMATIVE RETREAT

We hope you can attend our last transformative retreat **"A Morning with the Mystics"** with Pastor Jeff on **Saturday, May 17, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.** Our retreats are intentional spaces designed to cultivate a deeper relationship with the divine, offering you the opportunity to recharge your spirit and discover the profound peace that comes from being in God's presence. Scan the QR code to sign up.



## PASTOR CHAT-SUNDAY, MAY 18

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, May 18 at 10:15 a.m. in the Youth Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor** and last no more than 30 minutes. We look forward to seeing you!



## RBI PRODUCE COLLECTION

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 3 more shopping volunteers in May and 3 more shopping volunteers in June. Scan the QR code to sign up.



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# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

## Prayers for Our Church Family:

Jerry Elliott • Ren Renforth • Grace Perkins • LeeAnn Witherspoon •  
Judy Bryan • Mark Thatcher • Woody Siddall • Ann Anderson • Tom Landry •  
Mary Lou Graeber • Bill & Allison Hempstead • The Thurman Family •

## Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Audrey Sproul • Heather Brown Miller • Scott & Cathy Dawe •  
Marykay McCaskey • Brett Thatcher • Carla Hempstead • Reese • RaeDena •  
Robert Baker • Bernie Stubitsch • Michael Elliott • Beth Copeland •  
Karen Cunningham • Michael Retaskie • Jeff Callihan • Lance Wilburn •  
Ellen Delangy • Carol Marshall •

## Sympathies to:

The Tovarez family on the death of Cathy's dad, Frank Nunez on April 17, 2025

*If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List,  
please contact Danielle Moody at [prayers@rofum.org](mailto:prayers@rofum.org).*



## TIME OF PRAYER

All are welcome to the Time of Prayer on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. at church. We review the church prayer list, spend time in silence and pray together in the Sanctuary. This is wonderful opportunity to uplift your personal prayer requests.



# LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Beloved Community,

Ah, the Sunday after Easter!

I love the Sunday after Easter. (Okay, to be honest, I love most Sundays, but this one is right up there.) We're fresh off the resurrection, and with that comes a sense of boundless possibility. It's like opening a brand new pack of baseball cards—each one holds the potential for greatness! But you only discover what is inside if you open it up.

Now, the weeks after Easter are not just a cozy time to bask in the glow of the resurrection; they're our invitation to take a serious look at what it means to live the resurrected life. Imagine what it would look like if the power of resurrection was not just a concept we read about, but a reality we lived out every day. What does it mean for us to partner with Jesus in bringing that resurrection energy to our world?

Easter is indeed a fantastic story, but if it remains just that—a lovely tale—it won't have much impact on our lives. However, when Easter transforms into a way of life, that's when the great adventure of faith begins!

This Easter season, we are launching our “Makin’ it Real” campaign, focusing on making Christ’s love tangible in our lives. Over the next six weeks, we’ll have action steps each week that will help us turn the Easter narrative into something we can truly live out together.

And don't forget our midweek devotionals! Every Wednesday at noon during this season, we'll be posting a short pick-me-up on our Facebook page. Whether you tune in live or catch up later, it'll be a great way to chew on the week's topics and deepen our connection.

All of this will lead up to our grand celebration on June 8th. Yes, you heard it right—Food. Fun. Friends. Make sure to mark that date on your calendars; you won't want to miss it!

So, let's embark on this journey together and make it real. Here's to living out the resurrection every day!

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "Pastor Jeff". Below the signature is a simple smiley face drawn with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.

Pastor Jeff Nelson