

# Makin' it Real

"Pray Like it Matters"

Sunday, May 11, 9:00AM

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Gathering Music**

“Let It Be”  
John Lennon & Paul McCartney

House Band

**Greeting**

Griffin Anspach

**Song**

“Jehovah”

**Song**

“Trust in God”

**Welcome & Invitation to Mission**

Jeff Nelson & Jennifer Tripoli

**Mission Moment**

Jamie Luczak

**Time of Prayer**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Musical Offering**

“On My Knees”  
David Mullen, Nicole Mullen, & Michael Ochs

Maria Moro

**Doxology**

“Give Thanks”

**Mother’s Day Poem**

Amber Koffee Osley

**Scripture Reading\***

Luke 5:15-16

**Message**

"Makin' it Real: Pray Like it Matters"

Bridget Nelson

**Song**

“Fear is Not My Future”

**Benediction**

**Departing Music**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Makin'  
it Real**

Day of Prayer

## 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!

**Makin'  
it Real**

Facebook Live  
Devotion

## FACEBOOK LIVE DEVOTION EVERY WEDNESDAY AT NOON

Join us on our Facebook page for a "Makin' it Real" Live Devotion with Pastor Jeff every Wednesday at noon through June 8. Enjoy a mid-week refresher on our efforts to make Christ's love real in our lives, in our church and in our community.



Men's Fellowship

## ABIDE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP ON TUESDAY NIGHTS **THROUGH MAY 20**

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 meet on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning April 22 through May 20 in the Parlor. ALL men are welcome and invited to join us at any of the meetings.** This will be a time of prayer, reflection and fellowship.

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## 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!



## SERVICE FOR OTHERS ON SUNDAY, MAY 18

Join us for "Service for Others" in **between services on Sunday, May 18, where we will be making sandwiches for Outreach on 7th's Lunch Program.** Grab a coffee and snack at the Coffee Bar right after this service, then join us in the Parlor. We hope to see you there!



## 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.



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## ONLY ONE SERVICE ON SUNDAYS AT 10AM

Beginning 5/25 through 9/7



## ONLY ONE SERVICE (10AM) FOR THE SUMMER--BEGINS ON SUNDAY, MAY 25

Beginning on **Sunday, May 25**, we will have only **ONE service on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.** This will run through our Fall Kickoff on Sunday, September 7. We will return to our 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services on Sunday, September 14.

## BOOTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT PRIDE EVENTS

Our Pride & Ally Group is looking for **volunteers for our Royal Oak First booth at various May, June and July Pride events.** We will be at Ferndale Pride on Saturday, May 31, Family Pride Night at the Royal Oak Farmers Market on Wednesday, June 11, Berkley Pride on Sunday, June 22 and Royal Oak Pride on Friday, July 25 and Saturday, July 26. Scan the QR code to sign up! If you have any questions, please email [prideandally@rofum.org](mailto:prideandally@rofum.org).



SCAN ME



## ESSENTIALS PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The first Saturday of the month, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. the Essentials Pantry is open. **We need volunteers to gather from our supply inventory and hand out these supplies to those in need.** If you are able to volunteer, please scan the QR code to sign up.



SCAN ME

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## WEAR RED ON PENTECOST SUNDAY AND THEN JOIN US AT THE BLOCK PARTY!

You are invited to wear **RED** (any red will do, even our new "Makin' it Real" red t-shirts!) for **Pentecost on Sunday, June 8**. Join us after our **10:00 a.m. service** for our **Makin' it Real Block Party**, sponsored by the **Royal Oak First Endowment Fund**. There will be hot dogs, bounce houses, fellowship, and our annual Cornhole Tournament. Pentecost gives us a chance to ask ourselves, "What are we on fire about?" Here at Royal Oak First, we are on fire about Makin' it Real!



## 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 shopping volunteers in June and beyond.** Scan the QR code to sign up.



## "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.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR WANTED

We are now accepting applications for a Sunday School Coordinator. The Sunday School Coordinator creates our Sunday morning program for our children 5th grade and younger during worship. **This person will be part of our Children, Youth & Family Ministries Team, under the direction of our Associate Pastor of Programs.** It is 10 hours a week, with flexibility outside of Sunday morning hours. Email Pastor Bridget Nelson for a full job description at [bnelson@rofum.org](mailto:bnelson@rofum.org).



## BEACH TOWEL/SPORTS BALL COLLECTION & SLIP & SLIDE PARTY

Royal Oak First will return to Methodist Children’s Home (MCHS) to celebrate the end of the school year & beginning of summer. During May, **we will be collecting new beach towels (for 10-17 year old boys) and new sports balls. Please drop off in the white collection bin near the Welcome Desk.** Then on Thursday, June 19th, we will throw a pizza, ice cream, and Slip & Slide party at MCHS. Please sign up to help by scanning the QR code. The Missions Team will be purchasing swim trunks and sandals for each boy as well. Email [missions@rofum.org](mailto:missions@rofum.org) with questions and interest.



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## BAKERY ITEMS (HOMEMADE OR STORE BOUGHT) FOR THE COFFEE BAR ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!

Would you like to make everyone who comes to Sunday service happy? Do you like to bake/make yummy snacks or buy treats from the bakery at your local store? 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 the QR code or stop by the Connections Table after service to sign up.



## CLOTHING CLOSET NEEDS

The Outreach on 7th's Clothing Closet really needs donations of **backpacks (any condition)** and **men's shoes sizes 10 & 10.5**. Please drop off at the church office, Monday-Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.



## COFFEE BAR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you looking for a fun, easy way to connect with other people at church while being of service? We have just the spot for you! Coffee bar volunteers prepare coffee, tea, water, and snacks all before service. Then after service, they keep the coffee coming and wipe tables and counters while interacting with our congregants. **If this sounds interesting to you, please stop by the Connections Table or scan the QR code.**







*Happy  
Mother's  
Day*

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# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

## Prayers for Our Church Family:

Michele Prud'homme • Dauroran Thurman • Jerry Elliott • Ren Renforth •  
Grace Perkins • LeeAnn Witherspoon • Judy Bryan • Mark Thatcher •  
Woody Siddall • Ann Anderson • Mary Lou Graeber •  
Bill & Allison Hempstead •

## Prayers for Our Extended Family:

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

## Sympathies to:

The Backes family on the death of Elliott's father, Jim Backes on May 4, 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 Church Family,

As we continue in our Makin' it Real campaign, I want to highlight a few things:

- I hope you will add your good news to our good news wall in the Gathering Space. It's been so great to see the positive things people have added this week! It's so important to keep the good stuff in front of us.
- Join us on Wednesdays at noon for our mid-week Makin' it Real Moment on Facebook Live! We are just taking a minute to talk about the message of the week and pray together.
- Don't forget that our campaign will culminate on June 8 which is Pentecost - everyone wear **RED**! And plan to stay after church for our Makin' it Real Block Party put on by our Endowment Team. If you want to purchase a red Makin' it Real t-shirt, we recommend you order by May 20 to have it for June 8. Scan the QR code at the bottom of page to order.

This Sunday we are going to look at how we make Christ's love real through prayer. We'll look at why prayer matters and see if we can find ways to connect with God more often.

Everyone is invited to our Makin' it Real Day of Prayer on Wednesday, May 14. Come by anytime between 12 noon and 7:00 p.m. to spend 30 minutes at our prayer stations. Put it on your calendar, I'll tell you more about it Sunday!

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Peace,



Pastor Bridget Nelson

