

Makin' it Real

"Tell the Good News"

Sunday, May 4, 9:00AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	"Fly, You Fool"	House Band
Greeting		Griffin Anspach
Song	"Graves Into Gardens"	
Song	"Who You Say I Am"	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson & Jennifer Tripoli
Time of Prayer		Nicole Wilson
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	"Dust in the Wind"	Kiersten Ciccone & Analisa Thomas
Doxology	"Give Thanks"	
Scripture Reading*	Luke 4:14-21	
Message	"Makin' it Real: Tell the Good News"	Jeff Nelson
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Song	"Goodness of God"	
Benediction		
Departing Music		

**New Revised Standard Version*

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Cinco de Mayo Carry-Out Tacos



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CINCO DE MAYO CARRY-OUT TACOS

We need kitchen prep help, carry-out runners and dishwashers on **Monday, May 5 from 2:00-8:00 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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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.**



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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2025 CONFIRMANDS

William Ciccone • Emily Edwards • Maggie Goetz •
JJ Jahnke • Luke Jahnke • Noah Keavney •
Zack LaRose • Audrie Miller • Charlotte Ryckman •
Isaac Ryckman • Noah Ryckman • Charlie Yago •
Maria Zimny •

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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. 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 2nd 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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Thank You Christine!



THANK YOU CHRISTINE!

Since 2018, Christine Ryckman has offered remarkable leadership to our Sunday School program. She has created a safe, fun and meaningful learning environment on our second floor where our children have learned about God and about themselves and experienced genuine community. Christine is moving on from this position, but not from our congregation. We are so grateful for her years on staff with us!

SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR POSITION OPEN



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

**Makin'
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Facebook Live
Devotion

FACEBOOK LIVE DEVOTION EVERY WEDNESDAY AT NOON

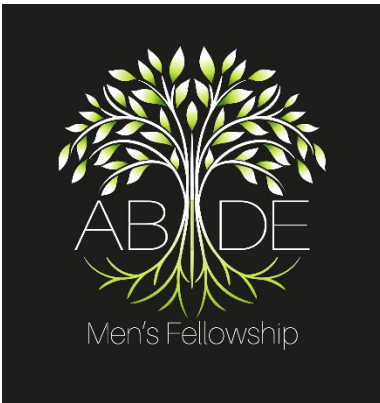
Join us on our **Facebook page** for a “Makin’ it Real” Live Devotion with **Pastor Jeff** every **Wednesday at noon through June 8**. Enjoy a mid-week refresher on our efforts to make Christ's love real in our lives, in our church and in our community.

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MAY BEACH TOWEL & SPORTS BALL COLLECTION

Our Missions Team is excited to announce that Royal Oak First will return to Methodist Children's Home (MCHS) to celebrate the end of the school year and beginning of summer. Throughout the month of May, **we will be collecting new beach towels (for 10-17 year old boys) and new sports balls.** We are hoping for 25 towels, one for each boy, and a nice variety of sports balls to replenish their supplies. **Please drop off in the white collection bin near the Welcome Desk by the Lafayette entrance.** Then in late June, we will throw a pizza, ice cream, and Slip & Slide party at MCHS. (Date is still being finalized, but we will be looking for volunteers.) The Missions Team will be purchasing swim trunks and sandals for each boy as well. Email missions@rofum.org with questions and interest.



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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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.



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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.



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.



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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.**



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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:

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:

Diana Shornak on the death of her brother, Robert Baker on May 1, 2025

The Cook family on the death of Sarah's mother, Audrey Sproul on April 26, 2025

*If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List,
please contact Danielle Moody at 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,

As I sit down to write this letter, I can't help but think back to those early days of the pandemic. Do you remember the weight of it all? Each day felt like a new wave of overwhelming news, and it seemed like the world was blanketed in hardship. I'll admit, it was a tough time for me, and I know I wasn't alone in feeling that way.

But something wonderful happened. John Krasinski, the actor we all know as Jim from *The Office*, started a little YouTube show called "Some Good News." It was only 15 minutes long, but it was a ray of sunshine amidst the gloom. He shared stories of everyday heroes, people doing small but impactful acts of kindness. I'll never forget the story of the man in Maine who bought 100 lobsters from a local fisherman to help him out and then shared them with friends and neighbors. My family and I would gather around the TV, and I won't lie—I often found myself in tears. It was a powerful reminder that even in the darkest of times, there's always good news waiting to be shared.

This brings me to something I feel is so vital for us right now: sharing Good News. The Gospel of Luke tells us that the very first words of Jesus' ministry were about bringing good news to the world. The entire Jesus movement is a celebration of hope, joy, and connection.

As we embark on our "Makin' it Real" campaign, I invite you to reflect on how we can make Christ's love tangible in our lives and in our community. It's a journey of Good News, and I'm so excited to be on this path with all of you!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 8th! We'll gather for a special worship service at 10:00 a.m., and then we can let loose at our "Makin' it Real" party. There will be food, laughter, and a chance to strengthen our bonds of friendship. Don't forget to grab your Makin' It Real t-shirt, too! And join me on Facebook Live every Wednesday for our "Makin' It Real" Devotion—let's keep the spirit of good news alive together!

So, let's go out there and BE the Good News. Let's share kindness, lift each other up, and proclaim hope in our community and beyond. Together, we can make a difference.

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