

Makin' it Real



Sunday,
September 28,
2025

11AM
service

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	"Scherzando" (Carl Nielsen)	Michael Rosas
Call to Worship		Josh Wright
Opening Hymn #2128*	"Come and Find the Quiet Center"	
Affirmation of Faith		
Song of Praise #2033*	"Glory to God" (verse 1)	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson & Jennifer Tripoli
Mission Moment	Noisy Bucket	
Reception of New Members		
Time of Prayer		
Scripture Reading**	John 1: 35-46	
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	"Come to the Water" (John B. Foley, SJ, arr. Jack Schrader)	Sanctus Choir
Doxology	"Gratefully Offer Talents and Service" (verse 1)	
Scripture Reading**	John 4:3-30, 39-41	
Message	"Come and See"	Nicole Wilson
Closing Hymn	"Christ, You Give Us Living Water"	
Benediction		
Postlude	"Chaconne" extrait du Manuscrit de Bauyn (Louis Couperin)	

** The Faith We Sing*

***New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*

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2025 Church Conference

Sunday, October 5 at 3:00 p.m.
Zoom

2025 CHURCH CONFERENCE

Please mark Sunday, October 5 at 3:00 p.m. on your calendar for our Annual Church Conference on Zoom. We will be conducting our business meeting, electing our leadership for the next year and learn 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 on Zoom only and a link will be sent out to everyone on our church email list closer to the date.**

ROYAL OAK FIRST MISSIONS



SURVEY

ROYAL OAK FIRST MISSIONS SURVEY

Please take a couple minutes to scan the QR code and fill out our Missions survey. This information will help guide our Missions Team as we make decisions that impact future missions programming and partnerships at Royal Oak First. **Please complete by September 30th.** Paper copies are available at the Connections Table. Reach out to Karla Goetz with any questions at missions@rofum.org. Thank you!



SOCK IT TO ME SEPTEMBER (UNDERWEAR TOO!) WE HAVE 1514 PAIRS OF SOCKS SO FAR!

Our friends at NOAH at Central give out over 10,000 pairs of socks annually as part of their work supporting the homeless of Detroit. It is our goal to contribute 1,000 pairs of socks or underwear to NOAH this year, in addition giving 1,000 pairs to Outreach on 7th. **Please bring a package of NEW MEN'S CREW SOCKS or NEW MENS UNDERWEAR to church during the month of September.** Please drop off socks and underwear in the white bin near the Welcome Desk by the Lafayette entrance. Sock-It-To-Me!

Sock-It-To-Me



September

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OCTOBER IS
PASTOR
APPRECIATION
MONTH

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE PERSONNEL TEAM-BECKY KRIEGER

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Our team again this year will be providing some gifts and treats to our favorite Pastors!

After spending some time with Pastors Jeff, Bridget and Jennifer they would actually love to hang out with us and help Outreach on 7th! We will be planning an event for early 2026 after the holiday season to show our appreciation to them. More details on that in January.

In the meantime, please feel free to give them a token of your appreciation whether it be a gift, treat, card or even a quick email. We are all so truly blessed to have them in our lives!



PRIDE & ALLY ADULT SOCIAL GROUP

Royal Oak First is restarting our **Pride & Ally Social Group**, open to anyone looking for community, connection, and fun. We'll meet on the first Monday of each month, beginning **October 6th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at church**. This is a safe and affirming space for all—whether you identify as LGBTQIA+ or as a supportive ally. Come as you are, bring a friend, and join us in building a vibrant and inclusive community.

Then join us for our **first social outing on Sunday, October 12 right after the 11am service at Pronto!** (right next door to the church) for brunch and conversation. Everyone will pay for their own meal and beverages, but we'll all sit together and enjoy great food and fellowship. Families are welcome! **Please RSVP by October 6 so we can give the restaurant an accurate head count at prideandally@rofum.org.**

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HELP US BRING FRESH PRODUCE TO FAMILIES IN NEED

For the past six years, members of Royal Oak First have generously provided fresh produce each month for the Redford Brightmoor Initiative (RBI) Free Store—often the only source of fresh fruits and vegetables for the families they serve. **We're looking for one more volunteer to shop for produce for October 10, in addition to more volunteer slots needing to be filled in the upcoming months.** If you can lend a hand, please scan the QR code.



BIG BOY NIGHT-TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Join us for an evening of fellowship and support for our Music Guild's summer Choir Camp! On **Tuesday, October 14, from 4:00-8:00 p.m.**, the Troy Big Boy (200 W. Maple, Troy) will donate **15% of all sales** to our cause when you present a card from the Connections Table at checkout. There will also be wonderful **door prizes donated by our members**—you won't want to miss it! Come enjoy a good meal, connect with friends, and help make Choir Camp possible for our youth.



TRANSFORMATIVE RETREATS WITH PASTOR JEFF: "ENCOUNTERING CHRIST"

Join us for a series of **monthly Saturday morning retreats from 9:30-11:30 a.m.**, led by Pastor Jeff, designed to help you pause, reflect, and open your heart to encountering Christ in new ways. Each retreat offers a sacred space for prayer, conversation, and spiritual renewal. Sign up by scanning the QR code.



10/18: In the Quiet Place – Rhythms of Prayer & Sabbath
11/15: If You Are Willing – The Healing Ministry of Jesus
12/20: Come to the Manger

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NOAH Sandwich Assembly (from home)



NOAH SANDWICH ASSEMBLY (FROM HOME)

Would you like to spend additional time this Fall in service? We've designed an opportunity for many households to sponsor another NOAH at Central lunch together. **You can sign up to make 30 sandwiches at your home to be delivered to church on Sunday, October 19. Additionally, we are collecting individual size bags of chips to donate with the sandwiches.** Please scan the QR code for more information and to sign up!



OUTREACH ON 7TH WISH LIST

Outreach on 7th could use the following items.

- Men's shoes sizes 9-10
- Sleeping bags
- Plastic grocery bags
- Sweatshirt hoodies

Drop off items at church Monday-Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



SPRING CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE!

We are planning to host a **Rummage Sale in the spring (May 8 & 9)** to support the ministries of our church. Please start saving your donation "treasures"! **Items we will be accepting from May 1-4:** kitchen gadgets/dishes, housewares, toys, small furniture, electronics, small appliances, holiday, collectables, antiques, art, yard/garden (not gas powered), jewelry, purses, accessories, home decor, luggage/backpacks, pet supplies, books, bikes. **Note: NO clothing, baby furniture, baby car seats, linens or plush toys (unless new with tags).** **ADVANCE HELP NEEDED:** Looking for donated rentals of a storage unit and a dumpster which will be needed for this event. Please contact the church office at 248.541.4100 if you can help us with contacts for these items.



PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Ann Cline • Maggie Blum • Megan McKenzie-Grimm • Leonard Benyas •
Mary Lou Graeber • Phyllis Hassberger • Sue Buxton • Kathy MacFarlane •
Ann Anderson • Rita Nicholas • Karen Porter • Heather Diamond • Ian Filipp •
Joel Palmer • Don Matson • Dennis Allen • Janie Castle • Bill Courtney •
Brian Harris • Jan Albert • Michele Prud'homme • John Marsh •
Laurie O'Donnell • Kristen Turkington •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Kimberly • Bruce Snyder • Ron & Denise Bell Haines • Bob Payne •
Penny Carolin • Ann Marie Rogers • Dorothy Follette • Karen Cunningham •
Carol • Joan • Missy Winter • Brett Thatcher • Joyce Barber • Deb Ingraham •
Sharon Connors • Lori Mason • Rich Zielinski • Cara & Kevin Smith •
Halen Alexander • Jessica Boyer •

Sympathies to:

The Kobb family on the death of Paul's father, David Kobb on September 23, 2025

The family and friends of member Shirley Olsen on her death on September 18, 2025

Congratulations to:

Jenny Orletski-Dehne and Travis Dehne on the birth of their son, Cooper Anders Dehne on September 23, 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 PREACHER

Dear Beloved Community,

Pastor Jeff always begins his letters to us in this way, speaking to us how he sees us, reminding us of the privilege our name grants us. We are part of a beloved community, and we get to see ourselves and those around us as both beloved and part of community.

This week's theme is "Come and See," and one aspect of seeing is experiencing rather than watching or observing. So, in this fall season, I encourage you to live into the experience of being a beloved community. There are several ways you can do this. One is to join a small group. The book we are using this fall, *"Makin' It Real: Embracing Connections with Christ,"* was written by Pastor Jeff with our community in mind, and it is available on Amazon. (All royalties from the book come right back to Royal Oak First!) This book gives us some great personal practices for building our connection with Jesus and knowing we are the beloved of God.

Another way to experience community here, is to participate in one of our "Service for Others" projects, or to join an affinity group like the Pride & Ally Group kicking off in October, or to volunteer on a ministry team. If you aren't sure where the best place for you is, I encourage you to talk to any staff member about taking a step to let yourself be seen in a new way as you seek to build and help expand our beloved community. Or if you want to understand more about the operational side of the church first, attend our Church Conference next Sunday at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Come and See what it means to be the beloved community!

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicole Wilson". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a large loop for the 'N' and a long, sweeping tail for the 'W'.

Nicole Wilson