

**Makin'
it
Real**



**Sunday,
October 12,
2025**

**9AM
service**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	“Follow Me” by ApologetiX	House Band
Greeting		Griffin Anspach
Song	“That’s My King”	
Song	“Make Room”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson & Jennifer Tripoli
Mission Moment	“Kids Empowered”	Kimber Bishop-Yanke
Time of Prayer		
Scripture Reading*	John 1:29-32, 35-50	Nicole Wilson
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	“The Kingdom of Jesus”	Issac Wardell Jon Guerra Griffin Anspach Julia Westenberg
Doxology	“Give Thanks”	
Scripture Reading*	Mark 1:16-20	
Message	“Follow Me”	Bridget Nelson
Song	“Build My Life”	
Benediction		
Departing Music		

**New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*

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PRIDE & ALLY SOCIAL GROUP BRUNCH IS TODAY AT PRONTO!

Join us today for our first social outing (families are welcome!) right after the 11:00 a.m. service at Pronto! (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.

The Pride & Ally Adult Social Group is open to anyone looking for community, connection, and fun. We meet on the first Monday of each month 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.



BIG BOY NIGHT FUNDRAISER IS TUESDAY

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.**



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.

The next retreat is on **October 18th "In the Quiet Place – Rhythms of Prayer & Sabbath."** To get more details about each retreat and to sign up, scan the QR code.



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HALLOWEEN CANDY NEEDED FOR SPOOKTACULAR!

Royal Oak Spooktacular is happening Sunday, October 19 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. and we will be hosting a trick or treating stop on our corner! **We need donations of Halloween candy to pass out to all the kids!** Candy donations can be brought to church office anytime. Also, **the kids will be dressing up in Halloween costumes on this day and we want to invite everyone (including the “big kids”)** to dress up as well!



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!



TRUNK-OR-TREAT WITH KIDS EMPOWERED

Our Missions Team will be participating in a Trunk-or-Treat event hosted by Kids Empowered on Saturday, October 25, 4:30-6:30 p.m. The event takes place in the parking lot at an Auburn Hills hotel where Kids Empowered has helped many struggling families find temporary housing. These families do not have a neighborhood to attend traditional trick-or-treating, so this Trunk-or-Treat event is especially meaningful for these children. We would love your help to make this event special! Please scan the QR code to sign up.



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MEN'S WINTER GEAR COLLECTION



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To support the Outreach on 7th Lunch Guests as the weather turns chilly, we will be collecting much needed winter items throughout October.

Much appreciated items include: Men's gloves, hats, long/thermal underwear in larger sizes (L, XL, 2XL), hand/foot warmers, boots, and sleeping bags, along with used men's winter clothing. You may drop off items in either round white bin located by the Welcome Desk, or you can **shop from our Amazon Wish List and have items delivered** to church by scanning the QR code.



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!



OCTOBER IS
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IT'S CHRISTMAS GREENS SALE TIME!

We have wreaths, crosses, canes, balls, centerpieces, and garlands! Royal Oak First Music Guild's Christmas Greens Sale benefits our Summer Choir Camp Program to help offset costs so that camp is affordable for every child.

You must place and pay for your order by November 4. Click the button below, call the church office at 248.541.4100 or stop by the Connections Table to order yours today!



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FOOD BOX ASSEMBLY & COLLECTION WITH KIDS EMPOWERED

The Missions Team is joining up with Kids Empowered to fill an important need in our community. Kids Empowered receives many calls each week from individuals and families in Oakland County unexpectedly without shelter and food. **On Saturday, November 15th, 1:00-4:00 p.m., we will meet in the Fellowship Hall to help assemble emergency food boxes** that will be used to meet these urgent food requests. Please scan the QR code to sign up to volunteer or to donate needed supplies to fill the food boxes.



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3RD ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Save the date! March 20-22, 2026! Join women from Royal Oak First for a weekend of fun, fellowship and faith! Stay tuned for all the exciting details! Plan to take some time to get away, enjoy a beautiful place and meet some new friends from church.

SPRING CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE!

We are planning to host a Rummage Sale on 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:

Mark Thatcher • Janice Marsh • Nick Harris-Ko • Rita Nicholas •
LeeAnn Witherspoon • Maggie Blum • Karen Porter • Megan Mckenzie-Grimm •
Leonard Benyas • Mary Lou Graeber • Joel Palmer • Phyllis Hassberger •
Kathy MacFarlane • Ann Anderson • Heather Diamond • Ian Filipp •
Don Matson • Dennis Allen • Janie Castle • Bill Courtney •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Elma Holloway • Amanda Lewandowski • 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 •

Congratulations to:

Max and Mary Strauch on their marriage on October 4, 2025

Marie and Joseph Cholag on the birth of their son, Levi Joseph Cholag on
September 3, 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

Greetings Friends,

We are now four chapters into our fall book, "Makin' it Real; Embracing Connections in Christ" written by our own Pastor Jeff. As both a wife and a colleague, I am so proud of Jeff's time and effort in writing a book! I think it's awesome, and I hope those of you who are reading along are enjoying it too!

There are about 90 people participating in a small group, talking through these chapters each week. I want to just take a moment and thank our small group leaders: Pastor Jeff, Michael Rosas, Nicole Wilson, Kip Tull, Pam Belecki, and Griffin Anspach. Among them, and myself, we have nine groups going, and it's been great to hear that they are all going well.

This week we look at Jesus' invitation to follow - to walk along with him. The men he was inviting on this journey had no idea what they were in for, and yet, they followed. What would it mean for us to do the same?

See you Sunday!

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bridget Nelson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Bridget Nelson