



ROYAL OAK
FIRST
A United Methodist Church

Sunday, November 2, 2025
9:00 AM Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	“Build a Boat” (Colton Dixon)	Youth Band
Greeting		Rosa Moody
Opening Song	“Morning Has Broken”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson & Jennifer Tripoli
Consecration Sunday Announcement		Wayne Michalak
Time of Prayer		Nicole Wilson
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	“Never Been a Moment” (Micah Taylor & Jeff Pardo, arr. Grant Wall)	
Doxology	“Give Thanks”	
Scripture Reading*	Matthew 6:19-22	
Message	“The Lasting Investment”	Jeff Nelson
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Communion Song	“Oceans”	
Benediction		
Departing Music	“Send Me Out” (Steve Fee)	

**New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*

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ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS GREENS BEFORE NOVEMBER 4!

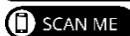
We have wreaths, crosses, canes, balls, centerpieces, and garlands! Royal Oak First Music Guild's Christmas Greens Sale benefits our Summer Choir Camp Program to help offset costs so that camp is affordable for every child. **You must place and pay for your order by November 4. Scan the QR code or stop by the Connections Table to order yours today!**



ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Monday, December 1 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

All women of the church are invited to join us Monday, December 1st, for an evening of speakers and music to get us ready for the season ahead. We will have a program in the sanctuary followed by dessert at tables in the Parlor and Gathering Space. You are invited to host a table of friends and family, or host a table we can fill for you, or simply attend. Let us know you will be joining us by scanning the QR code by November 17.



ENDOWMENT LEGACY WALL UNVEILING

On Sunday, November 23rd, the Endowment Team will be unveiling the Legacy Wall (located near the Sanctuary by the drinking fountain) to honor endowment fund donors. If you have made a contribution to or are including the Endowment Fund in your will and trust, we would like to recognize your generosity with a plaque. To have your name or family recognized in a future update please inform us through one of the following options:

1. Fill out an Endowment Legacy Wall Form, located near the doors of the Sanctuary and return to Pastor Jennifer.
2. Email Pastor Jennifer at jttripoli@rofum.org

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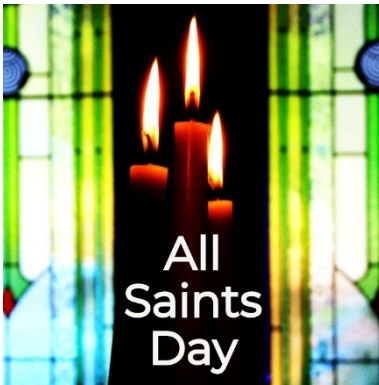
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PRAYER WALL



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As a way to honor those we have lost this past year and to lift up any prayer concerns on your heart, you are invited to visit the Prayer Wall—located just to the left of the Parlor entrance. Please take a moment to add a ribbon with your written prayers on it. The Prayer Wall will be available on **November 2, 9, 16, and 23.**



ALL SAINTS DAY

On **Sunday, November 23, at both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services**, we will remember the many beloved church members, family members, and friends who we have lost since November 1, 2024. The names of these loved ones will be included in the All Saints pages in the Bulletin.

VOLUNTEER FOR OUTREACH ON 7TH'S THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS MEALS

Outreach on 7th is expecting approximately 80 people to attend our Thanksgiving Day meal. We are looking for eight people to collect a turkey (donated by "Hand in Hand") from the church, cook them at home, slice, and deliver turkeys back to the church no later than Wednesday, November 26. Additionally we need people to help with the meal on Thanksgiving morning and Christmas morning from 9:00 a.m. to noon. There are many opportunities: preparing food, cleaning, serving, and we always need individuals for fellowship. Please scan the QR code to sign up for either the Thanksgiving meal or the Christmas meal.



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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.



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 **November 15 "If You Are Willing – The Healing Ministry of Jesus."** To sign up, please scan the QR code.



EMERGENCY 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.



PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

John Marsh • Al Pollard • Patti Peterson • Keith Messing • Joyce Negrich •
Mark Thatcher • Janice Marsh • Rita Nicholas • Maggie Blum •
LeeAnn Witherspoon • Karen Porter • Megan Mckenzie-Grimm •
Heather Diamond • Leonard Benyas • Mary Lou Graeber • Joel Palmer •
Phyllis Hassberger • Kathy MacFarlane • Ann Anderson • Don Matson •
Dennis Allen • Bill Courtney •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Bernice Graham • Elma Holloway • Amanda Lewandowski • Bruce Snyder •
Penny Carolin • Karen Cunningham •

*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,

Bridget and I just returned from a week of rest and reflection at our happy place—Gulf Shores, Alabama! While it takes us a full 15 hours to get there, let me assure you, we belted out every single hit from the 80s, 90s, and 2000s. If you've ever wondered what it's like to hear a pastor butcher "Livin' on a Prayer," I'm here to tell you it's a blend of pitchy nostalgia and heartfelt enthusiasm!

We soaked up the sun, enjoyed the beautiful white sand beaches, and loved the Florabama with its old-school country music. And the people-watching? Oh boy, there's a whole sermon in itself! A big thank you to Pastor Jennifer and our amazing staff and leaders for holding down the fort while we were away. You all are the real MVPs!

By now, you should all know about our Consecration Sunday Celebration next week, complete with brunch following each service. This is the time when we make our annual financial commitments to the mission and ministry of our church. I can't stress enough how joyful it is for me to invite each of you to invest in what God is doing here. Royal Oak First is a healthy, stable, and growing congregation, and together we are making a difference in lives both inside and outside our walls.

This week, when folks wondered where to direct their vulnerable neighbors for food and support, it warms my heart to know they could point them to us—where kindness, resources, and hope await. This is what truly making Christ's love real looks like!

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So, be sure to reserve your spot at the brunch (during service, cards will be handed out) and come ready to support the amazing work we are doing in God's name! While you're at it, take a moment to reflect on what percentage of your income God is asking you to give toward this mission.

Remember, our giving is always a matter of the heart—so give until it blesses you! That's when it will be a blessing to God and to the world!

Can't wait to see you all at church!

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff" with a smiley face drawn below the name.

Pastor Jeff Nelson

P.S. A quick note about our road trip—how come nobody told me about Buc-ee's? This place might just be the single greatest roadside gas stop experience in the world! Cleanest restrooms ever! An entire wall of candy, those things called "Beaver Nuggets" are probably the most addictive snack known to mankind, and to top it all off—fresh brisket sandwiches! I can say that Belinda Carlisle is right—"Heaven is a place on Earth," and I think it might just be a rest stop in central Kentucky!

