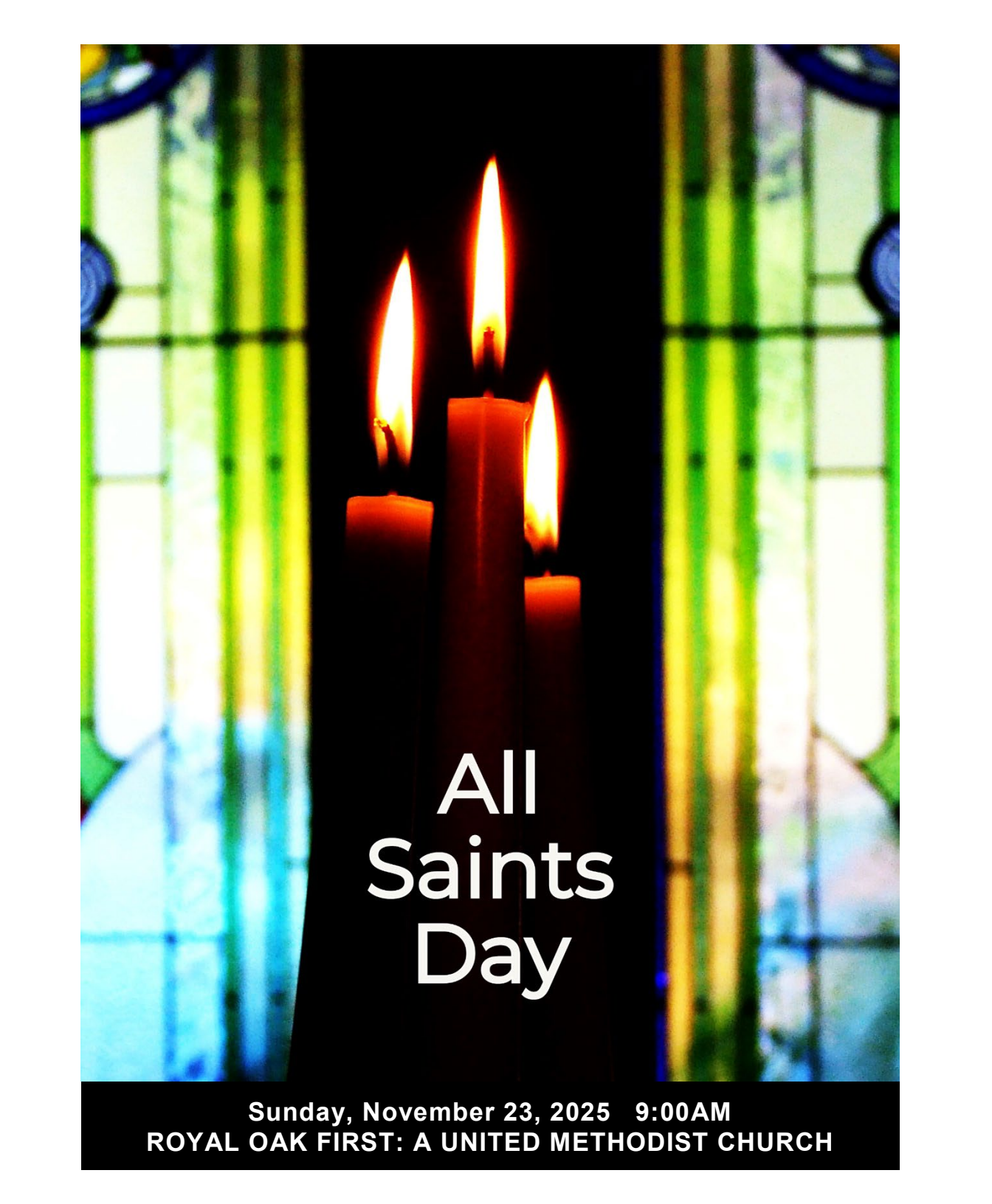


A photograph of three lit candles in the foreground, with a stained glass window in the background. The candles are lit, and their flames are bright. The stained glass window has various colors including green, blue, and yellow. The text "All Saints Day" is overlaid on the image in a large, white, serif font.

All Saints Day

Sunday, November 23, 2025 9:00AM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	"Song for Athene" (John Taverner)	Michael Rosas
Call to Worship		Jeff Jones
Opening Hymn #711*	"For All the Saints" (verses 1,2,4,6)	
Affirmation of Faith		
Song of Praise #88*	"Maker, in Whom We Live" (verse 4)	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson & Nicole Wilson
Mission Moment	"Noisy Bucket"	
Endowment Moment		Natalie Talaga
Time of Prayer		
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering		Joel Palmer
Doxology	"We Praise You, O God"	
Remembering of the Saints		
Scripture Reading**	Hebrews 12:1-3	
Message	"Surrounded by Legacy"	Jeff Nelson
Closing Song #712*	"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"	
Benediction		
Postlude	"Dancing with the Saints" (arr. Colin Mawbry)	

**United Methodist Hymnal*

***New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*

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ENDOWMENT LEGACY WALL UNVEILING IS TODAY

Please check out the new Endowment Legacy Wall today after worship, located near the Sanctuary by the drinking fountain. If you have contributed to or are including the Endowment Fund in your will and trust, we would like to recognize your generosity in future additions. **To have your name or family recognized, 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 jtripoli@rofum.org



PRAYER WALL

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.



CHILDREN'S STORYTIME WITH PASTOR JEFF

Every Sunday in Advent (11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21) at 7:30 p.m., join Pastor Jeff on Facebook Live for a cozy bedtime story. Each week he'll share a seasonal tale to help children—and all of us—enter more deeply into the spirit of Advent. Tune in and enjoy a few fun moments together as we prepare our hearts for Christmas.

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Family Shelter Meals

Beginning November 30



Prep Food / Heat Up Food / Transport Food / Serve the Meal

FAMILY SHELTER MEALS (DINNER HELP)

The Royal Oak First Missions Team is partnering with “Kids Empowered: On the Move” to provide meals at a new family shelter this winter in Pontiac. **Our church will be sponsoring meals one week each month throughout the winter.**

We need help prepping the food on Sundays, heating the food at church each evening, transporting it to the shelter, and serving the meal OR if you are someone who likes to cook for a crowd (50 people) and want to plan a whole meal, please sign up for either by scanning the QR code.



SCAN ME

“FEAST OF CAROLS” CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On **Sunday, December 7 at 3:00 p.m.**, join us for the 71st annual “Feast of Carols” Christmas Concert: “Jesus, Joseph, and Mary: a Holy Family.” The concert features the ensembles of Royal Oak First including our Sanctus Choir, Carillon Ringers, Children’s Choirs, Youth Choir, and House and Youth Bands, in addition to guest instrumentalists. Be sure to take in the sounds of our ensembles at Royal Oak First for an afternoon of glorious music. After the concert, join us for cookies and punch in the gathering space organized by the Music Guild.



NEW HERE? CURIOUS TO LEARN MORE? COME TO PASTOR CHAT!

Are you new to Royal Oak First or just curious to learn more about our church? Want to find out how to get involved? Join us for Pastor Chat, a relaxed, informal time to meet some of the pastors, ask questions, and discover your next steps at Royal Oak First. **The next Pastor Chat will be on Sunday, December 7 at 10:15 a.m. in the Parlor** and last no more than 45 minutes. We’d love to meet you!



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PRODUCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR REDFORD BRIGHTMOOR INITIATIVE

****We need 4 shoppers in December****

For the past six years, Royal Oak First members have provided produce monthly to be given out at the Redford Brightmoor Initiative (RBI) Free Store. This is often the only fresh produce these families receive all month. Please scan the QR code to sign up.



ADVENT MISSION PROJECT

For this year's Advent Mission Project, we will be **collecting children's Christmas gifts for area families who are struggling financially.** We have two different ways to do this:

If you are feeling especially generous, reach out to Karla at missions@rofum.org and you can **adopt a whole family of children** through the Metro Detroit Youth Club, based in Royal Oak. You will be asked to purchase two gifts and a stocking stuffer for each child in the family. Families range in size, so you can request the size of family you are able to support, ranging from 1-6 children.

Alternatively, you can **bring in fun, unwrapped gifts of your choice.** Check out the "giving tree" on the Connections Table for ideas if you need them. Shop for your items and return them to the Missions collection bin (located by the Welcome Desk) by December 14. These gifts will help stock the Cass Community Social Services Christmas Store where nearly 300 families in Detroit will "shop" for their kids' Christmas gifts.

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SPREAD THE CHEER THIS CHRISTMAS!

This Christmas season, let's make sure every heart feels remembered and loved. Everyone will get a **Christmas card**, because it may be the only one they receive. We're also continuing our **Christmas Cookie Delivery & Visit** tradition to make Christ's love real in our church family. On **Saturday, December 6**, bring two dozen of your favorite type of cookie or holiday treat. We will make cookie plates for some of our church family that could use a little extra love this season, and they will be delivered (with a few minutes to stay for a visit) throughout that weekend. It is a lovely, and delicious, way to spread holiday joy within our church family this season! No need to be a baker to spread holiday cheer. **We will need everyone's (kids & adults) hands to: make/send cards, buy/bake treats, assemble cookie plates/bags and to visit & deliver the treats.** Scan the QR code to sign up.



LAST 2025 TRANSFORMATIVE RETREAT WITH PASTOR JEFF IS ON DECEMBER 20!

Join us for the final 2025 transformative retreat with Pastor Jeff. The retreat is designed to help you pause, reflect, and open your heart to encountering Christ in new ways, while offering a sacred space for prayer, conversation, and spiritual renewal. The retreat on **December 20** is **"Come to the Manger."** To sign up, please scan the QR code.



CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE

The Rummage Sale will be postponed until the spring of 2027 to allow for adequate space and to better adjust schedules. Please call the church office if you or anyone you know has space in either a storage unit or empty garage (now or in the coming months). This will allow us to accept some larger pieces in advance. Thank you!

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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

We are excited to offer the choice of purchasing a poinsettia or contributing to UMCOR in honor or memory of a loved one.



The poinsettias will decorate the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 21 and at our Christmas Eve services. The names of the donors and those to be honored or memorialized will be printed in the Sunday, December 21 Bulletin.

If you wish to participate, fill out the form below and drop off at the Connections Table or scan the QR code before ***Sunday, December 7.***

Payment must accompany this order form (checks payable to Royal Oak First United Methodist Church)

____ Enclosed is \$18.00 for a 1 stem red poinsettia

____ Enclosed is \$33.00 for a 2 stem red poinsettia

____ I will pick up my plant(s) following the 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

____ Enclosed is my donation of \$_____ for UMCOR in place of a poinsettia.

This will be a memorial to _____
(Please Print)

OR in honor of _____
(Please Print)

Given by _____
(Please Print)

Phone # _____



Happy Thanksgiving

Royal Oak First Family!

We give thanks for the many ways God's love shows up in our lives, and one of the greatest blessings is you. We are grateful for the kindness, generosity, and spirit of service that fill this community and makes Royal Oak First a place where Christ's love is made real every day!



With gratitude and blessings for the season,
Royal Oak First United Methodist Church Staff

ROLL OF REMEMBRANCE

November 1, 2024 – November 20, 2025

Members We Have Lost

Marilyn Alexander	Michael Faunt	Deana Sawicki
Don Anderson	Betty Latimer	Virginia Sleeman
Judy Bryan	Nancy Matson	Joseph Waisenen
Bruce Conrad	Shirley Olsen	

Loved Ones and Their Families We Have Lost

Aiden Alexander	Jennifer Tripoli's cousin
Jim Backes	Elliott Backes' father
Robert Baker	Diana Shornak's brother
John Barber.....	Joyce Russell's uncle
Jamie Beckwith	Gloria Knappenberger's granddaughter-in-law
Brian Boozan.....	Gordy Boozan's father
Margaret Burton	Dolly Oberdier's sister
Larry Campbell	Heather McNutt's father
Joseph Connors	Myra Pollard's brother
Bill Diamond	Adam Diamond's father
Jim Dorsey	Nick Thomas' uncle
Ken Emory	Mark Thatcher's uncle
Marvin Frey	Mike Frey's father
Tom Fritz.....	Brent Fritz's father
Kim Fulton	Former member
Val Globish.....	Jim Tripoli's aunt
Betty Goodrich.....	Ann Brown's mother
Bill Graves.....	Diana Shornak's brother-in-law
Chuck Gumbel.....	The friends & family of Chuck Gumbel and extended family member of Megan Landry
Rick Hartsoe.....	The friends & family of Rick Hartsoe
Jonathan Kieffer	The McKinnon & Backes families
David Kobb.....	Paul Kobb's father

Clifford Krieger	Jason Krieger's father
Robert LaDuke	The Stroud & LaDuke families
Arv Leisman	Hans Leisman's grandfather
Marge Lewandowski.....	Allison Hempstead's friend
Joe Lewis	The friends & family of Joe Lewis
Stephen Luczak.....	Brandon Luczak's father
Phil Makinen.....	The Fick, Rhoades & Bowen families
Roger Martin	Former member
Nancy	Rebecca Turcotte's mother
Frank Nunez.....	Cathy Tovarez's father
George Onusko	Renee McKarge's father
Lee Pearson	Kevin Wilson's grandfather
Pete.....	Linda & Jim Wilson's son-in-law
Michael Roman	The Roman family
Isabelle Smith.....	The Weber & Ryckman families
Audrey Sproul.....	Sarah Cook's mother
Nancy Sydanmaa	The friends & family of Nancy Sydanmaa
Joan Thompson.....	Karen Calhoun's aunt
Ralph Thompson	Beckie Shuttleworth's dad
Pat Timmons	Bob & Michele Prud'homme's friend
Patricia Trumbull	Lee Trumbull's step-mother
Beverly Vaughn.....	Lee Hoffmann's friend
Shirley Wells	Todd Wells' mother
Wayne Wells	Todd Wells father
Jimmy Whitney.....	Tim Whitney's brother
David Wiker.....	Bob Prud'homme's brother-in-law
Mary June Wilkinson	Julie Wells' mother
Barbara Witvliet.....	Michael Rosas' aunt
Diane Wolf.....	Lori Altman's sister
Ruth Wooddell.....	Former member

MEMORIAL BANNER HANGING IN THE SANCTUARY ON ALL SAINTS DAY

The Memorial Banner is dedicated to God's glory and carries 543 bells in memory of loved ones from 1995 until 2002. The banner was created in two colors: GREEN for the celebration of life. GOLD for the glory of God and Christ's eternal victory over death. We remember with thanksgiving those persons who touched us with their love.

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

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

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Carolyn Aucchio • Gina Novak • Anthonee Tracy • Holly Hempstead •
Susie Wilkinson • Reefer Renforth • Raedea Wagner • Joe Bridge •
Bernice Graham • Elma Holloway • Amanda Lewandowski • Bruce Snyder •
Ron & Denise Bell Haines • Penny Carolin • Karen Cunningham •

Sympathies to:

The Wells family on the death of Julie's mother, Mary June Wilkinson on November 18, 2025

The friends and family of Joe Lewis on his death

*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,

This Sunday is a heartfelt moment for us as we gather to read the names and light a candle for 11 cherished saints:

Shirley Olsen • Don Anderson • Judy Bryan • Joseph Waisenen • Bruce Conrad •
Betty Latimer • Marilyn Alexander • Deana Sawicki • Michael Faunt •
Virginia Sleeman • Nancy Matson

Some of these remarkable people I had the joy of knowing well, while others I came to know only through their stories. Regardless, they all shared one common thread: they were deeply loved.

Loved by God. Loved by this church. Loved by the family and friends who held them dear.

This Sunday, we honor that love. Every year, we set aside this sacred time to remember those from our community who have completed their earthly journeys and now rest in the comforting presence of our Creator.

When my boys were little, I found myself reading “Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?” on repeat. I swear I could have recited it in my sleep! There was something wonderfully comforting about telling that same story over and over, allowing it to become a part of our family rhythm.

This Sunday, in the warm light of the saints who have gone before us, we share our own familiar story again. We come from love. We walk in love. And when it’s all said and done, it is to love we will return.

I’m looking forward to seeing all of you as we gather in remembrance, sharing laughter and tears, and celebrating the lives of those who touched our hearts.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script 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