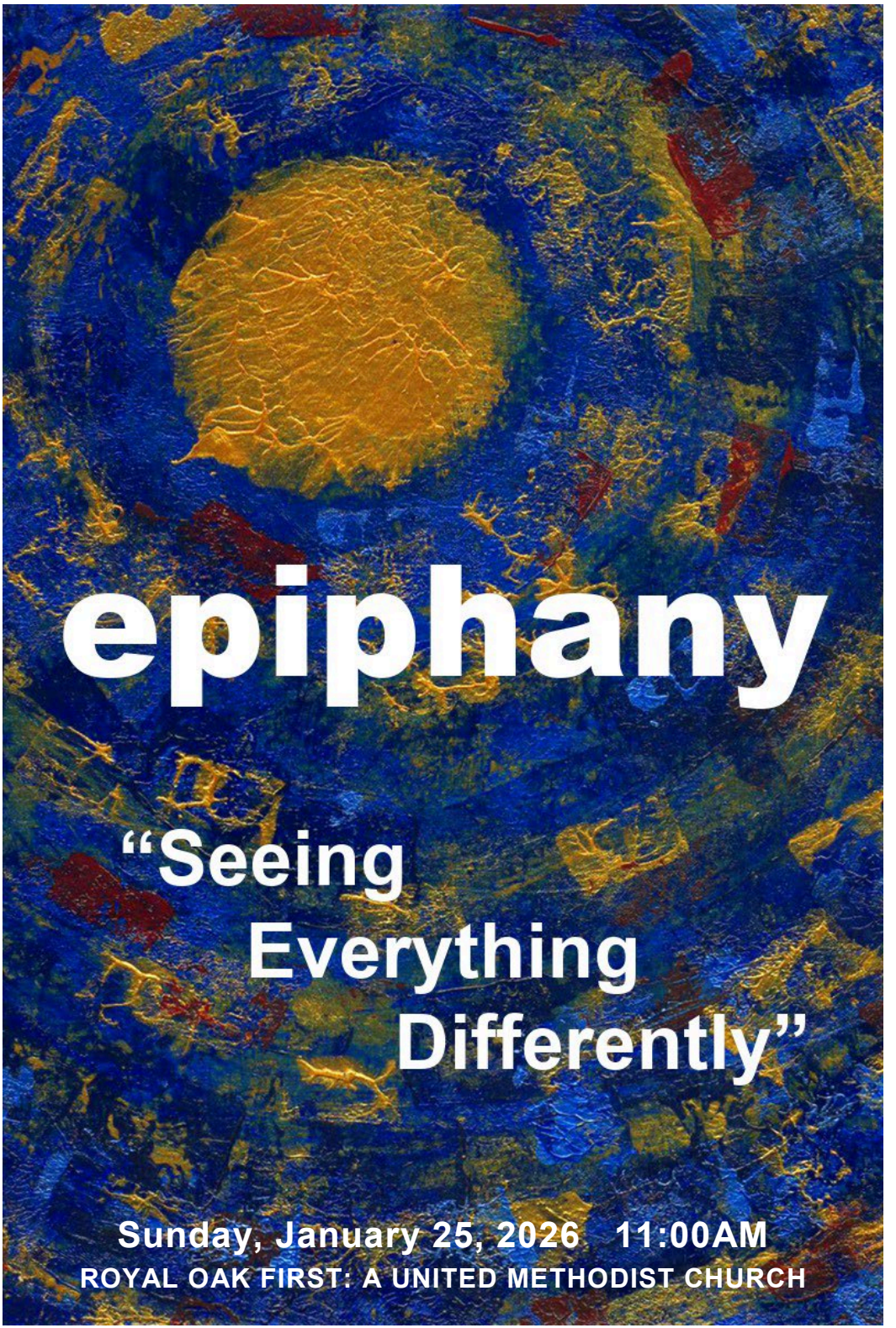
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Sunday, January 25, 2026 11:00AM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	"We Are the World" (Jackson & Richie, arr. Roger Emerson)	Sanctus Choir & House Band
Call to Worship		Megan Landry
Opening Hymn #549	"Where Charity and Love Prevail"	
Affirmation of Faith		
Song of Praise #61**	"Come, Thou Almighty King" (verse 4)	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson & Jennifer Tripoli
Mission Moment	"Noisy Bucket"	
Time of Prayer		Nicole Wilson
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	"O God, Beyond All Praising" (arr. Richard Proulx)	Sanctus Choir
Doxology #95**	"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"	
Scripture Reading*	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	
Message	"Unity in a Divided World"	Jeff Nelson
Closing Hymn #557**	"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"	
Benediction		
Postlude	"Prelude and Fugue in G Major BVW 557" (J.S. Bach)	Michael Rosas

**Common English Bible*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ABIDE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The ABIDE Men's Fellowship meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the church. 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 will meet each week at least through Lent. During Lent we will participate in the church-wide study. The Tuesdays of Lent are February 24-March 31. We hope you can join us and feel free to invite someone new to come along as well!

FEEDING OUR YOUTH GROUP

Every Sunday night, our Youth Group gathers for fellowship and activities to grow in our relationship with God and with each other. A big part of this is having dinner together. **Would you be willing to provide dinner for our youth? You can cook at home, or cook here at church or sponsor us ordering something.** If you would be able to help in this way, please scan the QR code to sign up.

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WE ARE HIRING!

Royal Oak First is in need of a new Nursery Coordinator. The Nursery Coordinator works with our nursery volunteers to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for our youngest children on Sunday mornings and for special events. This position is 20-24 hours a month and is part of our Children, Youth and Family Ministry Team. Please email Pastor Bridget Nelson for a full job description at bnelson@rofum.org.

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SPAGHETTI DINNER & VARIETY SHOW

Our 3rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Variety Show, sponsored by the Music Guild, is on Sunday, February 1. Dinner begins at 5:00 p.m. with the show to follow at 6:00 p.m. Dinner is $12 for adults and $8 for kids ages 6-15 and children under 5 are free. This event helps to support our summer camp and all proceeds go to send kids to camp.

"SHARE THE LOVE"

BY SPREADING KINDNESS & CONNECTION

SCAN ME

Let's come together to make sure every heart in our church family feels remembered and loved. In the week leading up to Valentine's Day, we hope to send a card to every member of our church community. We need people to: Make & mail cards; Bake sweet treats; Assemble treat bags; Deliver treat bags to church members. On Saturday, February 7 at 10:00 a.m., we will gather to assemble and deliver 40 bags filled with treats and heartfelt notes to make Christ's love real in our church family. Scan the QR code to sign up and join us in sharing the love!

RBI PRODUCE COLLECTION

SCAN ME

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 shopping volunteers for the upcoming months.** Scan the QR code to sign up.

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WHY VOLUNTEER AT FISH DINNERS?

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These dinners are a beloved tradition, drawing in many from the surrounding area and offering a welcoming space for connection. For those already part of the church, it's a chance to come together, build friendships, and contribute to a greater cause. The funds raised from the dinners help provide scholarships that ensure our youth can attend summer camp, fostering growth, learning, and faith in the next generation. Please scan the QR code to sign up to volunteer at one or all of the fish dinners on **Fridays, February 13 & 27 and March 13 & 27.** Note: Kids that volunteer get credit towards their camp costs!

FAMILY SHELTER MEALS (DINNER HELP)

SCAN ME

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 is 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**.** Please sign up by scanning the QR code.

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.

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CLOTHING CLOSET NEEDS BLUE JEANS

The Outreach on 7th's Clothing Closet really needs donations of MEN'S BLUE JEANS sizes 30-38 waist. Please drop off at the church office, Monday-Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

WINTER GEAR COLLECTION RESUMES CHECK OUT OUR AMAZON WISH LIST!

SCAN ME

The need for warm winter gear for the Outreach on 7th lunch guests continues throughout the winter months. Please keep an eye out for good deals as you are shopping. Our Amazon Wish List has been updated to reflect the urgent current need for men's gloves and backpacks. Thank you for supporting this important mission! You may drop off items in the round white bin located by the Welcome Desk, or you can shop from our Amazon Wish List by scanning the QR code.

BAKERY ITEMS FOR THE COFFEE BAR ARE REALLY NEEDED!

SCAN ME

Do you like to bake/make sweet or savory snacks (no nuts of any kind, please) 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.

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Arthur Jemison • Rick Buxton • Lee Hoffmann • Joyce Negrich •
Bob Prud'homme • Michele Prud'homme • Bernie Stubitsch. • Birdie Updyke •
Dave Minch • Sue Buxton • Barb Simmons • Charlene Orletski •
Paul Thompson • Bill Bond • Karen Porter • Laci Basel • Tom Soboleski •
Carrie Morse • Dennis Allen • Ann Anderson • Phyllis Hassberger •
Kathy MacFarlane •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

James • Barbara Anderson • Dr. Eisenshtadt • Pamela Rush • Bill Gnegy •
Debbie Motherwell • Huntley Thatcher Reed • Martha Hendrickson •
Margie Reese • Susie Inch • Mark Hall • Sarah Hughes • Carol • Joan •
Carolyn Aucchio • Gina Novak • Holly Hempstead • Susie Wilkinson •
Bernice Graham • Elma Holloway • Amanda Lewandowski • 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 Friends,

Fish dinners are almost as sacred as a holy season around here.

For nearly three decades, our annual Fish Dinners have been one of the ways we open our doors wide and say to our community, “You’re welcome here.” Yes, people come for a great meal—but they leave with so much more.

They receive a warm welcome.
They share tables with friends, neighbors, and family.
They experience the spirit of this place.

And they get to be part of something that truly matters.

Every fish dinner helps support our kids and youth—sending them to camp, surrounding them with mentors, and making possible the programs that help them grow in faith, confidence, and community.

None of this happens without a whole lot of hands and hearts.

This is how we practice discipleship:
Standing side by side.
Serving shoulder to shoulder.
Laughing, frying, serving, welcoming.

Together, we welcome more than 1,000 neighbors into our church—many for the very first time—to experience not just our food, but our hospitality, our joy, and our care.

Fish Dinner Dates

- **February 13 & 27**
- **March 13 & 27**

Whether you can help cook, serve, welcome, clean up, or simply smile at the door—there’s a place for you.

Sign up by scanning the QR code on bottom of this page.

Come be part of something delicious, meaningful, and joy-filled.

In Cod We Trust,
Pastor Jeff Nelson

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