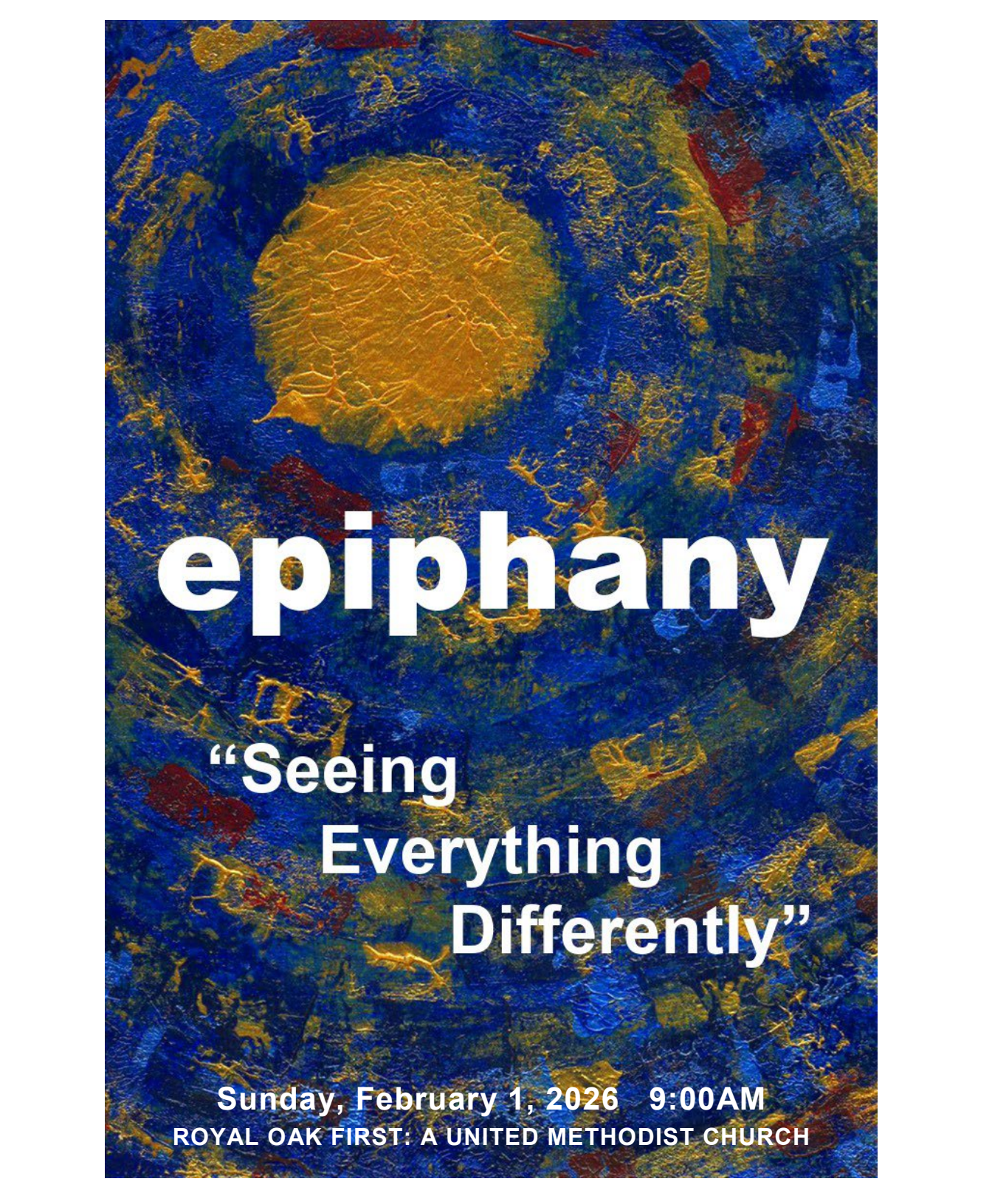




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“Seeing
Everything
Differently”

Sunday, February 1, 2026 9:00AM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	“Chameleon” (Herbie Hancock)	House Band
Greeting		Griffin Anspach
Song	“Undignified”	
Song	“Goodness of God”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson & Jennifer Tripoli
Time of Prayer		Nicole Wilson
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	“In the Power of Christ” (David Haas)	Analisa Thomas Julia Westenberg Michael Rosas
Doxology	“Give Thanks”	
Scripture Reading*	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	
Message	“The Weakness of God”	Jeff Nelson
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Closing Song	“Good Plans”	
Benediction		
Departing Music		

**Common English Bible*

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SPAGHETTI DINNER & VARIETY SHOW IS **TONIGHT!**

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.



DIAPER AND TOILET PAPER COLLECTION

In February, the Missions Team welcomes the return of the Diaper & Toilet Paper Collection. These are some of the most appreciated items we have been able to share with our missions partners. Please bring in a package of diapers (size 4 or larger is preferred) or a package of toilet paper. Donated items will be shared between Outreach on 7th, Redford Brightmoor Initiative, and Kids Empowered-On The Move. You can drop off items in (or around) the white round Missions bin by the Welcome Desk at the Lafayette entrance.



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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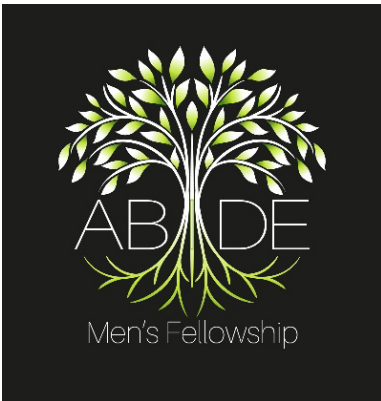


SNACKS (SWEET OR SAVORY) NEEDED FOR THE COFFEE BAR

Would you like to make everyone who comes to Sunday service happy? If so, **SIGN UP** to bring 3 dozen sweet and/or savory snacks, (store bought or homemade) for the Coffee Bar on Sundays. Please, no nuts of any kind. The smiling faces and happy bellies will be all the joy you need for the day! Scan the QR code or stop by the Connections Table after service to sign up.



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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!

"SHARE THE LOVE"

BY SPREADING KINDNESS & CONNECTION

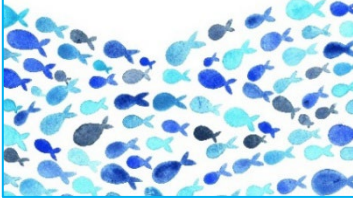
Let's come together to make sure every heart in our church family feels remembered and loved. In the week leading up to Valentine's Day, we hope to send a card to every member of our church community. We need people to: Make & mail cards; Bake sweet treats; Assemble treat bags; Deliver treat bags to 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!



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FISH DINNERS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



WHY VOLUNTEER AT FISH DINNERS?

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!



RBI PRODUCE COLLECTION

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.



Help with Family Shelter Meals

One week each month throughout winter



We need volunteers to:
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 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.



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SEEN AND CALLED

Encountering the God Who Sees Us First

SMALL GROUPS BOOK STUDY



LENT SMALL GROUPS

This Lent, we invite you to join a small group for our sermon series, "Seen and Called." Our pastoral team has created a companion devotional with daily readings and reflection questions for the entire season, available for purchase on Amazon by scanning the QR code.



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As we prepare our hearts for Easter, we'll focus on how God sees people. Together, we'll explore eight gospel stories that reveal the different ways Jesus saw others and how his gaze transformed their lives. Small groups begin at different times throughout the week of February 22. Stay tuned!

NEW HERE? 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 the pastor, ask questions, and discover your next steps at Royal Oak First. **The next Pastor Chat will be on Sunday, February 22 at 10:15 a.m. in the Parlor** and last no more than 45 minutes. We'd love to meet you!



3RD ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

All women age 18 and up are invited to a relaxing and joy-filled weekend retreat at the Lake Huron Retreat Center, just north of Port Huron. Join us Friday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. through Sunday, March 22 at 9:00 a.m. for a meaningful time of faith, fellowship, and fun as we explore the story of Mary and Martha, enjoy a change of scenery, rest, play games, and get creative together. For questions or more information, contact Bridget Nelson at bnelson@rofum.org or 248-541-4100. Scan the QR code to sign up.



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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 •
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 •

Sympathies to:

The friends and family of Bob McCafferty on his death on January 23, 2026

Congratulations to:

Rachel Kamischke and Jason Storms on the birth of their son, Theo Blaze Kamischke-Storms on January 23, 2026.

*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,

You remember those old black-and-white movies, right?

There's some looming trouble threatening the whole town. The clock is ticking. The only way through is to raise an impossible amount of money...and then—cue the music—Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland step forward and say, "Let's put on a show!"

And somehow—through singing and dancing and laughter—the whole town shows up. Joy breaks out. And by the final curtain call, the money is raised and the day is saved.

Well...that's basically what we're doing this Sunday. We're putting on a show.

Our annual Spaghetti Dinner & Variety Show is happening this Sunday, and it's one of the most joy-filled nights of the year. We've got nearly twenty acts, featuring people of all ages and stages—kids, adults, first-timers, seasoned performers—all sharing their gifts for the sheer delight of it.

Dinner is at 5:00 pm. The show starts at 6:00 pm.

Cost is \$12 for adults, \$8 for kids (ages 6-15), kids under 5 are free. And please hear this clearly, if cost is a barrier, come anyway. This night is about community, not cover charges.

We'll eat a good meal. We'll laugh together. We'll cheer loudly.

And yes—we'll take up a collection. Every dollar raised helps send kids to camp opening the door to experiences of faith, friendship, and joy that last a lifetime.

This beloved night is sponsored by our Music Guild and it's a perfect snapshot of who we are: a community that shows up, shares generously, and believes that joy can actually change things.

So come hungry. Bring a friend. Stay for the whole show. Good food. Good people. And a chance to do some real good in our community.

Grace and peace,



Pastor Jeff Nelson

