

An abstract painting with a textured surface. The background is a deep, vibrant blue. Overlaid on this are various textures of yellow and gold, some appearing as fine, web-like lines and others as larger, more solid patches. There are also some darker, reddish-brown areas scattered throughout. The overall effect is one of depth and complexity, with the colors and textures interacting in a way that suggests a sense of movement and discovery.

# epiphany

**“Seeing  
Everything  
Differently”**

**Sunday, February 15 2026 9:00AM**  
**ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	"E Blues"	House Band
Greeting		Maria Moro
Song	"That's My King"	
Song	"The Church"	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson & Jennifer Tripoli
Finance Moment		Rick Buxton
Time of Prayer		
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	"Honest"	
	(Leanna Crawford, Ricky Jackson & Robert Ellmore)	
Doxology	"Give Thanks"	
Scripture Reading*	Matthew 17:1-9	
Message	"Both/And"	Nicole Wilson
Closing Song	"All Hail King Jesus"	
Benediction		
Departing Music		

*\*Common English Bible*

**PLEASE NOTE:** The church office will be closed on **Monday, February 16**. Our Lunch Program (serving a hot lunch and a sack lunch to go) will still happen that day. The church office will reopen on Tuesday, February 17 at 10:00 a.m.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

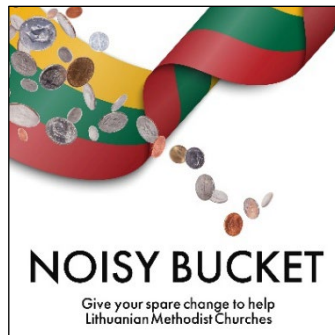
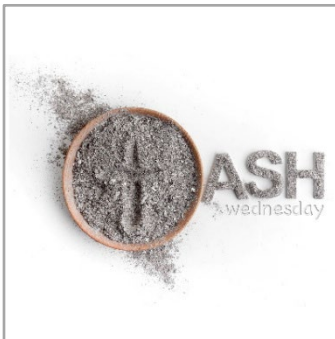


## SERVICE FOR OTHERS-FEBRUARY 15

Join us **after either service on Sunday, February 15** in service for others. We will be prepping and assembling meals in the kitchen for our Family Shelter Meals mission project.

## ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- Drive Thru Ashes on Lafayette! Drive up to the Lafayette Street side of the church to receive the imposition of ashes right in your car! Our pastors will be available for a special blessing from 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- Simple Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m. Join us for a simple soup supper in the Gathering Space before worship begins. What better way than to gather around the table with a hot bowl of soup and bread.
- Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m. Held both online and in-person in the Sanctuary, where we will have the Imposition of Ashes.



## NOISY BUCKET ON FEBRUARY 22

Bring in your spare change in on Sunday, February 22 at either service and we will collect it for our efforts to support the United Methodist churches in Lithuania. Don't miss out on making the bucket noisy!



## 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!



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## SEEN AND CALLED

*Encountering the God Who Sees Us First*

SMALL GROUPS BOOK STUDY



## LENT SMALL GROUPS BEGIN 2/22!

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.



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. Scan the QR code to sign up!



## Moms at Pubs (MAP)



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Calling all moms! Whether your babies are 10 days old, 15 months old, or fully grown, you're invited to join us for Moms at Pubs. Our next meet up to share conversation, enjoy a meal, and relax over a drink together will be on **Thursday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m.** at Condado Tacos, 310 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. Come connect, laugh, and unwind with other moms who understand the joys (and challenges!) of motherhood. Please contact Pastor Jennifer at [jtricoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtricoli@rofum.org) to be added to the monthly email blast.

## Diaper & Toilet Paper Collection



## 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 mission's partners. Please bring in a package of diapers (kids' 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.

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## YOUTH BAKE SALE AT FISH DINNERS

Our Youth Group (ROY) will be selling baked goods at all of our Fish Dinners and you can help! All proceeds will go towards the Youth Group's summer service trips. If you would be willing to bake something for their sale, scan the QR code to sign up.



## FISH FRY SEASON IS HERE!

Our Fish Dinners are underway, and we're grateful for the strong start! This beloved tradition welcomes our community in and helps us Make Christ's Love Real around the table.

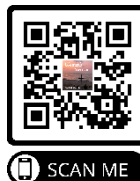
We still need volunteers for **February 27, March 13, and March 27**. Whether you can cook, serve, greet, or clean up, there's a place for you.

Every dinner supports camp scholarships for our youth — and kids who volunteer receive credit toward their camp costs! Scan the QR code to sign up for one (or all!) of the remaining dinners. Let's keep it going!



## 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

All women ages 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 beginning at 7:00 p.m. through Sunday morning on March 22 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](mailto:bnelson@rofum.org) or 248-541-4100. Scan the QR code to sign up.



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## JOIN OUR SUMMER CAMP STAFF!

We are going back to Camp Ohiyesa in Holly! It is time to start thinking about campfires, Olympics, swimming, and all the fun we have! Camp will be the week of July 26-August 1 for kids grades 4-12 and we need volunteers! Camp staff applications are available in the church office and at the Connections Table. Please turn in by March 1. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at 248.703.8805 or email her at [jtripoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtripoli@rofum.org).



## 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.



## 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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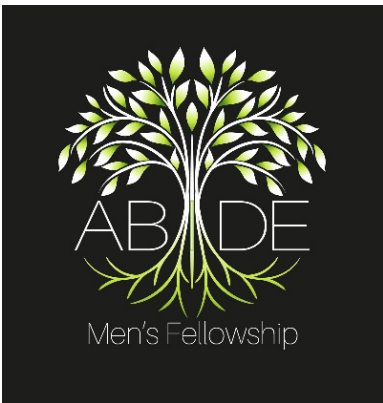


## SNACKS (SWEET OR SAVORY) NEEDED FOR THE COFFEE BAR

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 Tuesday 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. This is a time of prayer, reflection and fellowship. Abide will meet regularly from now until April 28 and it will then be off for the summer. During Lent, (every Tuesday between February 24 and March 31), we will participate in the church-wide small group book study. We hope you can join us, and feel free to invite someone new to come along as well!



## OUTREACH ON 7<sup>TH</sup>

### "CLOTHING CLOSET" NEEDS

The Outreach on 7th's Clothing Closet can use: **MEN'S COATS, GLOVES, BELTS, WINTER BOOTS and BACKPACKS.** Please drop off at the church office, Monday-Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.



# THREE MORE FISH DINNERS LEFT!

**Fridays, February 27 and March 13 & 27**  
**4:30-7:00PM**

*Did you know that proceeds from our fish dinners benefit our children and youth?*

**Kids Meal (5 & under)---FREE**

Choice of: Baked or Deep Fried Cod, Chicken Tenders and either Baked Potato or French Fries.

Includes: Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

**Kids Meal (13-18)---\$10**

Choice of: Baked or Deep Fried Cod, Chicken Tenders and either Baked Potato or French Fries.

Includes: Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

**Chicken Tenders Plate---\$16**

Includes: 1/2 lb. Chicken Tenders, choice of either Baked Potato or French Fries, Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

**Petite Cod Plate---\$18**

Includes: 1/3 lb. Deep Fried Cod, choice of either Baked Potato or French Fries, Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

**Full Cod Plate---\$20**

Includes: Choice of 1/2 lb. Deep Fried or Baked Cod, choice of either Baked Potato or French Fries, Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

**Zander (Pike Perch) Plate---\$20**

Includes: 1/2 lb. Deep Fried Zander (Pike Perch), choice of either Baked Potato or French Fries, Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

**Carry out also available  
(adult meals only)**





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**Royal Oak First is always grateful when people give of their TIME, TALENT and/or TREASURE.**

Did you know that there are several different ways to give financially?

**Text to Give:** Text the amount you wish to give to 855.566.0093.

**In Person:** You can place a check or cash in an offering envelope and drop it in the offering plate when it goes by or in one of the offering collection boxes just outside the Sanctuary.

**Giving App:** Download the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app to set up one-time or recurring donations.

**Online:** Visit [rofum.org/giving](http://rofum.org/giving) to set up and manage your one-time and recurring gifts.

You can always check out our website, [www.rofum.org](http://www.rofum.org) for **Volunteer Opportunities** or subscribe to our weekly email, by going to this link: <http://eepurl.com/c9m7L9> or by stopping by the Connections Table in the Gathering Space.

For more information, contact Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at 248.541.4100 ext. 1225 or email [jtripoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtripoli@rofum.org).

Thank you!

# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

## Prayers for Our Church Family:

Larry Oberdier • Ann Anderson • Carolyn Gabler • Elizabeth Kincannon •  
Mark Thatcher • Jerry Elliott • Arthur Jemison • Rick Buxton • Lee Hoffmann •  
Joyce Negrich • Bob Prud'homme • Michele Prud'homme • Bernie Stubitsch •  
Birdie Updyke • Sue Buxton • Barb Simmons • Charlene Orletski • Bill Bond

## Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Kelli Hackbardt • Russ Dore' • Elma Holloway • Richard Long • Jean Foster •  
Karen Halsig • John Bartley • Susie Wilkinson • James • Barbara Anderson •  
Dr. Eisenshtadt • Pamela Rush • Bill Gnegy • Debbie Motherwell •  
Huntley Thatcher Reed • Martha Hendrickson • Margie Reese •

## Sympathies to:

The family and friends of member David Minch on his death on February 7, 2026

*If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List,  
please contact Danielle Moody at [prayers@rofum.org](mailto: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 PREACHER

Dear Beloved Community,

Happy Valentine's Day! While I'm not a fan of overpriced cards, candy, or flowers, taking a day to remember that we are loved and to say thanks to the people who love us, along with reminding those we love that we are grateful for them, can be a high point in the drudgery of February.

So, let me say how grateful I am for all of you. I am grateful for the way this community shows up. I am grateful for those of you who come week after week and talk over coffee and snacks and let me get to know you and ask questions and get to know me. I am grateful for the families who come every week to Holy COW and create and inhabit spaces for kids to form foundational friendships. I'm grateful for the people who come for fish dinners, both to volunteer and to eat and share in laughter over some fried fish and potatoes. I'm grateful for everyone who volunteers with Outreach on 7<sup>th</sup> and makes sure our guests are seen and known. And I'm grateful for everyone who joins a group and lets themselves be seen and known.

I'm really excited about the book we're doing for Lent this year, "Seen and Called." This book reminds us that Jesus sees people as they are, that Jesus sees us as we are. He's not only looking for people who meet certain criteria. He's not trying to make someone into a particular mold. He sees people and then he invites them into something that is a natural fit for them. If you can't join a group this season, I ask you to consider reading the book along with us. There are short daily readings and reflection questions to guide you through the season.

Happy Valentine's Day!

You are Loved!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicole Wilson".

Nicole Wilson

