



**Sunday, February 22, 2026
11:00 AM Worship**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude		Michael Rosas
Call to Worship		Allison Plaxton
Opening Hymn #344*	“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”	
Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon		
Song of Praise	“Kyrie Eleison”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson & Jennifer Tripoli
Noisy Bucket		
Time of Prayer		Nicole Wilson
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	“We Are Not Alone” (Pepper Choplin)	Sanctus Choir
Doxology	“Lenten Doxology”	
Scripture Reading**	Luke 5:1-11	
Message	“Peter: Called to Serve”	Jeff Nelson
Closing Hymn #2130***	“The Summons”	
Benediction		
Postlude	Improvisation on STABAT MATER	

*United Methodist Hymnal

**Common English Bible

***The Faith We Sing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



SCAN ME

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!



SCAN ME

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 jtripoli@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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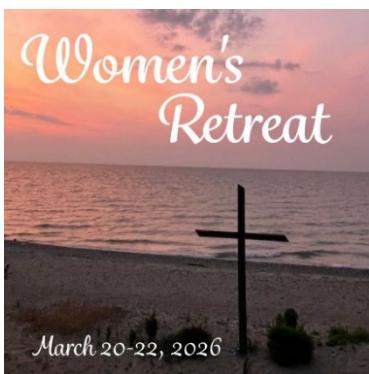


FISH FRY SEASON IS HERE!

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!



3RD 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 or 248-541-4100. Scan the QR code to sign up.



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.

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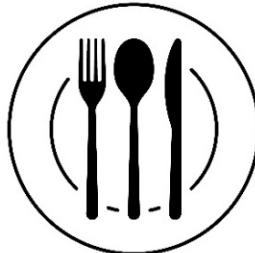
Help with Family Shelter Meals
One week each month throughout winter



We need volunteers to:
Prep Food / Heat Up Food / Transport Food / Serve the Meal

FAMILY SHELTER MEALS (DINNER HELP)

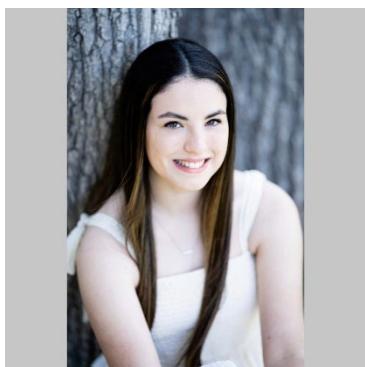
The Royal Oak First Missions Team has partnered with "Kids Empowered: On the Move" to provide meals at a new family shelter in Pontiac. Our church is sponsoring meals one week each month throughout the winter. We need help prepping the food on Sundays, heating the food at church each evening, transporting it to the shelter, and serving the meal. Please sign up by scanning the QR code.



Feeding Our Youth Group

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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.



NURSERY COORDINATOR TRANSITION

Natalia Tovarez is moving on from being our Nursery Coordinator and we want to take a moment to thank her for her years of leadership. She has worked with many volunteers and made a safe and fun environment for our youngest children in our Nursery. Thank you Natalia! We wish you well!

Kiersten Ciccone has been working in our Nursery for a few years already and will be taking over the Nursery Coordinator position. We are excited to have Kiersten on our team in a more official way! Kiersten is a student at Oakland University and loves our children and families. She will do a great job maintaining the quality of care in the Nursery. Welcome Kiersten!

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 (ages 6-15)---\$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)**



PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

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

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

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

Sympathies to:

The Nelson family on the death of Bridget's uncle, Jack O'Connor on February 13, 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,

In my closet there hangs a blue sport coat covered in gold sequins. It is straight out of a 1970s lounge act. It shines louder than it should. It has no business still existing. I can't wear it anymore. I long ago outgrew it. But it remembers a moment.

Eighth grade. I was bigger than most of the kids in my class. I sat in the back of every classroom—quiet, uncertain, a little afraid. Trying not to be noticed.

Mrs. Vevea was my English teacher. She was tough. The kind of teacher who didn't let you coast. But she cared. And somewhere in the middle of red ink and grammar lessons, she saw something in my writing. She saw a kid with words that wanted to be shared.

So when the eighth-grade talent show came along, she asked that quiet, oversized boy in the back of her class to be the emcee...and she handed him a sparkle coat.

It wasn't the coat that mattered. It wasn't even the moment on stage. It was the noticing.

Being seen did something to me. It loosened something. It cracked open a shell I didn't even know I was living inside. I discovered a sense of call because one English teacher paid attention.

I guess that's part of why I love our church's variety show so much. When someone is noticed. When a room cheers. When a community says, "We see you." Something holy happens. A shell breaks. A voice strengthens. A life shifts.

Lent is here. Our whole season is called "Seen and Called."

When you read the Gospels, you begin to notice how often Jesus sees people. Really sees them. Fishermen mending nets. Sisters busy in the kitchen. A tax collector hiding in a tree. He sees people in the middle of their actual lives. And in the act of being seen, something loosens. People stand a little straighter. They breathe a little deeper. They discover courage they didn't know they had. And then—they are called. Not into spotlight moments necessarily. But into lives of love and service.

Your pastoral staff spent much of this winter writing a companion book for this journey, also called "Seen and Called." It is designed to walk with us through Lent, exploring these encounters and asking where we, too, are being seen—and where we might be called. Make sure you grab a copy. Join a group. Enter the discovery. Royal Oak First wants to be a place that sees like Jesus sees.

Because sometimes all it takes is...one teacher, one moment, one community...to change a life.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff" above a stylized drawing of a smiling face with a circle for a mouth and two curved lines for eyes.

Pastor Jeff Nelson