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# epiphany

**“Seeing  
Everything  
Differently”**

**Sunday, February 8, 2026 9:00AM**  
**ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	"St. Thomas" (Sonny Rollins)	House Band
Greeting		Maria Moro
Song	"Great Things"	
Song	"Make Room"	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson & Jennifer Tripoli
Mission Moment		Jaime Luczak
Time of Prayer		Nicole Wilson
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering		Kimi Matsumoto, flute
Doxology	"Give Thanks"	
Scripture Reading*	1 Corinthians 2:1-16	
Message	"The Mind of Christ"	Jeff Nelson
Closing Song	"Any More"	
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



## PRIDE & ALLY ADULT SOCIAL GROUP

Pride & Ally Adult Social Group meetings are held at church on the second Monday of each month. Our next meeting is on **Monday, February 9 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** We'd also love for you to join our Facebook Group to stay connected, so scan the QR code!



## WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER FOR 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!



## 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.





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## 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. See below for more details about our project: *The Royal Oak First Missions Team has partnered 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 Royal Oak First each evening, transporting the food to the shelter, and serving the meals at the shelter.*

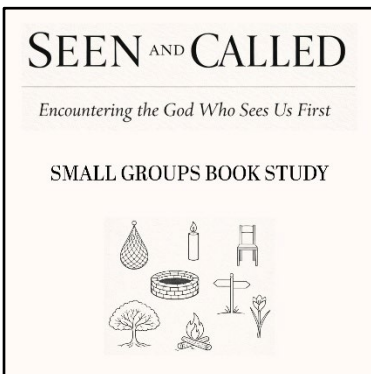


## NEW HERE? COME TO PASTOR CHAT!

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!

## 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!



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## 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](mailto:jtripoli@rofum.org) to be added to the monthly email blast.

## Women's Retreat

March 20-22, 2026

## 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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## 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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## 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.



### 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)

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### PRODUCE COLLECTION

Volunteers  
Needed!

### 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.



# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

## Prayers for Our Church Family:

Dave Minch • 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:

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

*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 PASTOR

Dear Beloved Community,

Lent is right around the corner.

Every year, it arrives quietly and insistently—like a hand on the shoulder, or a question we didn't know we were ready to ask. Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 18, and with it comes an invitation to slow down, tell the truth, and remember who we are.

On Ash Wednesday, we'll be offering ashes throughout the day from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Lafayette Street entrance—a simple, come-as-you-are moment to pause and mark the day. That evening, we'll gather for a soup supper at 6:00 p.m., followed by worship with ashes at 7:00 p.m. There is something grounding about beginning this season together—around tables, in prayer, with honest words on our foreheads.

What I'm especially excited about this Lent is our Lenten Small Groups Book Study, "Seen and Called."

This is a book written and designed by our Pastoral Team, created with this community in mind. Each week, we'll spend time with a different encounter Jesus has—with real people living real lives. Peter. Martha and Mary. Zacchaeus. And others. Again and again, we see Jesus notice people where they actually are—not where they wish they were—and then call them into God's ongoing work in the world.

That movement matters. To be seen. And then to be called.

I hope you'll plan to read "Seen and Called" over the Lenten season. Even more, I hope you'll consider joining a small group where we can read, listen, wonder, and learn together—trusting that God is still at work in us and among us.

You can purchase a copy of the book by scanning the first QR code at the bottom of the page.

And you can sign up for a small group here by scanning the second QR code at the bottom of the page.

Lent isn't about getting it right. It's about showing up. About being honest. About discovering—sometimes again—that grace was already there.

I'm grateful we get to walk this season together.

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff Nelson

Lent Book



Lent Group

