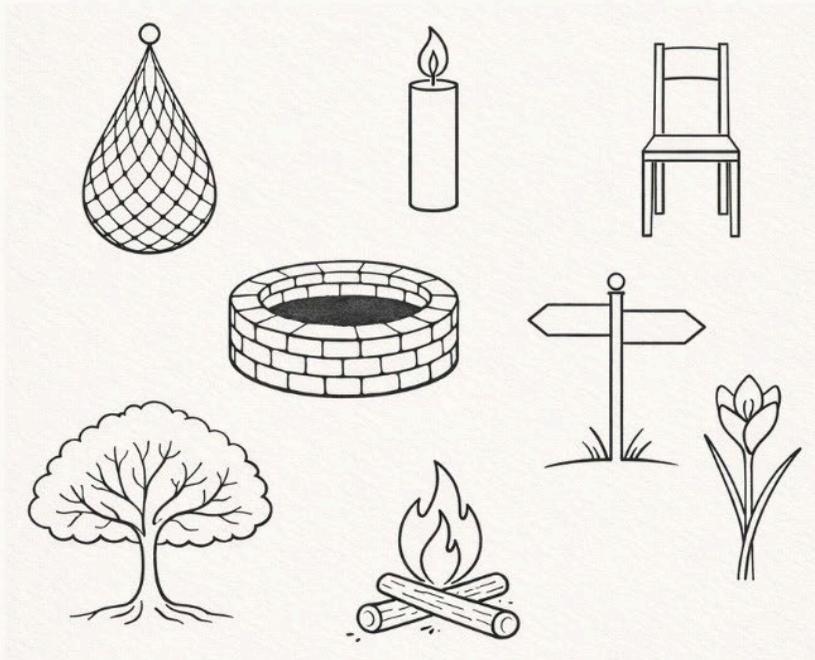


# SEEN AND CALLED

*Encountering the God Who Sees Us First*



**Sunday, March 1, 2026**  
**9:00 AM Worship**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>Gathering Music</b>	“What I’ve Done” (Linkin Park)	House Band
<b>Greeting</b>		Griffin Anspach
<b>Song</b>	“Graves Into Gardens”	
<b>Prayer of Confession &amp; Assurance of Pardon</b>		Nicole Wilson
<b>Song of Praise</b>	“Kyrie Eleison”	
<b>Welcome &amp; Invitation to Mission</b>		Jeff Nelson
<b>Time of Prayer</b>		
<b>Invitation to Offering</b>		
<b>Musical Offering</b>	“Give Me Jesus” Spiritual (arr. Fernando Ortega)	Kiersten Ciccone
<b>Doxology</b>	“Give Thanks”	
<b>Scripture Reading*</b>	John 3:1-21	
<b>Message</b>	“Nicodemus: Called to Transform”	Jeff Nelson
<b>Sacrament of Holy Communion</b>		
<b>Closing Song</b>	“Made For More”	
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Departing Music</b>		

# 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, March 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!



## HYACINTH AND EASTER LILIES SALE

We are excited to offer the choice of purchasing a hyacinth or lily or contributing to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) in honor or memory of a loved one. The lilies will decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 5. The names of the donors and those to be honored or memorialized will be printed in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. Scan the QR code to order hyacinth or lilies or stop by the Connections Table for a paper order form before *Sunday, March 15* to either purchase a lily or a hyacinth or contribute to UMCOR.



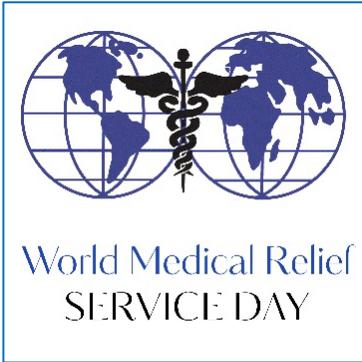
## Knowledge Circle Craft Sale



## KNOWLEDGE CIRCLE CRAFT SALE

Join the ladies of Royal Oak First's Knowledge Circle at their Craft Sale during the Fish Dinner on Friday, March 13 from 4:00-7:30 p.m. in the Narthex. There will be a variety of crafts for sale such as crocheted items, floral silk arrangements, and quilts. All proceeds will be used to help one or two Royal Oak First families in need during Eastertime.

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## WORLD MEDICAL RELIEF

During the past three winters, Royal Oak First has sent dozens of volunteers to World Medical Relief in Southfield to help sort medical supplies to be sent in aid shipments throughout the world. It is always a memorable service day for all who participate! Our next date has been set as Saturday, March 21, 8:45-11:30 a.m. Plan to wear comfortable shoes, as most volunteers will be standing, but some sitting tasks are available too. This is a great service opportunity for teens and adults. Please scan the QR code for additional information and to sign up.



## GET READY FOR “EGG MY HOUSE”!

Make Easter morning “egg-stra” special for your kids with a yard full of candy and toy-filled eggs delivered by Royal Oak First! Purchase twenty-four (24) eggs for \$25 or double the fun with forty-eight (48) eggs for \$50. All proceeds support the Youth Mission Trip. Order by scanning the QR code before Sunday, March 29.

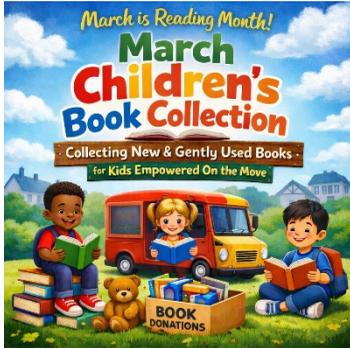


## EASTER EGG FILLERS COLLECTION

The kids and youth of Royal Oak First are collecting donations of individually wrapped pieces of candy, toys/trinkets, and plastic eggs for their annual ‘Egg My House’ fundraiser through Sunday, March 29. A collection bin is at the Connections Table. If you prefer to shop from home and have it delivered, simply scan the QR code to order from our Amazon Wish List by Sunday, March 29.



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## MARCH CHILDREN'S BOOK COLLECTION

In honor of "March is Reading Month", the Missions Team will be collecting new and gently used children's books to be shared with "Kids Empowered: On the Move." They run a program that delivers books to low income families around Oakland County. Please scan the QR code to shop from our Amazon Wish List, or shop local at the Sidetrack Bookshop on Washington.



## 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 **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 [jtropoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtropoli@rofum.org).



## FAMILY SHELTER MEALS--LAST WEEK!

The Royal Oak First Missions Team has partnered with "Kids Empowered: On the Move" to provide meals at a new family shelter in Pontiac. This is the last week that our church is sponsoring meals. We need help the week of March 15-20; 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 in your Bulletin.



## 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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**Support Our Youth by Baking!**

## 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 any of their sales, scan the QR code to sign up.



## 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.



## 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.

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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!

# TWO MORE FISH DINNERS LEFT!

**Fridays, 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:

John Marsh • Elizabeth Kincannon • LeeAnn Witherspoon • Scott Cummings •  
Joyce Russell • Ginny Panone • Kay Nowaczok • Carolyn Gabler •  
Larry Oberdier • Ann Anderson • Mark Thatcher • Jerry Elliott • Arthur Jemison •  
Bob Prud'homme • Michele Prud'homme • Bernie Stubitsch • Lee Hoffmann •  
Joyce Negrich • Bill Bond • Kathy MacFarlane

## 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 Gnegy •  
Debbie Motherwell • Huntley Thatcher Reed • 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,

This week our music director Michael Rosas shared that he will be stepping into a new position. We are grateful for his time among us — for his gentle presence and the care he offered our musicians and worship life. We bless him as he moves into what is next.

Transitions can stir a lot in a community. Gratitude. Questions. Maybe even some weariness. And yet, here we are — still rooted. Still trusting the God who has carried us this far to guide us forward.

Pastor Bridget will lead our transition team, helping us listen well and move faithfully. I'm deeply thankful for her steadiness and wisdom.

And to every musician, choir member, band member, and tech volunteer — thank you. Your faithfulness matters more than you know. You help us pray when words alone aren't enough.

We continue this week with “Seen and Called.”

Our question: What does it mean to unlearn? To loosen certainty. To let God reshape what we thought was settled.

Following Jesus isn't just about learning something new — it's often about releasing something old.

Come ready to wonder.

One more grace note: new people keep finding us. And they are grateful — for the warmth, for the welcome, for the way this church feels like a place to breathe.

Let's stay there.

Steady.

Open.

Kind.

Grateful to walk this with you.

Still here.

Still called.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in light blue ink that reads "Pastor Jeff". Below the signature is a simple smiley face drawn with a circle and two dots for eyes.

Pastor Jeff Nelson