

ROYAL OAK FIRST
A United Methodist Church

CONSECRATION SUNDAY

Sunday, November 8, 2026
11:00 AM Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	"I'm So Blessed" (CAIN)	House Band & Sanctus Choir
Call to Worship		Colleen Frey
Opening Song	"Trust In God" (Elevation Worship)	
Invitation to Community		Jeff Nelson
Time of Prayer		
Making Christ's Love Real		
Invitation to Offering		
Offertory	"Courage and Grace" (Michael W. Joy)	Carillon Ringers
Doxology #95*	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	
Scripture Reading**	John 4:1-15	
Message	"A Drink of Water"	Brad Bartelmay
Consecration Sunday Response		
Closing Hymn #77*	"How Great Thou Art"	
Benediction		
Departing Music		

**United Methodist Hymnal*
***New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*

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FINAL DAY TO ORDER CHRISTMAS GREENS

Order and pay by 1:00 p.m. TODAY

Scan Me

Christmas is right around the corner, and it's time to order your holiday greens! Choose from wreaths, crosses, canes, balls, centerpieces, and garlands. **Royal Oak First Music Guild's Christmas Greens Sale benefits our Summer Camp Program.** Scan the QR code or stop by the Connections Table to place your order!



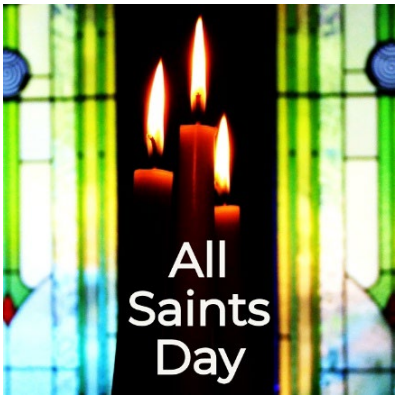
ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Monday, November 30 | 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Sign up by Monday, November 16

SCAN ME

All women of the church are invited to join us for an evening of speakers and music to get us ready for the Christmas season ahead. We will have a program in the Sanctuary followed by dessert at tables in the Parlor, Gathering Space and Fellowship Hall. You are invited to host a table of friends and family, host a table we can fill for you, or simply attend. Scan the QR code to sign up by November 16.



ALL SAINTS DAY OBSERVED

Sunday November 22 | 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services

On All Saints Day, we will remember beloved church members, family, and friends who have passed away since November 20, 2025. To include a loved one's name in our special Bulletin remembrance, please email Danielle Moody at prayers@rofum.org.

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HELP US DECK THE HALLS

Sunday, November 22 | 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Help us get Royal Oak First ready for Advent and Christmas! We need volunteers to decorate the church, put up Christmas trees, and untangle those holiday lights. Grab a friend and join the fun as we prepare for Advent. **Scan the QR code to sign up.**

SCAN ME



HELP MAKE THE HOLIDAYS SPECIAL AT OUTREACH ON 7TH!

Help make Thanksgiving and Christmas special for our Outreach on 7th guests! Volunteers are needed to cook donated turkeys for Thanksgiving and to help prepare, serve, clean up, and share fellowship during our holiday meals. **Volunteer shifts are 9:00 a.m.–noon on Thanksgiving and Christmas mornings.** Scan the QR code to sign up for either meal.

SCAN ME



WINTER ESSENTIALS NEEDED

Our Outreach on 7th is currently in need of:

- **Sleeping Bags**
- **Sweatshirt Hoodies**
- **Blankets**
- **Winter Hats (skull caps)**
- **Winter Gloves**

These winter essentials help us provide practical support and a warm welcome to our Outreach on 7th guests. **Donations may be dropped off at the church during regular office hours or on Sunday mornings.**

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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA SALE

We are excited to offer the choice of purchasing a poinsettia or contributing to UMCOR in honor or memory of a loved one.

The poinsettias will decorate the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 20 and at our Christmas Eve services. The names of the donors and those to be honored or memorialized will be printed in the Sunday, December 20 Bulletin.

If you wish to participate, fill out the form below and drop off at the Connections Table or scan the QR code before ***Sunday, November 29.***

Payment must accompany this order form (checks payable to Royal Oak First United Methodist Church)

___Enclosed is $18.00 for a 1 stem red poinsettia

___Enclosed is $33.00 for a 2 stem red poinsettia

___I will pick up my plant(s) following the 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

___Enclosed is my donation of $_____ for UMCOR in place of a poinsettia.

This will be a memorial to _____
(Please Print)

OR in honor of _____
(Please Print)

Given by _____
(Please Print)

Phone _____

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Noel Peterson • Joan Johnson • Pam Payne • Lee Gnegy • Tom Janes • Tim Murphy • Lori Vickers • Patrick Calhoun • Phil Button • Mark Thatcher • Liz Malama • Noah Ryckman • Linda Anderson • Mike Dabney • Kathy Border • Margie Carrington • Myra Pollard • Carrie Morse • Lee Hoffmann • Megan Grimm • Elizabeth Kincannon • Phyllis Hassberger • Ann Anderson • Michele & Bob Prud'homme • Jerry Elliott • Kay Nowaczok • Kathy MacFarlane •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Holly Hempstead • Karen Cunningham • Brent Routkowski • Russ and Judy Dore' • Amy Fausone • Cindy Mulvahill • Bill Mahaffy & Family • The Klipfel Family • Melissa McMahon • Linda Frank • Donna Bartley • Rachel Hopkins • Dianne Stobbe • Lee Potter • Jean Murphy • James Cudejko • Noah Armstrong • Russhele Dohnal • Patricia Guarino • Mike Sopheia • Sue & Harold Williams • Latha Ravi • Angie Grose • Ashley Mink • Allyson Jones • Kathy Latham • John Barber, Jr. • Doug Zorn • Ron Gilmour • Tracy Zawaski • Kerry Doty •

Congratulations to:

Kaitlin Andersen & Jordan Teicher on their marriage on October 31, 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 Friends,

We have made it through another election. I suspect there may still be a few political shenanigans rattling around, but I'm hoping the campaign commercials will finally be over. Surely that's something we can all give thanks for!

Of course, elections matter. The choices we make and the people affected by them matter deeply. But one of the things I love about this church is that, through all the noise, we just keep doing the work God has given us to do. We keep showing up, loving our neighbors, feeding our friends, welcoming strangers, and finding ways to make Christ's love real. Whatever else this week brings, there's something wonderfully reassuring about that.

And this Sunday, we get to celebrate it together!

It's **Consecration Sunday**, and I hope you'll join us for worship at 9:00 or 11:00, followed by a wonderful breakfast buffet downstairs in our Fellowship Hall. It's a chance to gather around tables, enjoy one another's company, and celebrate this remarkable community we're blessed to share. Come hungry and ready to eat!

I'm also absolutely delighted to welcome my dear friend, the Rev. Brad Bartelmay, as our guest preacher. Brad is a retired United Methodist pastor who now serves with the United Methodist Foundation. He's been my friend for more than a decade and, for nearly two years, a mentor, coach, and wonderfully wise companion in ministry. When I get caught up in the challenges of leadership, Brad has this beautiful way of reminding me just how alive, vibrant, and healthy this church really is. He believes deeply in what God is doing here, and I'm so glad you'll get to meet him.

Of course, Sunday is also our opportunity to make our estimated giving commitments for the coming year. During worship, we'll have a chance to bring forward our offerings and commitment cards as an expression of gratitude for all we've been given. And if

you can't join us, don't worry. We'll send you a card in the weeks ahead so you can participate, too.

I've been thinking a lot about this simple question: **Does my giving tell the truth about what I've been given?** Not whether I've done enough or given enough, but whether my generosity reflects my gratitude. When we begin to recognize just how much of life is gift, something wonderful happens. We find ourselves wanting to be part of sharing those gifts with others. And I believe that when we begin with gratitude, so much of the rest takes care of itself.

So come worship. Come enjoy a good breakfast and even better company. Come celebrate this beautiful community we get to call our church.

After a week like this one, I can't think of a much better way to spend a Sunday morning.

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff Nelson

