

Break Me

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

11:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

DANGEROUS
PRAYERS

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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| Prelude | <i>This Is My Father's World</i> | Jason Payne |
| Hymn #553 | And Are We Yet Alive | UMH* |
| Call to Worship | | Bob Prud'homme |
| Sung Response | Covenant Prayer | |
| Greeting Your Neighbor | | |
| Invitation to Mission | | |
| Time with Children | | |
| Time of Prayer | | |
| Offering Our Gifts and Tithes | | |
| Musical Offering | <i>Youth</i> Colin Walbridge | Daughter |
| Doxology #95 | | UMH |
| Scripture | Psalm 51:17 | CEB** |
| Message | Break Me | Jeff Nelson |
| Hymn #393 | Spirit of the Living God | UMH |
| Postlude | <i>Prelude to a Te Deum</i> | Marc A. Charpentier |

* United Methodist Hymnal
** Common English Bible

Welcome to
the Party!

Sunday, June 17
2:00 pm

Contact office@rofum.com or
248-541-4100

the next

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Send us your
memories!



Networking,
Organizing, and
Advocating for the
Homeless

**Make sandwiches,
make a difference!**

Wednesday, June 20
7:00 pm

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Missions@rofum.org

NOAH PROJECT



Networking,
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Homeless

The NOAH Project hands out over 35,000 bag lunches every year. On Wednesday, June 20, we are going to help them. There are many ways you can participate in this project with us. Fill out the form below and return it to the *Here I Am Lord Table* in the Narthex.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I would like to...

_____ provide 1 pound of Swiss cheese.

_____ provide 1 pound of sliced turkey.

_____ make a monetary contribution.

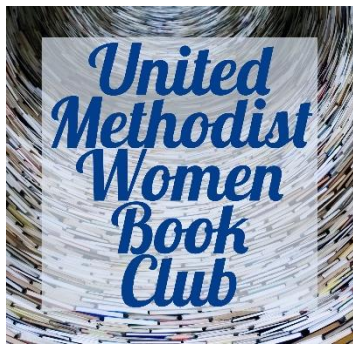
_____ help make sandwiches Wednesday, June 20, at 7:00 pm.

Please bring all food donations (labeled "NOAH") to the church by the afternoon of Wednesday, June 20.

EVENTS

United Methodist Women Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, June 20, 10:00 am



All are welcome to join our Book Discussion group as we read and enjoy our book selection for this month. *Endurance: A Year in Space, a Lifetime of Discovery* by natural storyteller and modern-day hero Scott Kelly holds a message of hope for the future. His personal story tells of the triumph of the human imagination, the strength of the human will, and the infinite wonder of the galaxy and is sure to inspire us. If you have any questions, contact Mary Nahhat at 248-546-6230.

Ladies' Night at the Movies

Tuesday, June 26, Dinner at 6:00 pm,

Movie at 7:00 pm (Date Correction)

Sometimes, you need a night out with friends—a night to enjoy a meal and a movie free from stress, and full of fun. Join us for a special showing of *Book Club* at Emagine Royal Oak at the corner of 11 Mile and Main St. This will be a wonderful time for us to come together as women of Royal Oak First and have fun. Invite your friends and neighbors and join us for dinner and a movie!

Tickets are available for purchase for \$7 at the *Here I Am Lord Table* in the Narthex. If you have any questions, contact Sarah Foss at movienight@rofum.org.



The Next Chapter is Always the Best.

Book Club

Redford Brightmoor Initiative

Saturday, July 21, 9:00 am-1:30 pm

You can help us prepare and serve lunch for the 70-80 shoppers at the Redford Brightmoor Initiative Free Store on Saturday, July 21, 9:00 am – 1:30 pm. Opportunities are available to make and serve lunch in the kitchen, or plan crafts and activities for the children of the shoppers. Sign up at rofum.org/links or at the *Here I Am Lord Table* in the Narthex. Contact the Missions team at missions@rofum.org for more information.



Redford Brightmoor Initiative

OPPORTUNITIES

Clothing Needed for our Lunch Program

On the last Monday of each month, the Fellowship Hall is transformed into a mini-clothing store with Men's, Women's, and Children's departments for our Lunch Guests. Our stock is running low and we could use clothing, especially men's summer clothing. If you have any clothing or shoes you would like to donate, please bring it to church on Sundays or any time during office hours (Monday-Friday, 9:00-4:00).



Transportation Ministry



Our new Transportation Ministry seeks to help some of our most faithful members by providing people with transportation issues a way to get to church, and by providing drivers with wonderful opportunities to get to know people they may not have the chance to meet otherwise. If you would like to participate in this ministry, as a driver or a rider, sign up at the *Here I Am Lord* Table in the Narthex, or contact Nancy Thompson at transportation@rofum.org.

July Collection Challenge

Did you know that most people with a bridge card or food stamps can not use that money to purchase every-day staples like toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, soap, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, and even diapers? We will be collecting these items throughout the month of July for our friends at the Redford Brightmoor Initiative, the NOAH Project, and our own lunch program. 100 boxes to fill will be available beginning Sunday, July 1. Be on the lookout for sales and coupons so you can fill your box and return it to the church by July 29.



Happy Birthday to Us! June 30 and July 1



Join us as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our sanctuary with worship services lifting up all the powerful moments in our lives together that occurred within its walls!

To celebrate, we need your help. Please record a short, 30-second video of you talking about your memories of important moments in your life, the life of your family, or our life as a church that took place in the sanctuary. Post your video to Facebook or use Facebook live. When filming, please make sure your videos are shot horizontally in a quiet, bright, indoor space, with the camera at eye level. Be sure to tag the church when posting.

We will use your memories to create videos for our worship services and videos to show the world what a wonderful church (and church family) we have here.

If you don't use Facebook or you need help recording the video, you can ask a techie relative or church staff member for help!

Don't miss this powerful and fun worship experience (or the party that will follow)!

PRAYER LIST

Prayers for our church family: Athena Milewski; Marianne Peck; Martino Mande; Rosabelle Moody; Jim Tempest; Suzanne Hughes; Emily Paswater; Jane Button; Betty Lawson; Cynthia Cline; Lee Hoffmann; Alice Bentley; Ruby Hawkins; Betty Latimer; Ron & Marianne Peludat; Gwen Ross

Prayers for our extended family: Chuck Bartley; Susie Inch; Jim Chamberlain; Jolene Iris and Dani Mae Bouck; John Bell; Reynold Pearce; Norbert Wnukowski

Hospitalized: George Hoelaars

Homebound Member of the Week: Goldie Chiti

Please contact our Pastoral Care Team at prayers@rofum.org with any prayer concerns.

The chancel flowers are in honor of fathers everywhere and in celebration of our 17th year of belonging to this church, given by Marian and Paul Kremer.

CONFERENCE REPORT

Someone told me yesterday that United Methodists are known for three things: Committees, Potlucks, and Singing. While I hope that we're known for more than that, there's more than a kernel of truth. Two weeks ago, some 2000 United Methodists from across Michigan met in Traverse City for our biggest meeting of the year, Annual Conference. Royal Oak First sent our three clergy (Jeff, Myra, and Caleb) with an official delegation including Sue Buxton (serving as Conference Facilitator), Charlene Faunt, and Bob Prud'homme. Bridget Nelson, Youth Ministry Initiatives Coordinator for the Conference, was ever-present, helping shepherd youth delegates in both their responsibilities and in having fun. They were joined by Bob Demyanovich (now serving in Cass City), Bob and Diana Goudie (retired clergy).

This conference isn't like most conferences you might've been to. It's part legislation (picture Congressional coverage on CSPAN), part worship, and part family reunion (both the good and the bad). It's our chance to connect with each other across the state, connect with the global church, and reconnect with our God through worship and prayerful conversation.



Worship services encouraged us to engage with each other within our congregations and outside church walls. In sermons we learned “What Must I Do to Inherit Eternal Life,” “Who Is My Neighbor?” and to “Go and Do Likewise.” We acknowledged problems and reconciliations we must face in the coming years with a hope that we can agree to disagree agreeably.

Nine new districts and their superintendents were recognized that will make up the new Michigan Annual Conference. Royal Oak First is one of 78 churches and 5 multi-point charges in the 9th district, Greater Detroit, with the Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue continuing as our District Superintendent. Director of the National United Methodist Women, Ruby Anderson, from our district, received the John Buxton Award for her creative leadership at all levels of the church. We also celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the union of The Methodist Church and Evangelical United Brethren Church to form The United Methodist Church.

Mixed in with worship were nine **TOM Talks** (Transformational Outreach and Ministry) demonstrating how to engage youth, schools, the poor, neighbors and our local churches in mission during Friday and Saturday teaching sessions. These can be viewed at vimeo.com/miumc.



But most of all we sang our joy and commitment to God from the floor and in the 77-member Conference Choir led by Jeffrey Cobb, Director of Music at Traverse City Central UMC. Our very own Minister of Worship & Arts, **Rev. Caleb Williams, was ordained** by Bishop David Bard as one of three new deacons in Sunday afternoon's closing Ordination Service.

The annual conference also provides a forum for **legislation** when individuals or groups introduce resolutions to hopefully gain the backing of the annual conference. Twenty-eight resolutions were before the conference ranging from conference structure to social and justice concerns. Here are some key pieces approved by the conference:

- for support for the Poor People's Campaign,
- acknowledgment of sin over how we've sometimes treated marginalized people,
- call for unity in diversity,
- to raise the age for juveniles to be held in juvenile facilities,
- call to reinstitute the ban on assault weapons,
- providing breastfeeding space at annual conference,
- a statement about clergy sexual misconduct's effect on the clergy family,
- guidelines for the use of proceeds of sale of local church properties,
- addition to the conference Human Resources Policy,
- the right to address injustice through boycotts, divestment and sanctions,
- call for the end of US military support of Saudis in Yemen,
- work for preventing a war in North Korea, and
- fighting a culture of "fake news" with studies on lying & the bible.

If you'd like to know more, check out michiganumc.org or talk to one of our conference delegates.

SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 17 – Father’s Day

Summer Service Trip Departs

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| 9:00 am | Worship..... | Sanctuary |
| | Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – | Fellowship Hall |
| 10:00 am | Fellowship Hour | Fellowship Hall |
| 11:00 am | Worship..... | Sanctuary |
| | Nursery – Fellowship Hall | |
| | Preschool – Room #405 | |
| | Lower Elementary (K-2) – Room #402 | |
| | Upper Elementary (3-5) – Room #403 | |
| 12:00 pm | Fellowship Hour | Fellowship Hall |
| 2:00 pm | Welcome to the Party..... | Nelson Home |

Monday, June 18

Summer Service Trip

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| 9:00 am | Core Team Meeting..... | 2 nd Floor |
| 10:30 am | Lunch Program..... | Fellowship Hall |
| 11:00 am | Director’s Meeting | Choir Room |
| 7:00 pm | Choir Camp Parent Meeting..... | Fellowship Hall |
| 7:00 pm | Missions Committee | Choir Room |
| 7:00 pm | Soul Stretch Yoga | Sanctuary |

Tuesday, June 19

Summer Service Trip

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| 10:00 am | Tuesday Morning Pastor’s Book Group..... | Fellowship Hall |
| 10:30 am | Lunch Program..... | Fellowship Hall |
| 11:30 am | Sermon Practice..... | Sanctuary |
| 11:45 am | Roga (Chair Yoga) | Choir Room |
| 3:30 pm | Piano Lessons..... | Choir Room |
| 7:00 pm | Staff/Parish Relations Committee..... | Church Office |
| 7:00 pm | Women’s Bible Study | Royal Oak Taphouse |

Wednesday, June 20

Summer Service Trip

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| 9:30 am | Bulletin Meeting..... | Fellowship Hall |
| 10:00 am | Organ Practice | Sanctuary |
| 10:00 am | United Methodist Women Book Group..... | Choir Room |
| 10:30 am | Lunch Program..... | Fellowship Hall |
| 11:30 am | ROME0 (Retired Old Men Eating Out) ... | The Avenue Restaurant |
| 7:00 pm | NOAH Project Sandwich Making..... | Kitchen |
| 7:30 pm | Nar-Anon..... | Room #403 |

Thursday, June 21

Summer Service Trip

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| 7:00 am | Men's Morning Fellowship..... | Nello's Restaurant |
| 10:00 am | Organ Practice | Sanctuary |
| 10:30 am | Lunch Program..... | Fellowship Hall |

Friday, June 22

Building Closed for Power Shutdown

Summer Service Trip

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| 10:30 am | Lunch Program..... | Tower Entrance |
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Saturday, June 23

Summer Service Trip Returns

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| 10:00 am | Ascend Church Meeting..... | Sanctuary |
| 4:00 pm | Saturday Afternoon Worship | Sanctuary |

Sunday, June 24

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| 9:00 am | Worship..... | Sanctuary |
| | Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – | Fellowship Hall |
| 10:00 am | Fellowship Hour | Fellowship Hall |
| 11:00 am | Worship & Baptism..... | Sanctuary |
| | Nursery – | Fellowship Hall |
| | Preschool – | Room #405 |
| | Lower Elementary (K-2) – | Room #402 |
| | Upper Elementary (3-5) – | Room #403 |
| 12:00 pm | Fellowship Hour | Fellowship Hall |

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

*“Like the pine trees lining the winding road,
I got a name”*

Jim Croce, *I Got a Name*

*“Whether we like it or not, we all come from
someplace. And at some point in our lives,
we have to make peace with that place.”*

Jeffrey Stepakoff, *The Orchard*

“Hello, Wisconsin!”

Eric Forman, *That 70's Show*



Somewhere around 10:45 last Monday morning I crossed the Menominee River and suddenly became younger. The all too familiar, yet very nameless, maternal voice of Google Maps spoke three words that turned on a mythical fountain of nostalgia: “Welcome to Wisconsin.” With those words my phone automatically turned back time.

I was home.

I first notice the rows of Red Pines lining the highway, planted in nice symmetrical lines. These trees planted in the mid-1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps, the federal work program that kept my grandfather out of the soup lines during The Great Depression. I stopped at the first gas station just outside of Pembine, walk to the back cooler and found them, right where I expected they would be—the cheese curds that assure me I am among my people. I drive the next two hours enjoying these bite size delicacies while singing along to a mix of Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings, the soundtrack of every camping trip we took as a family. When I finally get to my dad’s in Rhinelander I see that he has covered the bed I’ll be sleeping on with a Green Bay Packers blanket. This makes a real struggle for me with a sport whose politics around kneeling for anthems and the culture of sexual harassment has created more difficulty, as I am reminded that football is one of things that gives me a bridge to where I come from and to whom I belong.

I was home. Home is where you find your people.

That is what we seek to build here at Royal Oak First. A sense of place. A people to whom we can belong. A soundtrack that can carry us down life’s winding roads.

Welcome home. We are glad you are here!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jeff