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**SUNDAY, JULY 1**  
11:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Firework Music</i>	G.F. Handel
Hymn #117	Our God, Our Help in Ages Past	UMH*
Call to Worship		Faye Bond
Hymn #529	How Firm a Foundation (st. 1, 3, & 5)	UMH
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Time with Children		
Celebrating Ministry		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Offertory	“How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place” <i>Ein deutsches Requiem</i> , Op. 45 Anniversary Choir and Orchestra	J. Brahms
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	Matthew 16:13-18	CEB**
Message	The Next 100	Jeff Nelson
Communion	<i>Ave Verum</i> String Quartet	W.A. Mozart
Hymn #555	Forward Through the Ages	UMH
Postlude	<i>Flourish on ST. ANNE</i>	Michael Helman

\* United Methodist Hymnal

\*\* Common English Bible

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Executive Assistant/Office Manager Position Available

Royal Oak First is seeking an Executive Assistant/Office Manager to help us support all of the aspects of our programming including answering calls, data entry, document creation and performing office tasks. We are looking for a highly motivated person with interpersonal and public relations skills who has the ability to work independently, communicate effectively, and support the Executive Director.

For more information regarding qualifications and responsibilities, go to [rofum.org/links](http://rofum.org/links).



## Special Sanctuary Banners

Mary Nahhat has created two lovely new banners for our sanctuary in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

“O God Our Help in Ages Past” contains the symbol of the Hand of God, with reference to the scripture 1 Peter 5: 6-7.

“Humble yourselves, therefore under God’s mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you”

“Our Hope for Years to Come” contains the symbol of the Anchor Cross, with reference to the scripture Hebrews 6 :19.

“We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain.”

## 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).





## July Collection Challenge

Did you know that most people with a bridge card or food stamps cannot 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 8. Be on the lookout for sales and coupons so you can fill your box and return it to the church by July 29.

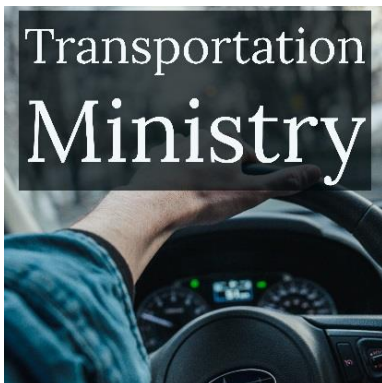
## Redford Brightmoor Initiative

**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](http://rofum.org/links) or at the *Here I Am Lord Table* in the Narthex. Contact the Missions team at [missions@rofum.org](mailto:missions@rofum.org) for more information.



## 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](mailto:transportation@rofum.org).

# PRAYER LIST

**Prayers for our church family:** Athena Milewski; Jane Frentz; Paul Kremer; Vel Lowman; Don McCreedy; Marianne Peck; Mark Thatcher; Lee Hoffmann; Ron & Marianne Peludat; Jim Tempest; Cynthia Cline; Rosabelle Moody; Sophie Willis

**Prayers for our extended family:** Donald Goff; James Chamberlain; James Kremer; John Bell

**Sympathy** to Joe Nowaczok for the death of his mother on June 24.

**Homebound Member of the Week:** Ruby Hawkins

Please contact our Pastoral Care Team at [prayers@rofum.org](mailto:prayers@rofum.org) with any prayer concerns.

A vibrant, cartoon-style illustration for a Vacation Bible Camp. At the top, a blue banner with white text reads "VACATION BIBLE CAMP SUNDAY, AUGUST 12- THURSDAY, AUGUST 16". The central scene shows a purple bear-like character in a yellow kayak with a red paddle, navigating turbulent blue rapids. The kayak has "ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE" written on it. Above the kayak, the words "ROLLING RIVER" are written in a large, bubbly, orange font with a white outline. Below the kayak, the word "RAMPAGE" is written in a similar font. The background features a forest of green pine trees under a warm, orange and yellow sky. In the bottom left corner, a dark red box contains the text "ENROLL OR SIGN UP TO SERVE NOW!" in white, bold, sans-serif font. In the bottom right corner, another dark red box contains the text "CONTACT DANIELLE MOODY: DMOODY@ROFUM.ORG" in white, bold, sans-serif font.

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# SCHEDULE

## Sunday, July 1

7<sup>th</sup> Street Closed for 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party & Retirement Party

9:00 am	Worship.....	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 –	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party.....	Front Lawn & 7 <sup>th</sup> Street
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	100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party & Retirement Party...	Front Lawn & 7 <sup>th</sup> Street

## Monday, July 2

9:00 am	Core Team Meeting.....	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Lunch Program.....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Directors' Meeting .....	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga .....	Sanctuary

## Tuesday, July 3

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	Women's Book and Bible Study .....	Royal Oak Taphouse

## Wednesday, July 4 – Independence Day

Office Closed

10:30 am	Lunch Program.....	Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon.....	Room #403

## Thursday, July 5

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

## Friday, July 6

10:30 am	Lunch Program.....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Therapeutic Rehab Sandwich Making.....	Kitchen

## Saturday, July 7

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

## Sunday, July 8

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
12:30 pm	Choir Camp Parent Meeting.....	Fellowship Hall

# LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

It all started in 1838 when the Reverend J.M. Arnold was assigned to organize a Methodist church in a small village just north of Detroit called Royal Oak. The Royal Oak Methodists met in a one room schoolhouse on the corner of Main and Lincoln. It was there that they sang their songs, prayed their prayers, and found comfort and challenge in God's Word. They were the first organized church in Royal Oak and for 180 years Methodists have been a part of the fabric of this community.



By 1842 they needed a building of their own, so a group of about 50 faithful families raised the \$1,500 (over \$43,000 in today's dollars) to build a small, wooden church house at the corner of 7th and Washington. From the get go, Methodists in Royal Oak have always sought to share their space with the community around it, so they welcomed the fledgling Congregational Church to share their space until they were strong enough to build a church of their own.

In 1893 the first brick structure and the first parsonage were built. They again stepped out in faith and raised the \$5,000 (\$133,000 today) to build. The real miracle of this moment was the generosity of Edwin Starr's family, who donated all the bricks to build the church. That gift made the rest of project possible and is a reminder that the church has always been built on the generosity of the faithful.



All of that lead to the monumental moment in 1915 when the church set out to build this grand sanctuary which opened in May of 1918. Again it was an act of amazing faith and generosity as the 113 members raised the \$90,000 (\$2.6 million today) to build a sanctuary that would be in use 100 years after it first opened its doors.

We are the inheritors of a great legacy. We truly stand on the shoulders of all those faithful who have gone before us. Today we both celebrate that history and we make a pledge to the future, praying that, by the grace of God, the faithful work we do today will bear fruit for the next 100 years.

Thank you for being here today to celebrate!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jeff  
