



ON THE  
**JOURNEY**  
TOGETHER

Choir Camp Sunday  
Sunday, July 29  
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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# OPPORTUNITIES



## Tool Time Work Day

**Saturday, August 4, 8:30 am-3:30 pm**

Rippling Hope is a non-profit organization that works through about 65 block clubs in the City of Detroit to provide minor repair work to homes primarily owned by senior citizens. On Saturday, August 4, we are going to help them.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up, contact George Marck at [gmarck@rofum.org](mailto:gmarck@rofum.org).

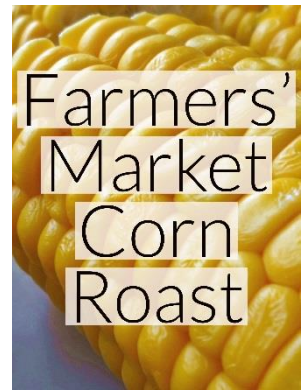
## Corn Roast at the Royal Oak Farmers' Market

**Saturday, August 11, 9:00 am-2:00 pm**

We will be selling hot dogs, water and soft drinks, and baked goods to raise money for our youth programs and for our Missions funds on Saturday, August 11, 9:00 am-2:00 pm. You can participate in the following ways:

- Volunteer to work a shift (either 8–11:30am, or 11:30-3pm) on August 11. All ages, middle school to adults, are welcome to volunteer!
- Bake some goodies and drop them off on Friday, August 10, in the church kitchen labeled "Corn Roast". Pies, cakes, cookies, chocolate dipped pretzels, or any other treats would be welcomed and appreciated!
- Attend the Corn Roast, bring your friends, and support our church food table!

Sign up at the *Here I Am Lord* Table or contact Cece Cruz at [cornroast@rofum.org](mailto:cornroast@rofum.org) for more information.



## Cass Community Annual Charity Golf Scramble

**Monday, September 10, 12:00 pm**

This fun, well-organized event is one of the biggest fundraisers of the year for Cass, and one of the biggest FUNraisers of the year for the participants. The day includes 18 holes at Plum Hollow Country Club, a box lunch, snacks, and a wonderful dinner and cocktails! The Royal Oak First Missions Fund will cover half of the entry fee, so your price is \$85 per golfer. If you have a 4-some, go to [rofum.org/links](http://rofum.org/links) to register online. If you choose to register online, Royal Oak First will reimburse you for half of the registration fee. If you would like to play, but don't have a 4-some, please contact Jennie Notarantonio at [missions@rofum.org](mailto:missions@rofum.org) so she can put groups together.



## Cass Community Tiny Homes Work Day

Sunday, August 19, 9:30 am-3:30 pm

The growing Cass Community Social Services Tiny Homes Neighborhood provides housing options for low-income people in the community. We have a chance to help get the next set of six-houses ready for people to move into following a special celebration and fundraiser on Labor Day weekend. There are opportunities for volunteers of **all skill levels**. Jobs will include painting, hanging cabinets, installing trim and tile, landscaping cleanup, and more! Sign up at the Missions Table or contact Dave Beatty at [tinyhomes@rofum.org](mailto:tinyhomes@rofum.org) for more information.



## Tiny Homes Progressive Dinner and Tour

August 30-September 2

Come and support the Tiny Homes project at the annual Progressive Dinner and Tour fundraiser. The evening will consist of a six-course progressive meal by Cass Catering chef Matt Prentice –one course in each of the six newly completed Tiny Homes. Tickets are \$75.00 each or \$100 for two. Also included in the ticket is a copy of *Tiny Homes in a Big City* by Rev. Faith Fowler, and a donation to the project. To choose your evening and reserve your time slot, go to [rofum.org/links](http://rofum.org/links).

## PRAYER LIST

**Prayers for our church family:** Dona Wells; Ruby Hawkins; Anne Brace; Barb Nicholas; Elizabeth Kincannon; Sherry Giles; Brianna Kingsley; Allison Hempstead; Sue Trescott; Athena Milewski; Pam Shewchuck; Vel Lowman; Jim Tempest; Bob Reid; Jane Frentz; Linda Jones; Don McCreedy; Roger Cuthbertson; Lee Hoffman; Marianne Peck; Ron & Marianne Peludat; Mark Thatcher; Margaret Simmons

**Prayers for our extended family:** Delphine Reddy; Chuck Bartley; Heather Griffin; Vickie Zimmermann; Clayton Simons; Nancy Sydanmaa; Marshall Dunlap; James Chamberlin; John Bell

**Homebound Member of the Week:** Shirley Olsen

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

**The Chancel Flowers** are in memory of our mothers, Margaret LaCombe and Frances Clark on their July 30 birthdays, given by Kay and Dick LaCombe.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP SUNDAY, AUGUST 12-THURSDAY, AUGUST 16



Sunday, August 12-Thursday, August 16.  
Dinner at 5:30, Activities 6:00 pm-8:00 pm.

Open to children **entering pre-school through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.**

**Service opportunities** (including cooking dinner, leading activity stations, and leading groups to activity stations) are available for adults and youth entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up.

This year, our children are being challenged to “**Fill a Tent**” with food. The food donations will be given to our Little Free Pantry outside the church and our lunch guests. On Tuesday, children will be encouraged to invite a friend to join them at Vacation Bible Camp.

If you have any questions, would like to enroll your child, or would like to sign up to serve, **contact Danielle Moody at [dmoody@rofum.org](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org).**

# SCHEDULE

## Sunday, July 29

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	
	Elementary (K-5) – Room #403	
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour .....	Fellowship Hall

## Monday, July 30

9:00 am	Core Team Meeting.....	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
10:30 am	Lunch Program.....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Director's Meeting .....	Choir Room

## Tuesday, July 31

10:00 am	Piano Lessons.....	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Lunch Program.....	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	Sermon Practice.....	Sanctuary
11:45 am	Roga (Chair Yoga) .....	Choir Room
2:30 pm	Piano Lessons.....	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible Study .....	Royal Oak Taphouse

## Wednesday, August 1

10:00 am	Organ Practice .....	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Lunch Program.....	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	ROME0 (Retired Old Men Eating Out) ...	The Avenue Restaurant
2:00 pm	Piano Club.....	Choir Room
6:00 pm	ROFUM (Refueling Our Faith Using Motors)...	Duggan's Irish Pub
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga .....	Room #414
7:30 pm	House Band .....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon.....	Room #403

## Thursday, August 2

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship.....	Nello's Restaurant
9:30 am	Arts, Beats, & Eats Business Info Meeting .....	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Organ Practice .....	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Lunch Program.....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	As We Gather Meeting .....	Choir Room

## Friday, August 3

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

## Saturday, August 4

Tool Time Work Day with Rippling Hope

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

## Sunday, August 5

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	
	Elementary (K-5) – Room #403	
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour .....	Fellowship Hall

# LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

It is Tuesday afternoon and I am writing this from Choir Camp. It has been quite a day—and it's only half done!

Today, over 80 kids gathered together to sing songs of hope and joy. They walked a prayer labyrinth together and held hands reciting the Lord's Prayer. In crafts, they made their own crosses and at meals they took turns serving each other. I watched kids bend down to help tie each other's shoes and comfort each other when they scraped their knees or were missing home. All day, I have seen small acts of kindness and grace—actions that make Christ's love real.

One of the coolest things I get to watch this week is my two boys having the time of their lives. Sure, their parents are present at camp (one of the draw backs of your parents being in ministry,) and they do check in with us a few times during the day, but they don't need us this week. They are being loved and cared for by other adults—adults they may one day be able to ask for help when they are sure their parents would never understand. Andrew Lindblom is quickly become one of the most significant role models in my children's lives. And that's why we have our kids in church—not because we work here, but because we need help raising them to be the kind of men that the world needs. Royal Oak First and Choir Camp are helping us raise good kids!

All week, we have been singing the chorus to "Don't Stop Believing." Today, I can tell you that I believe that:

- Love is real
- Community matters
- Giving is way better than Receiving
- Singing together changes lives
- It truly takes a village to raise a kid
- And, the teachings of Jesus are as relevant and necessary as ever!

Thank you Royal Oak First for making this week possible for our young people! It makes a difference.

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff