



# Thank You, Mom

**Sunday, May 12**  
**9:00 am Worship**

**My Story**  
at Royal Oak First

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song	I Will Follow	
Song	Blessed Assurance	
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Music Ministry	<i>One Love</i> Canticle	Bob Marley arr. by Jennifer Semivan
Time with Children		
Time of Prayer		
Mission Moment		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>You Raise Me Up</i> Liz and Virginia Wright	Lovland/Graham
Scripture	Luke 13:31-35 Janet Kinney	*CEB
Message	Thank You, Mom	Jeff Nelson
Song	How Great Thou Art	

SATURDAY  
NIGHT  
SUPPER  
CLUB



MAY 18  
5:30 PM

Hands  
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Royal Oak

Helping Families  
In Our Community

SATURDAY,  
JUNE 1

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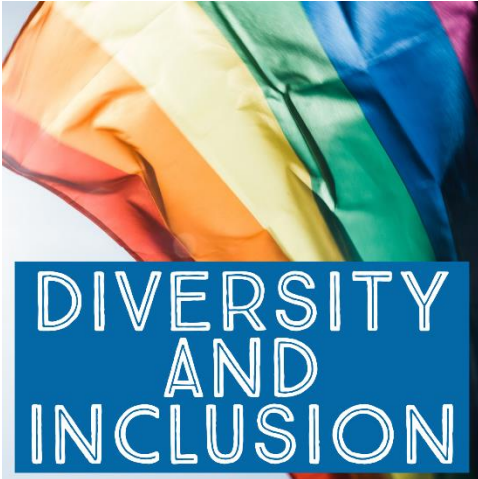


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 24-27, 5:30-8:00 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
CHECK OUT [WWW.ROFUM.ORG/VBS](http://WWW.ROFUM.ORG/VBS)

# OPPORTUNITIES



## **Introducing the Diversity and Inclusion Committee**

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee will discuss and facilitate changes to help make Royal Oak First as open and safe as we can be for all people. Come meet us on Wednesday, May 15, at 6:30 pm at the Royal Oak Taphouse to join the team. You can also help at our booth at Ferndale Pride on Saturday, June 1, to make sure everyone knows that they are wanted here. If you have any questions, contact Robin Oesterwind at [diversity@rofum.org](mailto:diversity@rofum.org).

## **Pillowcase Workshop**

**Wednesday, May 15, 7:00 pm**

A pillowcase may not seem like much, but to kids who don't have anything, it can be a lot. Our United Methodist Women and Knowledge Circle invite you to help make pillowcases for Cass Community Social Services and the Redford Brightmoor Initiative. You don't have to know how to sew to be able to help. If you have a sewing machine or serger, bring it along. Cotton fabric donations can be placed in the marked drawer in the Lower Level Elevator Lobby. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Riggs at 248-390-4345.







## **Saturday Supper Club Spring Fling**

**Saturday, May 18, 5:15 pm**

Join us for dinner with friends and a performance by Doe (House Band members Erica Plesco and Jason Sherman). We will provide the main dish, so you can show off your cooking skills (or your buying skills) and bring your favorite side dish or dessert. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Myra Moreland at [mmoreland@rofum.org](mailto:mmoreland@rofum.org).

## **Graduation Sunday**

**Sunday, May 19**

Each year, we honor our high school and college graduates as they embark on new adventures. Be sure to join us for this special Sunday as we celebrate the accomplishments of our young members.

If you or your child are graduating from high school or college, please send a picture of the graduate and their plans for the future to [dmoody@rofum.org](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org).



## **Produce Collection for Redford Brightmoor Initiative**

Our friends at the RBI Free Store provide fresh produce to their shoppers every Saturday and we are going to help. You can sign up to bring two bags of produce to Royal Oak First or transport the donations to RBI on the second Saturday of every month. Sign up online at [rofum.org/links](http://rofum.org/links) or contact Astrid Harrod at [rbi@rofum.org](mailto:rbi@rofum.org) if you have any questions.

## Sunday School Summit

**Sunday, May 19, 12:30 – 2:30 pm**

Our church is growing and we want to take a fresh look at our Sunday morning children's programs. We want the input and hands of all of our families as we prepare to launch a new and improved program in the fall. If you want to be part of our Sunday morning children's programs, join us for the Sunday School Summit. If you have any questions, contact Danielle Moody at [dmoody@rofum.org](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org).



## Vacation Bible School: To Mars and Beyond

**June 24 – 27, 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm**

Save the date! This year, Vacation Bible School is taking our kids *To Mars and Beyond* as they learn faith, boldness, kindness, thankfulness, and hope. For more information, go to [www.rofum.org/vbs](http://www.rofum.org/vbs). If you have any questions, contact Danielle Moody at [dmoody@rofum.org](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org).

## Keith J. Leenhouts Scholarship

The Keith J. Leenhouts Scholarship Committee is very pleased to award scholarships to students who have had exemplary academic achievements. They are also making important contributions in their church and the community.

We congratulate Eleanor M. Gilbert of Birmingham, Natalie C. Haight of Troy, Maya Jane Longe of Royal Oak, Hanna J. Tripoli of Troy, Franklin Wahl of Berkley, and Eli Yarmy of Royal Oak and wish them much success in all of their future endeavors.



# PRAYER LIST

**Prayers for our church family:** Thelma Mistele; John Wagster; Beth Wilson; Dave & Sue Minch; Bob Foote; Zenovia Courtney; Art & Delores Miller; James Respecki; Anne Brace; Barb Seizert; Don & Marilyn McCreedy; Dan Mayer; Jim & Mary Anne Tempest; Marguerite Nowacek; Lloyd & Janet Ramseyer; Lorraine Dorsey; Gwen Ross; Inge Wichers; Carol Hardt; Al & Margaret Simmons; Doris Whitney; Don & Kathy Seidler; Lee Hoffmann; Nancy Lorenz; Eileen Albers; Lisa Rye; Janet Cork; Pam Shewchuck

**Prayers for our extended family:** Jeff Danuloff; Allen Warren; Carol Miller; Gerald Sessions; John Hoaglund; Nancy Lee Matson; John Orletski; Tom Murray; Shelia Boyer; Margie Reese; Bernise Amell; Kris Beachum; Carl Wilson; George Bartley; David Moser; Carol Barney; Larry Burger; Tim Johnson; Susan Chamberlain; Susie Inch; Brian Boozan; Helen McGee; Chuck Bartley; Clayton Simons; Nancy Sydanmaa

**Homebound Member of the Week:** Marcia Armstrong

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, Gladys Bartley and Jean Kremer, given by Marian and Paul Kremer.

**The chancel flowers** are in loving memory of Marie Dunstan, given by Tom, Jay, Patty, and Jeff Dunstan.



Wednesdays  
7:30 pm

# HANDS 4 ROYAL OAK

**Saturday, June 1, 9:00 am-1:00 pm**



We're going out into the community to help families complete small projects around their house. Homeowners pay for the materials and volunteers will do the work. If you need work done, please fill out the information below. You can place it in the offering plate, turn it in at the Welcome Desk, church office, or email [Hands4RoyalOak@rofum.org](mailto:Hands4RoyalOak@rofum.org).

## **Examples of possible projects include:**

- Replace furnace filter & smoke detectors
- Clean or repair gutters
- Replace electrical fixtures
- Minor plumbing
- Caulking
- Clean windows or install screens
- Install grab bar or handrail
- Minor painting
- Spring yard work
- Repair or install towel bars
- Replace door locks or hardware
- Clean or repair dryer vent
- Install shelving
- Hang pictures
- Any other job? Just ask

## **Homeowners Needing Work Done**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the Work Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Want to help?**

We are looking for volunteers to do the work. Families welcome, but children should be at least 10. Sign up online at [rofum.org/links](http://rofum.org/links) and let us know if you need a t-shirt and your handyman skill level. If you have questions, contact Dave Enerson and Larry Brown at [Hands4RoyalOak@rofum.org](mailto:Hands4RoyalOak@rofum.org)



## SERMON NOTES

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# CALENDAR

## Sunday, May 12 – Mother's Day

Hope Closet in Fellowship Hall

7:00 am	Royal Oak In Bloom Flower Sale .....	Parking Lots at Main St and 6 <sup>th</sup> St
9:00 am	Worship & Missions .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Nursery, K-3 – Parlor	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour .....	Gathering Space
11:00 am	Worship & Missions .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Nursery; Preschool – Room #405	
	Lower Elementary (K-2) – Room #402	
	Upper Elementary (3-5) – Room #403	
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour .....	Gathering Space
12:30 pm	Royal Oak Children's Choir .....	Room #414
1:30 pm	Metro Detroit Recorder Society .....	Choir Room

## Monday, May 13

10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Director Team Meeting .....	Youth Room
3:00 pm	Royal Oak Children's Choir .....	Room #414
6:10 pm	Softball Game .....	Worden Park Field 5
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga .....	Sanctuary

## Tuesday, May 14

10:00 am	Pastor's Book and Bible Study .....	Parlor
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	Roga Chair Yoga .....	Choir Room
12:30 pm	Team Huddle Staff Meeting .....	Youth Room
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons .....	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Sing Out Detroit .....	Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Staff/Parish Relations Committee .....	Conference Room
7:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible Study Group .....	Youth Room

## Wednesday, May 15

10:00 am	United Methodist Women Book Study .....	Conference Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Sermon Practice .....	Sanctuary
11:30 am	ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) .....	The Avenue Restaurant
1:00 pm	Piano Lesson .....	Choir Room
3:15 pm	Piano Lesson .....	Choir Room
4:30 pm	Violin Lesson .....	Room #403
5:30 pm	Holy COW (Church On Wednesday) .....	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Baptism Meeting .....	Parlor

### Wednesday, May 15 continued

6:15 pm	Children's Choirs.....	Choir Room & Room #414
6:30 pm	Carillon Bell Choir .....	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Diversity & Inclusion Committee .....	Royal Oak Taphouse
6:30 pm	The Hobbit Devotional Book Study.....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room
7:00 pm	Pillowcase Workshop.....	Chapel
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon.....	Youth Room
8:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga .....	Room #414

### Thursday, May 16

10:00 am	As We Gather Worship Service .....	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm	Royal Oak Children's Choir .....	Room #414
7:00 pm	Faith and Sexuality Meeting .....	The Office Coffee Shop
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary

### Friday, May 17

9:30 am	As We Gather Bible Study .....	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Narhex
1:00 pm	Therapeutic Rehab Sandwich Making .....	Kitchen

### Saturday, May 18

1:00 pm	Violin Recital .....	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Worship.....	Sanctuary
5:15 pm	Supper Club .....	Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, May 19 – Graduation Sunday

9:00 am	Worship.....	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Nursery, K-3 – Parlor	
10:00 am	Graduates Brunch.....	Chapel
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour .....	Gathering Space
11:00 am	Worship, Baptism, & Graduation Recognition .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Nursery; Preschool – Room #405	
	Lower Elementary (K-2) – Room #402	
	Upper Elementary (3-5) – Room #403	
	Middle School (6-8) Final Meeting – Room #414	
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour .....	Gathering Space
12:30 pm	Royal Oak Children's Choir .....	Room #414
12:30 pm	Sanctus Choir Council .....	Choir Room
12:30 pm	Sunday School Summit.....	Youth Room
2:00 pm	Piano Recital.....	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Choir Camp Meeting .....	Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm	Royal Oak Children's Choir .....	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Youth Group & Dinner.....	Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

# LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I need to take a couple of minutes today and tell you about some of the amazing things God is doing through this community. On Easter Sunday, we announced Do Good Dinners. In partnership with our neighbors, Pronto Restaurant, we are offering prepaid meals to the hungry and homeless of our community. This is a model of church and business coming together to impact our community for good! On Easter Sunday, we sold 430 \$10 dinners—that's right, \$4,300 to provide a meal for folks in our community. When I stood at our lunch program with Becky Maas, the owner of Pronto, on Monday and announced that folks could go to Pronto for dinner, there was a round of applause. That evening, Becky sent me this picture of our neighbors enjoying their dinner. God is making a difference in you.



In that same spirit, our members Al and Hannah Beecham approached the general manager of Red Run Country Club, the club to which they belong, with an invitation to partner with our feeding ministry. Without giving it a second thought, the general manager and head chef agreed, offering to bring any leftover food from their catering or banquets. On the Monday after Easter, they came to visit us, bringing with them food we could serve throughout our week. The message of love and compassion is transcending the walls of this place and inviting others to join our movement.



so that they are not left out or left behind on this special night. This prom dress is a symbol of inclusion and dignity that we simply believe should be afforded to everyone no matter their economic status.

We believe God has called Royal Oak First to be the place that makes Christ's Love Real to the community. You can see all the ways God is using us to do just that.

Thank you for being a part of this movement.

Pastor Jeff