



What Are You Looking At?

Sunday, May 19
9:00 am Worship

My Story
at Royal Oak First

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Take My Life

Song Blessed Assurance

Greeting Your Neighbor

Invitation to Mission

Time with Children

Time of Prayer

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Musical Offering

For Good
Tessa Irish-Minewiser

Stephen Schwartz

Scripture

Acts 1:1-11
Karla Ringeisen

*CEB

Message

What Are You Looking At?

Jeff Nelson

Song

Do Something



CHEER ON THE
ROYAL OAK FIRST
SOFTBALL TEAM!

MONDAY, MAY 20
7:20 PM
WORDEN PARK IN ROYAL OAK
FIELD 1

Wear Red
for Pentecost!
June 8 & 9



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CHECK OUT WWW.ROFUM.ORG/VBS

OPPORTUNITIES



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.

Introducing the Diversity and Inclusion Committee

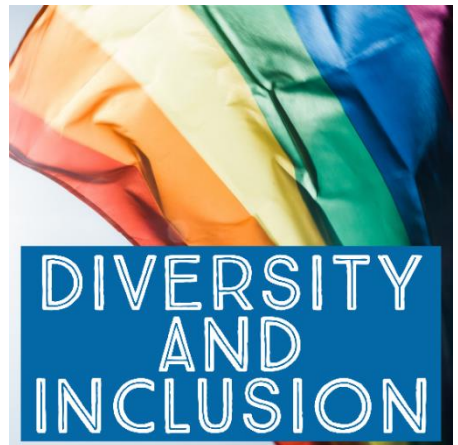
Ferndale Pride

Saturday, June 1, 11:00 am – 8:00 pm
9 Mile Rd in Downtown Ferndale

Family Pride

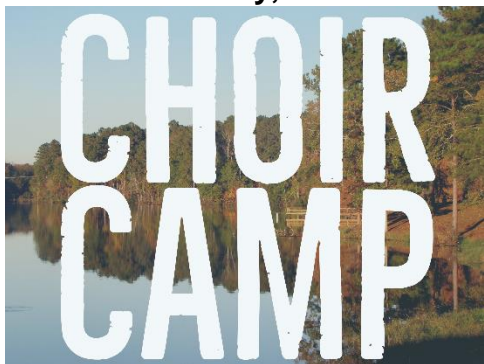
Wednesday, June 12, 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Royal Oak Farmers' Market

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, June 19, at 7:00 pm to join the team. If you would like more information about the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, contact the team at diversity@rofum.org.



Camp Registration is coming soon

Due Wednesday, June 19



Choir Camp is a wonderful week of fellowship, learning, and spiritual growth for our children and youth. This is often the highlight of the year for the children who attend. Registration packets will be mailed to families next week and extra packets will be available in the Church Office and at the Connect Here Desk. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Tripoli at jtripoli@rofum.org

Birthday Club for Methodist Children's Home

Wednesday, June 19, 5:00 pm

It's Birthday Club time at the Methodist Children's Home! There are five boys living at the Methodist Children's Home with June birthdays. If you would like to be part of their party, opportunities include buying gifts from the boys' wish lists; donating wrapping paper, decorations, or paper goods; or attending the party. You can sign up to help at the Connect Here Desk or by contacting Jennie Notarantonio at missions@rofum.org.



Backyard Blast

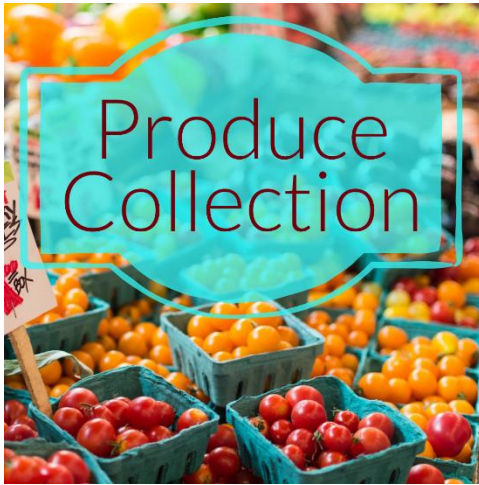
Wednesday, June 19, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Students entering 6th Grade through students leaving 12th Grade are invited to join us for swimming and snacks at Carolyn Gabler's home. Bring a swim suit, a towel, a dish to share, and a friend! If you have any questions, contact Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org.

Vacation Bible School: To Mars and Beyond

June 24 – 27, 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

This year, Vacation Bible School is taking our kids *To Mars and Beyond* as they learn faith, boldness, kindness, thankfulness, and hope. Register your children, sign up to volunteer, or donate supplies online. For more information, go to www.rofum.org/vbs. If you have any questions, contact Danielle Moody at 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 or contact Astrid Harrod at rbi@rofum.org if you have any questions.

Join the Fellowship Hour Team

We are working hard to be the most hospitable church in Royal Oak. One of the ways we do that is with a great Fellowship Hour following Sunday worship. You can help make it even better by making the coffee or helping serve the snacks. A good Fellowship Hour is part of a good first impression for those who are visiting and it is part of a good worship experience for our church family. If you are interested in joining the team, contact George Marck at gmarck@rofum.org.



PRAYER LIST

Prayers for our church family: Margaret Simmons; 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: Marylee Tripoli; Hon. Jamie Wittenberg; 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: Betty Cairns

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



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 Connect Here Desk, church office, or email 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: _____

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 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



High School Graduates

Eleanor Gilbert Ernest W. Seaholm High School
 Natalie Haight Troy Athens High School
 Madelin Harrod Avondale High School
 Tessa Irish-Minewiser Groves High School
 Drew Kosnik Royal Oak High School
 Maya Longe Royal Oak High School
 Dane Plaxton Clawson High School
 Hanna Tripoli Avondale High School
 Franklin Wahl Berkley High School
 Eli Yarmy Royal Oak High School

College Graduates

Rebecca Enerson Albion College
 Lucas Notarantonio Michigan State University
 Madeline Wahl Michigan State University

Leenhouts Memorial Scholarship Recipients

Eleanor Gilbert	Natalie Haight
Maya Longe	Hanna Tripoli
Franklin Wahl	Eli Yarmy

CALENDAR

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
1:30 pm	Cantata Academy Chorale.....	Sanctuary
2:00 pm	Piano Recital.....	Parlor
4:00 pm	Choir Camp Meeting.....	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Youth Group & Dinner.....	Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

Monday, May 20

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
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts.....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Mission Meeting.....	1 st Floor Conference Room
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Sanctuary
7:20 pm	Softball Game	Worden Park Field 1

Tuesday, May 21

10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	Roga Chair Yoga	Choir Room
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting.....	1 st Floor Conference Room
6:00 pm	Sing Out Detroit	Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting.....	Parlor
7:00 pm	Pub(lic) Theology	Jolly Pumpkin
7:00 pm	Women’s Book and Bible Study Group	Youth Room

Wednesday, May 22

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)	Front Lawn
6:15 pm	Children's Choirs.....	Choir Room & Room #414
6:30 pm	The Hobbit Devotional Book Study.....	1 st Floor Conference Room
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon.....	Youth Room
8:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Room #414

Thursday, May 23

9:00 am	Reach Leadership.....	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry.....	Parlor
3:00 pm	Royal Oak Children's Choir	Room #414
6:00 pm	Brew with Your Buds Men's Fellowship.....	Jolly Pumpkin
6:30 pm	Sanctus Choir Year-End Party.....	Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 24

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

Saturday, May 25

1:00 pm	Funeral Service.....	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Worship.....	Sanctuary

Sunday, May 26

9:00 am	Worship & Noisy Bucket	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Nursery, K-3 – Parlor	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Gathering Space
11:00 am	Worship & Noisy Bucket	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
6:00 pm	Cantata Eurotour Rehearsal	Sanctuary

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

One of the things I love most about you is the way you seek to expand God's love and protection into the world. You are especially committed to extending this care to those the church has sometimes struggled to include. This past year has been an especially hard one for the United Methodist Church. At the special General Conference that was held in February, the church again stood deeply divided on its ability to offer full inclusion to our LGBTQ+ members. It has been a difficult season for many at the highest levels of church leadership to determine the best way forward.

In my opening introduction to Royal Oak First in the spring of 2016, the Staff/Parish Relations Committee, the personnel body of the local church, was clear that they expected their new pastor to lead in a manner that would extend our welcome to ALL people. They were clear with me that this included our LGBTQ+ members and neighbors. It did not take long to see that at the very heart of this congregation is a gracious and loving spirit. Royal Oak First already had a history of inclusion, so widening our invitation and deepening our hospitality has come naturally.

In these months, many of you have asked what you do to make sure the doors remain open to our LGBTQ+ friends, family, and neighbors. At this time we are forming a Diversity and Inclusion Team. This team will help us extend our reach into the community, provide ministry opportunities for families and allies, and create learning opportunities to dig deeper into the intersection of faith and human sexuality. This team is open to anyone who wants to support a welcoming and inclusive space and will meet again Wednesday, June 19, at 7:00 pm at the church. I am grateful to Katie Fitzpatrick, Robin Oesterwind, and Michael Monte for bringing this group together.

In addition, we will have a presence at two important community events. The first is Ferndale Pride, which takes place on Saturday, June 1. We will have a table where we will give away our God Loves You bracelets, share loving care, and extend a heartfelt invitation to join our movement of making Christ's Love Real. The second is Family Pride night at the Royal Oak Farmers' Market. This event will be a part of the Food Truck Rally, and we will provide a table with family-friendly games and prizes. This will be a great event to invite families to come and be a part of our Vacation Bible School.

If you are able to be a part of either of these events, please stop by the Connect Here Desk after worship and find a time where you can serve.

Thank you for being a part of this movement to where making Christ's Love Real is at the center of all we do.

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Jeff". Below the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.