



THE WALL THAT BRINGS US TOGETHER

SATURDAY, MAY 25
4:00 PM WORSHIP

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn #555	Forward Through the Ages	*UMH
Call to Worship		Adrianna Marino
Hymn #696	America the Beautiful Stanza 1	UMH
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Noisy Bucket		
Music Ministry	<i>Only Remembered</i> Joan Johnson, mountain dulcimer	Stankey/Bonar
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Where the Soul of Man Never Dies</i> Joan Johnson, mandolin	William Golden
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	Joshua 4:1-3; 19-22	**NRSV
Message	The Wall that Brings Us Together	Myra Moreland
Hymn #697	America	UMH

OPPORTUNITIES

Introducing the Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Ferndale Pride

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

Royal Oak Family Pride

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

Diversity and Inclusion Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 19, 7:00 pm
Royal Oak First

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 in the mail

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 were mailed to families this 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 at 111 Lakeside Dr in Royal Oak. 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: Jim Minewiser; Al & 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; Doris Whitney; Don & Kathy Seidler; Lee Hoffmann; Nancy Lorenz; Eileen Albers; Lisa Rye; Janet Cork; Pam Shewchuck

Prayers for our extended family: Don Mansfield; 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: Zenovia Courtney

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



Wednesdays
7:30 pm

CALENDAR

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
12:30 pm	Royal Oak Children’s Choir.....	Room #414
6:00 pm	Cantata Eurotour Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day

Office Closed

10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm	Royal Oak Children’s Choir.....	Room #414

Tuesday, May 28

10:30 am	Lunch Program & Clothing Day	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	Roga Chair Yoga	Choir Room
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Sing Out Detroit	Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Women’s Book and Bible Study Group	Youth Room

Wednesday, May 29

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
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
7:30 pm	Trustees Meeting	Parlor
8:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Room #414

Thursday, May 30

Annual Conference

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

Friday, May 31

Annual Conference

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, June 1

Annual Conference

7:45 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
9:00 am	Hands4RoyalOak	Meet in Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Ferndale Pride	W 9 Mile Rd in Ferndale
4:00 pm	Worship	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Ascend Church	Sanctuary

Sunday, June 2

Annual Conference

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

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

This past Friday, May 24, we celebrated an important day in the life of the church and I bet most of us did not even realize it was happening.

If you are connected to the United Methodist movement, May 24 is an important day because May 24 is Aldersgate Day. That's right—Aldersgate Day!

I know what you are saying, "What the heck is Aldersgate Day?"

"There are no Aldersgate Day cards, are there?"

Aldersgate Day is the commemoration of the day that John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, had his heart "strangely warmed," an experience that would lead him to start a movement of spiritual renewal and social outreach that we are a part of to this day.

It was May 24, 1738. At this point in his life Wesley, a young Anglican priest, was burnt out. He felt he was a failure and found little comfort in the religion of his youth. That night, John Wesley decided to go to a Bible study held at a meeting house on Aldersgate Street in London. Something happened that night that changed the direction of this young preacher's life. In his journal he wrote:

"About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed..."

Want to know who Methodists are? We are people whose hearts have been strangely warmed.

We are a people for whom the coldness of the world and the bitterness of our past hurts have begun to melt away.

All we can hope is that, when we come together with each other, you also feel God at work in your life like John Wesley did some 280 years ago.

Happy Aldersgate Day!

Grace and peace,



Pastor J