

# Down the Rabbit Hole

A top-down view of a circular hole dug into dark brown soil. The hole's edge is lined with vibrant green grass. Through the hole, a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds and a glowing sun is visible, creating a stark contrast with the dark earth.

Saturday, June 1

4:00 pm Worship

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song	Crafted and Called	Caleb Williams
Call to Worship		Adrianna Marino
Hymn #70	Glory Be to the Father	*UMH
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>It Is Well</i> John Marsh	Spafford/Bliss
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	Psalms 130; Psalm 40:1-2	**CEB
Message	Down the Rabbit Hole	George Marck
Communion	<i>The Old Rugged Cross</i> John Marsh	George Bennard
Song	Draw the Circle Wide	Mark Miller

\* United Methodist Hymnal  
\*\* Common English Bible

# OPPORTUNITIES

## United Methodist Women Program and Meeting

Thursday, June 6

Committee: 10:00 am

Spring Luncheon: 12:00 pm

Program: 1:00 pm

Join us for a special Spring Luncheon. Bring a dish to pass and a desire to connect and learn with your fellow women. This month's topic is the Response Magazine and Prayer Calendar.



## PENTECOST CHOIR



## Pentecost Choir

Rehearsal: Thursday, June 6, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Performance: Sunday, June 9, 11:00 am Worship

Next weekend, we celebrate Pentecost. You can be part of the special celebration by joining the Pentecost Choir. This is a wonderful opportunity for service and fellowship with little time commitment, low pressure, and lots of fun. If you have any questions, contact Caleb Williams at [caleb@rofum.org](mailto:caleb@rofum.org).

## Diversity and Inclusion Committee

### Royal Oak Family Pride

Wednesday, June 12, 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

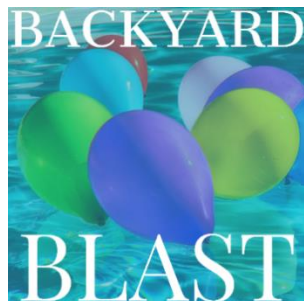
Royal Oak Farmers' Market

### Diversity and Inclusion Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 19, 7:00 pm

Royal Oak First

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee will work to make Royal Oak First as open and safe as we can be for all people. Come meet us on Wednesday, June 19, to join the team. If you would like more information about the committee, contact the team at [diversity@rofum.org](mailto:diversity@rofum.org).



## Backyard Blast

Wednesday, June 19, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Students entering 6<sup>th</sup> Grade through students leaving 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org).



## Camp Registration

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 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](mailto:jtripoli@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](http://www.rofum.org/vbs). If you have any questions, contact Danielle Moody at [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.

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



# PRAYER LIST

**Prayers for our church family:** Beth Wilson; Jim Minewiser; Al & Margaret Simmons; Thelma Mistele; John Wagster; 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:** Vince Panone; 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

**Sympathy** to Sharon Cross on the death of her father, Leon Oles

**Homebound Member of the Week:** Flora James

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



Wednesdays  
7:30 pm

# CALENDAR

## 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
1:00 pm	Private Party .....	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Cantata Eurotour Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary

## Monday, June 3

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
6:00 pm	Refueling Our Faith Using Motors .....	Duggan’s Irish Pub
6:10 pm	Softball Game .....	Worden Park Field 1
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga .....	Sanctuary
8:00 pm	Music Guild Meeting .....	Choir Room

## Tuesday, June 4

10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	Roga Chair Yoga .....	Choir Room
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons .....	Choir Room
5:00 pm	Sing Out Detroit .....	Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Pub(lic) Theology .....	Jolly Pumpkin
7:00 pm	Women’s Book and Bible Study Group .....	Youth Room

## Wednesday, June 5

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
2:00 pm	Piano Club .....	Choir Room
3:15 pm	Piano Lesson .....	Choir Room

## Wednesday, June 5 continued

4:30 pm	Violin Lesson .....	Room #403
6:30 pm	The Hobbit Devotional Book Study .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room
6:30 pm	Carillon Bell Choir .....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon .....	Youth Room
8:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Room #414

## Thursday, June 6

10:00 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	United Methodist Women Executive Meeting .....	Parlor
12:00 pm	United Methodist Women Potluck Lunch.....	Parlor
1:00 pm	United Methodist Women General Meeting.....	Parlor
3:00 pm	Royal Oak Children's Choir.....	Room #414
6:00 pm	Ascend Church .....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Pentecost Choir Rehearsal .....	Choir Room

## Friday, June 7

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 8 – Pentecost

9:30 am	Royal Oak Children's Choir.....	Room #414
10:00 am	Pentecost Percussion Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Memorial Gathering .....	Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm	Worship & Missions .....	Sanctuary

## Sunday, June 9 – Pentecost

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	
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12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour .....	Gathering Space
12:30 pm	Royal Oak Children's Choir.....	Room #414
12:30 pm	Choir Camp Meeting.....	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Cantata Eurotour Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary

# LETTER FROM THE PREACHER

## Finding yourself at the bottom of the Rabbit Hole

Today's sermon talks about finding yourself at the bottom of the Rabbit Hole. When you find yourself at the bottom of a pit whatever it is, a friend who cares about you makes all the difference in the world.

Listen in the sermon for the secret that gets and keeps you out of the bottom of the Rabbit Hole, whatever it happens to be for you. Here are a couple of secrets that I will share with you now.

For us when we talk about real love, real friendships, and making a real difference it's not just about words. That's part of the reason we talk about making a real difference in the world with our offerings.

Whatever your own personal version or vision of the church might be I think the one vision all of us can agree on is that we are a people committed to meeting others at the bottom of the Rabbit Hole and helping them in some concrete or specific way.

If you're looking for a way to meet people at the bottom of the Rabbit Hole and help make Christ's Love Real in our world today there is probably no better way than to help serve in our daily Sack Lunch program.

For other more specific and concrete ways to make your faith real, make sure you come back next week to hear the story of Pentecost and the first church. Come ready to celebrate and make sure you wear red. There will be a surprise at each of the services. Don't miss it!

*George Marck*