

Down the Rabbit Hole

A circular hole in the ground, looking up at a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The hole is surrounded by dark brown soil and a ring of green grass at the edge.

Sunday, June 2

11:00 am Worship

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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| Prelude | <i>Prelude on Morning Has Broken</i> | David Lasky |
| Song | Crafted and Called | Caleb Williams |
| Call to Worship | | Thom Derkowski |
| Hymn #70 | Glory Be To the Father | *UMH |
| Greeting and Invitation to Mission | | |
| Time with Children | | |
| Offering Our Gifts and Tithes | | |
| Musical Offering | <i>It Is Well</i> John Marsh | Spafford/Bliss |
| Doxology #95 | | UMH |
| Scripture | Psalm 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 |
| Postlude | <i>Sinfonia</i> | J.S. Bach |

* 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.

Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Royal Oak Family Pride

Wednesday, June 12, 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

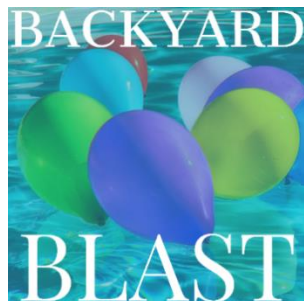
Royal Oak Farmers' Market

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.



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.



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

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: 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 with any prayer concerns.



Wednesdays
7:30 pm

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 2

Annual Conference

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| 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 |

Monday, June 3

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 4:30 pm | Violin Lesson | Room #403 |
| 6:30 pm | The Hobbit Devotional Book Study | 1 st 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 |
| 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