

# Do the Right Thing



*Saturday, July 20  
4:00 pm Worship*

*Christmas  
in July*

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn Sing

Hymn #234

O Come, All Ye Faithful  
Stanzas

\*UMH

Call to Worship

JoAnna McGee

Hymn #230

O Little Town of Bethlehem  
Stanza 1

UMH

Greeting Your Neighbor

Invitation to Mission

Music Ministry

*Christmas Day Secrets*  
Sibel Gipser

T. Dutton

Time of Prayer

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Musical Offering

*Manger Carols*  
Christmas Ensemble

arr. by Gary Parks

Doxology #95

UMH

Scripture

Matthew 1:18-25

\*\*CEB

Message

Do the Right Thing

Jeff Nelson

Hymn #239

Silent Night

UMH

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

# OPPORTUNITIES

## Christmas In July Collection

We are collecting personal care items this month to share with our partners at The NOAH Project, The Redford-Brightmoor Initiative Free Store, and our Bag Lunch Program. Bring in your contributions of full-size or travel-size soap, shampoo, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, razors, etc. and put it under the tree or in the collection bin in the Gathering Space by Sunday, July 28. If you have any questions, contact Jennie Notarantonio at [missions@rofum.org](mailto:missions@rofum.org).



## Boards, Dice, & Cards: Games in the Parlor

**Sunday, August 11, 1:00-4:00 pm**

As summer rolls in and vacations and camps fill our schedules, it is easier to drift from our church family. Games are a way to bring people back together for a day. Join us for a family-friendly day of board, dice, and card games next Sunday. With old classics and easy-to-learn new games, there will be something for everyone. If you have any questions, contact the church office at [office@rofum.org](mailto:office@rofum.org).

## Methodist Women Bowling League

**Mondays, 12:30 pm, September 9-April27**

Do you love to bowl? Join us in September at Bowl One on 14 Mile in Troy. All experience levels are welcome. Even if you can't commit to an entire season, we always have room for subs. If you are looking for good fellowship and fun, join us!

If you have any questions, contact Cynthia Cline at 248-399-6288 or [bowling@rofum.org](mailto:bowling@rofum.org).



# Gardening And Service



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Can you recognize a weed from a weigela or a dandelion from a daisy? We are building a team to help keep the church and parking lot flower beds free of those pesky weeds. Joining the team is easy: stop by the church whenever you can and pick a spot to pull some weeds. With no set schedule, you can fit time to serve into your busy life. You may just run into someone you know and get to catch up, and you may meet some new friends! If you have any questions, contact Charlene Kondrat at [trustees@rofum.org](mailto:trustees@rofum.org).

## PRAYER LIST

**Prayers for our church family:** Estelle Knoy; Greg Umstead; Eileen Albers; Marguerite Nowacek; Mary Anne Tempest; Ken Burton; Suzanne Hughes; Marilyn Hocking; Don & Marilyn McCreedy; Vel Lowman; Jim Walbridge; Gil Lewis; Delores Miller; Dian Wurdock; Peggy Gill; Lee Hoffmann; Beth Wilson; John Wagster; Dave & Sue Minch; Zenovia Courtney; Anne Brace; Dan Mayer; Nancy Lorenz; Lisa Rye; Pam Shewchuck

**Prayers for our extended family:** Cindy Sheets; Neal Franks; Lynn Popa; Brenda Parsons; Allen Warren; James B.; Helen McGee; Nancy Sydanmaa; Rosie Crean-Glasser; Becky Maas-Kruger & Jason Kriger; Hon. Jamie Wittenberg; Carol Miller; Nancy Lee Matson; John Orletski; Tom Murray; Shelia Boyer; Kris Beachum; Carl Wilson; George Bartley; David Moser; Carol Barney; Tim Johnson; Susan Chamberlain; Brian Boozan; Chuck Bartley; Clayton Simons

**Sympathy** to Mary Anne Tempest on the death of her husband, Jim Tempest, July 15.

**Homebound Member of the Week:** Phyllis Bartle

For the complete Prayer List, please contact our Pastoral Care Team at [prayers@rofum.org](mailto:prayers@rofum.org).



# CALENDAR

## Sunday, July 21

Choir Camp Begins

9:00 am	Worship .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Nursery, K-5 – Parlor	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour .....	Gathering Space
11:00 am	Worship .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Nursery; Preschool – Room #405	
	Elementary (K-5) – Room #403	
12:30 am	Private Party .....	Parlor
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour .....	Gathering Space
12:30 pm	Sanctus Choir Council .....	Choir Room

## Monday, July 22

Choir Camp

9:00 am	Royal Oak Children's Choir.....	Room #414
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	AA Meeting .....	Parlor

## Tuesday, July 23

Choir Camp

9:00 am	Piano Lessons .....	Parlor
9:00 am	Royal Oak Children's Choir.....	Room #414
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible Study Group .....	Royal Oak Taphouse

## Wednesday, July 24

Choir Camp

10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
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

## Wednesday, July 24 continued

### Choir Camp

4:30 pm	Violin Lesson .....	Parlor
6:00 pm	AA Meeting .....	Parlor
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon .....	Youth Room
7:30 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Room #414

## Thursday, July 25

### Choir Camp

9:00 am	Royal Oak Children's Choir.....	Choir Room
10:00 am	As We Gather Worship Service .....	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry.....	Parlor
6:00 pm	Brew with Your Buds Men's Fellowship.....	Jolly Pumpkin
7:00 pm	Faith and Sexuality Meeting.....	The Office Coffee Shop

## Friday, July 26

### Choir Camp

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

## Saturday, July 27

### Choir Camp Ends

4:00 pm	Worship & Noisy Bucket .....	Sanctuary
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## Sunday, July 28 – Camp Sunday

9:00 am	Worship & Noisy Bucket .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Nursery, K-5 – Parlor	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour .....	Gathering Space
11:00 am	Worship & Noisy Bucket .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Nursery; Preschool – Room #405	
	Elementary (K-5) – Room #403	
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour .....	Gathering Space



# NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,



I love these two pictures. I love them with all my heart!

I love them because I think they capture so clearly both who we are and why we do what we do.

These pictures are of Betty and Nora. They are taken two years apart at the same event—the big summer sandwich-making day. Betty and Nora are not related by blood, but you wouldn't know it by looking at these pictures. They are related through a common faith and love that binds the people of Royal Oak First together.

We want people to make lifelong friends here. The best part is that some of those friendships will be intergenerational. Nora and Betty have built their friendship here over the years, and in moments of mission like sandwich-making day, they find each other and work together to serve God and love our neighbor. That's what faith is all about to me!

I hope everyone at Royal Oak First can find a friendship like Betty and Nora's. Friendships like this, bonds that let us share everything from the anxiety of the first day of school to the joy of the birth of a grandchild are a rare and beautiful thing. They are a sign of Christ's love being made real.

If we keep coming together to make a real difference, we can keep forming these real friendships.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jeff  
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