



Sunday, July 28  
9:00 am Worship

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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# OPPORTUNITIES

## 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).



## 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).

## Service Opportunity at Redford Brightmoor Initiative

**Saturday, August 3, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

Join us at Redford Brightmoor Initiative in Redford to help prepare and serve lunch during their Free Store on Saturday, March 16, 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Sign up online at [rofum.org/links](http://rofum.org/links) or at the Connect Here Desk at church. For more information, contact Astrid Harrod at 248-635-6357 or [RBI@rofum.org](mailto:RBI@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:** The Wingate Family; Cindy Sheets; Neal Franks; Lynn Popa; Brenda Parsons; Allen Warren; James B.; Helen McGee; Nancy Sydanmaa; Rosie Crean-Glasser; Becky Maas-Krigger & Jason Krigger; 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; 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).

# SUPPORT GROUPS

**AA** – Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the Parlor

**Nar-Anon** – Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the Youth Room

**Straight Spouse Network** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at  
7:00 pm in the Parlor

# CHOIR CAMP

This Sunday, we welcome back 94 of our youngsters from Choir Camp. In addition, we had over 45 adults participating as cabin counselors, class instructors, Olympic trainers, and overall supervisors.

For over 66 years, the Music Guild has been proud to support the Camp and to keep the cost down and affordable for our children. Most people do not know, however, that the cost of the Camp is not part of the operating budget of the Church. Last year, the total cost of Choir Camp was \$38,706.72 with Music Guild underwriting approximately \$20,440 of that amount with individual camper fees making up the difference. This does not include individual scholarships (we leave no church member behind) and, of course, the hundreds of volunteer hours put in by the camp staff and Music Guild members.

The Music Guild relies totally on its fund-raising efforts. If you care to donate to the Music Guild at this time and add yourself as a financial member, simply fill out the form below and return it to the Church Office with a contribution. If you wish to become an active Music Guild member, contact Music Guild President, Craig Sleeman, at [MusicGuild@rofum.org](mailto:MusicGuild@rofum.org).

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## Music Guild Contribution

I/We would like to contribute to the Music Guild in support of Choir Camp and the music programs of the church.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) In honor/memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Royal Oak First.

# CALENDAR

## 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

## Monday, July 29

9:00 am	Royal Oak Children’s Choir .....	Room #414
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Director Team Meeting .....	Youth Room
6:00 pm	AA Meeting .....	Parlor

## Tuesday, July 30

9:00 am	Piano Lessons .....	Parlor
9:00 am	Royal Oak Children’s Choir .....	Room #414
9:00 am	Worship Planning Retreat .....	Youth Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Pub(lic) Theology .....	Jolly Pumpkin
7:00 pm	Women’s Book and Bible Study Group .....	Royal Oak Taphouse

## Wednesday, July 31

9:30 am	Arts, Beats, & Eats Meeting .....	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Sermon Practice .....	Sanctuary
11:30 am	ROME0 (Retired Old Men Eating Out) .....	The Avenue Restaurant
1:00 pm	Piano Lesson .....	Choir Room
3:15 pm	Piano Lesson .....	Choir Room

## Wednesday, July 31 continued

4:30 pm	Violin Lesson .....	Parlor
6:00 pm	AA Meeting .....	Parlor
6:00 pm	Youth Backyard Blast.....	Carolyn Gabler's Home
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon .....	Youth Room
7:30 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Room #414

## Thursday, August 1

9:00 am	Royal Oak Children's Choir.....	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Ascend Church .....	Sanctuary

## Friday, August 2

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
4:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary

## Saturday, August 3

1:00 pm	Wedding .....	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Worship & Communion .....	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Ascend Church .....	Sanctuary

## Sunday, August 4

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

# NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

This July marked the beginning of my fourth year as the pastor of Royal Oak First. Hoping to hear your deepest hopes and dreams, Bridget and I attended several backyard and in-home gatherings with church members that first summer. The one dream that was atop of almost everyone's list was to build a vital Children and Youth program. Nothing could have warmed my heart more!

Growing churches love to make room for young people and their families.

I have been so proud of our staff team and lay leaders who have worked hard to create more opportunities for children, youth, and families to grow in their love and knowledge of Christ. We hope that through these opportunities, children, youth, and families will make lifelong friends and put their faith into action through meaningful mission and service. It is an exciting time here at Royal Oak First.

This past week was one of the culminating experiences of the year in children and youth programming. For over 60 years Royal Oak First young people have been gathering for a week singing, praying, eating and playing together in the beautiful setting of the Michigan woods. This year we had 94 kids attend our annual Camp Choir Camp. By all accounts, it was a great, great week where friendships were made and roots to the faith community were deepened.

None of this would have been possible without the labor and support of you. We want to thank all the staff and volunteers that helped make this week possible. We want to thank all those who helped prior to camp. We want to thank each of you who wrote a letter to a camper. And we want to thank all of you who donated financial support to help make this experience possible.

Your love and support of children, youth, and families is amazing, and it is making a difference.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff" with a stylized flourish at the end. Below the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.