

# *This Day is Everyday*



*Sunday, July 7  
11:00 am Worship*

*Christmas  
in July*

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Sleigh Ride</i> Jennifer Semivan and Debi Szeliga	Leroy Anderson
Hymn #251	Go, Tell It on the Mountain	*UMH
Call to Worship		Faye Bond
Hymn #224	Good Christian Friends, Rejoice	UMH
Greeting and Invitation to Mission		
Time with Children		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Peace, Peace</i> Christmas Choir	Fred Bock
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	Luke 2:1-12	**KJV
Message	This Day is Everyday	Jeff Nelson
Communion		
Hymn #246	Joy to the World	UMH
Postlude	<i>O Come Rejoicing</i>	arr. by Doug Wagner

\* United Methodist Hymnal

\*\* King James Version

# OPPORTUNITIES

## 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. Slots are limited, so sign up soon. Sign up online at [rofum.org/resources](http://rofum.org/resources) or contact Astrid Harrod at [rbi@rofum.org](mailto:rbi@rofum.org) if you have any questions.



## Christmas In July Sandwich Mission

**Saturday, July 13, & Sunday, July 14, following worship**



Help us make 4,000 sandwiches for The Salvation Army Bed & Bread Club, Cass Community Social Services; Grace Centers of Hope, and the NOAH Project! You can join the team by picking up the supplies on Friday, delivering the sandwiches to our mission partners on Sunday afternoon, helping with set-up or clean up in Fellowship Hall, or (of course) making sandwiches! Contact Missions Coordinator Jennie Notarantonio at [missions@rofum.org](mailto:missions@rofum.org) if you have any questions.

# PRAYER LIST

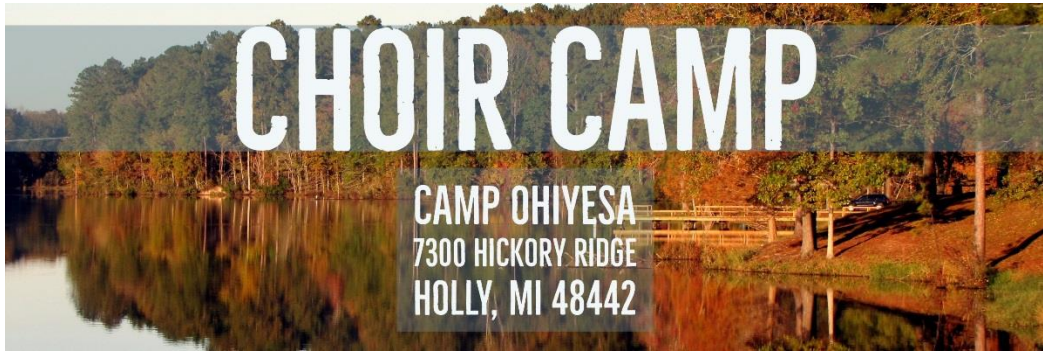
**Prayers for our church family:** Ken Burton; Suzanne Hughes; Don & Marilyn McCreedy; Vel Lowman; Marilyn Hocking; Jim Walbridge; Bob Reid; Gil Lewis; Delores Miller; Dian Wurdock; Mary Anne Tempest; Peggy Gill; Lee Hoffmann; Beth Wilson; John Wagster; Dave & Sue Minch; Zenovia Courtney; Anne Brace;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

**Prayers for our extended family:** Allen Warren; James B.; Helen McGee; Nancy Sydanmaa; Rosie Crean-Glasser; Becky Maas-Kruger & Jason Kriger; Marilyn Mansfield; Marylee Tripoli; Hon. Jamie Wittenberg; Jeff Danuloff; Carol Miller; John Hoaglund; Nancy Lee Matson; John Orletski; Tom Murray; Shelia Boyer; Margie Reese; Kris Beachum; Carl Wilson; George Bartley; David Moser; Carol Barney; Tim Johnson; Susan Chamberlain; Brian Boozan; Chuck Bartley; Clayton Simons

**Sympathy** to the family and friends of Cliff Anderson on his death, June 30.

**Homebound Member of the Week:** Margery Youngs

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



Choir Camp is on the way! Surprise a camper or staff member with a letter and be involved in camp, even if you can't be there. The camp address is shown above, and the campers and camp staff are listed below.

### **Canticle Choir (Upper Elementary)**

Annabelle Cook  
Jaqueline Crowe  
Julia Goetz  
Maggie Goetz  
Natasha Grose  
Ava Guerra  
Kennedy Forgash  
Andrew Fritz  
Hannah Haines

Graddie Hall  
Emily Johanson  
Hunter Kuznia  
Zachary LaRose  
Audrie Miller  
Olivia Miller  
Lydia Reed  
Alaina Ryckman  
Charlotte Ryckman

Isaac Ryckman  
Noah Ryckman  
Shaelyn Simms  
Asher Vultaggio  
Tyler Warren  
Kelvin Weber  
Virginia Wright  
Charlie Yago

### **Revelation Choir (Middle School)**

Eleanor Baker  
Kaiya Cook  
Theresa Crowe  
Siena Cuda  
Hailey DeRosia  
Caroline Egnatovich  
Alena Enerson  
Lily Frey  
Rachel Fritz  
Nate Grose  
Isabel Guerra  
Aubrey Harris  
Olivia Hall

Gillian Hein  
Audri Holloway  
Chelsea Laskowski  
Presley Mamo  
Olivia Mattson  
Ava McCulloch  
Rosabelle Moody  
Noah Murray  
Casey Nelson  
Sam Nelson  
Anna Nielander  
Alana Pickering  
Molly Remeika

Hannah Richardson  
George Samson, Jr.  
Charlotte Siddall  
Nora Sleeman  
Sarah Thomas  
Arianna Tovarez  
Jake Tripoli  
Nolan Tull  
Sophie Willis  
Isabella Yago

## **Angelus Choir (High School)**

Jack Bond  
Bennett Cooper  
Benjamin Crowe  
Kaylee Derkowski  
Aidan Gibson  
Matthew Gilbert  
Maya Harris  
Grace Huber

Nolan Irish-Minewiser  
Conor Johanson  
Liam Longe  
Abby McKarge  
Brendan Murray  
Nico Nader  
Elliot Nielander  
Joseph Peck

William Peltier  
Ivy Plaxton  
Abby Tripoli  
Marc VanEvery  
Luke Wismer  
Tyler Young  
Camden Youngquist

## **Pre-Campers (Children of Camp Staff)**

Harmony Abela-Godfrey  
Sam Goetz  
Evie Gross  
Oliver Gross

Samantha Moody  
Hannah Scott  
Juliet Scott

## **Camp Staff**

Kim Abela-Godfrey  
Shannon Abela-Godfrey  
Chris Baker  
Matt Baker  
Laci Basel  
Faye Bond  
Ann Brown  
Melissa Couture  
Carol Edward  
Patti Fritz  
Kip Garwood-Tull  
Diane Gibson  
Richard Gibson  
Karla Goetz  
Andrew Goetz  
Lori Gross

Jeffery Harris  
Zoe Harris  
Sandra Haywood  
Andrew Lindblom  
Heather Lindblom  
Jay Lowman  
Jenny Lowman  
Janice Marsh  
Daphne Mitchell  
Fred Miller  
Danielle Moody  
Karyn Murray  
Bridget Nelson  
Jeff Nelson  
Amy Nielander  
Jake Nielsen

Kasey O'Donnell  
Polly Peltier  
Robin Richardson  
Connie Royal  
Christine Ryckman  
Jennifer Semivan  
Colleen Skelton  
Julie Sleeman  
Matthew Strait  
Jennifer Tripoli  
Kira Tull  
Bill Warren  
Steve Weber  
Starr Whittaker  
Caleb Williams

# CALENDAR

## Sunday, July 7

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	
	Elementary (K-5) – Room #403	
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour .....	Gathering Space
12:30 pm	Choir Camp Meeting .....	Fellowship Hall

## Monday, July 8

9:00 am	Royal Oak Children’s Choir .....	Room #414
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Core Team Meeting .....	Pastor’s Office
2:00 pm	Director Team Meeting .....	Youth Room
6:00 pm	AA Meeting .....	Parlor
8:30 pm	Softball Game .....	Worden Park Field 4

## Tuesday, July 9

9:00 am	Piano Lessons .....	Parlor
9:00 am	Royal Oak Children’s Choir .....	Room #414
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
12:30 pm	Team Huddle Staff Meeting .....	Youth Room
12:30 pm	Organ Tuning .....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Women’s Book and Bible Study Group .....	Royal Oak Taphouse

## Wednesday, July 10

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, July 10 continued

4:30 pm	Violin Lesson .....	Room #403
6:00 pm	AA Meeting .....	Parlor
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon .....	Youth Room
7:30 pm	Soul Streach Yoga.....	Room #414

## Thursday, July 11

9:00 am	Royal Oak Children's Choir.....	Room #414
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry.....	Parlor
7:00 pm	Faith and Sexuality Meeting.....	The Office Coffee Shop

## Friday, July 12

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
7:00 pm	Straight Spouse Network .....	Parlor

## Saturday, July 13

8:30 am	Stagecrafters Auditions.....	Fellowship Hall, Choir Room
4:00 pm	Worship & Missions .....	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Christmas in July Sandwich Making.....	Kitchen & Fellowship Hall

## Sunday, July 14

9:00 am	Worship & Missions .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Nursery, K-3 – Parlor	
10:00 am	Christmas in July Sandwich Making.....	Kitchen & Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour .....	Gathering Space
11:00 am	Worship & Missions .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Nursery; Preschool – Room #405	
	Elementary (K-5) – Room #403	
12:00 pm	Christmas in July Sandwich Making.....	Kitchen & Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour .....	Gathering Space
2:00 pm	Baptism Meeting .....	Parsonage

# NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas!

That's right - Merry Christmas!

I am sure some of you are saying, "Is Pastor Jeff ok? He goes away for a week and he comes back wishing everybody a Merry Christmas? He knows it's not Christmas, right?"

I love Christmas. I love the trees and the decorations and the music. But what I love most is that for a few weeks every year it seems like the culture around us is transformed by a spirit of generosity. During the Christmas season, people are looking for ways to give. The shelves of local food pantries get stocked. Clothes are purchased for struggling families. We remember the kids of prisoners and those in the foster care system with gifts and kindness. We are more apt to leave generous tips for our favorite waitress, mail carrier and mechanic. I always leave the Christmas season wondering, "What would it take for the Christmas spirit to live beyond the Christmas season?"

For the next month, we are going to celebrate Christmas in July. We brought some of the decorations out of storage. We will sing some of those favorite Christmas carols. We will tell the story of a baby being born in a manger with shepherds and kings in attendance. But most importantly we want to unleash the generosity of Christmas within our community in the middle of the summer.

So here are two ways you can help us spread some Christmas spirit this summer:

1) Gift Box—after worship today, pick up a box, fill it with personal care items, (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, razors, etc.) and then bring it back and put it under the tree. Our goal is to collect 15,000 items to share with our partners at The NOAH Project, The Redford-Brightmoor Initiative Free Store, and our Bag Lunch Program.

2) 4,000 Sandwiches—after all of our worship experiences next weekend we will head to the Fellowship Hall where we will assemble 4,000 sandwiches for our friends at both the Salvation Army and Cass Community Social Services, as well as supporting our Bag Lunch Program.

Together we can show the world that Christmas is more than a season - it is our way of life.

Merry Christmas my friends,



Pastor Jeff