

**Sunday, August 11**

**11:00 am Worship**

# **Invest in Stuff that Lasts**

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Lobe den Herren</i>	J.S. Bach
Hymn #400	Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing	*UMH
Call to Worship		Thom Derkowski
Song #2164	Sanctuary	**FWS
Greeting and Invitation to Mission		
Time with Children		
Baptism		Luciana Evelyn Rivas Daughter of Libby Mildren & Raul Rivas
Music Ministry	<i>I Believe</i> Summer Ensemble	Mark Miller
Time of Prayer		
Mission Moment		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>O Love</i> Summer Ensemble	Elaine Hagenberg
Doxology #95		UMH
Scripture	Luke 12:32-34	***CEB
Message	Invest in Stuff that Lasts	Jeff Nelson
Song #2222	The Servant Song	FWS
Postlude	<i>Allegro Maestoso on St. Anne</i>	L. Dean Bye

\* United Methodist Hymnal

\*\* Faith We Sing

\*\*\* Common English Bible

# OPPORTUNITIES



## Birthday Club

**Wednesday, August 21, 5:30 pm**

It's Birthday Club time at the Methodist Children's Home for all the resident boys with birthdays in August. If you would like to be part of their party, opportunities include buying gifts from the boys' wish lists; donating wrapping paper, decorations, or paper goods; or attending the party. You can sign up to help at the Connect Here Desk or by contacting Jennie Notarantonio at [missions@rofum.org](mailto:missions@rofum.org)

## Church Picnic

**Thursday, August 22, 6:00-8:00 pm**

**Starr Jaycee Park on 13 Mile Rd**

Get to know your church family, enjoy some food, and have some fun at this year's Church Picnic. You bring a side dish to pass, a chair, and your beverage of choice. We will provide the hot dogs. If you have any questions, contact the church office at [office@rofum.org](mailto:office@rofum.org).



## Parent Meeting

**Wednesday, September 4, 6:30 pm**

All parents of nursery to high school age kids are invited to an informational meeting before we kick-off our Children, Youth, and Families programs for the year. If you have any questions, contact Danielle Moody at [dmoody@rofum.org](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org)

## Grand Opening Celebration

**Sunday, September 8, 12:00 pm**

Join us to celebrate the grand opening of our newly renovated building and the beginning of our program year. Food, fun, and friendship awaits, so don't miss out! If you have any questions, contact the church office at [office@rofum.org](mailto:office@rofum.org).







## Barn Wood Crosses

Cass City United Methodist Church, lead by our dear friend, Pastor Bob Demyanovich, saw an opportunity when scores of old barns in their area were torn down. They took the old wood and repurposed it into barn wood crosses. Proceeds from these crosses will help forward the mission of Cass City UMC and Royal Oak First. Wall crosses are available for \$20 and outdoor crosses (with a stake) are available for \$25. Order forms are available at the Connect Here desk.

# PRAYER LIST

**Prayers for our church family:** Carol Hardt; Doug Brown; Art & Delores Miller; Dick & Judy Bryan; Estelle Knoy; Greg Umstead; Eileen Albers; Marguerite Nowacek; Ken Burton; Suzanne Hughes; Marilyn Hocking; Don & Marilyn McCreedy; Vel Lowman; Jim Walbridge; Gil Lewis; 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:** Mary Gray; Kirby Mirjah; Dianne Parkerson; Carolyn and Ivan Rice; The Wingate Family; Cindy Sheets; Neal Franks; Lynn Popa; Brenda Parsons; Allen Warren; James B.; Helen McGee; Nancy Sydanmaa; Rosie Crean-Glasser; Becky Maas-Kruger; Hon. Jamie Wittenberg; Carol Miller; 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 the family and friends of Mary Anne Tempest, on her death, August 8.

**Homebound Member of the Week:** Priscila Benson

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

**Altar flowers:** Happy 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to my husband, Brent Plaxton. Thank you for choosing me then and still. I love you. Love, Allison

# ARTS, BEATS, AND EATS



## **Service Opportunities**

**August 30-September 2**

Nearly 400,000 people will visit our community during Arts, Beats, and Eats and give us a wonderful opportunity to shine the light of Royal Oak First out! Service positions include being a greeter at the church, being a host for our green space on the front lawn, attending to the baby-changing tent, and keeping the church tidy and hospitable. Perks include free parking and admission to the festival. Sign-up sheets are available at the Connect Here Desk, or you can contact Charlene Kondrat at [ABE@rofum.org](mailto:ABE@rofum.org).

## **Special Worship Service**

**Sunday, September 1, 9:30 am**

**Arts, Beats, and Eats Country/Americana Stage at 6<sup>th</sup> and Lafayette**

We will have one worship service Labor Day Weekend. Worshippers that day get a ticket for free admission to the festival and free parking at Royal Oak High School at 1500 Lexington Blvd. A free shuttle will drop you off and pick you up right next to the stage. If you don't plan on staying for the festival, you can park in the parking structure across the street from the church until 11:00 am. If you have any questions, contact the church office at [office@rofum.org](mailto:office@rofum.org).

# CALENDAR

## Sunday, August 11

9:00 am	Worship & Missions .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Nursery, K-5 – Parlor	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour .....	Gathering Space
11:00 am	Worship, Baptism, & Missions.....	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Nursery; Preschool – Room #405	
	Elementary (K-5) – Room #403	
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour .....	Gathering Space
1:00 pm	Boards, Dice, & Cards: Games in the Parlor .....	Parlor

## Monday, August 12

9:00 am	Royal Oak Children's Choir.....	Room #414
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
1:30 pm	Director Team Meeting .....	Youth Room
6:00 pm	AA Meeting .....	Parlor

## Tuesday, August 13

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	Sing Out Detroit Auditions.....	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Staff/Parish Relations Committee .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room
7:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible Study Group .....	Royal Oak Taphouse

## Wednesday, August 14

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
3:15 pm	Piano Lesson.....	Choir Room

## Wednesday, August 14 continued

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.....	Front Lawn

## Thursday, August 15

9:00 am	Royal Oak Children's Choir.....	Room #414
10:00 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall

## Friday, August 16

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

## Saturday, August 17

4:00 pm	Worship .....	Sanctuary
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## Sunday, August 18

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	
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour .....	Gathering Space

# NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

It has been a heartbreaking week. The aftermath of the mass shootings in El Paso and Dayton have left me with a tremendous mix of emotions. I have been angry. I have been sad. I have been frustrated. I have been perplexed. I have been depressed. I have been determined to do something. Sometimes I am feeling all these things at the same time!


I find myself mourning with the families and friends of those who lost their lives. I worry about those who were present during these moments of trauma and terror, knowing that they will be unpacking the effects of this for years. I am profoundly thankful for the first responders who once again put themselves in the line of fire to prevent even more unspeakable loss. While much has been said about the emptiness of "thoughts and prayers," I can say that there hasn't been a day where I have not thought about or lifted in prayer all the people touched by these tragic events.

I am asking you to be moved to respond. Don't let the overwhelming feelings of this week paralyze you. For those who feel compelled to call their legislators to push for changes to laws, please make those calls. For those who feel compelled to make donations to groups in those cities providing care in the aftermath, please give generously. For those who see this as a call to get involved more locally - may you find an organization that is committed to reducing gun violence and lend your voice. Just please don't be paralyzed or cynical, believing nothing can be done to change our world.

Here at Royal Oak First, we take these moments to double down on our efforts to make Christ's love real in our local community. We will keep feeding and caring for the hungry and homeless. We will keep making sure kids go to school with the supplies they need to be successful. We will make sure the sick and shut-in are visited. We will be the hands and feet of Jesus right here, trusting that God will use our acts of kindness, mercy, and justice to transform the world.

Let us pledge once again to join Jesus in this movement to peace and justice.

Grace and Peace

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Jeff". Below the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.