

Saturday, August 17

4:00 pm Worship

I Beg Your
Pardon...



ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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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

Creation Care Environmental Ministry

Wednesday, August 21, 5:00 pm

The world we live in is a beautiful creation of God and caring for that creation is an important part of our mission to make Christ's love real. Join us in this new mission as we work to make the world a better place for years to come. If you have any questions, contact Bob Prud'homme at bobp@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.

Introducing Pastor Chats

Sunday, August 25, 10:15 am & 12:15 pm

Pastor Chats are quick and casual opportunities to learn more about what we are all about here and your next steps towards membership and involvement. They will be held on the last Sunday of each month in the 1st Floor Conference Room following morning worship services.





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

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.



Methodist Women Bowling League

Mondays, 12:30 pm, September 9-April 27

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.

RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for our church family: Lee Hoffmann; 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

Prayers for our extended family: George Underwood; Ron Schnering; Mary Gray; Kirby Mirjah; Carolyn and Ivan Rice; The Wingate Family; Cindy Sheets; Neal Franks; Lynn Popa; Brenda Parsons; Allen Warren; Kris Beachum

Homebound Member of the Week: Betty Cairns

This list includes prayer concerns from the past six weeks.
For the complete Prayer List, please contact our
Pastoral Care Team at prayers@rofum.org.

ARTS, BEATS, AND EATS



Service Opportunities

August 30-September 2

Nearly 400,000 people will visit our community during Arts, Beats, and Eats. Service opportunities 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.

Special Worship Service

Sunday, September 1, 9:30 am

Arts, Beats, and Eats Country/Americana Stage at 6th and Lafayette

We will have one worship service Labor Day Weekend. Worshipers 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.

CALENDAR

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

Monday, August 19

9:00 am	Royal Oak Children's Choir	Room #414
10:00 am	Acting Out Kids Film Camp	3 rd Floor
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Lunch Program Clothing Day Prep	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Director Team Meeting	Youth Room
6:00 pm	AA Meeting	Parlor

Tuesday, August 20

9:00 am	Royal Oak Children's Choir	Room #414
10:00 am	Acting Out Kids Film Camp	3 rd Floor
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm	Piano Lessons	Parlor
6:00 pm	Sing Out Detroit	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible Study Group	Royal Oak Taphouse

Wednesday, August 21

10:00 am	Acting Out Kids Film Camp	3 rd Floor
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
3:30 pm	Violin Lessons	Parlor
5:00 pm	Creation Care Environmental Ministry	1 st Floor Conference Room
6:00 pm	AA Meeting	Parlor
6:00 pm	Youth Back Yard Blast	Carolyn Gabler's Home
7:00 pm	Diversity & Inclusion Committee	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 21 continued

7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon	Youth Room
7:30 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Front Lawn

Thursday, August 22

9:00 am	Royal Oak Children's Choir.....	Room #414
10:00 am	Acting Out Kids Film Camp.....	3 rd Floor
10:00 am	As We Gather Worship	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry.....	Parlor
6:00 pm	Church Picnic.....	Starr Jaycee Park on 13 Mile Rd
7:00 pm	Faith & Sexuality Meeting	The Office Coffee Shop

Friday, August 23

9:30 am	As We Gather Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Acting Out Kids Film Camp.....	3 rd Floor
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 24

10:00 am	Arts, Beats, & Eats Meeting	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Visitation & Funeral.....	Sanctuary and Gathering Space
1:00 pm	Automotive Historians	Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm	Worship & Noisy Bucket	Sanctuary

Sunday, August 25

9:00 am	Worship & Noisy Bucket	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Nursery, K-5 – Parlor	
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Gathering Space
10:15 am	Pastor Chat.....	1 st Floor Conference Room
11:00 am	Worship & Noisy Bucket	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Nursery; Preschool – Room #405	
	Elementary (K-5) – Room #403	
12:00 pm	Fellowship Hour	Gathering Space
12:15 pm	Pastor Chat.....	1 st Floor Conference Room
1:30 pm	Laci's Gospel Cabaret.....	Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm	Cantata Academy Chorale	Sanctuary

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

As we round the corner on August and look back, this has been a summer of disruption and violence. From mass shootings in public places to ugly chants. We saw an immigration issue turn into a humanitarian crisis and the tension of division grip this nation. So let's look at one of the most difficult, most disruptive passages from the ministry of Jesus. In Luke 12:49-56, Jesus says that he did not come to bring peace, but to bring division. Say what?? Jesus the Prince of Peace did not come to bring peace; well maybe not the kind of peace the world was expecting.

I have titled the sermon, "I Beg Your Pardon, I Never Promised You A Rose Garden." That's a great tune from the 70s and there's a musical treat in store that you will not want to miss. Jesus never promised us a rose garden; he never said that a life seeking kindness and mercy and justice would be easy. He said it will be difficult and divisive. But he did promise to give us what we need to be the champions of justice on this earth. He promised to stand beside us through every twist and turn of life and he promised to help us find joy amid the chaos.

Let's allow the spirit of the living God to "disrupt" our way of thinking and our lives so that we can be part of the healing and restoration of this country and the world.

Grace and Peace

*Pastor
Myra*