



THE
BROKEN
TABLE

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

October Hygiene Collection

Our lunch program serves approximately 100 meals each week to people experiencing hunger and homelessness in our community. Throughout the month of October, we are collecting personal hygiene items to make sure that, in addition to food, the people we serve always have access to deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, razors, etc. to help keep them clean. Drop off your donations of travel-sized personal hygiene items at the church during the lunch program, Monday through Friday, 10:30-11:30 am. These small items that so many of us take for granted make a real difference in the lives of the people we serve.

New Fall Yard Signs

We have two new yard-sign designs available as we enter into our Fall/Winter seasons: "Don't Stop Believing" and "Praying for our Teachers/Students". These two new signs, along with our consistent message of "God Loves You (and there's nothing you can do about it)" are available on a first come basis. If you would like a sign but are unable to pick-up from church, please call the office to make arrangements.

CROP Hunger Walk

This week

The annual CROP Hunger Walk helps provide funding for local food programs (including our Lunch Program) and projects supported by Church World Services to end world hunger. There are two ways you can participate in this essential mission: sign up to be a walker, sponsor a walker (Lucille Evans, Greg Umstead, or Carlene Umstead) from the Royal Oak First Team, or sponsor the entire team. Due to the ongoing pandemic, walkers will take their walks any time during the week of October 4 to keep everyone safe. To sign up as a walker or sponsor a walker, visit rofum.org/crop.

Fall Small Groups

Beginning tonight!

We will begin our next series of "Small Groups". Although a little different during this season of "remote connection", we consider this platform one of the easier ways to stay connected in spirit and community during these

challenging times. This season we will offer a variety of different groups and topics. Sign up at rofum.org/fall-small-groups.

Mailing List Sign Ups

While we are kept apart by the pandemic, our prayers and concerns continue to grow. If you would like to receive a weekly update on the prayer list, sign up at rofum.org/maillinglist or contact Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org.

RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for our church family: Betty Lawson; Marilyn McCreedy; Pam Ortner; George Bard; Betty Locke; Joyce Hollingsworth; Jan Carlson; Karen Porter; Nancy Lorenz; Cathy Baker; Linda Jones; Kim Frenz; Greg Umstead; John Wagster; Peggy Gill; Diana Shornak; Carol Hardt; Mike Monte; Pat Blagg; Joan Johnson; Krista Conyers; Dave & Sue Minch; Jan Carlson; Marilyn Hocking; James Respecki; Kevin Lasky; Bruce and Ginny Conrad; Jenny Lowman; Lee Hoffmann; Inge Wichers; Betty Latimer; Barb Nicholas; Sue Parisi-Reid; Dick LaCombe; Paula Derkowski; Joe Waisanen Jr; Crystal Clark; Marian Kremer; Bill Young; The Riggs Family

Prayers for our extended family: Pam Payne; Richard Evans; Richard Nahhat; Mary Jo Cady; Teresa Baker; Joleen Duprey; Mike Pilon; Kathy Kearns; Bonnie Politowski; Effie Lambros; Steve & Peggy Zelonium; Lorraine Bowden; Joal Brown; Tracy & Paul; Lucy Sieck; Pat Callahan; Pam Payne; Tim Bell; Laurie Harris Wiener; Heidi and Dan Grogan; Essential workers and health care providers fighting COVID-19; Margaret O'Donnell; Don & Ann Anderson

Senior Spotlight: Peggy Gill

Sympathy to the Kremer family on the death of Marian's brother, George Bartley, September 18.

Sympathy to Phil and Jane Button on the death of Phil's sister-in-law, Cindy Button, September 26.

For the complete Prayer List, please contact our
Pastoral Care Team at prayers@rofum.org.

NOTE FROM THE PREACHER

Dear Friends,

It is so good to be back among you this weekend as we come to the table for World Communion Sunday. People around the world will come together today and celebrate communion, think about that for a moment. And in this pandemic moment, we all come to the table in unique ways. Instead of sanctuaries and cathedrals, we are more likely to be in living rooms and kitchens. In many ways this will be a World Communion Sunday like no other and as always the Holy Spirit will find us where ever we are.

Don't forget, I'll be at the church (7th street entrance) from 1-3 pm on Saturday to hand out the pre-packaged communion. Come by, say hello and take communion for your family. Then hold on to it and join us virtually on Sunday as we come to the table together. While you are at the church, you can also pick up one of our new yard signs. In the midst of all the political signs these days, it is good to put some positive messages into the mix.

We are talking this week about the Broken Table. The world around us feels pretty broken and yet we know that God works through the brokenness in love and grace. For a moment on Sunday let's set aside all of our anxieties about the election, the economy and all those things that haunt us. Let's worship together in a true spirit of community and celebrate communion.

I've been away (well virtually away) launching an academic career in Divinity School and look out; I may not be able to resist sharing a little something that I've learned in my first six weeks of school.

God is good. All the time.

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor
Myra*