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ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Spring Missions Collection**

Certain things are necessities. Everyone needs cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items, and weather protection, but not everyone is able to get them. Many of these crucial supplies are not covered by assistance programs like food stamps. This spring, we are collecting rain ponchos, deodorant (especially men's deodorant), cotton swabs, dish soap, all-purpose cleaning spray, sponges, cleaning pails, and travel-size personal wipes. If you would like to help us with this collection, you can drop off your donations at the church Monday-Thursday, 10-3, or you can make a monetary contribution at [rofum.org/giving](http://rofum.org/giving).

## **In-Person Worship**

### **Sundays at 9 am**

We are thrilled to begin our 7-week pilot program to bring back in-person worship. This will be a chance to ease back into in-person community life, to learn about best practices, and make the necessary adjustments moving forward. In order to keep everyone safe, attendance will be limited to 50 people. Nursery care will be available for preregistered children age 4 and under. Sign up at [rofum.org/in-person-worship](http://rofum.org/in-person-worship).

## **Farewell Pastor Bob!**

### **Sunday, May 2, 10:30 am – 12 pm**

Our Pastor of Visitation, Rev. Bob Goudie, has made the decision to retire after more than 40 years in ministry. If you would like to join us in wishing him well in his retirement, you can come see him on his last day, May 2, for a Drive-up reception at the Lafayette entrance where you can give him your well-wishes and celebrate with a cupcake! You can also contribute to a love gift at [rofum.org/giving](http://rofum.org/giving) or by sending a check to the church office.

## **Children and Youth Programming is back in-person!**

### **Starting this week!**

We are excited to announce that our Children, Youth, and Families programming is back in-person starting this week. On Sundays, Youth Group (Grades 6-12) will meet on the church lawn from 3:30-5 pm. On Wednesdays, Holy COW (Grades 5 & under) will meet on the church lawn from 6-7 pm. If you have any questions about our Children, Youth and Family Ministries, contact our CYF Director, Bridget Nelson, at [bnelson@rofum.org](mailto:bnelson@rofum.org).

# RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

**Prayers for our church family:** Sue Minch; Janet Ramseyer; Diane Sexton; Julie Baker; Nancy Lorenz; Betty Lawson; Sherry & Bob Giles; Mark Thatcher; Bruce Conrad; Ed Cline; Fred Bowden; Marilyn McCreedy; Neil Franks; Ron & Marianne Peludat; Kristin Frey; Marian Kremer

**Prayers for our extended family:** Paul Edward; Karen White; Tony Monte; Vanessa & Katelyn Elrod; Joe Dorsey; Bret Thatcher; Michael McFarlane; Effie Lambros; Leslie Inch; Joe Pearcy; Mike J; Tim Bell; Patricia Callahan; Mike Carr; Chad Ludtke; Darryl Warren; Troy & Amber DuPrey; Sue Sugden; Lori Karoitt; Scott R; Sally Sou; Cheryl & Jimmy Clark; Anthonne Tracy; Mary Jo Cady; Teresa Baker; Kathy Kearns; Lorraine Bowden; Essential workers and health care providers fighting COVID-19

**Senior Spotlight:** Florence Martin

**Sympathy** to Mike Long for the death of his ex-wife, Joanna "Reyna" Long, April 10.

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

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I begin today with a word of appreciation. Early this month Pastor Bob Goudie informed us that he was ready to retire from his work as our Pastor of Calling and Visitation. For the past 11 years Bob has served our congregation with care and compassion. Bob has a pastor's heart and servant's ear. He really listens deeply and truly brings the presence of the Holy Spirit into his conversations.

Over this last decade Bob has placed thousands of calls and made hundreds of visits to members of our community. During this time over 200 of our saints have entered into their eternal rest, often with Bob's presence and prayers guiding them and their loved ones into the embrace of their loving creator. If you have ever been called or visited by Bob, then you know what a gift he has brought to our church. I am thankful for his wisdom and kindness. He has served as a good mentor for me and other members of our staff. And during this last year of social distancing and quarantine, it was Bob who really became the connecting and caring glue for our community. We will miss him.

If you would like to contribute to a Love Gift for Pastor Bob you can do that at [rofum.org/giving](http://rofum.org/giving) or by mailing your contribution to the church.

Also, we would love to shower Pastor Bob with notes and cards of appreciation. You can either mail your well wishes to Pastor Bob at 19710 13 Mile Road, Apt. 108 Beverly Hills, MI 48025 or you can send him an email at [retiredgoudierevs@gmail.com](mailto:retiredgoudierevs@gmail.com).

Finally, we will host a drive-by reception for Pastor Bob on Sunday, May 2 from 10:30 -12:00. You can drive up to the Lafayette entrance, Pastor Bob will be there to greet you, and you can offer up your hope and prayers for this next chapter in his life.

We give thanks to God for the gifts and ministry of Rev. Bob Goudie.

Grace and Peace,

