



# Small Faith

JUNE 13, 2021  
ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	In the Sweet By and By Daphne Mitchel	Johnny Cash
Pastor's Welcome		Jeff Nelson
Hymn #145	Morning Has Broken Sanctus Members	*UMH
Call to Worship		9 am: Kathi Burger 11 am: Amanda Fitch
Invitation to Mission		Jennifer Tripoli
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	Rise Up Sam Garrett	Andra Day
Doxology #95		UMH
	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
Scripture	Mark 4: 30-32	**CEB
Message	Small Faith	Jeff Nelson
Hymn #545	The Church's One Foundation	UMH
Benediction		

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Men's Summer Clothes Collection

In addition to food, our lunch program distributes clothing to those in need in our community. Summer is here, and the weather is heating up. We are getting a lot of requests for men's summer clothes to help them keep cool in the increasing heat. If you have any gently used men's summer clothing you can donate, you can drop it off at the church on Sundays during worship or during office hours Monday-Thursday, 10-3.



## Rock 'n' Rides

**June 17-20**

Rock 'n' Rides is back! An 18-ride carnival, live music, a kids' stage, free arts & crafts, the Royal Oak Block Party, food trailers, and more! Plus, Rock 'n' Rides brings together the local community's nonprofits, school organizations, churches, and more to do good while having fun. Visit [rocknridesro.com](http://rocknridesro.com) for more information.

# Vacation Bible School

**August 8-11, 6-8 pm**

Kids are naturally curious, and when you're curious about who God is, it's easy to grow your relationship with Jesus. In Vacation Bible School this summer, kids will not only get curious about science, technology, engineering, and mathematics — but also about the God who created it all! They'll hear from early church leaders like Paul, Peter, John, and Timothy, who helped the first Jesus-followers wonder what made their stories unique, what gifts God gave them (and how they could use those gifts to serve), what they could learn from others, and how they could spend time with God. To register your child, visit [rofum.org/vbs](http://rofum.org/vbs).



## In-Person Worship



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**Sundays at 9 & 11 am**

As the pandemic begins to slowly roll to a close, we are able to offer more opportunities for in-person worship and connections. In order to keep everyone safe, attendance will be limited. Nursery care will be available for preregistered children age 4 and under and Sunday School will be available for preregistered children age 5-grade 5. Sign up at [rofum.org/in-person-worship](http://rofum.org/in-person-worship).

## Summer Camp Registration is open!

**July 19-23, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm, Evening activities to-be-determined**

It's time to get ready for camp! If you've never been to camp before, this is a great time to start. You'll find yourself surrounded by familiar faces and by people who really remember their first time at camp. If you have been coming to camp for years, this time will look a little different as we will be staying in Royal Oak and the camp will be during the day. We are working to make it a great experience for everyone! There will be some pretty fantastic games, crafts, Bible study, swimming, and so much more. There is no better place to have a ton of fun and grow spiritually at the same time.



The cost for summer camp is \$80 per child. We want to make sure that cost is never a barrier to participation in our church family, so camperships are available for church members and constituents if needed. The fee includes the cost of the camp t-shirt. Register your child at [rofum.org/connect/summer-camp](http://rofum.org/connect/summer-camp).

## RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

**Prayers for our church family:** Bill Howell; Tom Soboleski; Maya Lane Harris; Bob Russell; Diane Sexton; Amy Youngquist; Kimberlyn Palchak; Cece Tamm; Pete Smith; Addison Frachalla; Patricia Callahan; Diane Shornak; Janet Ramseyer; Florence Martin; Cindy McCarthy; Carrie Morse; Nancy Lorenz; Betty Lawson; Fred Bowden; Marian Kremer

**Prayers for our extended family:** Claudio Wright; Dora Jackler; Effie Lambros; Marc Reddekopp; Gina Mirjah; Kaylee; Karen White; Vanessa & Katelyn Elrod; Michael McFarlane; Joe Percy; Mike J.; Tim Bell; Darryl Warren; Sue Sugden; Scott R.; Sally Sou; Mary Jo Cady; Teresa Baker; Lorraine Bowden; Essential workers and health care providers fighting COVID-19

**Senior Spotlight:** Al Simmons

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



# NOTE FROM PASTOR JEFF

*“Home is where you go to find solace from the ever-changing chaos, to find love within the confines of a heartless world, and to be reminded that no matter how far you wander, there will always be something waiting when you return.”*

~Kendal Rob

*I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.*

~Psalm 122:1

*I'm on my way*

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*Home sweet home*

~Motley Crüe

Dear Friends,

Over the past few weeks, I have been asking you to be in prayer for our conversations around reopening the church. Today I am glad to report that your prayers have helped guide our COVID-19 Task Force and Compass Team to come to some really exciting recommendations. Beginning Sunday, July 11, we will be opening the church fully for worship, fellowship, and service!

Beginning that Sunday, we will not need to register for worship any longer and we will begin to offer fellowship time following each worship service in the Gathering Place and Parlor. Following the recommendation of state and local officials, we will no longer be requiring masks, asking each person to monitor their own comfort, health, and vaccination status. Please know that if wearing a mask makes you feel most comfortable,

by all means, please wear one. As always, if you are not feeling well or have come into contact with someone who has COVID, we ask that you stay home.

We will be offering Nursery and Summer Sunday School for our children in 5th grade and under. As an extra precaution, we are asking all staff and volunteers working with kids to wear masks throughout the remainder of the summer. I'll be sending a more formal letter to you next week with more details and an invitation to come home on July 11 and beyond, but I wanted to share the good news with you today.

We appreciate your support over the next few weeks as we continue to prepare for a full opening of the church. Please continue to reserve a spot (through July 4) for worship and wear a mask in the building and during worship. And remember that COVID-19 is a moving target, and while we surely hope we are on the other side of this pandemic, we know things could change. If they do, we will once again do what is necessary to promote public health and keep the ministries of the church vital and alive.

What a journey we have been on together! I have said it before but I must continue to say it again - thank you for faithfulness, generosity, forgiveness, and grace. Together we have weathered the storm. We look forward to engaging in full-time ministry together.

Grace and Peace,

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