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*Where  
Do We Go  
From Here*

JULY 18, 2021

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i> arr. Craig Curry	Tim Schoenherr
Welcome		Jeff Nelson
Hymn #89 (*UMH)	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee	
Call to Worship		Christie Mikell
Hymn #393 (*UMH)	Spirit of the Living God	Tim Schoenherr
Invitation to Mission		Erica Plesco
Children's Moment		Jeff Nelson
Baptism Moment (11 am)		Violet Hosey Daughter of Eric and Kasey Hosey
Time of Prayer		Jeff Nelson
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
	Amazing Grace/Going Home	Joan Johnson
Doxology #95 (*UMH)		
	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
Scripture (**NRSV)	Matthew 6:25-34	Christie Mikell
Song	<i>Three Little Birds</i> Bob Marley	Tim Schoenherr
Message	Where Do We Go From Here	Jeff Nelson
Hymn #140 (*UMH)	Great Is Thy Faithfulness	
Benediction		

\*United Methodist Hymnal  
\*\* New Revised Standard Version

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## “I Wonder” Vacation Bible School

August 8-11, 6-8 pm

In this four-part series for Vacation Bible School, we're going to engage kids' imaginations! Kids will not only get curious about science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, but also about the God who created it all! Cost is as follows: \$20 for the first child in a family; \$10 per additional child; \$50 maximum per family. At Royal Oak First, we strive to ensure that cost is never a reason to exclude a family. If the cost of Vacation Bible School is prohibitive for your family, contact our Sunday School Coordinator, Christine Ryckman, at [cryckman@rofum.org](mailto:cryckman@rofum.org). To register your child, visit [rofum.org/vbs](http://rofum.org/vbs).



## Backyard Gatherings



### Two Dates Still Available!

Be sure to sign up for any of the remaining two different backyard gatherings this summer. We will gather in the backyards of various church families to reconnect, socialize and eat! There will also be one Zoom gathering for those who would rather socialize virtually. In-person gatherings will be potluck style, so bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Remaining dates are July 19, August 5 (Zoom), and August 11. Sign up online at [rofum.org/backyards](http://rofum.org/backyards).

## Coffee Hour and Lunch Program Service Opportunities



Two of our most important programs need volunteers. For Coffee Hour, we need volunteers to get the coffee made, food items prepared and then you can just enjoy the best part of interacting with your fellow church members! For the Lunch Program, our volunteers help prepare the food and then serve the food to our guests. If you would like to help serve, contact Mike Monte at [mmonte@rofum.org](mailto:mmonte@rofum.org).

## Shawl Ministry is Back!

The Shawl Ministry is starting back up again! The purpose is for those with a love of needlework to gather to knit or crochet shawls and afghans and then give those shawls to persons in need of prayer, comfort, or blessings. Our next meeting will be Thursday, July 22 at 1pm in the Parlor.



## 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.

# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

## Prayers for Our Church Family:

Tom Soboleski • Ed Cline • Diane George • Bob Russell • Cynthia Cline  
Mary Lou Graeber • Karen Wetzel • Lloyd and Janet Ramseyer  
Sue and Dave Minch • Audrey Leenhouts • Patricia Callahan • Neil Franks  
Lee Hoffmann • Todd Wells • Sarah Beth Wells • John Wagster • Maya Lane Harris  
Amy Youngquist • Kimberlyn Palchak • Diane Shornak • Cindy McCarthy  
Carrie Morse • Nancy Lorenz • Betty Lawson • Fred Bowden • Marian Kremer

## Prayers for Our Extended Family:

David Knapp • Kathy Kearns • Margie Reese • Linda Morrell • Dora Jackler  
Marc Reddekopp • Gina Mirjah • Kaylee • Karen White • Vanessa & Katelyn Elrod  
Michael McFarlane • Mike J. • Darryl Warren • Sue Sugden • Scott R. • Sally Sou  
Teresa Baker

## Senior Spotlight:

Phyllis Bartle

## Chancel Flowers in Honor of:

Laci's Birthday

For the complete Prayer List, please contact our  
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# LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

This week I am excited to introduce two new staff members. In this season of many transitions, we give thanks for the work of the Holy Spirit in calling new, gifted people to join our team. First, I'd like to introduce you to Lee Trumbull. Lee is our Communications Director and comes to us after more than two decades of work at The Community House in Birmingham where she helped develop a robust communications plan and strategy for a vibrant nonprofit that served people of different ages and backgrounds. Lee is funny, caring, kind and dedicated to making any place where she connects a deeper, more loving place for all people. Lee was excited to join our movement because of our commitment to inclusivity and embracing a spiritual path that leads to healing and transformation. Lee will be helping to expand the work begun by Sam Garrett in providing a caring approach to communicating to our members and friends as well as sharing the good work God is doing among us with the broader community. Lee loves all animals, music, movies and her husband, Robert.

Secondly, it is my privilege to introduce Karla Goetz as our new Missions Coordinator. Karla and her family have been connected to our movement for the last four years. They came to Royal Oak First because they were looking for a church that was engaged in service. Since joining our church Karla has been active in serving in our Children's, Choir Camp, and Missions Programs. Beyond the church, she has been a community leader on the Library Board and the PTA at her children's school. Karla will be able to build on the strong foundations started by Jennie Notarantonio and Joyce Hollingworth in our Missions Program by helping us connect our personal and financial resources to the place where God's love is most needed. Karla is deeply committed and compassionate. She is an accomplished administrator and a strong advocate for inclusion. Karla and her husband Andrew are the committed soccer parents of Julia, Maggie and Sam.

Again, we are so thankful that the Holy Spirit has answered our prayers and led these dedicated servants to join our team. Please take time to reach out, welcome them and introduce yourself.

Welcome Lee and Karla - we are glad you are here!

Grace and Peace,



Karla Goetz and Lee Trumbull



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Make a Real Difference**