



# SUMMER CAMP 2021

"Good God Almighty!"

JULY 25, 2021

ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Here I am Lord</i> arr. John Carter	Jennifer Semivan
Welcome		Jeff Nelson
	<i>God Loves You</i> <i>(and There's Nothing You Can Do)</i>	Youth Band
Call to Worship		Hannah Richardson
Hymn #393 (*UMH)	Spirit of the Living God	Tim Schoenherr
Invitation to Mission		Bridget Nelson
Children's Moment		Jeff Nelson
Time of Prayer		Jeff Nelson
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
	<i>Good God Almighty</i> Dave Crowder	Youth Band
Doxology #95 (*UMH)		
	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
Scripture (**CEB)	Psalms 28:6-7 Philippians 4:8-9	Nora Sleeman
Message	Good God Almighty	Bridget Nelson
Song	<i>Power of Love</i> Huey Lewis	Youth Band
Benediction		Jeff Nelson and Bridget Nelson

# 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**



### **There is Still Time to Participate!**

Be sure to sign up for the last backyard gathering this summer. Or there will also be one Zoom gathering for those who would rather socialize virtually. This is a great time for us to reconnect, socialize and eat! The last in-person gathering will be potluck style, so bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Remaining dates are August 5 (Zoom) and August 11. Sign up online at [rofum.org/backyards](http://rofum.org/backyards).

# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

## Prayers for Our Church Family:

Michael Frank • Melinda Loftin • 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

## Congratulations to:

Tommy and Bianca Skelton on the birth of their son, Bennett Robert on July 14

## Senior Spotlight:

Laci Basel

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







# LETTER FROM OUR PREACHER

Greetings Church!

It's Wednesday morning and I'm sitting poolside just off Main Street at the Gabler home. Around me, this year's iteration of Choir Camp is happening...the *Small Fries* (Upper Elementary) are playing chimes and ukuleles with Jennifer Semivan, Daphne Mitchell, Melissa Couture and Andrew Lindblom. They are learning the songs of our faith, not just with their voices but with their hands and hearts! The *Medium Fries* (Middle Schoolers) are doing trust walks, where one partner is blindfolded and the other is leading them either by hand or by voice. I have only seen a few near collisions! Bill Warren, Danielle Moody and Ann Brown are talking with them today about trusting God even when life is challenging. The *Large Fries* (you guessed it, High Schoolers) are in crafts, creating artwork for the youth room, working with clay and stained glass with Christine Ryckman, Jenny Lowman, Karla Goetz and Steve Weber.

Off to the side, Chris Baker and his crew of Matt Strait, Colleen Knot and Matt Baker are getting set up for today's team challenge - there are a lot of boxes and duct tape, so it looks like it will be interesting! Other adults like Julie Sleeman, Richard Gibson and our leaders Jennifer Tripoli and Robin Richardson are jumping in wherever needed and keeping track of all the kids.

Camp looks pretty different this year in a lot of ways. But trusting that God is faithful and we can be creative and resourceful has already produced something unique and special. Next year at this time, God willing, we will be back to overnight camp up in Holly. This week, though, we are making the most out of the time and space we have for camp. There are things we can do this year in this space that we can't do where we usually are. Important connections will still be made and our church family will be better for it. I am grateful for a church that finds a way to provide great experiences for our young people, even in the strangest of times.

The other thing going on this week is that Jennifer Tripoli and I are completing homework for our first set of Local Pastor Licensing School classes. We are reading a lot of books and writing a lot of papers! We have three more weekend-long classes in the next few months and we welcome your prayers. What a gift it is to be reading and writing about ministry in the midst of summer camp - surrounded by kids learning about the love of God. Isn't that what it's all about at the end of the day?

I look forward to sharing more about camp with you this Sunday - you'll see our young people in some freshly tie dyed shirts and hear some good music from our youth band. See you then!

Peace,

Bridget Nelson  
Children, Youth & Family Ministries Director

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