

# TRAVEL LIGHT



**JULY 4, 2021**

**ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>America, the Beautiful</i> arr. Jim Hammerly	Tim Schoenherr
Welcome		Jeff Nelson
Hymn #717 (*UMH)	The Battle Hymn of the Republic Verses 1-4	Sanctus Members
Call to Worship		Connie Royal (9 am) Faye Bond (11 am)
Invitation to Mission		Bridget Nelson
Baptism Moment (11 am)		William Brown Son of Stacey and Rob Brown
Time of Prayer		Jeff Nelson
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Tell Your Heart to Beat Again</i> Danny Gokey	Laci Marie
Doxology #95 (*UMH)		*UMH
	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
Scripture (**CEB)	Mark 6:7-13	Connie Royal (9 am) Faye Bond (11 am)
Message	Travel Light	Jeff Nelson
Communion		
Hymn #530 (*UMH)	Are Ye Able	Sanctus Members
Benediction		

\*United Methodist Hymnal  
\*\* Common English Bible

# 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.



## Backyard Gatherings

### Four Dates Still Available!

Be sure to sign up for any of the four 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 10, July 16, July 19, August 5 (Zoom), and August 11. Sign up online at [rofum.org/backyards](https://rofum.org/backyards).





# 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 I Wonder 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).



## Welcome Home!

Beginning on **Sunday, July 11**, you will no longer need to make a reservation, and face masks and social distancing will be optional for both our 9:00 and 11:00 am services. We will be able to sing, greet our neighbors, and stay after worship to have a cup of coffee and catch up with our friends and maybe even make a new acquaintance or two. And of course, if you are not able to be present or not quite ready to come back, we are committed to providing a quality online worship experience through our website at [rofum.org/live](http://rofum.org/live).



## Coffee Hour

Service Opportunities



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With the building fully re-opening on July 11, we will have opportunities for you to serve. Coffee hour is an integral part of the Sunday experience and we are thrilled to be able to bring it back. If you would like to help serve, contact Mike Monte at [mmonte@rofum.org](mailto:mmonte@rofum.org).

## RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

**Prayers for Our Church Family:** Karen Wetzel • Lloyd and Janet Ramseyer

Ed Cline • Bob Russell • Sue and Dave Minch • Audrey Leenhouts

Patricia Callahan • Neil Franks • Lee Hoffmann • Todd Wells • Sarah Beth Wells

Sherry Giles • John Wagster • Bill Howell • Tom Soboleski • Maya Lane Harris

Amy Youngquist • Kimberlyn Palchak • Diane Shornak • Florence Martin

Cindy McCarthy • Carrie Morse • Nancy Lorenz • Betty Lawson • Fred Bowden

Marian Kremer

**Prayers for Our Extended Family:** Margie Reese • Linda Morrell • Dora Jackler

Marc Reddekopp • Gina Mirjah • Kaylee • Karen White • Vanessa & Katelyn Elrod

Michael McFarlane • Mike J. • Tim Bell • Darryl Warren • Sue Sugden • Scott R.

Sally Sou • Teresa Baker

**Sympathies** to the family of Mary Jo Cady on her death, June 26, 2021

**Senior Spotlight:** Eileen Albers

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

## NOTES

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# LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

*Look how good and pleasing it is when families live together as one.*

~Psalm 133:1

*Family: Like branches on a tree we all grow in different directions...yet our roots remain as one.*

~Cute sign seen at the corner gift shop

*"Family is family, in church or in prison  
You get what you get, and you don't get to pick 'em  
They might smoke like chimneys, but give you their kidneys  
Yeah, friends come in handy, but family is family"*

~Kacey Musgraves

**Dear Friends,**

I get to see my dad this weekend! It has been 20 months since we last saw each other. Yes, we have talked on the phone and saw each other over Zoom, but it is not the same as being together. I will get up Saturday morning and drive to St. Ignace, the half-way point of our journey to pick him up. (Thankful to my friend who pastors the Methodist Church there for allowing him to leave his car there for the week. He had to run it by the Board of Trustees, but it passed without objection. The connection between Methodists is real!) We will then take the four hour journey back to Royal Oak while Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings keep us company down I-75. I think I am most excited for him to see Casey and Sam. They have grown so much in the last year and half - and not just physically. They are becoming their own people and we are so proud of them and how they faced the challenges of this past year. I know their grandpa will be proud of them too!

Bridget did the same thing last weekend, driving to Chicago, the halfway point between here and Madison, to spend an evening with her parents. Casey accompanied her and as Bridget described, he had many tales to tell of his adventures in this most interesting season of his young life. Their time together was short but everybody was so grateful for the opportunity to be together.

If there is one thing this past season has taught us, it is that we need our people. We need to see them and be seen by them. We need their hugs and their handshakes. We want to linger and we want to laugh. We need people to just be honest about how things really went and how things are really going. We need people with whom we share a history. As Kacey Musgraves sings so plainly, our families may not be perfect, but "family is family."

We feel the same way about this place. For most us, Royal Oak is family and we have missed being able to see and be seen by our church family. Sure the Zoom classes have been nice and the virtual worship has filled the void, but none of it is an adequate replacement for what it means to be together. So please plan to come to worship this summer. Beginning Sunday, July 11th at both 9:00-11:00 am, we will be open for worship, fellowship and service. Come and enjoy the sanctuary and plan to linger after for conversations and connections. Like our families of origin, our church family here at Royal Oak First is not perfect, but like the country song says, "Family is family." Can't wait to all be together again.

Grace and Peace,





**Experience Real Love, Form Real Friendships,  
Make a Real Difference**