

Seeking Spiritual Wisdom



AUGUST 15, 2021

ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Rondo Alla Turca</i> Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart	Elliot Nielander
Welcome		Bob Prud'homme
Hymn #73 (*UMH)	O Worship the King	Sanctus Members
Call to Worship		Brian Semivan
Hymn #393 (*UMH)	Spirit of the Living God	Jennifer Semivan
Invitation to Mission		Jennifer Tripoli
Children's Moment		Bob and Michele Prud'homme
Time of Prayer		Bob Prud'homme
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes	<i>Build Your Kingdom Here</i> Rend Collective	Andrew Lindblom
Doxology #95 (*UMH)	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
Scripture (**CEB)	1 Kings 2:10-12 1 Kings 3:3-14	Brian Semivan
Special Testimony		Michele Prud'homme
Message	Seeking Spiritual Wisdom	Bob Prud'homme
Hymn #143 (*UMH)	On Eagle's Wings	Sanctus Members
Benediction		Bob Prud'homme

*United Methodist Hymnal

**Common English Bible

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August School Supply Collection



This month we will be supporting our Ferndale Lower Elementary School partnership with a 'Back to School' supply collection. High-need items include: Crayola 24 pack crayons, Crayola 10-12 pack markers, Elmer's glue sticks, Ticonderoga pencils, Expo Dry Erase markers, plastic pencil boxes, backpacks, cardstock, Kleenex tissue, wipes, and hand sanitizer, but any other supplies/brands will be welcomed also. Bring your donations to Royal Oak First on Sunday or turn in at the office during the week. Thank you for helping to support the families in our community! We will conclude the month with a blessing of all our students' backpacks on Sunday, August 29, at both services.

Service Opportunities

September 3-6



Nearly 400,000 people will visit our community during Arts, Beats & Eats. Service opportunities include being a greeter at the church, being a host for our green space on the front lawn, attending to the baby-changing tent, and keeping the church tidy and hospitable. Each person that volunteers for a shift will receive free admission to the festival. Sign-up sheets are available at the Welcome Desk or at rofum.org.

Special Worship Service

Sunday, September 5, 9:30 am

Arts, Beats, and Eats Country/Americana Stage at 6th and Lafayette



We will have only one worship service Labor Day weekend during Arts, Beats & Eats on Sunday, September 5 at 9:30 am on the Country/Americana Stage located at 6th and Lafayette Streets. Worshippers that day get a ticket for free admission to the festival and free parking at Royal Oak High School at 1500 Lexington Blvd. A free shuttle will drop you off and pick you up right next to the stage. If you don't plan on staying for the festival, you can park in the parking structure across the street from the church until 11:00 am. If you have any questions, contact the church office at 248.541.4100 or office@rofum.org.

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Pastor Chat



If you're new to Royal Oak First and you'd like to know more about our church or if you'd like to learn the next steps about how to become part of everything going on here, then come to the Pastor Chat. Questions such as: "How can I help serve the community?"; "I have questions about the beliefs of the United Methodist Church"; or "How can my kids be involved in the church?" will be covered. The next Pastor Chat will be on Sunday, August 22 at 10 am in the Parlor and last no more than 30 minutes. We look forward to seeing you!



Full Time Custodian Position Available

The Custodian is responsible for the appearance, cleanliness and maintenance of the building and grounds. If you are interested in joining our team, you can find a full job description at rofum.org/jobs or if you have further questions, please contact Jennifer Tripoli at 248.541.4100 or jtripoli@rofum.org.

The Stories We Tell



On August 1, 2021, the sermon title was: "The Stories We Tell." At that service, Kathy Peterson and Michael Spath told us their stories of the impact of COVID-19 and their faith. Now it's your turn. We'd like to know how the pandemic played out in your life and your faith. What did you learn? How did it affect your life? Did you wonder where God went during that year and a half? What would you like others to know about your journey? The goal is to compile a book of our various stories to pass on to future generations. The pandemic was the biggest community challenge since the Great Depression. Future generations might use our stories of how we managed a challenging time to help them navigate their journeys. So please

send in your stories either by mail (to the church address) or email (stories@rofum.org). Everyone is welcome to send their story - from the youth to the elders. This is our gift to the future. Please send your story in by September 3, 2021.

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Saturday Night Worship

It's Back...Same Night, Same Time, New Format

The logo for Saturday Night Worship features the words "SATURDAY NIGHT" in a bold, black, sans-serif font, stacked above the word "WORSHIP" in a blue, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a light blue rectangular background.

Please plan to join us on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at 4:00 pm, in the Parlor for the first Saturday Night Worship in over a year! We are planning to meet twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays, but need your help. Pastor Jeff will preach and lead worship once a month and an alternate guest preacher will join us for the other Saturday. We are seeking volunteers to help resurrect this service and are in search of those who can serve as a guest preacher, song leader, support audio needs, or play the piano or a musical instrument on a rotational basis. If you feel called to participate or have any questions, please contact Joyce Russell at 586-758-4729 for more information.

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Marilyn Hocking • Michael Frank • Janice Marsh • Nancy Thompson • Cynthia Cline • Melinda Loftin • Tom Soboleski • Ed Cline • Karen Wetzel • Audrey Leenhouts • Lloyd Ramseyer • Janet Ramseyer • Lee Hoffmann • John Wagster • Neil Franks • Dave Minch • Sue Minch • Sarah Beth Wells • Todd Wells • Patricia Callahan • Maya Lane Harris • Kimberly Palchak • Diane Shornak • Carrie Morse • Cindy McCarthy • Betty Lawson • Fred Bowden • Marian Kremer • Nancy Lorenz •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

The Pushman Family • Buddy Budowick • Jessica Simpson • Jack Barlow • Kathy Kearns • Margie Reese • Linda Morrell • Dora Jackler • Marc Reddekopp • Gina Mirjah • Vanessa & Katelyn Elrod • Michael McFarlane • Mike J. • Darryl Warren • Sue Sugden • Scott R. • Sally Sou • Teresa Baker •

Sympathies to:

Dave and Cathy Tovarez on the death of his mother, Marilyn Tovarez on July 31, 2021
Bev Burchi and her daughter Diane Knapp on the death of Bev's husband, Bob Russell on August 5, 2021
Sue Buxton on the death of her sister, Joanne Church on August 11, 2021

Senior Spotlight:

Pat Blagg

Chancel Flowers in Honor of:

Lee Trumbull's Birthday

For the complete Prayer List, please contact our Pastoral Care Team at prayers@rofum.org.

LETTER FROM OUR PREACHER

Hello Friends,

I am amazed at how much time has passed since we last met in person. I must admit I'm a bit nervous about speaking in person. It is hard to believe that I am speaking to you for the 3rd time, and it is actually the 1st time I'll see you live and in living color in the Sanctuary. So much has happened over the last 18 months. Thank you for the opportunity to update you on our world at the Prud'homme household.

First though, Pastor Jeff and his bride Bridget are up north at band camp supporting their up-and-coming musical genius in the family, blessings on a successful trip. I know that you miss him and are grateful for the chance to visit with your son.

For those who don't know me (and those that do as well), I am 70% through in seminary. My ministry as a Deacon - Environmental and Social Justice - has received the blessing from the District Committee on Ordained Ministry (DCOM) and moved me along to the Board of Ordained Ministry (BOOM) at the Conference level. It has been a challenge to be in my 2nd tenure in graduate school (Architecture being the 1st), but I am so grateful for all the love and support from you as I continue along in this mission. Caring for God's beautiful and abundant creation has been a life-long passion and I've been pleased to bring this work to the church.

Michele is working on recertifying for her Master Composter credentials, and so we will be bringing a workshop to Royal Oak First in September to teach composting to anyone with an interest - no age minimums or limits! Immediately following this, we will be starting our 2nd Book Study, using a favorite of mine that some colleagues from seminary introduced me to - "Salvation Means Creation Healed; The Ecology of Sin and Grace". I look forward to learning together as we explore the deep and comprehensive ties between biblical and practical wisdom for today's world.

Peace & Blessings in Christ,

Deacon Bob

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