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Sunday, May 1, 2022 11:00AM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	“This Little Light of Mine” arr. Mark Hayes	Kyle Webber
Opening Song	“Big House”	Congregational Singing
Call to Worship		Eleanor Baker
Response #177 (*UMH)	“He Is Lord”	Congregational Singing
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Kyle Webber & Jeff Nelson
Time of Prayer		Kyle Webber
Offering Our Tithes and Gifts		Kyle Webber
Musical Offering	“Minuet” Johann Sperontes	Sam Nelson, Baritone Sax Rosa Moody, Clarinet
Doxology #95 (*UMH)	“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”	Congregational Singing
Prayer of Dedication		Jeff Nelson
Rite of Confirmation		Bridget Nelson & Jeff Nelson
Scripture (*NRSV)	John 21:1-14	Cade Shaner
Homily		Jeff Nelson
Sacrament of Holy Communion		Bridget Nelson & Jeff Nelson
Song	“Here I Am, Lord”	Congregational Singing
Benediction		Jeff Nelson
Departing Music	“Big House”	Youth Band

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 CONFIRMANDS

- Eleanor Baker
- Kaiya Cook
- Rosabelle Moody
- Samuel Nelson
- Cade Shaner
- Nolan Tull
- Isabella Yago
- Alexis Zimny



MAY BABY SHOWER & DIAPER DRIVE

In honor of Mother's Day, Royal Oak First is hosting a "Baby Shower" collection to benefit the many, many single mothers and families supported through Redford Brightmoor Initiative (RBI) and the Methodist Children's Home & Society (MCHS). **We are collecting diapers, wipes, and gently used infant and older youth clothing and gear.** We've set a goal of collecting 2022 diapers in May. Please bring your donations to church on Sunday mornings or during regular office hours.



DETROIT HANDBELL ENSEMBLE CONCERT

Please join us for a **FREE** concert "**The Road Less Taken**" on **Saturday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. Under the Artistic Direction of Brenda E. Austin and Associate Conductor, Kyle Webber, the concert will feature many original compositions composed for handbells including some written by our very own Kyle Webber! There will be some familiar tunes including Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World" and "I've Got Peace Like a River."

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MICAH 6 BLOCK BLITZ

Royal Oak First will be launching a new partnership with the Micah 6 Community organization in Pontiac. Their director and founder, Coleman Yoakum, will speak at our services on Sunday, May 8, to share about many of the current exciting projects to support our neighbors in Pontiac, which include a large community garden, neighborhood clean-up efforts, and establishing a new community center. **On Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21, Royal Oak First will be sending teams of volunteers to be hands-on support to these residents and give a quick burst of light to this community during their Block Blitz event.** To double your impact, we will also be matching all volunteer shifts with a financial donation to Micah 6. Please scan this QR code or visit www.rofum.org for more information and to sign up!



CAMP FUNDRAISING CONCERT

On **Saturday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m.**, we have an opportunity to hear some great music and support our kids going to Choir Camp! Our concert will feature our Youth Band and the Joel Palmer Band. Admission is free and an offering will be taken to help kids go to Choir Camp in July. All are welcome!

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“PERSON TO PERSON CONNECTING MINISTRY”

The idea behind our “Person to Person Connecting Ministry” is to **connect the skills, talents, and interests of our members with the needs of others throughout our church and community.**

We hope you will take a few minutes to fill out our survey so we can help build stronger connections together. Visit www.rofum.org or use this QR code:



ROYAL OAK FIRST 2022 DIRECTORY

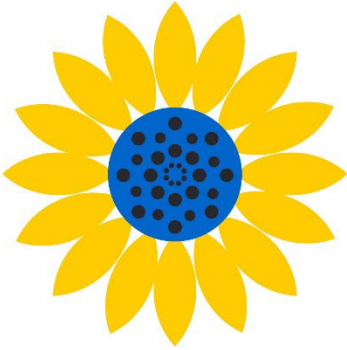
The new church directory is now available! Stop by the reception desk or call or email the church office (248.541.4100/office@rofum.org) to receive your copy of the directory.

CHOIR CAMP STAFF APPLICATIONS

After two years of not having an overnight camp experience for our kids, I am happy to say we are going back to Camp Ohiyesa in Holly...WooHoo! It is time to start thinking about campfires, Olympics, swimming, and all the fun we have! Camp will be the week of July 17-23 and we need volunteers! Camp staff applications will be available in the church office and on the Information Table in the Narthex. The deadline for submission is Sunday, May 22. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at 248-703-8805 or email her at jtripoli@rofum.org.



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On Easter Sunday, we launched our Plant Hope Initiative aimed at raising \$20,000 of support for the over 5 million displaced Ukrainian refugees.

Since Easter Sunday, we have raised over \$14,500!

Donations of \$25 dollars or more come with two packets of sunflower seeds (one for you and one to share with a neighbor) and a Plant Hope yard sign. This is one way we can shed light and love into the lives of those touched by this terrible war.

If you haven't already donated to the cause, please consider doing so by scanning the QR code below or go to:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/YNPG/campaign/C-12JWJ>



PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Dona Wells • Karen Porter • Barb Nicholas • Adrienne Loftin •
Martha Pascoe • Jamie Luczak • Joyce Negrich • Lisa Rye • Bob Foote •
Tom Soboleski • Bruce Conrad • Audrey Leenhouts • Mike Long •
Charlene Faunt • Marilyn Hocking • Betty Latimer • John Wagster •
Marian Kremer • Diana Shornak •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Tim Christopher • Hannah Williams • Dan Inch • Judy Burkhart •
Steve Wurdock • Dorothy Follette • Carey Smith • Mike Murray •
Joe Dorsey • Marjorie Showers • Joan Firestone • Grandma Johnson •
Harold Baker • Pam Payne • Margaret O'Donnell • Frank Cataldo •
Tom Dunstan • Beth Roselle • T.B. • Chrystl Roman • Jethro Horton •
Deni Bartley • Evert & Kay Burchell • Darryl Warren • Sue Sugden •
Teresa Baker •

Congratulations to:

Allison Harris and Alvin Ko on the birth of their daughter, Nadine Wren
Harris-Ko on April 27, 2022

Sympathies to:

Phil Button on the death of his wife, Jane Button on April 22, 2022

Prayers for All That Have Been Impacted by COVID-19

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List,
please contact Danielle Moody at prayers@rofum.org.

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings church!

This Sunday at 11:00 a.m. we have the privilege of celebrating the Confirmation of eight 8th graders - isn't that wonderful? These 8 students have spent this school year learning what it means to be a person of faith and a United Methodist. We have learned about the life of Jesus and what it means to be a follower of Christ. Our students have spent time learning about God, each other and themselves and come now to be confirmed in their faith.

We look forward to seeing the faith journey of Eleanor, Kaiya, Rosa, Sam, Cade, Nolan, Bella and Alexis. We are grateful for their sponsors, all members of this church, Mike, Amanda, Jon, Al, AJ, Kip and Bonnie who have supported them this year through letters and cards and time at our retreat. I am grateful to Jeff, Bill, Josh and Danielle who helped make the Saturday night classes happen, and to the families of our students for getting them where they needed to be, helping with their Kingdom Projects and keeping up with all my emails.

It is such a gift to have students growing in their faith among us. We will be offering Confirmation again next school year to anyone in 8th grade or older who has not been confirmed yet. Let me know if you have a student that will want to be part of that class.

On another note, we are so excited about the initial success of our Plant Hope fundraising. We are working toward a goal of \$20,000, and your contributions are still welcome! All the money raised is going to help our fellow Lithuanian churches to support Ukrainian refugees. Get a yard sign and some sunflower seeds and spread the word to friends and neighbors that might want to help.

I am so grateful for a congregation that celebrates milestones for young people while also offering care and comfort on the other side of the world. Thank you for all you do!



Pastor Bridget Nelson