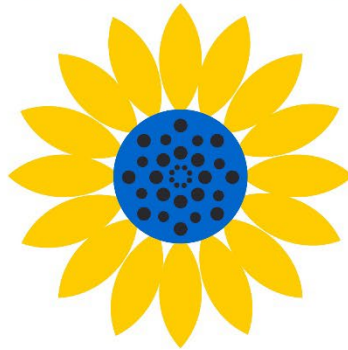


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Sunday, May 22, 2022 9:00AM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music		Tim Schoenherr
Song	“Raise a Hallelujah”	Congregational Singing
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Kyle Webber & Jeff Nelson
Care Connector Commissioning		Bridget Nelson
Time of Prayer		Erica Plesco
Response	“Build My Life”	Congregational Singing
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		Erica Plesco
Musical Offering	“Hold On To Me” Lauren Daigle	Maria Moro
Doxology	“Give Thanks”	Congregational Singing
Prayer of Dedication		Jeff Nelson
Scripture (*NIV)	Acts 1:1-8	Erica Plesco
Song	“Let The Mystery Be” Iris DeMent	Susanna Webber Jackie Doerr Chris Doerr
Message	Embrace the Mystery	Jeff Nelson
Song	“As It Is in Heaven”	Congregational Singing
Benediction		Jeff Nelson
Sending Music		House Band

**New International Version*

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CHOIR CAMP STAFF APPLICATIONS

We are going back to Camp Ohiyesa in Holly! 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 TODAY!** If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at 248.703.8805 or email her at jtripoli@rofum.org.



PLANT HOPE TELETHON

Join us on **Facebook Live** on **Tuesday, May 24, Wednesday, May 25 and Thursday, May 26 from 12:00–12:30 p.m. for the Plant Hope Telethon** where we will be raising money for Ukrainian refugees with live musical performances for you to enjoy and the opportunity to participate in our Plant Hope Initiative. Our performers will be Erica Plesco, Jason Sherman, Kyle Webber and Liz Wright. Please plan to join us!



MISSIONS TEAM MEETING

Would you like to get more involved in mission work at Royal Oak First? Come join our **Missions Team meeting on Tuesday, May 24 at 6pm** in Room 305. All are welcome!

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Pentecost Sunday



PENTECOST SUNDAY - JUNE 5TH

You are invited to wear **RED** for Pentecost on June 5. We will be having a special Noisy Bucket that day with all proceeds going to Ukrainian refugees. What is Pentecost? It is the second most important part of the Christian year after Easter. It is commemorated by both the Ascension of Jesus and the Descending of the Holy Spirit. What do the symbols of Pentecost mean?

- Wind: Represents God's first breath of love
- Fire: Represents the Holy Spirit
- Red: The liturgical color of Pentecost
- Water: Represents new life
- Dove: The symbol of peace

Pentecost gives us a chance to ask ourselves, "What are we on fire about?" Here at Royal Oak First, we are on fire about Making Christ's Love Real! Don't forget to wear RED and bring your spare change on June 5!

FOOD TRUCK RALLY

FEED YOURSELF TO HELP FEED OTHERS

On Friday, June 17 from 5-8 p.m., we will have food trucks on 7th street, along with music and games! Trucks will be: Motor City Sweet Treats (hand dipped ice cream, milkshakes, smoothies & cotton candy); Shimmy Shack (vegan burgers, fries, pitas, chili & nachos); Heaven on a Roll (cheesesteak, BBQ, mac & cheese, burgers & poutine). At church, pick up a \$10 voucher to invite a friend to attend the rally and redeem their voucher (non-redeemable for cash) at any ONE food truck. A portion of the sales of each truck will go back to support Outreach on 7th (OO7) – also known as our Lunch Program. Royal Oak First has been feeding the hungry on a daily basis for over 30 years and is looking to expand its resources.



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MAY BABY SHOWER & DIAPER DRIVE

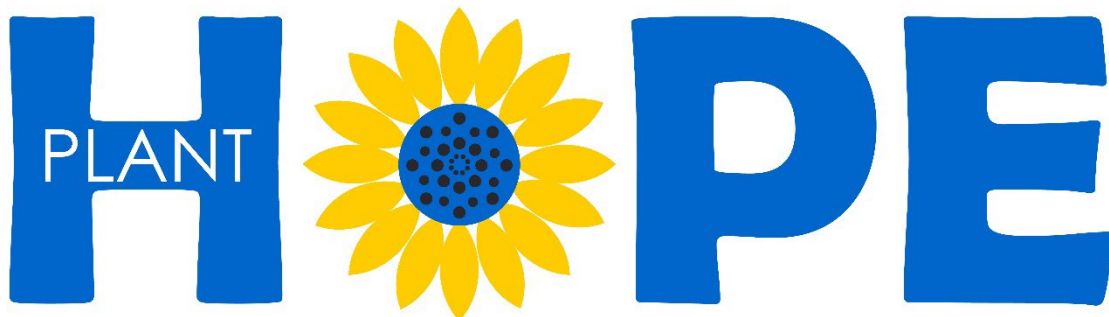
In honor of Mother's Day, Royal Oak First is hosting a "Baby Shower" collection to benefit the many, many single mothers and families supported through Redford Brightmoor Initiative (RBI) and the Methodist Children's Home & Society (MCHS). **We are collecting diapers, wipes, and gently used infant and 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.



GRADUATION SUNDAY IS HERE!

Today, we celebrate our High School and College graduates. We wish these amazing young people success, happiness and love. Congratulations to:

Russell Calhoun • Matthew Gilbert • Conor Johanson
Chloe Laskowski • Liam Longe • Sam Morris •
Nico Nader • Eric Passwater • Ivy Plaxton •
Zander Szymkowski • Mark Van Every • Olivia Willis •
Luke Wismer • Camden Youngquist



WE NEED YOUR HELP to reach our Plant Hope Initiative goal of raising **\$20,000** for the over five million displaced Ukrainian refugees.

We have raised over \$18,000 so far and are so close to our goal!

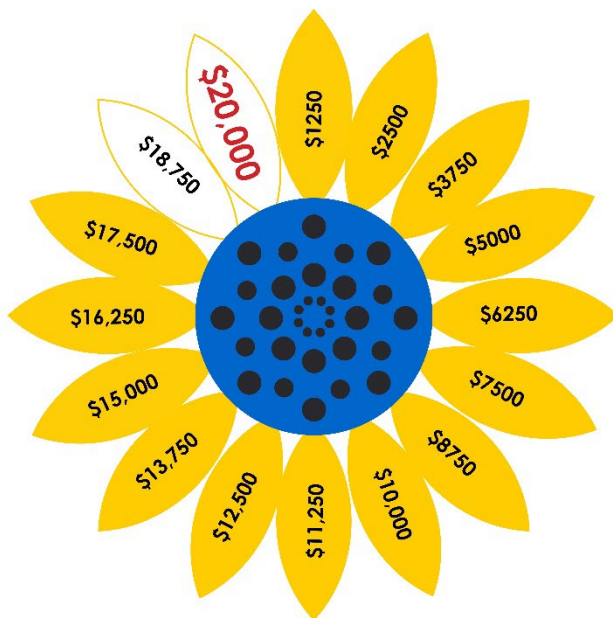
Donations of \$25 dollars or more come with two packets of sunflower seeds (one for you and one to share with a neighbor) and a Plant Hope yard sign.

Visit the Information Table in the Narthex after service OR visit this link:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/YNPG/campaign/C-12JWJ> OR scan the QR code below.



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PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

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

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Kelly • Joanne Monte • Hannah Williams • Steve Wurdock •
Dorothy Follette • Mike Murray • Joan Firestone • Grandma Johnson •
Harold Baker • Pam Payne • Margaret O'Donnell • Tom Dunstan •
Beth Roselle • T.B. • Chrystl Roman • Jethro Horton • Evert & Kay Burchell •
Darryl Warren • Sue Sugden • Teresa Baker •

Sympathies to:

Bonnie Barber on the death of her cousin, Frank Cataldo on May 13, 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

Dear Friends,

I want to invite you to celebrate two important moments that will happen in worship this weekend. At our 9 a.m. service, we will be commissioning our second team of Care Ministry Connectors. You might recall in January that Pastor Bridget announced our five year effort to ensure that every member and active participant at Royal Oak First is connecting regularly with a caring member of the congregation for prayer and support. So at our 9 a.m. service, Barb Cluff, Paul Kremer, Marian Kremer, Janice Marsh, John Marsh, and Amy Nielander will join Heather and Stephen England, Lynn Huber, Polly Peltier, Kathy Siedler, Nancy Thompson, and Carlene Umstead in providing that kind of connection to over sixty of our church's households. We are thankful for these efforts to really make sure we care for those in our community.

At the 11 a.m. service, we will celebrate the graduations of Russell Calhoun, Matthew Gilbert, Conor Johanson, Chloe Laskowski, Liam Longe, Sam Morris, Nico Nader, Eric Passwater, Ivy Plaxton, Zander Szymkowski, Mark Van Every, Olivia Willis, Luke Wismer, and Camden Youngquist. These students and their families have been a part of our community and so we celebrate with them on this significant milestone. This Sunday, we will pledge our continued prayers for these young adults as they take this important step on their journey and promise to welcome them home if ever they need a place to remind that they are loved and cherished. Congratulations Class of 2022 - we are proud of you.

Before closing, I want to say that I am deeply troubled by the shootings across the country this past weekend and especially saddened by the specific targeting of African Americans at the grocery store in Buffalo. As I have stated before, the witness of scripture, and the person of Jesus, make it clear that there is simply no room for racism within our movement on any level. These moments must continue to wake us up and call us to commit to the work of ending bigotry, racism and hatred in all of its forms. We at Royal Oak First are deeply committed to the ministry of reconciliation that our faith demands.

And finally, as COVID cases have increased here in Oakland County, this week, we have had several members of our congregation test positive for the virus including four members of our choir. We know that close proximity and the exhalation of breath particles can increase transmission of this virus, so we will be pausing the Sanctus Choir until the fall. And while the church is not requiring masks to be worn while in the building, we suggest wearing them. Thank you for being safe and being committed to keeping the community safe. Let us be in prayer for the healing of all our members.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Bridget". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the name, there is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.