



Sunday, June 12, 2022 9:00AM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering Music		Tim Schoenherr
Song	“You Have Shown Us”	Congregational Singing
Song	“Come as You Are”	Congregational Singing
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Kyle Webber & Jeff Nelson
Introduction of Inclusion Statement		Mike Monte
Mission Moment	Outreach on 7th	Michael Yarmy
Time of Prayer		Jeff Nelson
Response	“Build My Life”	Congregational Singing
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		Erica Plesco
Musical Offering	“Over the Rainbow” Harburg/Arlen	Mark Sleeman
Doxology	“Give Thanks”	Congregational Singing
Prayer of Dedication		Jeff Nelson
Scripture (*CEB)	John 10:7b-16	Connie Royal
Song	“Hallelujah” Leonard Cohen (lyrics rewritten by Laci Basel)	Laci Marie Basel
Message	“Proud to Say, Jesus is My Shepherd”	Brian Wright
Song	“I Give to You a Future”	Congregational Singing
Benediction		Jeff Nelson
Sending Music		House Band

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FOOD TRUCK RALLY--- ***FEED YOURSELF TO HELP FEED OTHERS***

On **Friday, June 17 from 5-8 p.m.**, we will have three 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).

After service on Sunday, visit the Information Table in the Narthex and **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.** There is no cost for the voucher, it just needs to be given to a friend that you think might like to attend the Food Truck Rally.

A portion of the sales of each truck will go back to support Outreach on 7th (OO7) – also known as our Lunch Program.

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MICAH 6 - GARDENING DATES

Members from Royal Oak First recently joined together to lend a helping hand to our Neighbors in Pontiac through the Micah 6 Block Blitz.

Throughout the summer, we are planning additional opportunities to support this neighborhood. Micah 6 launched 9 years ago by establishing a garden and donating the harvest back to the community. Each year since, their gardens have grown as have their opportunities to support the residents of Pontiac.

Micah 6 welcomes volunteers regularly to help tend their gardens. **We have selected a handful of dates as Royal Oak First service days so that we might be able to garden with our friends and help our Pontiac neighbors at the same time.**

To sign up, please visit www.rofum.org or scan the QR code in the above image or stop by the Information Table after service.



ROYAL OAK FIRST

A United Methodist Church

Royal Oak First is always grateful when people give of their time, talent or treasure.

Did you know that there are several different ways to give financially?

In Person: You can place a check or cash in an offering envelope and drop it in the offering plate when it goes by or in one of the offering collection boxes just outside the Sanctuary.

Text: Set up one-time or recurring donations by texting the amount you wish to give to 855.566.0093.

Giving App: Download the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app to set up one-time or recurring donations.

Online: Visit rofum.org/giving to set up and manage your one-time and recurring gifts.

You can always check out our website, www.rofum.org for **Volunteer Opportunities** or subscribe to our weekly email, by clicking on this link: <http://eepurl.com/c9m7L9>.

For more information, contact Jennifer Tripoli at 248.541.4100 ext. 1225 or email jtripoli@rofum.org.

Thank you!

Check out the photos from Royal Oak First's booths at Ferndale Pride and the Family Pride Event at the Royal Oak Farmers Market. Don't forget we will be at the **Berkley Pride Block Party on Sunday, June 26 from 12-4 p.m.** (<https://www.facebook.com/events/561623521911533>).



PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

John Wagster • Martha Pascoe • Joyce Negrich • Janet Ramseyer •
Sandy Davis • Ginny Panone • Janice Marsh • Judy Chambers •
Mary Lou Graeber • Phil Button • Art Miller • Lisa Rye • Bob Foote •
Tom Soboleski • Bruce Conrad • Audrey Leenhouts • Mike Long •
Charlene Faunt • Marilyn Hocking • Marian Kremer • Diana Shornak •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Cyndi Luczak • Shelley • Jerry Peterson • Joe Monte • Lisa Green •
James Koon • Kelly • Hannah Williams • Steve Wurdock • Dorothy Follette •
Mike Murray • Joan Firestone • Grandma Johnson • Harold Baker •
Tom Dunstan • Chrystl Roman • Jethro Horton • Evert & Kay Burchell •
Darryl Warren • Sue Sugden •

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,

In my early twenties, I first met Will and Bill. They were gay men and they were Christian. That was new to me. In fact, prior to meeting them I was taught that being gay and being Christian was not possible. I had been led to believe that they were mutually exclusive.

But experience changes things. Will and Bill were very active in the church Bridget and I began to attend when we moved to Detroit. As I got to know these two men, worship with them, study the scriptures with them, serve alongside them and as a result become friends with them, I realized that they loved God, loved their partners, and had a deep desire to make the world a better place for all people.

I also learned the pain and the exclusion they both had experienced growing up as same gender loving men and how their churches were often the center of that very hurt. They had wrestled long and hard to find their sacred worth after so many years and messages telling them the opposite. It also became clear that finding a welcoming congregation where they could serve as gay men brought healing and transformation to their lives. It was meeting my first two gay Christians (I am sure I had met others, I just wasn't aware) that caused me to ask new questions, read new books, pray in new ways and ultimately be open to a new revelation from God. Over time my theology has evolved from being more exclusive to more inclusive.

I am so thankful that Royal Oak First has been a community that has also been willing to wrestle and evolve into a more inclusive community. Our LGBTQ+ members, their families and allies are active and vital parts of our faith community. Just like meeting Bill and Will all those years ago, our members have shared their faith, stories and life journeys with us and in that sharing has helped us grow in grace and understanding.

It is Pride season. Communities across the country and world will create intentional, public and safe spaces for people across the spectrums of sexual orientation and gender identity to connect, educate, advocate and celebrate. In that spirit, this Sunday, we too, will celebrate Pride.

Our preacher this weekend will be our own Brian Wright. Brian and his husband Mike have been active at Royal Oak First for a long time with Mike now serving as the Director of our Outreach on 7th program. Brian has been in church leadership throughout his life and been a guest preacher for us on many occasions.

Please plan to join us this weekend both in person and online.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff". Below the signature is a simple smiley face drawn with a circle and two dots for eyes.