

BLESSED DEPENDENCE

“Seek Gratitude”



Sunday, July 10, 2022 9:00AM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

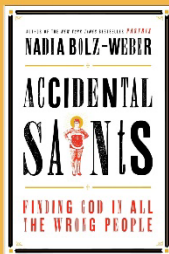
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	“Give Thanks”	Tim Schoenherr
Song	“House of the Lord”	Congregational Singing
Song	“It Is Well”	Congregational Singing
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Kyle Webber & Jeff Nelson
Hymn #191 (**UMH)	“Jesus Loves Me” (Stanza 1)	Congregational Singing
Children’s Moment		Jennifer Semivan
Mission Moment		Carrie Beerer
Time of Prayer		Jeff Nelson
Response	“Here’s My Heart, Lord”	Congregational Singing
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		Erica Plesco
Musical Offering	“Concerto No. 21 in C Major-Andante” W.A. Mozart	Polly Tan & Tim Schoenherr
Doxology	“Give Thanks”	Congregational Singing
Prayer of Dedication		Jeff Nelson
Scripture (*NIV)	Matthew 5:3,6:19-24	Kathy Seidler
Message	“Seek Gratitude”	Jeff Nelson
Song	“The Shelter”	Congregational Singing
Benediction		Jeff Nelson
Sending Music		House Band

**New International Version*
***United Methodist Hymnal*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BBQ & Book Discussion



Wednesday, July 27
5:30-8:30pm



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BBQ & BOOK DISCUSSION

On Wednesday, July 27, 5:30-8:30 p.m. join us for a casual evening of BBQ and book discussion at the Troy home of Joyce and Tami Hollingsworth. They will host a backyard BBQ in their beautiful backyard with lovely gardens that will lead into an engaging discussion afterwards of the *New York Times* bestselling book *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People*. In *Accidental Saints*, author Nadia Bolz-Weber invites readers into a surprising encounter with the least likely of people - a church-loving agnostic, a drag queen, a felonious Bishop and a gun-toting member of the NRA. *Accidental Saints* demonstrates what happens when ordinary people share bread and wine, struggle with scripture together, and tell each other the truth about their real lives. **Scan the QR code or visit www.rofum.org to sign up.**



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SUMMER FAMILY SANDWICH MAKING (FROM HOME)

In recognition of National Sandwich Month (August), Royal Oak First has signed up to deliver sandwiches to The NOAH Project, housed at Central United Methodist Church in Detroit. We are looking for 10 families to each assemble 30 sandwiches and bring them to church on Sunday, August 28. **Visit www.rofum.org, scan the QR code or visit the information table after service for more information and to sign up.**



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RBI PRODUCE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Thank you for your continued support in providing fresh produce monthly to the families served through Redford Brightmoor Initiative's Free Store! We are looking for three more volunteers to shop for produce on August 12. **Visit www.rofum.org to sign up or scan the QR code.**



MICAH 6 – GARDENING OPPORTUNITY

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 or stop by the Information Table after service.**



HELP OUR COMMUNITY'S MOST VULNERABLE CITIZENS

Our Lunch Program guests often need help with transportation to shelters, medical appointments and numerous other resources. You can help by sponsoring the purchase of bus passes. You can help by sponsoring the purchase of bus passes. You can make a one-time purchase or set up a monthly bus pass donation. For your information: 5 passes = \$10; 10 bus passes = \$20; 25 passes = \$50. Help us continue to provide this very necessary service. **Scan the QR code to donate.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christian Meditation Practices

Sundays
at 5:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION PRACTICES

As our lives become more and more filled with distractions, activities, and responsibilities - and quite frankly some clutter - it becomes more important than ever that we make the time to defragment our minds and allow God space to work within and through us. There are so many things that take away from our Christian lives. Christian Centering Meditation can help to give us the opportunities that we need to discover, or re-discover, our center in Christ. This is a simple time-tested technique that has proven valuable to untold numbers of modern day saints. **No need to sign up. Join us on Sundays (began Sunday, July 10) from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the purple conference room on the 1st floor.**

Food Pantry Donations Needed



ROYAL OAK FIRST FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF DONATIONS!

Our Food Pantry is in need of a restock. The following items are suggestions but all non-perishable items will be accepted: Peanut Butter • Jelly • Boxed Mac and Cheese • Canned Soup • Dry Pasta • Canned Vegetables • Canned Tuna • Canned Pasta Sauce • Cereal • Rice. **Please bring donated items to the church office during normal business hours (Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) or during Sunday worship.** Thank you!



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 going to 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!

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Al Simmons • Patricia Callahan • Charles Courtney • Sandy Davis •
Joyce Negrich • Janet Ramseyer • Judy Chambers • Mary Lou Graeber •
Art Miller • Lisa Rye • Bob Foote • Tom Soboleski • Audrey Leenhouts •
Mike Long • Charlene Faunt • Marilyn Hocking • Marian Kremer •
Diana Shornak •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Jan Sherman • Rick Brodoski • Dorothy Follette • Barb Irish •
Deana Sawicki • Atlas • Wally Bojan • Shelley • Cyndi Luczak •
Jerry Peterson • Joe Monte • Mike Murray • Lisa Green • James Koon •
Kelly • Steve Wurdock • Grandma Johnson • Harold Baker • 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,

I write this letter to you from the coast of Maine. This past week, the four of us spent time looking for whales, enjoying lobster rolls, walking the trails of Acadia National Park, playing lots of Euchre (Sam didn't lose the whole week!), introducing our children to the finer points of 80's music, and reconnecting with God in moments of quiet reflection. It was a much appreciated change of scenery and we are returning rested and renewed.

There was one moment that was particularly powerful to me. We were hiking the Jordan Pond Trail, a three and half mile loop within Acadia. It was a busy day within the park with lots of people and families out enjoying the holiday week. This meant we were sharing the hiking trail with lots of different people. I was struck by the diversity of people. There were people of different races and cultures. T-shirts and hats revealed people from across the country (Don't worry I was repping Detroit with my Tigers cap!) We heard many different languages being spoken. There were people of all different ages, some with small children, others walking their dogs. And in a moment of complete serendipity, we bumped into a couple whose wedding I DJ'ed over 25 years ago! (Seriously - this totally happened!).

What amazed me about this hike was just how naturally we all shared this space with each other. Because of the number of people on the trail, you often had to yield to let others pass. The most frequent words I heard on the trail that day were, "Thank you," "You're welcome," and, "Have a great day." Kindness, patience and consideration were the unspoken rules that governed our shared experience. Throughout the hike, I kept thinking to myself, "We know how to do this! We know how to make room for each other. We know how to share this planet."

Is this a bit simple and a little naive? I suppose, but I left the trail with a hopeful vision for our world. Starting this Sunday, we will lean into Jesus' vision for our shared humanity. Please plan to join us online or in person.

Grace and Peace,



Pastor J