

BLESSED DEPENDENCE

“Don’t Be Foolish”



Sunday, July 31, 2022 11:00AM
ROYAL OAK FIRST: A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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| Prelude | “Sing the Glad Song” arr. Franklin Ritter | Kyle Webber |
| Opening Hymn #185* | “When Morning Gilds the Skies” | |
| Call to Worship | | Nancy Thompson |
| Response #393* | “Spirit of the Living God” | |
| Welcome & Invitation to Mission | | Jeff Nelson |
| Children’s Moment | | Jaclyn Doerr |
| Time of Prayer | | |
| Offering Our Tithes and Gifts | | Erica Plesco |
| Musical Offering | “Make You Feel My Love” Bob Dylan | Kaylee Derkowski |
| Doxology #95* | “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” | |
| Prayer of Dedication | | |
| Scripture** | Luke 12:13-21 | |
| Message | “Don’t Be Foolish” | |
| Closing Hymn #158* | “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” | |
| Benediction | | |
| Postlude | “Toccata in Seven” John Rutter | |

**United Methodist Hymnal*
***Common English Bible*

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PRIDE & ALLY GROUP LUNCH IS TODAY!

Please join us at the **Royal Oak Brewery** (215 E. 4th St, Royal Oak, MI 48067) for the first social event of the Pride & Ally Group of Royal Oak First. **We will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 31 for food, drinks and fellowship.** Each person is responsible for their own food and drink. We will offer more details about the Royal Oak Pride event on August 12 and August 13. We may also discuss plans for our next social outing and a potential service project. We hope you can all join us!



**Yoga Classes
are Back!**

YOGA IS BACK-BEGINNING AUGUST 1ST!

Yoga classes will begin in August taught by Kimberlyn Palchak. Classes are for teens and above and all fitness levels. Classes will be offered through Zoom and/or face-to-face. **Group sessions will be available on Mondays at 5:15 p.m. and Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. in the 2nd floor Chapel (or on Zoom) starting on August 1st and 2nd respectively.** Each group session will be 30 minutes and will be priced as follows: \$30 for one class and \$100 for 4 classes. **To sign up, please visit www.rofum.org or scan the QR code in the image to the left or visit the Information Table in the Narthex for the signup sheet.**

CHURCH PICNIC IS AUGUST 10

Our Church Picnic is back! On Wednesday, August 10 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Normandy Oaks, 4234 Delemere Blvd., Royal Oak. **Bring a side dish to pass, a chair, and your beverage of choice. There is a kids' splash pad, so bring a swimsuit and a towel. We will provide the hot dogs, the fellowship, and the fun.** If you have any questions, contact the church office at 248.541.4100 or office@rofum.org.



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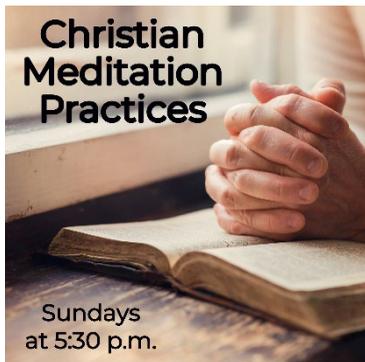
SUMMER FAMILY SANDWICH MAKING (FROM HOME)

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 in the image to the left or visit the information table after service for more information and to sign up.**



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 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 in the image to the left to donate.**



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION PRACTICES

As our lives become more and more filled with distractions, activities, and responsibilities it is more important than ever that we make the time to defragment our minds and allow God space to work within and through us. 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.

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SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

Late summer brings the return of the Royal Oak First School Supply Collection! We are continuing our partnership with Ferndale Lower Elementary and will be collecting the following requested items: **Clorox wipes, Expo markers, wide-ruled notebooks, Crayola 24ct crayons, Ticonderoga pencils, and glue sticks.** We ask that you also keep the educators from our own church in your prayers. You can find that list by scanning this QR code in the image to the left. Many of those teachers have also shared their classroom wish lists for those who would like to shop by Amazon to support them.



BLESSING BAGS

Stop by our Welcome Desk to pick up a Blessing Bag, (which is full of everyday basics; like socks, hygiene products, water and a snack) to give out to those in need or less fortunate as you travel throughout your day.



WE ARE HIRING!

The **Coordinator of Children's Music** creates opportunities for our youngest disciples to learn the joy of music and community. From infants to 5th grade, our children will be nurtured in their faith and relationship development through participation in music with their friends and family. **For a full job description, contact Pastor Bridget Nelson at bnelson@rofum.org or 248.541.4100.**



ROYAL OAK FIRST

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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:

The Fall Family • Liesl Ramseyer • Janet Ramseyer • Virginia Sleeman • Barb Nicholas • Marilyn McCreedy • Al Simmons • Charles Courtney • Joyce Negrich • Judy Chambers • Mary Lou Graeber • Art Miller • Lisa Rye • Bob Foote • Tom Soboleski • Audrey Leenhouts • Mike Long • Charlene Faunt • Marian Kremer • Diana Shornak •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Teresa Inch • Jan Sherman • Rick Brodoski • Dorothy Follette • Deana Sawicki • Atlas • Wally Bojan • Shelley • Cyndi Luczak • 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

Sympathies to:

Family and friends of Marilyn Hocking on her death on July 27, 2022

Family and friends of Mike Murray on his death

Mike Monte and Brian Wright on the death of Mike's brother, Joe Monte on July 22, 2022

Congratulations to:

Courtney and Stephanie Fall on the birth of their daughter, Maxine Ophelia Fall on July 24, 2022

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,

It happens here! That has been the little mantra running through my mind all week.

It happens here! What is “it” that happens?

It is Christ’s love made real. And where it happens is right here at Royal Oak First.

Christ’s love is made real here at Royal Oak First and I get the privilege of seeing it every day.

It might be hard to remember, as COVID has disrupted so many of our patterns for gathering for worship and fellowship, so let me just tell you a few of the ways I have seen Christ’s love made real just this past week.

I witnessed Michael Monte, our Outreach on 7th Director, and Karla Goetz, our Missions Coordinator, work together to give a new mother, who was recently without a home, the resources she needed to get set up in a new apartment. From food, to linens, to formula and diapers, they simply made Christ’s love real.

I met a young man named David the other night. He rang the bell after hours and I was able to let him in. He was looking for a recovery meeting. It was his first meeting ever. It was clear he was nervous and a bit jittery. I told him he was in the right place and walked him to our parlor where a community of care was simply waiting to receive him. Christ’s love was made real by the simple act of gracious hospitality.

This week we celebrated the lives of both Cathy Thatcher’s and Jen Irish-Minewiser’s mothers. While neither of these women were “members” of our community, you just did “it” for them - you just made Christ’s love real. Our staff and musicians made sure that the space and the service was done with great care and kindness. Cathy Baker, Janice Marsh and their team of wonderful servants provided a wonderful lunch.

These are a few of the ways Christ’s love has been made real in this past week.

It was a good feeling to be reminded that even though we can’t all get here, through our prayers and generosity, “it” - Christ’s love - is still being made real right here!

Thank you to each of you for being a part of this community. Together God is making a real difference through us.

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff