



Sunday, April 16, 2023
9:00 AM Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	“House of the Lord”	House Band
Song	“This is Our God”	
Song	“Shout Hosanna”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Erica Plesco & Kyle Webber
Time of Prayer		Jennifer Tripoli
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	“Gratitude” By Brandon Lake	Erica Plesco & Jason Sherman
Doxology	“Give Thanks”	
Scripture*	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	
Message	“Passing It Along”	Josh Wright
Song	“Raise a Hallelujah”	
Benediction		
Sending Music	“Raise a Hallelujah”	

**Common English Bible*

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JOIN US TODAY FOR SECOND HALF SAGES

Join us on **Sunday, April 16 at 12:30 p.m.** in the Parlor to gauge interest in forming a group of men and women aged 50+ from the church getting together for fun social gatherings. A light lunch will be served.



EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP WITH MICAH 6

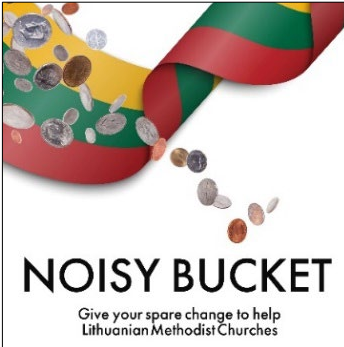
To celebrate Earth Day on **Saturday, April 22**, we will head outside with our friends at Micah 6 to clean up a park and sidewalks in Pontiac. This family-friendly event runs from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. We are also hoping for 4-5 volunteers who have battery powered hedge trimmers and want to clean up the hedges around Indian Village Park on Huron Street. Please direct any questions to Carrie Morse at carriemorseinmi@gmail.com. Scan QR code to sign up.



PASTOR CHAT-SUNDAY, APRIL 23

If you're new to Royal Oak First and you'd like to know more about our church or if you'd like to learn the next steps about how to become part of everything going on here, then come to the Pastor Chat. The next **Pastor Chat will be on Sunday, April 23 at 10:15 a.m. in the Parlor** and last no more than 30 minutes. We look forward to seeing you!

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SAVE YOUR LOOSE/SPARE CHANGE FOR NOISY BUCKET

Bring in your spare change in on **Sunday, April 23** at either the **9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service** and we will collect it for our efforts to support the United Methodist churches in Lithuania. Don't miss out on making the bucket noisy!

HANDS WITH DETROIT

Hands with Detroit is returning to the Cass Community Social Service Neighborhood on Saturday, April 29. This event, sponsored by the Greater Detroit District United Methodist Church, provides the opportunity to join hands with our United Methodist neighbors and make a difference in our community. As a church, we will be **assembling meal packs on Sunday, April 23 at 10:00 a.m.** to be donated to Cass Community Social Services. **Additionally, all (ages 10+) are welcome to sign up to volunteer on-site on Saturday, April 29, from either 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or 1:00-4:00 p.m.** Opportunities include kitchen prep, yard clean-up, document shredding, and light maintenance projects. Scan the QR code for more information and to sign up.



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BIG BOY NIGHT

Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, April 25, from 4:00-8:00 p.m.** for Big Boy Night. This is a fundraiser sponsored by Royal Oak First's Music Guild. The restaurant is giving us 15% of all sales which will support our summer choir camp. Every 30 minutes we will be raffling off lots of wonderful items donated by our members. Come on out and meet your church friends for a tasty dinner, maybe win a prize or two and support our youth ministry. The Big Boy is at 30460 John R, between 12 and 13 Mile, in Madison Heights.

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YOUNG ADULTS GATHERING

Young adults from Royal Oak First will be meeting up on **Friday, April 28 for dinner at 8:00 p.m.** If you would like more information, let Pastor Bridget know at 248.541.4100 or bnelson@rofum.org.



CONFIRMATION WORSHIP ON APRIL 30

We are excited to have ten of our youth being Confirmed this year. This group has spent time together in monthly gatherings learning about God, their faith, their church and themselves. **On April 30, the 11:00 a.m. service will be a service of Confirmation.** All are welcome! We just wanted to give notice that it will not feel entirely like a usual 11:00 a.m. service. Come join us and celebrate this milestone moment in the lives of these young people.

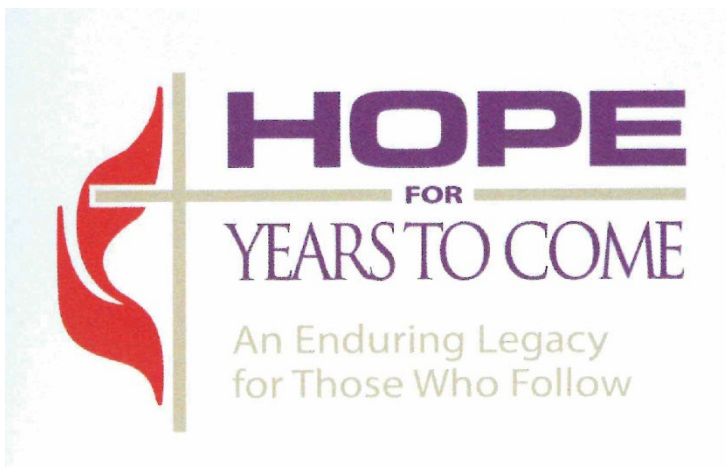
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 19-22, 2023, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Vacation Bible School "Food Truck Party" is a fun week-long program where children (for kids finishing 2nd grade and younger) will learn important lessons about God's ability to provide, and because God loves and cares for us, we, in turn, can love and care for the rest of the world. Kids will participate in hands-on activities to help these lessons come to life. Any questions, please contact our Sunday School Coordinator, Christine Ryckman, at cryckman@rofum.org. Scan the QR



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DID YOU KNOW THAT ROYAL OAK FIRST HAS AN ENDOWMENT FUND?

One of the unique resources that Royal Oak First has created through generous gifts of its church family is an Endowment Fund. This fund is outside the normal church operating budget and provides security against significant financial challenges. The fund may also be used for important projects with long term impact. For example, it made possible the Royal Oak First Rebirth building renovation we are enjoying today.

There is a small but dedicated team led by Sue Buxton committed to ensuring the fund's viability for years to come – and to reminding you of the fund's existence! If after prayerful consideration you would like to donate to the fund, consider it in your estate planning, or have any other questions, please contact Sue Buxton at sbbuxton@sbcglobal.net or visit www.rofum.org/endorment.

If you would like to donate today, please scan the QR code.



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PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Tom Roth • Neal Harris • Lee Ross • Lance Perry II • Phil Button •
Bill and Faye Bond • Kathi Burger • Gloria and Al Knappenberger •
Jordan Altman • Kathy Sestok • Heather Diamond • Michelle Prud'homme •
Mike Long • Marian Kremer • Sheryl Hunter • Ann Cline • Lisa Rye •
Tom Soboleski • Art Miller • Betty Goodrich • Woody Siddall • Lee Hoffmann •
Polly Tan • Karen Porter • Jim Shumaker • Mary Nahhat • Diane Sexton •
Donna Allen • Ann Anderson • Mary Lou Graeber • Audrey Leenhouts •
Charlene Faunt •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Penny Showers • Matthew Armour • Connie and Ken Warner •
Jonthan Larson • John Monte • Mary Lou Howard • Tom Thatcher •
Allison and Bill Hempstead • Larry Mead • Tom Hill • Judy Gorney •
Bob Blonde • Patty Glass • Jim Castellani • Suzanne Ortiz • Mary McKinnon •
Dolores Mason • Victor Burgess • Margaret O'Donnell • Rick Hocking •
Scott Morrell • Sharon Pillow • Rachel Timm • Linda Swanson •
Scott Peacor and Kyla Boyse • Mike Pilon • Larry Campbell • Phillip Makinen •
Joan Firestone • Jeff and Marcy Carmichael • Dan Hicks • Brent Miller • James •
Carl Jones • Dorothy Follette • Deana Sawicki • Atlas • Kelly • Steve Wurdock •
Harold Baker • Sue Sugden •

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

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Hello Church!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Holy Week Services so special.

From our disciples trying to understand Jesus at the Last Supper, to musicians and poets exploring the 7 Last Words, young people acolyting, Good Friday Tenebrae, palms to wave and hot coffee to drink, we welcomed hundreds of people through our doors to experience the end of Christ's earthly journey and his promised resurrection.

Thank you to our staff and teams of volunteers for making it all happen!

We are so fortunate to be part of a congregation that is willing to try new things while still honoring tradition.

We look forward to more special moments this spring - hearing our children and youth choirs, a service of Confirmation, celebrating graduates, baptizing some babies and welcoming some new members, all in the next couple months.

Thank you for being on the journey with Royal Oak First!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bridget Nelson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Bridget Nelson