



KEEP IT SIMPLE
LOVE ONE ANOTHER

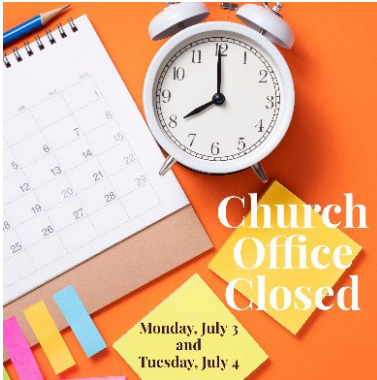


Sunday, July 2, 2023
10:00 AM Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” arr. Douglas Wagner	Kyle Webber
Call to Worship		Patrick Calhoun
Opening Hymn #89	“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Joanna Whaley & Kyle Webber
Children’s Moment		Michelle Haight
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	“Concerto in D Major, Op. 1” Carl Stamitz	Maximus Li, Viola
Doxology	“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”	
Scripture	Matthew 10:40-42	
Message	“Keep it Simple”	Joanna Whaley
Sacrament of Holy Communion		Joanna Whaley & Jennifer Tripoli
Song During Communion	“Take Me Back”	Erica Plesco
Closing Hymn #2184	“Sent Out in Jesus’ Name”	
Benediction		
Postlude	“Hyfrydol” arr. Jason D. Payne	Sandy Prokopp, Organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED JULY 3 & 4

The church office will be closed on **Monday, July 3** and **Tuesday, July 4**. We will reopen on Wednesday, July 5 at 10:00 a.m.



“KEEP IT SIMPLE” LAWN SIGNS

As part of our July sermon series “Keep it Simple”, **we will have lawn signs that say “Keep it Simple-Love One Another” for you to take home and display.** They will be available throughout the Gathering Space beginning Sunday, July 2.



KITCHEN CLEANOUT VOLUNTEERS

At 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 6, we need volunteers to help empty out the kitchen and back storage area to allow a professional cleaning company to deep clean the kitchen and the lower level. Depending upon the number of volunteers who help, we expect this to only take a few hours. If you can help, please contact Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at jtripoli@rofum.org or 248.703.8805 or sign up at the Connections Table.

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Second Half
SAGES
Souls Actively Growing Ever Stronger

BACKYARD POTLUCK
Thursday, July 13,
6:00PM

SECOND HALF SAGES POTLUCK

All 50+ Second Half SAGES (*Souls Actively Growing Ever Stronger*), including spouses or significant others, please join us Thursday, July 13 at 6:00 p.m. for a backyard potluck and outdoor games at the home/backyard of Joyce and Tami Hollingsworth in Troy. Joyce and Tami will provide plates, plastic utensils, cool drinks, badminton, bocci and cornhole! You supply the food! Should it rain we will move inside. **All people ages 50+ are welcome whether or not you made our first planning meeting at the church in April!** Scan the QR code to RSVP and tell us the kind of food you want to bring! Questions or need help signing up, contact Joyce at 312.330.7632 or jhollingsworth@rofum.org.



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CHURCH PICNIC IS AUGUST 3

Our Church Picnic is almost here! On **Thursday, August 3 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Normandy Oaks, 4234 Delemere Blvd., Royal Oak, 48073**. 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.



**Pride & Ally Group
NEEDS VOLUNTEERS
for Pride Event Booth**

PRIDE & ALLY GROUP VOLUNTEERS

Our Pride & Ally Group is looking for volunteers for our booth at the Royal Oak Pride event on **Friday, August 4 and Saturday, August 5**. Please scan the QR code to sign up! Any questions, please email prideandally@rofum.org.



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Learn to Plarn!



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The Plarn Mat Project has officially launched for the summer of 2023. **Please stop by our table in the gathering space after service to learn how to make plarn** (yarn made from repurposed plastic grocery bags). This plarn will be used to crochet sleeping mats that are greatly appreciated by our Outreach on 7th lunch guests. If making plarn does not fit in your life currently, **we would still like your extra plastic shopping bags**. Please bring them to church and leave them in the plarn collection box.



ESSENTIALS PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

The first Saturday of the month, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. the Essentials Pantry is open. **We need volunteers to gather items from our supply inventory and hand out these supplies to those in need.** If you are able to volunteer, please scan the QR code.



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HAPPY
4th
of JULY!



PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Joan Johnson • Gloria Knappenberger • Al Simmons • Phil Button •
Lee Hoffmann • Neil Franks • Dave Minch • Kathy Seidler • Kathi Burger •
Bill and Faye Bond • Jordan Altman • Allison and Bill Hempstead •
Michelle Prud'homme • Mike Long • Marian Kremer • Sheryl Hunter •
Art Miller • Karen Porter • Mary Nahhat • Diane Sexton • Donna Allen •
Ann Anderson • Audrey Leenhouts • Charlene Faunt •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Malik Shabazz • JJ • Jennifer Wood • Jim and Betty Goodrich •
Chrystl Roman • Alex Guiang • Liz Fitch • Penny Wilkie • Jim Slimek •
Jim Castellani • Diana Laginess • Nancy Graves • Desire Anne •
Penny Showers • Connie and Ken Warner • Jonthan Larson •
Mary Lou Howard • Tom Thatcher • Tom Hill • Judy Gorney • Bob Blonde •
Patty Glass • Margaret O'Donnell • Rick Hocking • Sharon Pillow •
Rachel Timm • Linda Swanson • Harold Baker • Scott Peacor and Kyla Boyse •
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 •

*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 say thank you to the Royal Oak First community for a few things this week.

First, thank you for helping me learn to keep a better work/life balance. For too long in my ministry, I missed critical family moments for work. In these last years you have truly supported me in taking the time to be present to my sons, wife and father. It has truly been a blessing. I say thank you because I will be gone this Sunday to pick up our youngest son, Sam from Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, and a couple of years ago I probably wouldn't have gone.

Sam has spent the last ten days at Blue Lake with his baritone saxophone making music and friends. The highlight of the week is listening to the concert they will perform on Sunday morning. So thank you for supporting and encouraging me to be there for my family even when it means not being here on a Sunday.

Secondly, let me thank you for continuing to be such a generous and missional community. The gathering space today is full of the evidence of the ways you continue to make Christ's love real in very tangible ways. I couldn't help but smile as I passed the piles of dish soap and laundry detergent you have brought in to support our Summer Soap Drive and our new Essentials Pantry. There was a table full of watermelons and homemade desserts for our team to go down to the NOAH Project in Detroit for a summer BBQ this Thursday, bringing joy to over a hundred of our neighbors experiencing hunger and homelessness. And of course the Plarn-making station - where plastic grocery bags are transformed into sleeping mats. All of these efforts send a clear message that we are all God's people. Thank you to Karla Goetz for your leadership in missions.

And thirdly, I want to thank you for making space for people to discern God's call to pastor and preach. When I was a young adult, it was my home church that invited me to preach for the first time. Long before I was ready to go to seminary and "answer the call," I was given the chance to find my voice within the confines of a welcoming and supportive community. That is what this Sunday's preacher, Joanna Whaley is doing, finding the space to discern and follow Christ's call upon her life.

For the past year, Joanna has served as the sound engineer on our team. During this time she felt nudged by the Holy Spirit to explore more fully her gifts as a pastor and preacher. So this summer, Joanna has stepped down from her role behind the sound board and will be helping pilot a new Ministry Internship Program, hoping to pave the way for others to explore God's call upon their lives in the future.

Thank you for all the ways you offer yourself in hospitality, generosity and service.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff". To the left of the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with a wide, open mouth and two dots for eyes.