



KEEP IT SIMPLE
LOVE ONE ANOTHER



**Sunday, July 16, 2023
10:00 AM Worship**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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| Gathering Music | “Goodness of God” | House Band |
| Call to Worship | | Joanna Whaley |
| Song | “Trust in God” | |
| Welcome & Invitation to Mission | | Erica Plesco & Jeff Nelson |
| Children’s Moment | | |
| Time of Prayer | | Jay Dunstan |
| Offering Our Gifts and Tithes | | |
| Musical Offering | “By the Lake” Grant Horsley | Kimi Matsumoto, Flute & Julia Westenberg, Flute |
| Doxology | “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” | |
| Scripture | Matthew 13:1-9 | |
| Message | “Crazy Love” | Jeff Nelson |
| Song | “Your Love Awakens Me” | |
| Benediction | | |
| Sending Music | “Your Love Awakens Me” | |

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Check out the Royal Oak First
CLOTHING STORE!



CHECK OUT THE ROYAL OAK FIRST CHURCH CLOTHING STORE!

Wanna tell everyone that your church is the coolest one around? Check out our church clothing webpage! We have t-shirts (short sleeve and long sleeve), sweatshirts, hats and even a t-shirt for your doggie. Scan QR code to order.



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CHURCH PICNIC IS ON 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**

THE PRIDE & ALLY GROUP NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR PRIDE BOOTH

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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A WEEK WITH RBI

In an effort to support our friends at the Redford Brightmoor Initiative (RBI), we are planning a full week devoted to supporting their Free Store. We will **send a group of volunteers on Wednesday morning, August 9**, to help sort donations and get the Free Store ready to open. Then on **Saturday, August 12, we will send another group of volunteers** to help staff the Free Store while it is open. This will also be the week of our monthly produce donation, so we will be looking for 4 volunteers to shop for produce on Friday. Please also look through your homes for household item donations (kitchen, bedding, towels, etc.) and men's and children's clothing (please, no winter clothes until the fall) that you no longer need and bring them to the lower level elevator lobby. Thank you for helping in the ways you are able! Scan QR code to sign up.



RBI PRODUCE PROGRAM

Thank you for your continued support in providing fresh produce monthly to the families served through Redford Brightmoor Initiative's Free Store! **We still need 3 shopping volunteers on August 11 and 3 more on September 8.** Thank you to all who have helped with continued success of this project! Scan QR code to sign up.

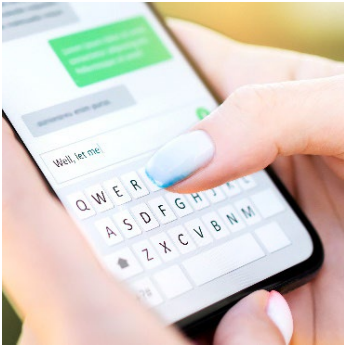


ESSENTIALS PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

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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TEXT DISTRIBUTION LIST FOR SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The Royal Oak First Social Action Committee is developing a text distribution list for anyone that would like to be notified of local social action events/activities, particularly those that are time sensitive. **The text list will be used to connect people with various ways to get involved in social justice efforts such as prayer services, vigils, demonstrations, protests, marches, etc.** If you would like to be opted in for Social Action Updates via text messages, please text Christie Mikell at 734-347-4006 or email socialaction@rofum.org.

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“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.

Learn to Plarn!



LEARN TO PLARN!

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.



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

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

Text to Give: Text the amount you wish to give to 855.566.0093.

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.

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 Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at 248.541.4100 ext. 1225 or email jtripoli@rofum.org.

Thank you!

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Audrey Fick • Dona Wells • Nancy Reid • Carrie Morse • Joan Johnson •
Gloria Knappenberger • Al Simmons • Phil Button • Lee Hoffmann •
Neil Franks • Dave Minch • Kathy Seidler • Bill and Faye Bond •
Kathi Burger • 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:

Raquel Kashat • Sharon Mitchell • Lisa Wilson • Rachel B. • Lisa Green •
Jim and Betty Goodrich • Malik Shabazz • JJ • Jennifer Wood •
Chrystl Roman • Alex Guiang • Liz Fitch • Penny Wilkie • Jim Slimek •
Jim Castellani • Diana Laginess • Nancy Graves • 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 •

Sympathies to:

The friends and family of Pecky Lewis on his death on July 10, 2023

Prayers for All Those at Choir Camp Next Week

Congratulations to:

Joe and Melanie Bartelotti on the birth of their son, Lucio Edward Bartelotti
on July 6, 2023

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

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

"Time passes differently at camp. You can miss a year and when you go back it's like you never left."

--Casey Nelson

"They say the happiest place on earth is Disneyland. They're wrong. It's camp!"

--Sam Nelson

Dear Friends,

This week we will send almost 70 young people and nearly 30 adults to our annual Church Camp. This has been our tradition for over sixty years, making camp our longest running tradition.

Camp is a week where young people are immersed in Christian community. Together they will sing, play games, do crafts and learn to think and talk about their faith. But perhaps the most important thing that happens at camp is making church friends.

Pastor Bridget has often said one of the best gifts we offer young people is the opportunity to make church friends. She has seen that as peer groups shift for young people at school, sports and clubs, church can offer a stable and consistent community of friends. And the truth is, many of these friendships were formed at camp.

One of my favorite things about camp is that older youth really embrace their roles as leaders, mentors, and faith friends of the younger kids. Both of my sons, now in high school, still talk about how cool the older youth were when they first went to camp and have now embraced that it is their turn to show the same care and attention to a new group of campers. It's how it works.

Camp is only possible because of all of you. This is truly a community experience. Your support throughout the year, buying fish, Christmas greens and going to Big Boy, makes it financially possible to send every child who is interested to camp. Thanks to the leadership of the Music Guild and dozens of other volunteers, this incredible tradition of camp continues to be possible.

Keep our young people and their counselors in prayer this week. And please plan to attend worship next Sunday where we will celebrate this wonderful community you have fostered throughout the years.

Grace and Peace,

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

Pastor Jeff Nelson