



Sunday, July 23, 2023
10:00 AM Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	“Could Have Been Me” From “Sing 2”	Kaylee Derkowski & Friends
Call to Worship		Kyle Webber
Song	“Live Like That”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Kyle Webber & Jeff Nelson
Song	“Food Truck Party”	Vacation Bible School Children
Time of Prayer		
Song	“I Can Do All Things” arr. Mark Burrows	Elementary Choir
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	“He Never Failed Me Yet”	High School Choir
Doxology	“Give Thanks”	
Scripture	Hebrews 12:1-2a	Macaela Webber
Song	“Carry the Light” arr. Andy Beck	Middle School Choir
Message	“Hey Church! Do You Know Where Your Children Are?”	Bridget Nelson
Song	“Send Me Out”	
Benediction		
Musical Response	“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” arr. Mark Hayes	Middle School and High School Choirs
Sending Music		Youth Band

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Moms at Pubs

(MAP)



MOMS AT PUBS (MAP)

MAP is a group that meets for fun and fellowship at a local pub, giving moms a chance to relax, laugh, and enjoy the fellowship of other moms. **This month we will meet on Thursday, July 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the HopCat Royal Oak (430 S. Main Street).** Please join us! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at jtripoli@rofum.org or phone/text 248.703.8805.

Royal Oak First

**CHANGE
THE
WORLD**

**Social Action Committee
MEETING**

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE AUGUST MEETING

Please join us for our next **Social Action Committee meeting on Tuesday, August 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor.** We are continuing to work on ways to communicate social action updates to our church community and promote social justice activities in our area. Please feel free to attend even if you have not come to meetings in the past! Please reach out to Christie Mikell at 734.347.4006 or socialaction@rofum.org with any questions.

CHURCH PICNIC IS ON AUGUST 3

Our church picnic is almost here! Join us 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.



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**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 are looking for four 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.



**Making Connections...
Building Communities...
Transforming Lives**



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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 three shopping volunteers on August 11, and three more on September 8.** Thank you to all who have helped with continued success of this project! Scan QR code to sign up.



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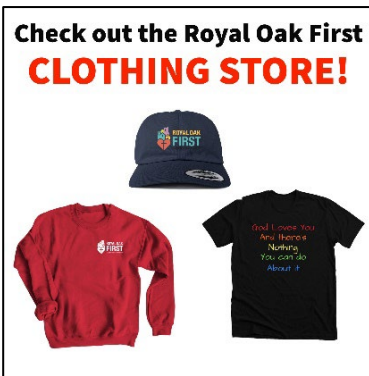


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FREEDOM DREAMERS

"Freedom Dreamers" ministry for returning citizen's **August "Fresh Expressions Worship" will be held in our parlor on Saturday, August 12, 12:00-2:00 p.m.** A free lunch will be served first, then Pastor David Mayer and returning citizen David Smith will lead an interactive discussion on "Being in the Trenches Together", with thematic music lead by our own Erica Plesco and Jason Sherman. Any members or friends of Royal Oak First are encouraged to come support this unique outreach ministry. A sign-up sheet and information flyer are available at the Connections Table.



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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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 and 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.



“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 are available throughout the gathering space.

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 in the gathering space.

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Audrey Fick • Dona Wells • Nancy Reid • Inge Wichers • 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:

James Lovitt • 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 •

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

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings Church Family!

As I write this letter, about 100 of us are at Camp Ohiyesa in Holly for our church's annual choir camp. We have kids from 3rd grade to the class of 2023, along with a few pre-campers. Right now, there's a group in Bible Study, a group in Crafts and a group in "Action" (lawn games). Adults are scurrying around getting supplies ready for the talent show, afternoon classes and choir rehearsals.

This year our theme is "Live Like That". You might look up the song of the same title by the *Sidewalk Prophets* to be ready to sing along on Sunday. We are talking about how our lives can be an outward expression of our relationship with God. Our theme song says, "Let everything I say and do, point to You." When people interact with us, will they feel God's love? We are excited to share more about it with you this Sunday!

What a fun and memorable experience this congregation has been offering to young people for 70 years! It's a joy for me to have been part of it now for seven years. The pandemic forced some creativity and flexibility, but camp has remained a beloved tradition. Thank you for all the ways you love and support our kids, whether you are here at camp, or just with us in spirit.

See you Sunday!

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

Pastor Bridget Nelson