

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love. I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do. I love story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love. I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant what seems, I tell it, more sweet. I

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the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Sunday, April 28, 2024
9:00 AM Worship**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music

“Day by Day”
arr. Mark Hayes

Kyle Webber

Song

“Counting Every Blessing”

Song

“Graves Into Gardens”

Welcome & Invitation to Mission

Jennifer Tripoli & Jeff Nelson

Mission Moment

Noisy Bucket

Leonard Benyas

Time of Prayer

Erica Plesco

Invitation to Offering

Musical Offering

“Yes and Amen”
By Housefires

Autumn Anderson

Doxology

“Give Thanks”

Scripture

John 10:11-18

Message

“The Good Shepherd”

Jeff Nelson

Song

“Goodness of God”

Benediction

Departing Music

ANNOUNCEMENTS



ZOOM CHURCH-WIDE MEETING IS TONIGHT!

Our church-wide Zoom meeting is tonight, **Sunday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m.** to go over a synopsis of the Visioning Day itself, then discuss what has been done so far, and next steps for the future. We hope you can attend that meeting so we can share the results of all your efforts from Visioning Day! If you did not receive the Zoom link in the Monday email, please stop by the Connections Table after service or email ltrumbull@rofum.org.



MAY GROWTH LAB

The dawn of Spring brings an invitation to look for places of new growth and fresh starts. **Join us on Saturday, May 4, from 9:30 a.m.-noon**, we will discuss why it can be helpful to add new practices into our ways of encountering the Divine. We will also practice some embodied ways of connecting to God. **Scan the QR code to sign up.**



Cinco de Mayo Carry-Out Tacos



CINCO DE MAYO CARRY-OUT TACOS— SUNDAY, MAY 5, 4:30-6:30 P.M.

Orders must be placed by Wednesday, May 1. This is a fundraiser sponsored by Royal Oak First's Music Guild and all funds from this event will benefit our Summer Choir Camp. Each meal is \$15 and includes 3 tacos in flour or corn shells, with chips and salsa. Options include: **Seasoned Ground Beef; Pulled Pork; Shredded Chicken Salsa Verde; Steak;** AND (new this year!) a vegetarian option of **Seasoned Tofu** topped with grilled onions and bell peppers, lettuce and pickled onion. Scan the QR code to place your **pre-order** and **reserve your pick-up time.**



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CINCO DE MAYO CARRY-OUT TACOS— VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need kitchen prep help, carry-out runners and dishwashers on **Sunday, May 5 from 2:00-7:00 p.m.** This is a fundraiser sponsored by Royal Oak First's Music Guild and all funds from this event will benefit our summer choir camp. Scan the QR code to pick a spot to volunteer!



CALLING ALL ROYAL OAK FIRST DADS!

Dads of all ages are getting together twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month for breakfast, fellowship and faith to discuss life as fathers and the challenges we all face. We will next meet on Wednesday, May 8 from 8:30-9:30 a.m. We have rotated locations where we meet, so please check in with michaelspath1980@gmail.com to learn more.



“START THE PARTY” VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 17-20, 2024, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Jesus gives us the most amazing reason to party! That's why we believe the Gospel of Jesus is the best news ever! Come and join us as we “Start the Party” at Royal Oak First this summer! Cost is as follows: \$20 for the first child in a family; \$10 per additional child; \$50 maximum per family. Any questions, please contact Beth Simms at Beth.Simms@gmail.com. NOTE: Due to ordering restrictions, any registrations submitted after May 30 will not receive a t-shirt. Scan the QR code to sign up.



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ROFUM BLOCK PARTY!

Sunday, June 2 following the 10:00 a.m. service

Join us for complimentary food from food trucks, a live band & fellowship! Kids' activities include games, a bounce house and face painting. This event is sponsored by the ROFUM Endowment Fund. Let's celebrate summer!



PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS NEEDED

Please bring in your used but clean plastic grocery bags! Our supply of bags has been depleted. We use these both for the plarn mat project and daily with our Outreach on 7th Lunch Program. If you have extra plastic bags at home, please drop them off in the collection box near the Welcome Desk. Thank you!

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Sue Minch • Lee Hoffmann • Leonard Benyas • Ginny Panone •
Al and Gloria Knappenberger • Marcy Courtney • Janice Marsh •
Grace Perkins • Richard and Dorie Rush • Allison and Bill Hempstead •
Mark Thatcher • Art Miller • Joyce Negrich • Margie Dallavo •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Pam Payne • The Armour Family • Vic & Christy Pantin • Oya Graeber •
Dennis Kipp • John and Joyce Barber • Scott Spaulding • Effie Lambros •
Kathleen Scherr • Paula Cudney • Michael Retaskie • Sydney Wagner •
MaryVonne Gray •

Congratulations to:

Kira and Jake Centala on the birth of their son Reed Thomas Centala on April
19, 2024

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

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LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

This past school year, Pastor Bridget and I had the honor and privilege of spending one Saturday evening a month with some pretty awesome youth. Virginia Wright, John Whitney, Henry Updyke, Sam Brennan and Jacqueline Crow all participated in our Confirmation Experience this year. Each of these young people is truly a unique, unrepeatable miracle of God and getting to know them better was truly a blessing.

Confirmation is a rite of passage for youth, usually around 8th grade. During this experience students are given space to discover and contemplate what their faith means to them.

Throughout the year we explore what it means to be a follower of Jesus and what it means to be a part of a United Methodist Church. We look at topics like spiritual gifts, the work of the Holy Spirit and spiritual practices like prayer, service and worship.

Each student completes a Kingdom Project. For their project each of them is given \$100 to invest in making Christ's love real in the world. It has been a joy to witness the passion and creativity they brought to their projects. From supporting an animal shelter to hospitalized children, their gifts were multiplied and made an impact. And we also had just a lot of fun together!

Being with these students has truly been a highlight of the year for Pastor Bridget and me.

This Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. service, we will lay hands on each of these young people and confirm the faith they will now claim as their own. It has been through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness that you have been able to truly nurture, care and equip these students to take this important step of faith.

Thank you for being a community that cares for people at every age and stage of life's journey.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Pastor Jeff". Below the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.

Pastor Jeff Nelson