



**ROYAL OAK**  
**FIRST**  
A United Methodist Church

**Sunday, May 19, 2024**  
**9:00 AM Worship**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>Gathering Music</b>	“Every Time I Feel the Spirit” arr. David Howland	Kyle Webber
<b>Song</b>	“Rest On Us”	
<b>Song</b>	“Waking Up”	
<b>Welcome &amp; Invitation to Mission</b>		Jennifer Tripoli & Jeff Nelson
<b>Song</b>	“Bless You” Anthony Williams	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Choir
<b>Song</b>	“Come Be the Light” Mark Patterson	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Choir
<b>Song</b>	“We Will Sing Praise” Jim Ailor	Combined 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Choirs
<b>Invitation to Offering</b>		Erica Plesco
<b>Musical Offering</b>	“Holy Spirit” Francesca Battistelli	Megan Porath & Kiersten Ciccone
<b>Doxology</b>	“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”	
<b>Scripture</b>	Acts 2:1-12	
<b>Message</b>	“Speak Your Language”	Jeff Nelson
<b>Song</b>	“Be Thou My Vision”	
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Departing Music</b>		House Band

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## GRADUATION SUNDAY IS HERE!

Today, we celebrate our 2024 High School graduates at the 11:00 a.m. service! We wish these amazing young people success, happiness and love.

Sophia Baron • Kiersten Ciccone • Alena Enerson • Jacob Garcia • Nate Grose • Isabel Guerra • Audri Holloway • Tarian Miller • Casey Nelson • Shane Peltier • Greg Sader • Jake Tripoli • Carolina Stroud-Rashid • Valin Szymkowski • Sarah Thomas • Arianna Tovarez • Cassandra Wilson •



## UPDATE ON UNITED METHODIST GENERAL CONFERENCE IS TONIGHT VIA ZOOM!

The international gathering of United Methodists took place in North Carolina after four years of pandemic related delay. Significant changes were passed impacting the local church on a variety of issues including LGBTQ+ inclusion. Royal Oak First member and United Methodist Deacon Christina Wright was there and will be sharing with us a breakdown of the changes. This is an exciting time for our denomination and we look forward to sharing updates with you. **Join us on Sunday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. All are welcome. If you did not receive the Zoom link in today's reminder email, please email [ltrumbull@rofum.org](mailto:ltrumbull@rofum.org).**

## Moms at Pubs

(MAP)



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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. We meet monthly on the 4th Thursday of each month. **This month we will meet on Thursday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the Blarney Stone Pub, 27253 Woodward Ave., Berkley.** Each month we pick a different location where to meet. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at [jtripoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtripoli@rofum.org) or phone/text 248.703.8805.

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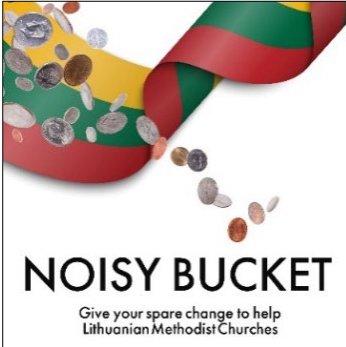
## ONLY ONE SERVICE ON SUNDAYS AT 10AM

Beginning 5/26 through 9/8



## ONE SERVICE BEGINS ON SUNDAY, MAY 26

Beginning on Sunday, May 26, we will have only **ONE** service on Sundays at **10:00 a.m.** This will run through our Fall Kickoff on Sunday, September 8. We will return to our 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services on Sunday, September 15.



## SAVE YOUR LOOSE/SPARE CHANGE FOR NOISY BUCKET

Bring in your spare change in on **Sunday, May 26 at the 10:00 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!



## LINENS OF LOVE COLLECTION

During May, our Missions collection focus will be on household linens. Several of our mission partners have expressed the need of these items recently, especially for: **twin size sheet sets, towels, washcloths, and bed pillows.** New and gently used items are welcome, but please keep sets together and label the sizes if not in original packaging. Collected items will be sent to Cass Community Social Services and Redford Brightmoor Initiative. **Please drop off at bins located at Tower entrance and near the Welcome Desk at the Lafayette entrance.**

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## PRIDE & ALLY GROUP NEEDS VOLUNTEERS AT PRIDE EVENTS!

Our Pride & Ally Group will be looking for **volunteers** for our booth at some **June and July Pride events**. We will be at **Family Pride Night at the Royal Oak Farmers Market on Wednesday, June 12, Berkley Pride on Sunday, June 23 and Royal Oak Pride on Friday, July 26 and Saturday, July 27**. Please scan the QR code to sign up! If you have any questions, please email [prideandally@rofum.org](mailto:prideandally@rofum.org).



## ROFUM BLOCK PARTY!

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

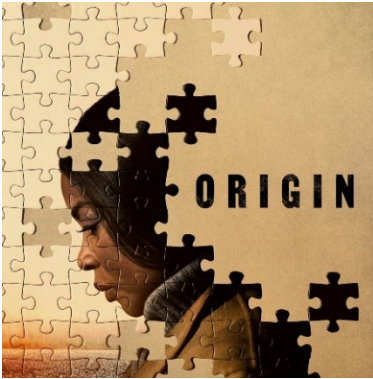
Join us for **complimentary food from food trucks, a live band & fellowship!** Kids' activities include **games, a bounce house and face painting**. This event is sponsored by the ROFUM Endowment Fund. Let's celebrate summer!



## SAFETY FIRST

Please join the **Social Action Committee** as we host **"Safety First," a town hall conversation on Sunday, June 2** (National Gun Violence Awareness Day). We will host families personally affected by gun violence, as well as local legislators and law enforcement officers to discuss and determine ways to keep our community safe for all. **This event is from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary**. Any questions, please contact Christie Mikell at (734) 347-4006 or [socialaction@rofum.org](mailto:socialaction@rofum.org).

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## “ORIGIN” THE MOVIE

Watch and discuss with us the critically acclaimed film "ORIGIN" on Sunday, June 9 after worship from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Written and directed by Academy Award nominee Ava DuVernay, the film "ORIGIN" chronicles the personal story of Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Isabel Wilkerson as she investigates a global phenomenon of caste systems while undergoing unfathomable personal loss and love. The film chronicles Isabel's personal tragedies and losses along with her outer journey that crosses continents and cultures to explore institutional racism in America and its connection to caste systems found in other countries. We will watch the film together in the church parlor and discuss it afterwards. We will offer lunch while we watch the film. After the film Pastor Jeff and Joyce Hollingsworth will lead us in a discussion about it together. Scan the QR code so we can plan for food and room setup.



## “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! Register your child(ren) that are completing 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and younger.** There are opportunities to volunteer as well as donate supplies if you are interested. Any questions, please contact Beth Simms at [Beth.Simms@gmail.com](mailto:Beth.Simms@gmail.com). Scan the QR code to sign up.



# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

## **Prayers for Our Church Family:**

Deb Harmon • Art Miller • The Gothards • Leonard Benyas • Sue Minch • Lee Hoffmann • Ginny Panone • Janice Marsh • Grace Perkins •  
Richard and Dorie Rush • Allison and Bill Hempstead • Mark Thatcher •

## **Prayers for Our Extended Family:**

John Barber, Jr. • Jim Louchery • Neo James Widmayer • Pam Payne •  
The Armour Family • Victor & Christy Pantin • Oya Graeber •  
John and Joyce Barber • Scott Spaulding • Effie Lambros • Kathleen Scherr •  
Paula Cudney • Michael Retaskie • Sydney Wagner • MaryVonne Gray •

## **Sympathies to:**

The friends and family of Helen “Betty” Roth on her death on May 13, 2024

**A happy and blessed 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Betty Latimer!**

*If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List,  
please contact Danielle Moody at [prayers@rofum.org](mailto:prayers@rofum.org).*



# LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Four things are on my mind this week: Pentecost, Graduation, Block Parties and my Dad.

## **Pentecost**

Pentecost is this Sunday. It is an important holiday in the life of the church. It is the day we remember that we have ALL received the gift of the Holy Spirit. The living spirit that was in Jesus is also within us. Show up this Sunday wearing something red. It will be fun!

## **Graduation**

One of the long-held core values of Royal Oak is a commitment to children, youth and their families. We make a promise to young people to journey with them at every age and stage of their lives. This Sunday, we mark a significant moment as young people connected to our church will graduate from high school. At the 11:00 a.m. service, we will celebrate our 2024 High School graduates! Their names are listed in the Announcements section of the Bulletin. Take a look and feel free to congratulate them when you see them.

## **Block Party**

By now I hope Sunday, June 2nd is on your calendar. This is the day of our Block Party. After our 10:00 a.m. service, (remember that on May 26th we go to one 10:00 a.m. service for the summer) we will have food, fun and games for people all ages. This event is sponsored by our Endowment Team and given as a thank you to our church family for all the ways you make Christ's love real in the world. Hope you will join us.

## **My Dad**

I am writing this letter from my hometown in Northern Wisconsin. I left after church on Sunday and drove here to spend the week with my dad. His physical health has changed a lot in the last year and last month he moved into assisted living. It was good for me to be here and simply spend time together. Today, I am reminded that presence is so important - simply showing up and being together. I pray you embrace the gift you can offer each other by simply showing up.

There is a lot going on and the joy of it all is that God is in the midst of it all with us!

Grace and Peace,

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