

Makin' it Real

"Service Over Self"

Sunday, May 18, 11:00AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	"I'm So Blessed" Cain	Youth Band
Call to Worship		Nora Sleeman
Opening Hymn	"Let Us Build a House"	
Affirmation of Faith		
Response #638**	"This Is the Feast of Victory"	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson & Jennifer Tripoli
Graduate Recognition		Bridget Nelson
Time of Prayer		Anna Nielander & Nicole Wilson
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	"Wings" Cain	Youth Choir
Doxology #94**	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	
Scripture Reading*	Mark 10:32-45	
Message	"Makin' it Real: Service Over Self"	Jeff Nelson
Closing Hymn	"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"	
Benediction		
Postlude	"Festive Trumpet Tune" David German	Michael Rosas

**New Revised Standard Version
**United Methodist Hymnal*

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GRADUATION SUNDAY IS HERE!

Today, we celebrate our 2025 High School graduates at the 11:00 a.m. service! We wish these amazing young people success, happiness and love.

Theresa Crowe • Rachel Fritz • Aubrey Harris •

Chelsea Laskowski • Presley Mamo • Noah Murray •

Anna Nielander • Hannah Richardson • Charlotte Siddall •

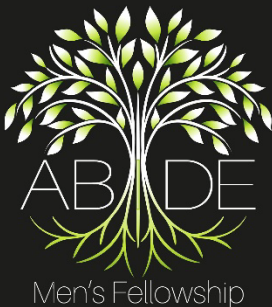
Nora Sleeman •

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Facebook Live
Devotion

FACEBOOK LIVE DEVOTION EVERY WEDNESDAY AT NOON

Join us on our Facebook page for a “Makin’ it Real” Live Devotion with Pastor Jeff every Wednesday at noon through June 8. Enjoy a mid-week refresher on our efforts to make Christ’s love real in our lives, in our church and in our community.



LAST ABIDE MEN’S FELLOWSHIP IS THIS TUESDAY

Our ABIDE Men’s Fellowship has three goals: 1. Make space for friendship and fellowship. 2. Create opportunities to serve. 3. Offer opportunities to grow in faith. **We meet on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning April 22 through May 20 in the Parlor. ALL men are welcome and invited to join us at any of the meetings.** This will be a time of prayer, reflection and fellowship.

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ONLY ONE SERVICE ON SUNDAYS AT 10AM

Beginning 5/25 through 9/7



ONE SERVICE (10AM) FOR THE SUMMER-- BEGINS ON SUNDAY, MAY 25

Beginning on **Sunday, May 25**, we will have only **ONE service on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.** This will run through our Fall Kickoff on Sunday, September 7. We will return to our 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services on Sunday, September 14.

NOAH at Central



NOAH SUMMER BBQ RETURNS!

Our volunteers had such a great time grilling and serving the food at the NOAH at Central Summer BBQ the last two years that we jumped at the chance to do it again. The Missions Team will be loading up our huge grill, along with enough burgers and hot dogs for 300 attendees. If you would like to join the fun, please mark your calendar for the morning of Thursday July 31 and sign up below. We are also asking for dessert and watermelon donations for this event.



BOOTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT PRIDE EVENTS

Our Pride & Ally Group is looking for **volunteers for our Royal Oak First booth at various May, June and July Pride events.** We will be at Ferndale Pride on Saturday, May 31, Family Pride Night at the Royal Oak Farmers Market on Wednesday, June 11, Berkley Pride on Sunday, June 22 and Royal Oak Pride on Friday, July 25 and Saturday, July 26. Scan the QR code to sign up! If you have any questions, please email prideandally@rofum.org.



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Moms at Pubs

(MAP)



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Moms at Pubs (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 normally meet (at a different location) on the 4th Thursday of each month, **so our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Lily's Seafood Grill & Brewery (410 S. Washington, Royal Oak).** If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at jtripoli@rofum.org.



**Pentecost
Sunday**

**Makin'
it Real**

**Block
Party**

WEAR RED ON PENTECOST SUNDAY AND THEN JOIN US AT THE BLOCK PARTY!

You are invited to wear **RED** (any red will do, even our new "Makin' it Real" red t-shirts!) **for Pentecost on Sunday, June 8. Join us after our 10:00 a.m. service for our Makin' it Real Block Party, sponsored by the Royal Oak First Endowment Fund.** There will be hot dogs, bounce houses, fellowship, and our annual Cornhole Tournament. Pentecost gives us a chance to ask ourselves, "What are we on fire about?" Here at Royal Oak First, we are on fire about Makin' it Real!



NOISY BUCKET

Give your spare change to help
Lithuanian Methodist Churches

BRING IN YOUR SPARE CHANGE FOR NOISY BUCKET

Bring in your spare change in on Sunday, May 25 at our 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!

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“LIVE IT OUT” VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 23-26, 2025 6:00-8:00PM

Come join us as at Vacation Bible School where we will explore what it means to love like Jesus, by showing kindness and forgiveness, praying for and serving others.



SCAN ME

We'll learn how to "Live It Out" by showing Jesus' love in everything we do! Any questions, please contact Tori Kozan at tkozan511@gmail.com. Scan the QR code to sign up.



SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR WANTED

We are now accepting applications for a Sunday School Coordinator. The Sunday School Coordinator creates our Sunday morning program for our children 5th grade and younger during worship. **This person will be part of our Children, Youth & Family Ministries Team, under the direction of our Associate Pastor of Programs.** It is 10 hours a week, with flexibility outside of Sunday morning hours. Email Pastor Bridget Nelson for a full job description at bnelson@rofum.org.



BEACH TOWEL/SPORTS BALL COLLECTION AND SLIP & SLIDE PARTY

Royal Oak First will return to Methodist Children's Home (MCHS) to celebrate the end of the school year & beginning of summer. During May, **we will be collecting new beach towels (for 10-17 year old boys) and new sports balls. Please drop off in the white collection bin near the Welcome Desk.** Then on Thursday, June 19th, we will throw a pizza, ice cream, and Slip & Slide party at MCHS. Please sign up to help by scanning the QR code. The Missions Team will be purchasing swim trunks and sandals for each boy as well. Email missions@rofum.org with questions and interest.



SCAN ME

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Mary Lou Graeber • Diane George • Michele Prud'homme •
Dauroran Thurman • Jerry Elliott • Ren Renforth • Grace Perkins •
LeeAnn Witherspoon • Judy Bryan • Mark Thatcher • Woody Siddall •
Ann Anderson • Bill & Allison Hempstead •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Joyce & John Barber • Marisa Beckford • Ronald Fick • Becky Skates •
Zack Tyler • Heather Brown Miller • Scott & Cathy Dawe •
MaryKay McCaskey • Brett Thatcher • Carla Hempstead • Reese • RaeDena •
Bernie Stubitsch • Michael Elliott • Beth Copeland • Karen Cunningham •
Michael Retaskie • Jeff Callihan • Lance Wilburn • Ellen Delangy •
Carol Marshall •

Sympathies to:

Linda & Jim Wilson on the death of their son in law, Pete on May 7, 2025

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



TIME OF PRAYER

All are welcome to the Time of Prayer on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. at church. We review the church prayer list, spend time in silence and pray together in the Sanctuary. This is wonderful opportunity to uplift your personal prayer requests.

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Beloved Community,

I hope this letter finds you well and filled with the warmth of our shared faith. As we journey through this season of growth and connection, I wanted to take a moment to share some important updates and reflect on the blessings we hold together.

One Service Beginning Sunday, May 25th

Starting next Sunday, May 25th, we will transition to one service at 10:00 a.m. This change is an opportunity for us to gather as one body in worship, to deepen our connections, and to allow our wonderful music leadership a chance to rest. Plus, this gives us all a little more time to enjoy the beauty of summer Sundays!

Makin' it Real Block Party on June 8th

Mark your calendars for June 8th! This is Pentecost Sunday, a day when we celebrate the incredible gift of the Holy Spirit. As a joyful tradition, we will wear red as a symbol of this sacred event. After the service, we invite you to join us for a fantastic Makin' it Real Block Party filled with delicious food, refreshing drinks, uplifting music, bounce houses, and lots of fun! It's a wonderful chance to celebrate our community and the spirit of togetherness.

A Personal Request for Prayer

On a more personal note, I would like to ask for your prayers for my family. Next weekend, we will be traveling back to Wisconsin for the internment of my dad's ashes. This marks the final chapter of our journey with him, and it feels especially meaningful to do this on Memorial Day weekend. Your kindness and support have been a source of strength for us during what has been one of the most challenging years of our lives. We are deeply grateful for the love and care you have shown us. Indeed, God has been with us and has blessed us beyond measure.

Thank you for being such an integral part of our community. Let us continue to support one another in faith, love, and hope.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "J" and a small "N" at the end.

Pastor Jeff Nelson