

Makin' it Real

"Choosing Forgiveness"

Sunday, May 25, 10:00AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	"Blues in E"	House Band
Greeting		Griffin Anspach
Song	"Promises"	
Song	"The Table"	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jennifer Tripoli
Mission Moment	"Noisy Bucket"	Michael Rosas
Time of Prayer		Nicole Wilson
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	"Spanish Love Song" transc. By James Galway	Kimi Matsumoto, flute Mike Matsumoto, piano
Doxology	"Give Thanks"	
Scripture Reading*	Matthew 18:21-35	
Sermon Song	"Maybe You're the Problem?" Ava Max	Cassandra Wilson
Message	"Makin' it Real: Choosing Forgiveness"	Nicole Wilson
Closing Song	"Holy Water"	
Benediction		
Departing Music		

**New Revised Standard Version*

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MEMORIAL DAY

As we observe Memorial Day, we pause to remember and honor the brave men and women who have given their lives in service to our nation. Their sacrifice is a profound testament to the love and commitment they held for their fellow citizens and the ideals of freedom and peace. Let us keep their families in our prayers, asking for God's comfort and strength. **Please note: The church office will be closed on Monday, May 26. We will re-open on Tuesday, May 27 at 10:00 a.m.**



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.



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 4. Enjoy a mid-week refresher on our efforts to make Christ's love real in our lives, in our church and in our community.

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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 using the QR code. 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.



“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. 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.



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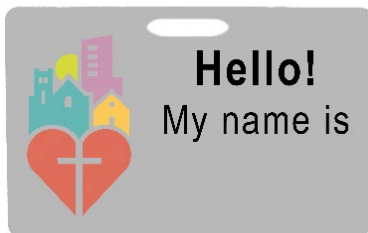
SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR WANTED

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.



NAMETAGS PROMOTE FELLOWSHIP

Since we are going to only one service for the summer starting TODAY, we invariably will meet new people and it **is good to wear your nametag to facilitate introductions and conversations.** All staff will be wearing their nametags as well. **If you don't have a nametag, stop by the Connections Table or the table outside the Sanctuary to write your name down for a nametag.**

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ARE YOU AVAILABLE ON THE 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH?

Are you available on the 4th Sunday of the month? Are you looking for a fun, easy way to connect with other people at church while being of service? We have just the spot for you! Coffee bar volunteers prepare coffee, tea, water, and snacks all before service. Then after service, they keep the coffee coming and wipe tables and counters while interacting with our congregants. If this sounds interesting to you, please stop by the Connections Table or scan the QR code.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEEDS SUPPLIES!

Vacation Bible School is coming up quickly! Please scan the QR code to view the Amazon Wish List and donate supplies needed to make VBS a success this year! Your help is greatly appreciated!



BAKERY ITEMS (HOMEMADE OR STORE BOUGHT) FOR THE COFFEE BAR ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!

Would you like to make everyone who comes to Sunday service happy? Do you like to bake/make yummy snacks or buy treats from the bakery at your local store? If so, please **SIGN UP** to bring 3 dozen snacks for the Coffee Bar on Sundays. The smiling faces and happy bellies will be all the joy you need for the day for sure! Scan the QR code or stop by the Connections Table after service to sign up.



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:

Troy & Deb Bongard • The Stubitsch Family • Joyce & John Barber •
Marisa Beckford • Ronald Fick • Becky Skates • Zach Tyler •
Heather Brown Miller • Scott & Cathy Dawe • Marykay McCaskey •
Brett Thatcher • Carla Hempstead • Reese • RaeDena • Michael Elliott •
Beth Copeland • Ellen Delangy •

*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 PREACHER

Happy Memorial Day!

If you are like me, it's easy to forget why we have holidays like Memorial Day. I've only known one person who lost their life in service to our country, and with all the holiday sales and kick-off to summer barbeques, I tend to overlook the tragedies that led to this holiday. Somehow, this year feels different; maybe it's the continuous fighting in Gaza and Ukraine, maybe it's the civil unrest we feel in the States, maybe it's the time I've spent thinking about forgiveness.

Regardless, this weekend, I invite us to take a moment to remember the human cost of war. I invite us to take a moment to ask God to bring peace to places plagued by war, and to ask God to give us the creativity and courage needed to be peacemakers in spaces of conflict so we can make Christ's love real through our presence.

Breathing in: May there be peace on earth.

Breathing out: May it begin with me.

Grace and Peace

Nicole Wilson