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A United Methodist Church

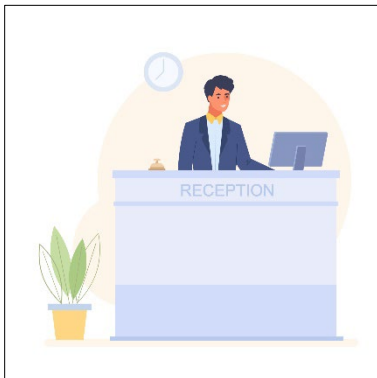
**Sunday, June 29, 2025**  
**10:00 AM Worship**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>Gathering Music</b>	"Humoresque" Antonin Dvorak, arr. Martha Yasuda	Olivia Miller, violin Audrie Miller, violin
<b>Greeting</b>		Griffin Anspach
<b>Song</b>	"Firm Foundation"	House Band
<b>Welcome &amp; Invitation to Mission</b>		Jeff Nelson & Jennifer Tripoli
<b>Annual Conference Report</b>		Josh Wright
<b>Children's Moment</b>		
<b>Recognition Moment</b>		
<b>Time of Prayer</b>		Nicole Wilson
<b>Invitation to Offering</b>		
<b>Musical Offering</b>	"A Minor Concerto, Mvt.II" Antonio Vivaldi	Audrie Miller, violin Neal Harris, piano
<b>Doxology</b>	"Give Thanks"	
<b>Scripture Reading*</b>	Genesis 37:12-36	
<b>Musical Offering</b>	"A Pharaoh Story" Andrew Lloyd Webber	Jenni Clark
<b>Message</b>	"The Pit"	Jeff Nelson
<b>Song</b>	"Goodbye Yesterday"	
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Departing Music</b>	"Gavotte" Jean-Philippe Rameau	

*\*New Revised Standard Version*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



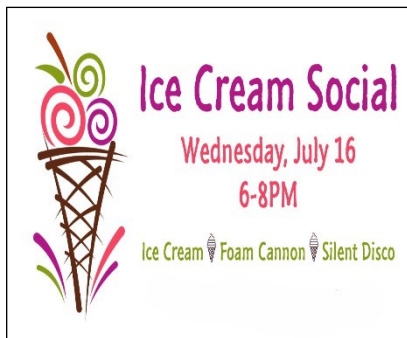
## WE ARE LOOKING FOR AN EVENING RECEPTIONIST

The evening receptionist is the first point of contact for people visiting the church after normal business hours, ensuring all who enter are greeted and made to feel comfortable. **The shift is on Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** Please reach out to Pastor Jennifer Tripoli for more information at 248.541.4100 or [jtripoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtripoli@rofum.org).



## JUNE BAG LUNCH COLLECTION FOR 007

During June, our Missions Team has chosen to collect lunch items for the Outreach on 7<sup>th</sup> (007) Lunch Program. The summer and fall are the busiest time of year for their lunch program, serving meals to around 50 visitors each day. Each guest receives both a hot meal and a bag lunch to eat later in the day. **Please bring in individual-size chip bags, fruit/applesauce cups, and 8oz bottled water to help support this important program.** Please leave your donations near the collection bin across from the Welcome Desk.



## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Royal Oak First is having an ice cream social on Wednesday, July 16 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. In addition to yummy ice cream, we will have a foam cannon and a silent disco. We hope you can join us for this family friendly summer event!

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## Gardening Dates

### SUMMER GARDENING AT MICAH 6

Come join us on **Saturday, July 12** as we **lend our hands in service at the Micah 6 gardens in Pontiac**. Our friends at Micah 6 work daily to build community and improve the lives of those in their neighborhood. At the heart of their mission is their extensive vegetable gardens where they grow fresh produce to share with their neighbors with limited access to fresh food. We will help with a variety of tasks including: harvesting vegetables, spreading mulch, weeding, planting, and cleanup. Please scan the QR code to sign up.



### NOAH at Central



### NOAH SUMMER BBQ RETURNS!

Thank you for the impressive response of volunteers to help at the Summer BBQ at NOAH on July 31st! We have more than enough volunteers at this point, but **we could use additional donations of whole watermelons and homemade cookies/brownies**. Please scan the QR code to sign up. **These donations should be brought to church on Tuesday, July 29 and left on the collection table that will be set up across from the Welcome Desk.**



### WE NEED COFFEE BAR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup> 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.



# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

## Prayers for Our Church Family:

Dave Minch • Allison Hempstead • Jan Albert • Zelda Diamond •  
Charles Hardaway • Jenny Lowman • Joan Johnson • Mary Lou Graeber •  
Diane George • Michele Prud'homme • Dauroran Thurman • Jerry Elliott •  
Ren Renforth • Grace Perkins • LeeAnn Witherspoon • Judy Bryan •  
Mark Thatcher • Ann Anderson •

## Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Barbara Witherspoon • Sharon Connors • Lori Mason • Rich Zielinski •  
The Everst Family • Cara & Kevin Smith • Halen Alexander • Jessica Boyer •  
Troy & Deb Bongard • The Stubitsch Family • Joyce & John Barber •  
Marisa Beckford • Ronald Fick • Zach Tyler • Heather Brown Miller •  
Scott & Cathy Dawe • Marykay McCaskey • Brett Thatcher • Ellen Delangy •

## Sympathies to:

The friends and family of Joe Waisanen on his death on June 23, 2025

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

What a remarkable week it has been for our ministries with Children, Youth, and Families! On Sunday, Bridget took over twenty of our middle and high school students on a weeklong service trip to Cincinnati. We've joked that us Michiganders are on a mission to save Ohio! (By the way, this marks Bridget's 41st weeklong service/mission experience. Talk about dedication! I couldn't be prouder of her!)

This week has been particularly special for our teens, as one group spent their days at a care facility for seniors. Instead of traditional projects like building porches or roofs, they dedicated their time to nurturing relationships. Some of our girls even pampered the older women with manicures, while others enjoyed lively games of UNO and shared laughs while crafting together. And, of course, there was Bingo! Learning to be present and simply sharing the love of Jesus is a beautiful gift, and witnessing God showing up in these moments is truly inspiring.

Meanwhile, here at Royal Oak First, we've been buzzing with excitement hosting Vacation Bible School for pre-K through 5th graders, with nearly fifty kids joining us each night. I often chuckle when I think back to just ten years ago when our VBS had only four children in attendance—two of whom were mine! It's incredible to see how far we've come together.

This year's Vacation Bible School theme is "Live it Out." We're focusing on loving and serving our neighbors, emphasizing the importance of putting others first and practicing forgiveness. Through songs, crafts, science experiments, and games, our kids are diving into the love and stories of Jesus in truly heartwarming ways. None of this would be possible without the hands, hearts, and time of our wonderful volunteers and servants. Thank you to all who made Christ's love real this week.

At Royal Oak First, our commitment to children, youth, and families isn't just a program; it's the heartbeat of our community. By investing in their lives and nurturing their faith, we're not only shaping the future of our church but also embodying Christ's love in meaningful ways. Together, we're creating a warm and welcoming space where love flourishes and relationships deepen, making the teachings of Jesus come alive for everyone we serve.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink 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.

Jeff Nelson