



ROYAL OAK
FIRST
A United Methodist Church

Sunday, July 13, 2025
10:00 AM Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	“Opus 23” Dustin O’Halloran	Michael Rosas
Call to Worship		Jeff Jones
Opening Hymn #390**	“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson & Jennifer Tripoli
Introduction – Sunday School Coordinator		Bridget Nelson
Children’s Moment		
Mission Moment		Allison Harris
Time of Prayer		
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering		Joel Palmer
Doxology #95**	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	
Scripture Reading*	Genesis 45:1-15	
Sermon Song	“Close Every Door to Me” Andrew Lloyd Webber	Doug Clark
Message	"The Do Over"	Jeff Nelson
Closing Hymn #98**	“To God Be the Glory”	
Benediction		
Postlude	“Toccato”	

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, July 16
6-8PM

Ice Cream 🍦 Foam Cannon 🎈 Silent Disco

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!

NOAH at Central



NOAH SUMMER BBQ

We could use donations of whole watermelons and homemade cookies and 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.



JOIN US FOR OUR CHURCH PICNIC ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

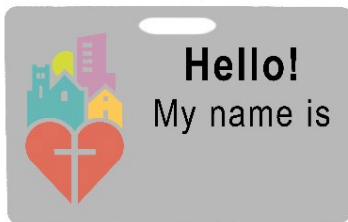
Our Church Picnic will be held on **Wednesday, August 13 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Normandy Oaks, 4234 Delemere Blvd., Royal Oak, 48073.** Bring a side dish to pass, a chair, and your beverage of choice. There is a kids' splash pad, so bring a swimsuit and a towel. We will provide the hot dogs, the fellowship, and the fun. If you have any questions, contact the church office at 248.541.4100 or office@rofum.org.

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ARTS, BEATS & EATS CHARITY EVENT

Outreach on 7th is a beneficiary of this year's Arts, Beats & Eats Charity Event! Tickets are available for this fun night out on Thursday, August 21. Join us to sample great food and custom cocktails and groove to music by artists scheduled to perform at the annual Labor Day weekend festival. This takes place under the skies on Fifth Street in Royal Oak, between Washington and Center Streets. (Rain location is the Fifth Avenue Nightclub) from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 21. Link to purchase tickets - BE SURE TO SELECT OUTREACH ON 7TH - towards the end of your purchase, you can select the charity you want to support. <https://www.showpass.com/arts-beats-and-eats-on-5th-charity-preview-event/>



NAMETAGS PROMOTE FELLOWSHIP

Since we have now gone to only one service for the summer, we invariably will meet new people and **it is good to wear your nametag to facilitate introductions and conversations. 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.**

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Emily Edwards • Phyllis Hassberger • Kirsten Turkington • Sue Buxton •
Adrienne Loftin • Dave Minch • Allison Hempstead • Jan Albert •
Charles Hardaway • Joan Johnson • Mary Lou Graeber • Jerry Elliott •
Michele Prud'homme • Dauroran Thurman • Ren Renforth • Grace Perkins •
Judy Bryan • Mark Thatcher • Ann Anderson •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Deb Ingraham • 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 •

*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 Friends,

I'm thrilled to report that, by the grace of God (and perhaps a little technological wizardry), we've successfully delivered this week's bulletin and letter electronically! A big thank you for your patience during our hiccup—your grace means the world.

As I reflect on the past week, my heart is full. Over the Fourth of July weekend, our Outreach on 7th welcomed 63 neighbors who are facing hunger or homelessness. We served up hotdogs, hamburgers, and watermelon, transforming the day into a genuine celebration of community. I had a conversation with Roger Boyer, one of our devoted volunteers, about where he felt he saw God that day. He shared a moving story about a guest who, despite his own circumstances, presses a crumpled dollar bill into the hands of one of our clothing closet workers every time he visits, saying, "this is for the church." It struck me how even the smallest gestures can carry such dignity and grace, allowing everyone the chance to contribute in their own way.

Then, on Saturday, we hosted 56 neighbors at our Essentials Pantry, where we provide hygiene supplies for those in need. I asked Ann Brown, one of our amazing lead servants, where she saw God in that moment. With a smile, she spoke of Gavin, a young boy who volunteers with us. "Watching Gavin Luczak's servant heart beating at such a young age!" she exclaimed. It warmed my heart to think of how even our children are stepping up to love and serve others.

On another exciting note, I am overjoyed to introduce Sarah Vandervest as our new Sunday School Coordinator! Sarah has such a big heart for kids and a genuine passion for sharing Jesus' love with them. We'll introduce her this Sunday, and I can't wait to see the incredible ways she'll connect with our students and help them grow in their faith.

Let's continue to support one another, share our stories, and extend the love of Christ in all that we do. Together, we are making a difference!

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