



ROYAL OAK
FIRST

A United Methodist Church

Sunday, July 27, 2025
10:00 AM Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	"Oceans"	Youth Band
Greeting		Rachel Fritz
Song	"Never Been a Moment"	Congregational Singing & Youth Band
Song	"Shine in Me"	Pre-Campers
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson & Jennifer Tripoli
Time of Prayer		
Camp Video		
Song	"Up and Up" Colton Dixon	Middle School Choir
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	"Asante Mungu" (Thank You, God) Jennifer Klein & Karen Crane	Elementary School Choir
Doxology	"Give Thanks"	Congregational Singing & Youth Band
Song	"Fill-a Me Up!" Pepper Choplin	High School Choir
Scripture Reading*	Isaiah 41:8-10	Hannah Richardson
Message	"God Moments"	Jennifer Tripoli
Song	"I'm So Blessed"	Congregational Singing & Youth Band
Benediction		
Departing Music	"Send Me Out"	Youth Band

**Common English Bible*

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A WEEK WITH RBI

In an effort to support our friends at the Redford Brightmoor Initiative (RBI), we are planning a full week devoted to supporting their Free Store.



- **Sunday 8/17**, we will **gather in the Parlor after church** to repackage donations purchased in bulk into single person sizes.
- **Thursday 8/21**, we will **send a group of volunteers** to help sort donations and get the Free Store ready to open.
- **Saturday 8/23**, we will **send another group of volunteers** to help staff the Free Store while it is open.

Please also look through your homes for household item donations (kitchen, bedding, towels, etc.) and men's and children's clothing (please, no winter clothes until the fall, and no shoes) that you no longer need and bring them to the lower level elevator lobby. Thank you for helping in the ways you are able! Scan the QR code to sign up.



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 PREVIEW PARTY BENEFITTING OUTREACH ON 7TH

Outreach on 7th is a beneficiary of this year's Arts, Beats & Eats Charity Preview Party! Join us for this fun night out to sample great food, 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. BE SURE TO SELECT OUTREACH ON 7TH towards the end of your purchase. Scan the QR code to purchase your ticket.**



SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION FOR FERNDAL LOWER ELEMENTARY

Late summer brings the return of the Royal Oak First School Supply Collection! We are continuing our partnership with Ferndale Lower Elementary and will be collecting the following items which they requested: **glue sticks, Expo markers, Crayola 24ct crayons, Ticonderoga pencils, and kids scissors.** Other items are welcome, but those listed are of greatest need.



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.**

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Check out the Royal Oak First
CLOTHING STORE!



FALL KICK-OFF IS COMING!

GEAR UP WITH ROYAL OAK FIRST SWAG!

Get ready for the season and show your church spirit in style! The Royal Oak First Church Clothing Store is open and stocked with awesome gear — from short and long-sleeve tees to cozy sweatshirts, hats, and even a t-shirt for your pup! It's the perfect time to grab some fresh Royal Oak First swag. Scan the QR code to browse and order from our online store!



OUTREACH ON 7TH WISH LIST

Outreach on 7th could use the following items:

- Men's Shoes (sizes 10 & 11)
- Bath and Beach Towels
- Easy Opened Canned Fruit and Meat

Please drop off at the church office, Monday-Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.



Not Receiving Church Emails?



NOT RECEIVING CHURCH EMAILS?

The church sends out two weekly emails. One on Monday letting you know about all the upcoming happenings. Our second email is sent on Saturday with the Pastor's letter and a link to that week's Bulletin. If you are not receiving these emails or used to receive them and no longer are, scan the QR code or stop by the Connections Table and we will get you all signed up to receive them. In addition to our Bulletin, they are a great way to know what is happening at church.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED DURING ARTS, BEATS & EATS

From August 29-September 1, nearly 400,000 people will visit our community during Arts, Beats & Eats (ABE), so we are looking for volunteers. You will greet Arts, Beats & Eats volunteers, sponsors & artists at the Tower entrance; keep the church outdoor area picked up; offer assistance to ABE Volunteer Command Center Staff as needed. Bonus: Each person that volunteers for a shift will receive free admission to the festival! Scan the QR code to sign up.



ESSENTIALS PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON THE 1ST SATURDAY

The first Saturday morning of the month, the Essentials Pantry is open. **We need volunteers to gather from our supply inventory and hand out these supplies to those in need.** If you are able to volunteer, please scan the QR code to sign up.



BAKERY ITEMS FOR THE COFFEE BAR ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!

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:

Emily Edwards • Cathy McFarlane • Phyllis Hassberger • Kristen Turkington • Sue Buxton • Adrienne Loftin • Dave Minch • Lee Hoffmann • Jan Albert • Mary Lou Graeber • Charles Hardaway • Joan Johnson • Michele Prud'homme • Jerry Elliott • Grace Perkins • Judy Bryan • Mark Thatcher • Ann Anderson •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Margie Reese • Cheryl Castellani • 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 •

Sympathies to:

Michael Rosas on the death of his aunt, Barbara Witvliet on July 23, 2025

Kevin Wilson on the death of his grandfather, Lee Pearson on July 20, 2025

Dolly Oberdier on the death of her sister, Margaret Burton on July 18, 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

Friends,

This past week at Choir Camp in Holly, we had a great time filled with Bible study, music, games, and a lot of laughter. The theme this year was "God Moments." God moments are those unmistakable times when we feel God's presence deeply and undeniably. Moments that remind us that God is with us, strengthening us and helping us.

Our scripture this week is from Isaiah 41:8-10, where God offers a word of assurance, *"Do not fear, for I am with you...I will strengthen you and help you."*

We saw the promise come alive through the Bible stories we reflected on each day. And we were reminded that God moments didn't just happen in the past, they still happen today. In our decisions, our struggles, our fears, and our courage, God still breaks through.

Whatever you're facing I hope you remember Isaiah's promise:


You are not alone.

You are chosen.

You are upheld by the hand of God.

Let's keep our eyes and hearts open for those sacred, surprising moments when God shows up.

Blessings,



Pastor Jennifer Tripoli