



ROYAL OAK
FIRST
A United Methodist Church

Sunday, July 6, 2025
10:00 AM Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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| Gathering Music | House Band |
| Greeting | Griffin Anspach |
| Song | “Build Your Kingdom Here” |
| Song | “Trust In God” |
| Welcome & Invitation to Mission | Jeff Nelson & Jennifer Tripoli |
| Children’s Moment | |
| Mission Moment | Allison Harris |
| Time of Prayer | Nicole Wilson |
| Invitation to Offering | |
| Musical Offering | “Fix You” Jennifer Semivan, piano Kiersten Ciccone & Analisa Thomas |
| Doxology | “Give Thanks” |
| Scripture Reading* | Genesis 39:1-23 |
| Message | "The Truth" Josh Wright |
| Sacrament of Holy Communion | |
| Song | “Fear Is Not My Future” |
| Benediction | |
| Departing Music | |

**New Revised Standard Version*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.



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 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**



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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.



WE NEED COFFEE BAR VOLUNTEERS FOR 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.



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PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Emily Edwards • Phyllis Hassberger • Kirsten Turkington • Sue Buxton •
Adrienne Loftin • Dave Minch • Allison Hempstead • Zelda Diamond •
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 • 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 •

*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

Friends,

When I was in Junior High, I had a paper route. I enjoyed the walking and the money, but dealing with the customers wasn't my strong suit.

One of my customers had just gotten new concrete front steps poured the day before, and there was still yellow tape around them. It was hard to reach their front porch with the steps cordoned off. I wondered if the concrete had already dried. It looked dry, but was it really?

To find that out, I would have to test it. I bent over and reached my finger out to touch the step in a tiny, out of the way corner. Just then, the customer suddenly appeared on the porch and loudly accused me of attempting to write something in the wet concrete. I told him, no, I was testing it to see if I could walk on it. He kept yelling so I handed him his paper and left.

I was trying to do the right thing, but he didn't believe me! That wasn't fair. I was being responsible, but I got yelled at anyway. Sometimes life is unfair. It happens to everyone at some point in their life. It happened to Joseph in the book of Genesis a lot.

What do we do when things are unfair? It can be difficult to know for sure. I think Joseph's story can help do that, though! I look forward to exploring it with you this morning.

Josh Wright