



**ROYAL OAK**  
**FIRST**  
A United Methodist Church

**Sunday, August 10, 2025**  
**10:00 AM Worship**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude**

Dr. Marina Stojanovska

**Call to Worship**

Kathy Peterson

**Opening Hymn #369\***

“Blessed Assurance”

**Affirmation of Faith**

**Gloria Patri #70\***

“Glory Be to the Father”

**Welcome & Invitation to Mission**

Jeff Nelson & Jennifer Tripoli

**Mission Moment**

Casey Nelson & Nick Beaven-Parshall

**Children’s Moment**

**Time of Prayer**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Musical Offering**

“God’s Not Done With You”  
Tauren Wells

Julia Westenberg

**Doxology #95\***

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Scripture Reading\*\***

Philippians 4:1-9

**Message**

“Blessed Assurance”

Bridget Nelson

**Closing Hymn #160\***

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## ROYAL OAK FIRST'S CHURCH PICNIC IS **THIS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13!**

- Join us Wednesday, August 13 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Normandy Oaks Park (4234 Delemere Blvd.) in Royal Oak! We can't wait to see you there!
- Hot dogs? We've got 'em.
- Fellowship & fun? Absolutely.
- Bring a side dish for the potluck, a chair, and your favorite drink.
- Don't forget swimsuits/towels for the Splash pad for the kids.



## 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.

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## SUPPORT OUTREACH ON 7<sup>TH</sup> AT THE ARTS, BEATS & EATS CHARITY PREVIEW PARTY

Outreach on 7th has been chosen as a beneficiary of this year's Charity Preview Party for Arts, Beats & Eats!

**Join us on Thursday, August 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**on Fifth Street, (between Washington & Center).**

Enjoy food, cocktails, and live music. **Plus**, 75% of

ticket proceeds **go to Outreach on 7<sup>th</sup> when you**

**select us at checkout. And, if we sell 50+ tickets and top**

**the list, Outreach on 7<sup>th</sup> will also receive a \$500 bonus!** Join

us for a fun night out that supports local outreach!



## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

We invite all children and students to bring their school backpacks to church on **Sunday, August 24** during the **10:00 a.m. worship service** for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks. As a new school year begins, we want to take a moment to support our children, families, and educators with prayer and encouragement. During the service, there will be a special time where each child will receive a blessing for their backpack—a symbol of the year ahead, filled with learning, growth, and new experiences.

## AN UNEXPECTED BLESSING EQUALS A FUNDRAISER OPPORTUNITY!

We recently placed an order for our Summer Choir Camp t-shirts, but due to a mix-up, the company accidentally printed them with our church logo instead. The good news? They let us keep the shirts—and rather than let them go to waste, we're turning this little surprise into a fun fundraiser! **These limited-edition church logo tees (in both youth and adult sizes) are now available for purchase, and all proceeds will go toward Royal Oak First's Music Guild.** Get yours at the Welcome Desk while they last and help support our church in a creative way!



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## Volunteer Opportunities at Church

### 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.



### SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION FOR FERNDALE 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: **tissues and wide-rule spiral notebooks (newly added items!)**, glue sticks, Expo markers, Crayola 24ct crayons, Ticonderoga pencils, and kids scissors. Other items are welcome, but those listed are of greatest need. Please drop off in the white bin located near the Welcome Desk at the Lafayette entrance.



### OUTREACH ON 7<sup>TH</sup> WISH LIST

Outreach on 7th could use the following items:

- **Men's Shoes (sizes 10 & 11)**
- **Men's Summer Clothes**
- **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.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 at our Fall Kickoff on September 7! 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!



**Special Arts, Beats & Eats  
Worship Service!**

*Sunday, August 31 at 10:00 a.m.*

A photograph of a man in a blue shirt and khaki pants standing on a stage, gesturing with his right hand. He is surrounded by musical equipment, including a drum set and microphones. In the foreground, the backs of several audience members' heads are visible, looking towards the stage.

**SPECIAL ARTS, BEATS & EATS SERVICE**

We will have **only one worship service during Arts, Beats & Eats on Sunday, August 31 at 10:00 a.m. on the outdoor stage located at 6th and Lafayette.** If you don't plan on staying for the festival, park in the parking structure across and down the street from the church until 11:00 am. If you are planning to attend the festival after worship, all worshippers that day get a ticket for free admission to the festival, free parking at Royal Oak High School (1500 Lexington Blvd.), along with a free shuttle from the high school to drop you off and pick you up right next to the stage.

**HELP US BRING FRESH PRODUCE TO FAMILIES IN NEED**

For the past six years, members of Royal Oak First have generously provided fresh produce each month for the Redford Brightmoor Initiative (RBI) Free Store—often the only source of fresh fruits and vegetables for the families they serve. **We're looking for volunteers to help shop for produce in September.** If you can lend a hand, please scan the QR code to sign up. Your time and effort make a meaningful difference!



# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

## Prayers for Our Church Family:

Hudson Williams • Megan McKenzie-Grimm • Don Matson • John Marsh •  
Kathy MacFarlane • Phyllis Hassberger • Kristen Turkington • Sue Buxton •  
Adrienne Loftin • Dave Minch • Lee Hoffmann • Jan Albert •  
Charles Hardaway • Michele Prud'homme •

## Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Marvin Frey • Carol • Joan • Missy Winter • Brett Thatcher • 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 Barber •  
Marisa Beckford • Ronald Fick • Heather Brown Miller • Scott & Cathy Dawe •  
Marykay McCaskey • Ellen Delangy •

## Sympathies to:

The family and friends of Judy Bryan on her death on August 5, 2025

## Congratulations to:

Lynn Bryan and Varun DaCosta on the birth of their daughter, Daphne Rose DaCosta on July 25, 2025

Catherine and William Brown on their marriage on July 19, 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

Hello Church Family!

I hope everyone is having a great summer! Hard to believe it's already the second Sunday of August - two more weeks and families with school-aged kids will be back with their in-school routines. Which reminds me, be sure to bring your backpacks to church on Sunday, August 24 for our Blessing of the Backpacks at the 10:00 a.m. service!

This month we are looking at some favorite hymns. If you missed the our message last week on "Amazing Grace," I invite you to find it on our YouTube Channel or our Facebook page. This week we are looking at "Blessed Assurance," which is an all-time favorite of mine. I have been learning about where it came from, what it means, when it was written and I have some ideas about what it still has to say to us today. I hope you can join us on Sunday!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Church Picnic on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Normandy Oaks Park. There is nothing like a United Methodist potluck! All are welcome and I will see you there!

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bridget Nelson". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Bridget" written in a larger, more prominent style than the last name "Nelson".

Bridget Nelson