

STILL HERE

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**ROYAL OAK
FIRST**
A United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 12, 2026 | 9:00 AM Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music		House Band
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jeff Nelson
Song	“Raise a Hallelujah”	
Mission Moment		Heather McNutt
Invitation to Offering		Jennifer Tripoli
Musical Offering	“Centering Prayer” (Porter’s Gate)	
Doxology	“Give Thanks”	
Scripture Reading*	John 21:1-14	
Message	“Fed Before Sent”	Jennifer Tripoli
Sacrament of Communion		
Communion Music	“The Table”	
Closing Song	“Blessed Assurance”	
Benediction		
Departing Music		

**New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



BREAKFAST IS SERVED TODAY!

Sunday, April 12, 2026 | after either service

Start your Sunday with a little extra connection and community! Join us for a Continental Breakfast held in the Parlor after both services. Enjoy a relaxed time together with pastries, fresh fruit, yogurt, cereals, bagels, and your choice of coffee, orange juice, or water. Whether you're catching up with friends or meeting someone new, we'd love to share the table with you.



CONFIRMATION YOUTH BAKE SALE-TODAY!

Sunday, April 12, 2026 | after both services

Five of our 8th graders have been growing in faith as they prepare for Confirmation. Today, after the 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. services, they'll host a bake sale to support their Kingdom Projects benefiting local nonprofits. Stop by for a treat and support their journey!



HELP SHAPE PRIDE & ALLY

Monday, April 13, 2026 | 6:30-8:00 p.m.

There's energy growing in our Pride & Ally Group, and we'd love your voice in it. We're beginning to shape our mission, expand outreach, and plan for Pride Month. Whether you've been to a meeting before or are just curious, you are welcome at our next meeting on Monday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. To be added to the email/text list, call 248.541.4100 or email ltrumbull@rofum.org.

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Moms at Pubs

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Thursday, April 23, 2026 | 7:00 p.m.

Rock on 3rd at 112 E. 3rd St., Royal Oak

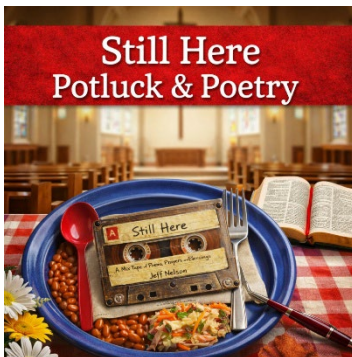
Whether your kids are newborns, toddlers, or all grown, join us Thursday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m. at Rock on 3rd (112 E. 3rd St., Royal Oak) for a relaxed evening of conversation, food, and connection. Come unwind, share a few laughs, and spend time with other moms who truly get it—the joys, the chaos, and everything in between. To be added to the email list, contact Pastor Jennifer at jtripoli@rofum.org.



HANDS WITH DETROIT SERVICE DAY

Saturday, April 25, 2026 | 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The Hands with Detroit Service Day, put on by the Greater Detroit District UMC, returns on Saturday, April 25, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Join in service with volunteers from other United Methodist Churches throughout our district to make an impact. Different shifts are available and you can select the tasks you prefer. This service day is designed for ages 10+. Please scan the QR code for additional information and to sign up.



STILL HERE POTLUCK & POETRY

Saturday, May 2, 2026 | 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Join us Saturday, May 2 at 6:00 p.m. for *Still Here* Potluck & Poetry! All are welcome for a festive potluck, followed by readings from Pastor Jeff Nelson's book *Still Here: A Mixtape of Poems, Prayers, and Blessings* at 7:00 p.m. Books will be available for purchase and signing. The church will provide chicken—please bring a side, beverage, or dessert. Volunteers are also needed for setup and cleanup. Scan the QR code to sign up.



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FAMILY SANDWICH/LUNCH MAKING FROM HOME



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Sunday, May 3 and Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Are you looking for a one-time service opportunity this spring? We've designed an opportunity for many households to sponsor another NOAH at Central lunch together. You can sign up to make 30 sandwiches or 30 lunches at your home to be delivered to church on Sunday, May 3. Additionally, we are hoping for 2 volunteers to help drive the meal downtown on Tuesday, May 5. Please scan the QR code to sign up!



PRODUCE COLLECTION

Volunteers
Needed!



RBI PRODUCE COLLECTION

Friday, May 8, 2026

Thank you for your continued support in providing fresh produce monthly to the families served through Redford Brightmoor Initiative's Free Store! **We need 3 shoppers for May.** Scan the QR code to sign up.



SAVE THE DATE FOR EUCHRE NIGHT

Friday, May 15 | 6:30-9:30 p.m.

5th Avenue Grill in Downtown Royal Oak

Join us for a fun, Midwest-style Euchre tournament filled with friends and fellowship. Enjoy a silent auction featuring great items donated by friends and local businesses supporting Outreach on 7th. Not a Euchre player? Come anyway—there's plenty of time to mix, mingle, and bid! Cost is \$50 per person and includes food and non-alcoholic beverages; a cash bar will be available. All proceeds benefit Outreach on 7th.



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SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!

We're seeking donations for the Silent Auction at our Euchre Night on Friday, May 15, benefiting Outreach on 7th. Local businesses and individuals are invited to contribute items, services, or unique experiences to be auctioned. Your generosity will make a meaningful difference and help us continue supporting those who need it most. To donate or for any questions, please contact Scott McKinnon at swmckinnon61@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATES!

CHOIR REUNION WEEKEND

October 16-18, 2026

Calling all voices—past and present! Royal Oak First is bringing the choir family back together for a joyful reunion weekend, and you won't want to miss it. Whether you sang last year or decades ago, you're invited to come home. We'll gather for a weekend filled with laughter, shared memories of choir and church camp, meaningful connection, and plenty of music. Together, we'll rehearse beloved pieces and lift our voices once again in worship at the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, October 18. Mark your calendar, spread the word, and start reconnecting—this is going to be something special. More details coming soon...we can't wait to see you again.



PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Kay Nowaczok • LeeAnn Witherspoon • Joyce Negrich • Heather Diemond • Riley Combs • Elsa Reynolds • Andrew Sluss • Rick Buxton • Scott Cummings • Pam Payne • Joyce Russell • John Marsh • Kay Nowaczok • Elizabeth Kincannon • Larry Oberdier • Ann Anderson • Mark Thatcher • Bob Prud'homme • Michele Prud'homme • Bernie Stubitsch •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Adarsa • Jeanie & Michael John Hoops • Jimmy Castellani • Christina Buchanan • Mike • Craig Brooks • Sandra Brooks • Burnie Davis • Jim • Leslie Inch • Beverly Bazzell • Effie Lambros • Carol Marshall • Felix Thurman • Mark Hall • Robert Williams • Huntley Thatcher Reed • Jean Murphy • Ron & Betsy Fisch • Kelli Hackbardt • Russ Dore' • Elma Holloway • Richard Long • Jean Foster • John Bartley • Susie Wilkinson • James • Barbara Anderson • Dr. Eisenshtadt • Bill Gnegy • Debbie Motherwell • Margie Reese •

Sympathies to:

Camden Youngquist on the death of his grandma, Bernice Graham on April 7, 2026

Congratulations to:

William and Catherine Brown on the birth of their son, Jack Charles Brown on April 6, 2026

Jenny and Gordy Boozan on the birth of their daughter, Georgia Rose Boozan on March 27, 2026

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,

We're so glad you're here today.

As we continue our "Still Here" series, we're reminded that after the resurrection, the disciples didn't rush off to change the world. They gathered. They ate together. They stayed. They made space for one another as they tried to make sense of what God was doing among them.

That matters for us, too.

So today, we invite you to stick around after worship for a simple continental breakfast. It may seem like a small thing but sharing a table is one of the ways we practice being the church.

It's where conversations begin.

It's where connections deepen.

It's where we remember that we don't have to do life alone.

In a world that often feels rushed and disconnected, choosing to linger is a quiet act of faith.

So grab a cup of coffee, a bite to eat, and take a moment to stay.

Because sometimes the most meaningful thing we can do... is simply remain.

We're glad you're still here.

Blessings,



Pastor Jennifer Tripoli