



STILL HERE

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**ROYAL OAK
FIRST**
A United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 19, 2026 | 11:00 AM Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	“Berceuse” (Louis Vierne)	David Enos
Welcome		Jeff Nelson
Finance Moment		Rick Buxton
Opening Hymn #57*	“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (verses 1-5)	
Call to Worship		Kathy Peterson
Prayer Concerns		
Time of Prayer		
Invitation to Offering		Jennifer Tripoli
Musical Offering	“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise” (Victor Johnson)	Sanctus Choir
Doxology #95*	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	
Interview		Bill Warren
Scripture Reading**	John 21:15-19	
Message	“Do You Love Me”	Jeff Nelson
Closing Hymn #714*	“I Know Whom I Have Believed”	
Benediction		
Postlude	“Choral Song” (Samuel Sebastian Wesley)	

**United Methodist Hymnal*

***Common English Bible*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moms at Pubs

(MAP)



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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

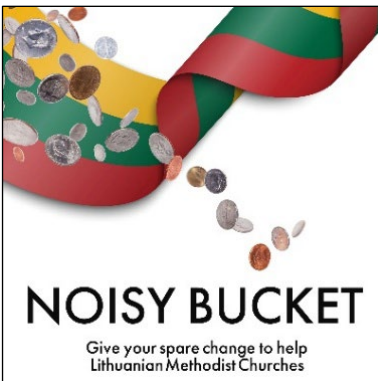
Saturday, April 25, 2026 | 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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.



NOISY BUCKET ON APRIL 26

Bring in your spare change in on Sunday, April 26 at either service and we will collect it for our efforts to support the United Methodist churches in Lithuania. Don't miss out on making the bucket noisy!

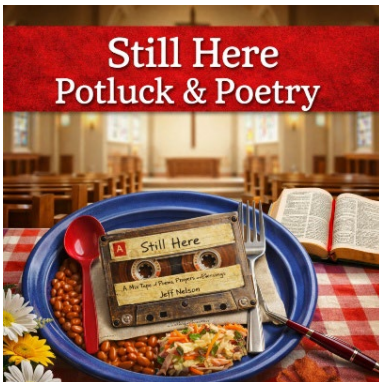


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CONFIRMATION WORSHIP ON APRIL 26

We are excited to have 5 of our youth being confirmed this year. This group has spent time together in monthly gatherings learning about God, their faith, their church and themselves. **On April 26, the 11:00 a.m. service will be a service of Confirmation. All are welcome!** We just wanted to give notice that it will not feel entirely like a usual 11:00 a.m. service. Come join us and celebrate this milestone moment in the lives of these young people.



Still Here Potluck & Poetry

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 salad, side, or dessert. Volunteers are also needed for setup and cleanup. Scan the QR code to sign up.



SCAN ME



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!



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SILENT AUCTION & EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

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

5th Avenue Grill in Downtown Royal Oak

Join us for a traditional Midwest Euchre tournament designed for fun, friends and fellowship. There will be a silent auction with many amazing gifts donated by friends and local businesses committed to supporting our Outreach on 7th program. (Even if you not a Euchre player, we absolutely want you to be part of the evening! There will be ample opportunity to mix, mingle and bid on some wonderful items.) Cost will be \$50 donation a person and will include food and non-alcoholic beverages. A cash bar will be available. All proceeds will go to support Outreach on 7th. To donate to our Silent Auction, please contact Scott Mckinnon at swmckinnon61@gmail.com.



SAVE THE DATES!

CHOIR REUNION WEEKEND

October 16-18, 2026

This picture shows Angelus Choir Members on Tour in the spring of 1975. Do you recognize any of them? Do you have pictures from choir tours that you went on?

We will be sharing memories of our times in choir and at choir camp over the years when we get together the weekend of October 16-18, 2026 at the Royal Oak First United Methodist Church.

Royal Oak First

Choir
Reunion
Weekend



Please tell everyone you know who was in any choir, and who graduated between 1926 and 2026 that this reunion is for them. We want to see you, have food and fellowship with you, and for those of you who want to sing together, we will sing two beloved songs in church on Sunday, October 18 at the 11:00 a.m. service. Even if you don't choose to sing, we want you to join us. We miss you and want to see you again.

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PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

George Bard • Bill Young • LeeAnn Witherspoon • Joyce Negrich • Heather Diamond • Riley Combs • Elsa Reynolds • Rick Buxton • Scott Cummings • Pam Payne • Joyce Russell • 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 • Christina Buchanan • Mike • Craig Brooks • Sandra Brooks • Burnie Davis • Jim • 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:

The Vandekerkhove family on the death of Pam's parents, Al and Anne Young on April 11 and April 12, 2026.

Renee Ott on the death of her sister, Diana Boyd on April 9, 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

Dear Beloved Community,

For this series, the sign is helping tell the story.

Still Here is our community's proclamation that God is still with us on the journey. It is also our reminder to ourselves and to the world that we are still here too.

This sign will travel with us each week, and each week it will bear the marks of the journey we are on together. Last week, the sign carried a charcoal smudge from the fire where Jesus sat with Peter. That mark reminded us that before God asks anything of us, God offers us grace. We are fed before we are sent.

This week, the sign looks a little handled. A little worn. A little beat up. It looks like it has been through something. That is part of the story.

Peter has messed up. He failed Jesus when Jesus needed him most. He has spent the last little while carrying the weight of that failure. He is pretty sure he has gone too far. Pretty sure Jesus is not here for him anymore.

But here is the good news: the sign has been picked up, straightened out, and put back on the wall.

That matters.

This week, we are reminded that restoration is not pretending nothing happened. The paper still remembers being crumpled. But it is not thrown away. It is not hidden. It is not rewritten.

It is still here.

And so are we.

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff Nelson

