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**ROYAL OAK
FIRST**
A United Methodist Church

Sunday, May 10, 2026 | 9:00 AM Worship



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	“Try Love” (Kirk Franklin)	House Band
Welcome		Jennifer Tripoli
Song	“Blessed Assurance”	
Mission Moment		Robert Bryson
Prayer Concerns		Nicole Wilson
Song	“Centering Prayer”	
Pastoral Prayer/Lord’s Prayer		
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	“Home” (From “Beetlejuice”)	Kaylee Derkowski
Doxology	“Give Thanks”	
Scripture Reading*	John 13:34-35	
Message	“Love One Another”	Jennifer Tripoli
Closing Song	“Rest On Us”	
Benediction		
Departing Music		

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BUILDING SAFETY UPDATE

As part of our ongoing commitment to the safety and well-being of our congregation, our Health & Safety Team recently partnered with the Royal Oak Police Department for a walkthrough and safety review of our building.

Following their recommendations, beginning May 1, the Lafayette door (across from the parking lot – Door #3) will remain locked at all times. On Sunday mornings, the only unlocked entrances will be the front Tower Entrance (Door #1) and the door with the Brown Stairs (Door #4).

Thank you for your understanding and support as we take these important steps to care for our church community. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at jtropoli@rofum.org or call 248.541.4100.



MAY MISSIONS COLLECTION

Outreach on 7th helps meet the basic needs of our neighbors by opening Royal Oak First showers on Fridays for unhoused guests. Each guest also receives clean socks, underwear, and an undershirt.

For our May Missions Collection, we are collecting:

- Men's undershirts (L, XL, 2XL)
- Boxer briefs (M–2XL)
- Men's socks

Donations may be dropped off in the round bin by the Welcome Desk Monday–Thursday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., or on Sundays. Thank you for helping make Christ's love real!



TAKE THE MESSAGE HOME

Help share our *Still Here* — *Love • Mercy • Together* message in the community. Lawn signs are available at the Connections Table after worship. You may also call the church office at 248.541.4100 if you'd like us to hold one for pickup.

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NEXT PRIDE & ALLY MEETING

Monday, May 11 | 6:30-8:00 p.m.

We're beginning to shape Pride & Ally's mission, expand our 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, May 11 at 6:30 p.m. To be added to the email/text list, call 248.541.4100 or email prideandally@rofum.org.

EUCHRE NIGHT!!

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 items. **(Even if you are 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.



NEW HERE? COME TO PASTOR CHAT!

Sunday, May 17 | 10:15-11:00 a.m.

Are you new to Royal Oak First or just curious to learn more about our church? Want to find out how to get involved? Join us for Pastor Chat—a relaxed, informal time to meet the pastors, ask questions, and discover your next steps at Royal Oak First. The next Pastor Chat will be on Sunday, May 17 at 10:15 a.m. in the Parlor and last no more than 45 minutes. We'd love to meet you!

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ONE SERVICE BEGINS

Sunday, May 24 | 10:00 a.m.

Beginning on Sunday, May 24, we will have only ONE service on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. This will run through our Fall Kickoff on Sunday, September 6. We will return to our 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services on Sunday, September 13.



LET'S PARTY!

Sunday, June 7 | 11:15 a.m.

Join us for a joyful Church Block Party at Royal Oak First on Pentecost Sunday, June 7, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service! This rain-or-shine celebration, sponsored by our Endowment Team, will include great food, entertainment, and activities for all ages. Whether you're catching up with friends or meeting someone new, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Come celebrate, connect, and experience the spirit of our community, we can't wait to party with you!



WEAR RED ON PENTECOST

Sunday, June 7 | 11:15 a.m.

Our Pentecost Sunday Block Party will be on Sunday, June 7 right after service. We want to encourage everyone to wear red and we made it super easy for you to do so. Check out our new online church store "Shop on Sunday" and order yourself one (or more!) of our red t-shirts!



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MEN'S SNEAKERS & SHORTS NEEDED

The Outreach on 7th Clothing Closet is currently in need of men's sneakers in sizes 10, 10.5, and 11, along with basketball shorts in sizes 34, 36, 38, and 40. If you're able to donate new or gently used items, please drop them off at the church Monday-Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT PRIDE EVENTS

Our Pride & Ally Group is looking for volunteers for our Royal Oak First booth at two June Pride events. We will be at Family Pride Night at the Royal Oak Farmers Market on Wednesday, June 10 and Berkley Pride on Sunday, June 28. Scan the QR code to sign up! If you have any questions, please email prideandally@rofum.org.



CHOIR REUNION WEEKEND

October 16-18, 2026

Do you remember the name of your Music Director when you were in choir? In the photos to the left are James Williams with Sarah Williams, organist (1962-1972) and John Carter (1977-1979). All of the former Music Directors who served our music programs at Royal Oak First are invited to our dinner on Saturday, October 17. Please tell everyone you know who was in any choir, and who graduated between 1926-2026 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.



PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Myra Pollard • John Marsh • DJ Hinman • Sam Nelson • Jerry Haymond •
Elsa Reynolds • George Bard • Bill Young • LeeAnn Witherspoon • Riley Combs •
Scott Cummings • Pam Payne • Joyce Russell • Kay Nowaczok • Ann Anderson •
Mark Thatcher • Bob Prud'homme • Michele Prud'homme • Bernie Stubitsch •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Kerry Doty • Carl Youngquist and family • Faye Rogers • Julie Rogers •
Ken Rogers • Latha Ravi • Marietta Cunningham • Sharon Connors • Jen Moore •
Megan Colett • 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 •
Margie Reese •

*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 week, we hear Jesus say something that sounds so simple and yet, it can be one of the hardest things to live out: “Love one another.”

He doesn't say, “Agree with one another” or “Understand each other perfectly.”

Just...love.

And if we're being honest, that isn't always easy. Sometimes it feels safer to pull back, to stay quiet, to let a little distance grow instead of leaning in. Loving people - real people, with differences and frustrations and wounds can be complicated.

But the love Jesus is talking about isn't big and flashy. It's steady. It's patient. It's often quiet. It's the kind of love that chooses to stay, even when it would be easier to walk away.

Maybe that's what it means to be *Still Here*. Not just showing up, but staying connected. Not disappearing from one another when things get uncomfortable.

So maybe this week, we keep it simple.

Who comes to mind for you? Is there someone you've lost touch with? Someone you've been avoiding? Someone who might need to hear from you? Maybe love looks like a quick text. A phone call. A small step back toward each other.

We don't love because it's easy, or because we're all the same. We love because we belong to each other and we're Still Here.

And that matters more than we often realize.

Blessings,



Pastor Jennifer Tripoli

