

Sunday, May 17, 2026

9:00 AM Worship

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**ROYAL OAK
FIRST**

A United Methodist Church

TOGETHER



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	“Fly You Fools!” (Organ Freeman)	House Band
Welcome		Jeff Nelson
Finance Moment		Liz Wright
Song	“Firm Foundation (He Won’t)”	
Time of Prayer		
Children’s Choirs	“He’s Got the Whole World” “Never Ending Grace” (Mark Patterson)	Lower Elementary Choir Upper Elementary Choir
Invitation to Offering		Nicole Wilson
Musical Offering	“Stay” (Zahiry Zachary)	Maria Moro & Kiersten Ciccone
Doxology	“Give Thanks”	
Scripture Reading*	Acts 1:1-11	
Message	“Wait for the Promise”	Bridget Nelson
Closing Song	“Goodness of God”	
Benediction		
Departing Music		

* Common English Bible

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GRADUATION SUNDAY IS HERE!

Today, we celebrate our 2026 High School graduates at the 11:00 a.m. service! We wish these amazing young people success, happiness and love:

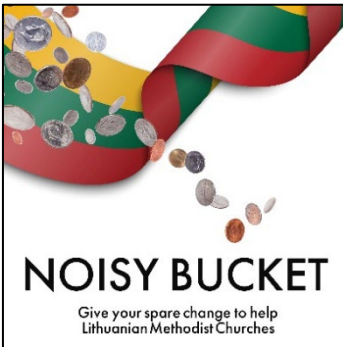
Eleanor Baker • Caroline Bowen • Kaiya Cook • Siena Cuda • Lilly Frey • Olivia Hall • Luke Jahnke • Olivia Mattson • Ava McCulloch • Claire Michalak • Michael Miron • Rosabelle Moody • Sam Nelson • Molly Remeika • Nolan Tull • Eden Vandervest • Sophie Willis • Nathan Wilson • Isabella Yago • Alexis Zimny



ONE SERVICE ON SUNDAYS

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.



NOISY BUCKET

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

Bring in your spare change in on Sunday, May 24 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!



MOMS AT PUBS (MAP)

Thursday, May 28 | 7:00 p.m.

MAP (Moms at Pub) is a relaxed, welcoming space for moms to connect, share a meal, and enjoy meaningful conversation. We gather once a month on Thursdays, September through June, at different restaurants around Royal Oak. Our next gathering will be Thursday, May 28 at 7:00 p.m. at HopCat (430 S. Main Street, Royal Oak). To be added to our monthly email with details and locations, please email Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at jtripoli@rofum.org.

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“FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS”

NEW ZOOM DISCUSSION SERIES

Sunday, May 31 | 7:00 p.m.

Do you avoid the news because it feels filled with war, violence, and division? Do you hear political rhetoric using “Christian” language that doesn’t seem to reflect your faith? You’re not alone. Join us for a new Zoom discussion series exploring what we believe and why some of the “Christian” messaging we hear today can feel out of step with the Gospel. Using guidebooks written by Pastor Jeff, we’ll engage in thoughtful conversation and reflection together. Our first Zoom discussion is Sunday, May 31 at 7:00 p.m., focusing on *Resisting Christian Nationalism*. You can purchase the guidebook online (scan the QR code) and read ahead, or simply come ready to listen and discuss. All are welcome.



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 Mon.-Thu., 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., or on Sundays.



CELEBRATE PENTECOST

WITH A CHURCH BLOCK PARTY

Sunday, June 7 | Following the 10:00 a.m. service

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!

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PENTECOST SUNDAY: WEAR RED WITH US!

Sunday, June 7

Join us for our Pentecost Sunday Block Party on Sunday, June 7, right after worship! We invite everyone to wear red as we celebrate together. Order your red church t-shirt from our new online store, "Shop on Sunday," and be sure to order soon so it arrives in time for Pentecost Sunday. We'll also take a church-wide group photo after worship, so don't miss it!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT PRIDE EVENTS

Wednesday, June 10 & Sunday, June 28

Our Pride & Ally Group needs 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

John Wilson was Music Director at Royal Oak First from 1972–1976 (pictured with Sue Franklin, Music Assistant). During his leadership, the Angelus Choir performed the musical *Celebrate Life*. We'll reunite to sing the beloved piece "In Remembrance of Me/You Shall Know the Truth" on Sunday, October 16 at the 11:00 a.m. service.

Please spread the word to anyone who sang in a Royal Oak First choir. We hope you'll join us for music, food, fellowship, and memories — whether or not you choose to sing.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES



ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL


AUGUST 10-13



6-8PM


TODDLER TO
5TH GRADE

CALLING ALL SUPERHERO KIDS!

Get ready for an action-packed week at Hero Academy! Kids (toddler–5th grade) will discover what it means to be God’s heroes—full of heart, wisdom, hope, and courage.

Each night includes games, music, creative activities, and meaningful lessons that help kids shine God’s light in the world.

August 10–13 | 6:00–8:00 PM

Cost: \$25 first child, \$15 each additional (max \$60/family)

Join us Sunday, August 16 at 10:00 AM to sing and celebrate!

REGISTER BY SCANNING QR CODE:

Note: Registrations after June 30 will not receive a t-shirt.



SCAN ME

BE A HERO: VOLUNTEER!

We’re looking for amazing volunteers to help make this week unforgettable for our kids!

Whether you love leading games, helping with crafts, leading groups, decorating, or welcoming families—there’s a place for you.

No experience needed—just a willingness to serve, have fun and share God’s love!

Come be part of something meaningful and make a lasting impact in a child’s life.

SIGN UP BY SCANNING QR CODE:

Questions?
Contact Tori Kozan at
tmazur511@yahoo.com



SCAN ME

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Elsa Reynolds • Myra Pollard • John Marsh • DJ Hinman • Sam Nelson •
Jerry Haymond • 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:

Ann Mills • Judy Gombert • Kerry Doty • Faye Rogers • Julie Rogers •
Ken Rogers • Latha Ravi • Marietta Cunningham • Sharon Conners • Jen Moore •
Megan Colett • Adarsa • Jeanie & Michael John Hoops • Christina Buchanan •
Mike • Craig Brooks • Jim • Beverly Bazzell • Effie Lambros • Carol Marshall •
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 •

Sympathies to:

Amy Youngquist and Camden Youngquist on the death of Amy's father and
Camden's grandfather, Carl Youngquist on May 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

Hello Friends,

This week we will wrap up our Children and Youth weekly programs and have our last Sunday with two services for the summer. I want to thank all the volunteers who make these programs happen - Wednesday night dinner and activities, Sunday morning Sunday School and Nursery, and Sunday night youth group. It takes many hands and hearts to create these formative experiences for the youngest in our congregation. I am so grateful to all who offer their time and energy to serve in these programs!

This Sunday we take a moment to celebrate the class of 2026. This group is graduating from eight different high schools and also from our weekly programs. It is our hope that we have shown them the love and grace of God well enough for them to recognize it out in the world as they move on to whatever is next. And that they also know they are always welcome here, that we will still be here, where they are known and loved.

Our text this week comes from the very beginning of the book of Acts. Jesus has some instructions and the disciples have some questions. We will explore this important moment together.

See you Sunday!

Peace,

Bridget Nelson

Pastor Bridget Nelson

