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Sunday, May 31, 2026 10:00 a.m. Worship



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TOGETHER...we are.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	“Echoes from a Weary World” (Jason Krug)	Carillon Ringers Al Fisk, Guest Director
Welcome & Call to Worship		Patrick Calhoun
Opening Hymn #593**	“Here I Am, Lord”	
Invitation to Community		Jeff Nelson
Children’s Moment		
Time of Prayer		Nicole Wilson
Endowment Team		Natalie Talaga
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	“Appassionata” (Michael Joy)	
Doxology #95**	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	
Scripture Reading*	Acts 1:12-17, 20-26	
Message	“Still Here: Waiting Together”	Nicole Wilson
Sacrament of Communion		
Communion Song #618**	“Let Us Break Bread Together”	
Closing Hymn #526**	“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”	
Benediction		
Postlude	“Song for My Father” (Horace Silver)	Jennifer Semivan

* *New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*
***United Methodist Hymnal*

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TONIGHT! “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. Part one of the series is *Resisting Christian Nationalism*. If you haven’t purchased the guidebook online and read ahead, just simply come ready to listen and discuss.



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Zoom
Link



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! Don’t forget to wear red!



PRIDE & ALLY GROUP MEETING

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

We’re continuing to shape our mission, expand outreach, and prepare for Pride Month events in our community. Join us for our next meeting on Monday, June 8, from 6:30–8:00 p.m. To be added to the email/text list, call 248.541.4100 or email prideandally@rofum.org.

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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



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code to sign up! If you have any questions, please email prideandally@rofum.org.

B-BALL & BBQ WITH THE BOYS

JUNE COLLECTION AND JUNE 22ND EVENT

Monday, June 22 | 5:00-7:30 p.m.

On Monday, June 22, the Missions Team will be returning to the Methodist Children's Home (MCHS) to host a basketball party - one of their favorite activities. We are looking for volunteers to play basketball with the boys and others to help serve food.



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In addition, we are hoping to bring new summer clothes for each of the boys who lives at MCHS. For the June Missions collection, we will be collecting summer teen boy clothes (Athletic shorts, t-shirts, sandals, and swim trunks – in sizes Adult S-XXL). If you would like to pick up all the items for one boy, please head to the Connections Table after service to select a care tag with that boy's sizes. Scan the QR code to sign up to shop for clothes or volunteer at the June 22nd event.

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MULTI-VITAMINS FOR LITHUANIA MISSION TRIP NEEDED

Pastor Jennifer Tripoli and Ann Brown will travel to Lithuania from June 18-30 with a mission team from Neenah, WI. The congregation in Lithuania has shared a need for regular multi-vitamins. If you would like to help, donations of standard-sized multi-vitamin bottles (no gummy vitamins, please) may be dropped off at the church.

007 NEW WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

As part of an ongoing plan to distinguish and expand our Outreach on 7th (OO7) program, we have just launched a new website and Instagram profile (along with our existing Facebook page). Please check them out and like/share/follow!

--Website: <https://www.outreachon7th.org>

--Instagram: <https://instagram.com/outreachon7th>

--Facebook: <https://facebook.com/outreachon7th>

For more information on Outreach on 7th's transition to a 501(c)(3) non-profit, please see the article in May's *The First Word* newsletter (page 6).



CHOIR REUNION WEEKEND

October 16-18, 2026

Mary Nahhat (pictured here in 1988) was a Director of Children's Choirs from circa 1970-1985. She was also a prominent member of the Sanctus Choir for decades, singing Soprano, and frequently a featured soloist. One of the favorite hymns of the Sanctus Choir is "What a Fellowship (Leaning on the Everlasting Arms)." We will be singing that hymn together on Sunday, October 18, and remembering all the great choir members and Music Directors that have made the music program at Royal Oak First an integral part of worship and celebration. Please come join us for a weekend of food, fellowship and music. We miss you and we want to see you again.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES




AUGUST 10-13



6-8PM


TODDLER TO
5TH GRADE

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ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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.



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BE A HERO: VOLUNTEER!

Are you looking for amazing volunteers to help make this week unforgettable for our kids!

When you help us with our VBS, you are helping with our community.

**Join us for a
Volunteer Meeting
this Sunday, May 31
at 11:30am in the
Youth Room.**

Cost: \$10 per person
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SIGN UP HERE: [LINK](#)

Questions?
Contact Tori Kozan at
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PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Barb Simmons • Cynthia Cline • Kiersten Williams • Wendell Bell • Myra Pollard • John Marsh • DJ Hinman • Sam Nelson • Jerry Haymond • George Bard • Bill Young • LeeAnn Witherspoon • Pam Payne • Joyce Russell • Kay Nowaczok • Ann Anderson • Mark Thatcher • Bob Prud'homme • Michele Prud'homme • Bernie Stubitsch • Kathy MacFarlane •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Tracy Zawaski • Olivia LaCasse • Pete & Darlene Beaulieu • Ann Mills • Judy Gombert • Kerry Doty • Huntley Thatcher Reed • 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 • Jim • Beverly Bazzell • Effie Lambros • Carol Marshall • Robert Williams • Jean Murphy • Ron & Betsy Fisch • Kelli Hackbardt • Russ Dore' • Elma Holloway • Richard Long • Jean Foster • John Bartley • James • Barbara Anderson • Bill Gnegy • Margie Reese •

Sympathies to:

Melissa and Brandon Couture on the death of Brandon's father, Douglas Couture on May 24, 2026

The Dunstan family on the death of Patty's father, Joseph Guarino on May 23, 2026

Congratulations to:

Mark and Mary Zywot on the birth of their son, Mark Zywot on May 26, 2026

Phyllis Hassberger on her 97th birthday on June 2, 2026

The Nelson family is hosting an open house at church on Friday, June 5, 2026 from 5-9pm to celebrate Sam's graduation. Please RSVP to bnelson@rofum.org.

*If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List,
please contact Danielle Moody at prayers@rofum.org.*

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Beloved Community,

We are still here. I am aware that depending on how we say these words, they can mean so many different things:

I'm still here, even though it feels like you have forgotten me.

I'm still here because what is here is worth fighting for.

I'm still here because the thing I am waiting for has not yet come to be.

I'm still here because there's nowhere else to go.

I'm still here because I love it.

I'm still here even though people invited me to give up and to leave; I stayed.

Still Here.

This series has invited us to recognize that “Still Here” isn’t just a phrase, it is a way of being that requires faith, perseverance, and community.

Personally, I am grateful to be able to say that I am still here. My internship ended at the beginning of the month, and I am grateful to be able to continue to be still here, with you, working toward what God is calling us to do here at Royal Oak First.

I am also grateful to be a part of the United Methodist denomination, a mainline, historical denomination that has fought against the pull of power for centuries. So as we face this current moment where the media wants us to believe that Christian Nationalism defines our faith, we are able to recognize the ways that it is a false image of the God we serve. We are able to say that we are still here practicing the ways of Jesus rather than the ways of the empire.

If this is something that has been on your mind, if you've been worried about the language that is being used in public spaces to talk about Christianity, I encourage you to join us on Zoom tonight (scan QR code below for Zoom link), to understand more fully the way Christian Nationalism twists our faith and becomes a mockery of who Jesus is. Join us to gain insight into how we can be Still Here Together.

With Gratitude,



Nicole Wilson

