



**IT'S NOT
THE END
OF THE WORLD**



**ROYAL OAK
FIRST**
A United Methodist Church

Sunday, June 21, 2026

10:00 a.m. Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	“It’s the End of the World as We Know It (and I Feel Fine)” (R.E.M.)	House Band
Welcome / Call to Worship		Kathy Peterson
Opening Song	“What A God”	
Invitation to Community		Jeff Nelson
Finance Moment		Mike McNutt
Children’s Moment		
Time of Prayer		Nicole Wilson
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	“The Great Divide” (Noah Kahan)	Cassandra Wilson
Doxology	“Give Thanks”	
Reader’s Theater		Dale Milford Jenni Clark Deb Schultz Cassandra Wilson Jeff Jones
Message	“Armageddon: Not So Fast!”	Jeff Nelson
Baptism		Edith Baker <i>Daughter of Andrea and Jaime Baker</i>
Closing Song	“Blessed Assurance”	
Benediction		
Departing Music		

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SERVICE



ON SUNDAY

SERVICE FOR OTHERS ON SUNDAY

Sunday, June 21 & Sunday, June 28 | after service

Join us in service for others on Sunday, June 21, right after service in the Parlor, where we will be repackaging items for the Essentials Pantry. Then on Sunday, June 28, right after service, we will be making sandwiches for Outreach on 7th.

B-BALL & BBQ WITH THE BOYS

JUNE COLLECTION AND JUNE 22ND EVENT

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

We are looking for volunteers to play basketball with the boys at the Methodist Children's Home (MCHS) and others to help serve food. In addition, we want to bring new summer clothes for each of the boys. For the June Missions collection, we are collecting summer teen boy clothes (athletic shorts, t-shirts, sandals, and swim trunks, sizes Adult S-XXL). If you would like to pick up all the items for one boy, please head to the Connections Table to select a care tag with that boy's sizes. Scan the QR code to sign up to shop for clothes or to volunteer.



SCAN ME

Moms at Pubs

(MAP)



MOMS AT PUBS (MAP)

Thursday, June 25 | 7:00 p.m.

Royal Oak Brewery (215 E. 4th St., Royal Oak)

MAP (Moms at Pubs) is a relaxed, welcoming space for moms to connect, share a meal, and enjoy meaningful conversation. We gather on the 4th Thursday of the month from September through June, at different Royal Oak restaurants. There is no agenda, just good food and great company. Our next gathering will be June 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Royal Oak Brewery (215 E. 4th St., Royal Oak). To be added to the list, please email Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at jtripoli@rofum.org.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT PRIDE EVENT

Sunday, June 28

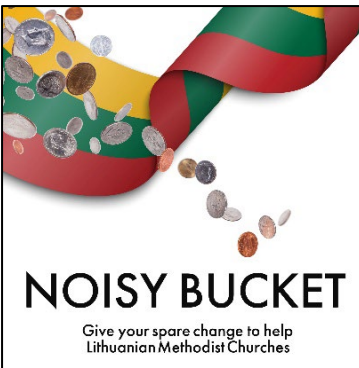
Our Pride & Ally Group needs volunteers for our Royal Oak First booth at Berkley Pride on Sunday, June 28. Scan the QR code to sign up! If you have any questions, please email prideandally@rofum.org.



NOISY BUCKET

Sunday, June 28

Bring in your spare change in on Sunday, June 28 during 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!



“FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS”

EPISODE 2: IT'S NOT THE END OF THE WORLD!

Sunday, June 28 | 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Zoom

Do you ever avoid the news because it seems like all we hear about is war and violence? Are you struggling with rhetoric from political leaders who use “Christian” language



**PURCHASE
GUIDEBOOK**



**SUBMIT
QUESTIONS**

that doesn't seem to reflect your faith? If so, you're not alone. Our second Zoom discussion will take place on Sunday, June 28 at 7:00 p.m. We'll take a deeper dive and explore how we can hold onto God's vision of restoration rather than the violent rhetoric of the world. Join Pastor Jeff for teaching intermixed with discussion in breakout rooms. Scan the QR code to purchase the optional guidebook. Scan the QR code to submit questions that will be discussed. Zoom link will be available soon.



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ESSENTIALS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturday, July 4 | 8:30-10:30 a.m.

The first Saturday of the month, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. the Essentials Pantry is open. We need volunteers to gather from our supply inventory and hand out these supplies to those in need. If you are able to volunteer, please scan the QR code to sign up.



COMMUNION WORKSHOP & BREAD MAKING

Saturday, July 11 | 9:00-11:00 a.m.

In the United Methodist Church our Communion table is open to everyone and this sometimes raises questions, especially for people that come to us from other denominations. So, on July 11, we are going to talk about Communion - what it is and what it means and why we do it and then we are going to bake bread. We will make the bread that will be used the following day for Communion in worship, as well as small loaves of bread for people to take home from church on Sunday. ALL AGES are welcome! Please scan the QR code to sign up.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Wednesday, July 15 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | on church lawn

Join us for ice cream and lawn games at our annual Ice Cream Social! Whether you're new to Royal Oak First or have been part of our congregation for years, this family-friendly event is an opportunity to strengthen relationships across generations and celebrate the community that shapes and supports us. Enjoy delicious ice cream, lawn games, and time to relax, laugh, and connect with one another. All ages are welcome! Bring your family, invite a friend, and come be part of the community we are creating together.

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WELCOME INN COMMUNITY WORK DAY

Saturday, July 18 | 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Welcome Inn, 1717 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak, 48073

Hosted by the South Oakland Faith Alliance in partnership with the Welcome Inn

Join faith communities and community partners from across Southern Oakland County as we come together to prepare the Welcome Inn for the important work ahead. We will: organize common spaces, sort clothing & supplies, clean & declutter, prepare guest areas, and more. No special skills required as this is an elbow-grease day, with no major construction or painting. There will be coffee, water and simple snacks. Scan the QR code to sign up. Questions, contact Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at jtripoli@rofum.org.



CLOTHING CLOSET NEEDS

Outreach on 7th's Clothing Closet could use the following:

- Men's Athletic Shorts (sizes L to XXL)
- Men's Athletic Socks
- Men's Hawaiian Shirts (sizes L to XXL)
- Men's Sweatpants (sizes L to XXL)
- Men's T-shirts (sizes L to XXL)

Please drop off in the bin outside the Welcome Desk Monday-Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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CHOIR REUNION WEEKEND

October 16-18, 2026

At choir camp in the summer of 1977 (pictures shown below) a new tradition began. All the seniors at camp had a special campfire together on the last night of the week. The girls carved their names into one log, the boys into another. Before they put the logs on the fire, each senior gave a little speech about what choir camp had meant to them. This began the tradition of senior campfire night at choir camp that has continued every summer since. Please come join us for the Choir Reunion. We will be telling stories, eating good food, and for those who wish to participate, singing together at the October 18 service.





H A P P Y

Father's DAY



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES




AUGUST 10-13



6-8PM


TODDLER TO
5TH GRADE

le
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!

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



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PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Michele Prud'homme • Margie Carrington • Joyce Negrich • Jerry Elliott • Barb Simmons • Kirsten Williams • Wendell Bell • Myra Pollard • John Marsh • Jerry Haymond • Pam Payne • Joyce Russell • Kay Nowaczok • Ann Anderson • Mark Thatcher • Bob Prud'homme • Kathy MacFarlane •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Ron Gilmour • Effie Lambros • John Barber, Jr. • Mike T. • Pamela & Richard Rush • Tracy Zawaski • Olivia LaCasse • Donna Bartley • Pete & Darlene Beaulieu • Ann Mills • Judy Gombert • Kerry Doty • Huntley Thatcher Reed • 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 • Carol Marshall • Robert Williams • Jean Murphy • Ron & Betsy Fisch • Kelli Hackbardt • Russ Dore' • Elma Holloway • Richard Long • Jean Foster • James • Barbara Anderson • 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

Dear Beloved Community,

Happy Father's Day to all the dads, grandfathers, stepdads, foster dads, spiritual fathers, and all those who have loved, guided, encouraged, and helped raise the next generation.

This Father's Day feels different for me. Over the last few weeks, our family has celebrated Sam's graduation from high school, and I find myself standing in a place I've never stood before; as the father of adult sons. Casey is 20. Sam is 18. Somehow, the little boys who once needed help tying their shoes are becoming the men who will help shape the world. Like many parents, I find myself looking back with gratitude.

One of the gifts of these milestone moments is realizing how little of parenting we actually do alone. Yes, parents carry unique responsibilities, but raising children has always been a community project. Teachers, coaches, mentors, youth leaders, friends, neighbors, church members, and countless others have helped form the young men our sons are becoming. Every graduation is, in some way, a community achievement.

As I reflect on that truth, I find myself thinking about the kind of world we hope our children inherit—and the kind of world we hope they will help build.

This month we celebrate Pride. We commemorate Juneteenth. We continue welcoming people to the waters of baptism, where we proclaim a simple but profound truth; that every person is beloved by God before they achieve, perform, earn, or prove anything. God's love is not a reward. It is a gift.

At the same time, we have been spending these weeks together exploring biblical passages that have too often been used to generate fear rather than hope. We have been reclaiming the good news that the heart of Christian faith is not anxiety about the future, but trust in the God who holds the future.

And perhaps that is why, despite the headlines, despite the divisions, despite the uncertainty that seems to surround us, I find myself surprisingly hopeful.

Hopeful, because I have watched a community help raise two remarkable young men.

Hopeful, because I see people choosing compassion over cruelty, generosity over scarcity, and belonging over exclusion.

Hopeful, because every baptism reminds me that grace comes first.

Hopeful, because every act of welcome, every meal served, every hand extended, every prayer offered is evidence that God is still at work among us.

The world our children inherit will not be perfect. It never has been. But if the communities that helped shape my sons are any indication, there is still so much goodness worth nurturing, protecting, and passing along.

So this Father's Day, I find myself less focused on what I have done as a parent and more grateful for the people who have helped carry the journey with us.

Thank you for being that kind of community.

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff Nelson

