



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



**ROYAL OAK  
FIRST**  
A United Methodist Church

**Sunday, June 28, 2026**

**10:00 a.m. Worship**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>Gathering Music</b>	“Washed”	House Band
<b>Welcome / Call to Worship</b>		Virginia Wright
<b>Opening Song</b>	“Any More”	
<b>Invitation to Community</b>		Nicole Wilson
<b>Children’s Moment</b>		Jeff Nelson
<b>Pride Moment</b>		Jeff Nelson & Julie McKeeman
<b>Noisy Bucket</b>	“Make a Joyful Noise”	
<b>Time of Prayer</b>		
<b>Invitation to Offering</b>		
<b>Musical Offering</b>	“Blessed Assurance”	Handbell Quartet: Jan Matsumoto Kimi Matsumoto Liz Wright Amy Rhoades
<b>Doxology #95*</b>	“Praise God for Whom All Blessings Flow”	Mike Matsumoto
<b>Reader’s Theater</b>		Dale Milford Jenni Clark James Brooker Paula Derkowski Danielle Patterson
<b>Message</b>	“Spoiler Alert: Love Wins”	Nicole Wilson
<b>Closing Song</b>	“What a God”	
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Departing Music</b>		



**“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 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 below to submit questions that will be discussed. Scan the QR code below to purchase the optional guidebook. Scan QR code below for Zoom link (link is also available on our website [www.rofum.org](http://www.rofum.org)).



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**SUBMIT  
QUESTIONS**



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**PURCHASE  
GUIDEBOOK**



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**ZOOM  
LINK**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## SERVICE FOR OTHERS ON SUNDAY

Sunday, June 28 | after service

Join us in service for others today, Sunday, June 28, right after service, we will be making sandwiches for Outreach on 7<sup>th</sup> in the Parlor.



## JULY BAG LUNCH COLLECTION FOR 007

During July, our Missions Team will be collecting lunch items for the Outreach on 7th (007) Lunch Program. The summer and fall are the busiest times of the year for their lunch program, serving meals to around 50 visitors each day. Each guest receives both a hot meal and a bag lunch to eat later in the day. Please bring in individual-size chip bags, fruit/applesauce cups, and 8 oz bottled water to help support this important program. We will have a formal presentation of these donations during the July 26th worship service, but you are welcome to bring items in at any point during the month and drop them off in the bin by the Welcome Desk near the Lafayette entrance.



## 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.



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## COMMUNION WORKSHOP & BREAD MAKING

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

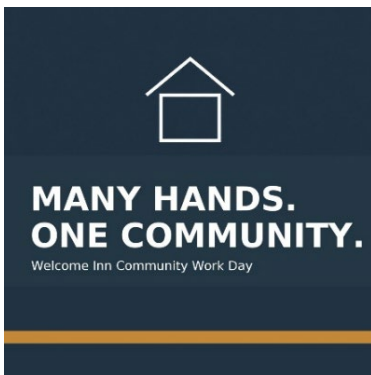
In the United Methodist Church our Communion table is open to everyone and this sometimes raises questions, especially for people that come to us from other denominations. So, on July 11, we are going to talk about Communion - what it is and what it means and why we do it and then we are going to bake 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!



## 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. Scan the QR code to sign up.



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## NOAH AT CENTRAL BBQ

Thursday, July 30 | 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Our volunteers had such a great time grilling and serving the food at the NOAH at Central Summer BBQ the last three years that we jumped at the chance to do it again. The Missions Team will be loading up our huge grill, along with enough burgers and hot dogs for 300 attendees. If you would like to join the fun, please mark your calendar for the morning of Thursday, July 30 and sign up by scanning the QR code. We are also asking for dessert and watermelon donations for this event earlier that week.



## 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.



## SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is coming up quickly! Please scan the QR code to view the Amazon Wish List and donate supplies needed to make VBS a success this year! Your help is greatly appreciated.



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES

SIGN UP BY  
**JUNE 30**  
TO RECEIVE  
A FREE  
T-SHIRT!



**HERO**  
ACADEMY

ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

  
AUGUST 10-13

  
6-8PM

  
TODDLER TO  
5<sup>TH</sup> 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.*



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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  
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Royal Oak First  
*Choir* ✦  
*Reunion*  
*Weekend*

## **CHOIR REUNION WEEKEND**

**October 16-18, 2026**

The “Feast of Carols” is an annual musical event held in the month of December to celebrate the Christmas season. For the past 71 years, all of the choirs at Royal Oak First have performed in this concert. Pictured below is the “Feast of Carols” held in 2017 under the musical direction of Caleb Williams. This concert is a glorious example of the church's commitment to its music ministry.

Please come join us for the Choir Reunion. We will be telling stories, eating good food, and for those who wish to participate, we will be singing together at the October 18 service.



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## Royal Oak First is always grateful when people give of their TIME, TALENT and/or TREASURE.

Did you know that there are several different ways to give financially?

**Text to Give:** Text the amount you wish to give to 855.566.0093.

**In Person:** You can place a check or cash in an offering envelope and drop it in the offering plate when it goes by or in one of the offering collection boxes just outside the Sanctuary.

**Giving App:** Download the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app to set up one-time or recurring donations.

**Online:** Visit [rofum.org/giving](http://rofum.org/giving) to set up and manage your one-time and recurring gifts.

You can always check out our website, [www.rofum.org](http://www.rofum.org) for **Volunteer Opportunities** or subscribe to our weekly email, by going to this link: <http://eepurl.com/c9m7L9> or by stopping by the Connections Table in the Gathering Space.

For more information, contact Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at 248.541.4100 ext. 1225 or email [jtripoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtripoli@rofum.org).

Thank you!

# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

## Prayers for Our Church Family:

Brian Harris • Myra Pollard • Ann Anderson • Michele Prud'homme •  
Joyce Negrich • Margie Carrington • Jerry Elliott • John Marsh • Pam Payne •  
Joyce Russell • Kay Nowaczok • Mark Thatcher • Bob Prud'homme •  
Kathy MacFarlane •

## Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Doug Zorn • William McMahon • Ron Gilmour • Effie Lambros • John Barber, Jr. •  
Mike T. • Barbara Anderson • Pamela & Richard Rush • Tracy Zawaski •  
Olivia LaCasse • Donna Bartley • Pete & Darlene Beaulieu • Judy Gombert •  
Kerry Doty • Huntley Thatcher Reed • Faye Rogers • Julie Rogers • Ken Rogers •  
Latha Ravi • Marietta Cunningham • Sharon Connors • Jen Moore • Megan Colett •  
Christina Buchanan • Craig Brooks • Jim • Beverly Bazzell • Carol Marshall •  
Jean Murphy • Ron & Betsy Fisch • Bill Gnegy • Kelli Hackbardt • Russ Dore' •  
Elma Holloway • Richard Long • James •

## Sympathies to:

The Simms family on the death of Beth's mother, Ann Connors Mills on June 19, 2026

## Congratulations to:

The flowers on the altar are in celebration of Andrea Miller and Matt Cox on their marriage on June 26, 2026

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

It's NOT the end of the world! And we know that is true. How? Because of all of the signs we see of renewal, of new beginnings, of life. The world is full of the pattern of Order, Disorder, Reorder. Sometimes it's because of happy things: a new baby or a new job. We had a pattern, this great new person or opportunity disrupts our rhythm, and then we find a new way of being, of thriving. Sometimes it's because of a heartbreak, a death. Our life is disrupted, and yet we also find a new way of going forward. I find the gift of God in all of this is Love; the love God offers as well as the love we have for one another. Love is the force that holds true through all of the stages, love is present in order, in chaos, and in rebuilding. We welcome new beginnings for opportunities to explore love. We find the strength to restructure because of love.

Tonight we're offering a Zoom discussion to talk about how love can be the filter through which we process the end of the world language we hear people throwing around in culture. We will be learning from Pastor Jeff and participating in breakout groups so we can think through what it means to use love as the lens that helps us discern truth from propaganda. Please join us this evening at 7:00 p.m. You can scan the QR code for the Zoom link (see below) and join from your phone, or you can go to the website and click on the link. Pastor Jeff has also written a guidebook if you can't make it and want to think through this on your own (see the QR code in the announcements section).

Grace and Peace,



Nicole Wilson

