



The Good Life

Receiving the Life Jesus Gives

Sunday, July 12, 2026
10:00 a.m. Worship



ROYAL OAK
FIRST
A United Methodist Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	"You've Got The Love"	House Band
Welcome/Call to Worship		Megan Landry
Song	"Firm Foundation (He Won't)"	
Invitation to Community		Jeff Nelson
Children's Moment		Jaime Luczak
Mission Moment		Amy Brown, NOAH at Central
Time of Prayer		Nicole Wilson
Invitation to Offering		Jennifer Tripoli
Musical Offering	"Thy Secret Place"	Debbie Morales
Doxology	"Give Thanks"	
Scripture*	Psalm 1	
Message	"Root It"	Jeff Nelson
Family Led Communion		
Communion Music	"Monday Morning Faith"	
Closing Song	"Build My Life"	
Benediction		
Departing Music		

**New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*



STICK AROUND AFTER WORSHIP TODAY!

Coloring books, crayons, colored pencils, and a few tasty snacks available on tables in the **Gathering Space** and in the **Parlor**.



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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.



SUMMER CAMP SUPPLIES NEEDED!

Our Summer Camp Craft Coordinator is collecting a few everyday items that will be transformed into fun and creative craft projects for our campers! We're looking for:

-  Empty bottled water bottles with lids
-  Empty toilet paper tubes
-  Clear Pringles® can lids
-  Wine corks (any shape or size)

If you have any of these items to spare, we'd be so grateful for your donation! Please drop off donations in the church office by Monday, July 20. Thank you for helping us provide a fun, hands-on experience for the children attending Summer Camp!

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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.

JULY BAG LUNCH COLLECTION FOR OO7

During July, our Missions Team will be collecting lunch items for the Outreach on 7th (OO7) 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.



SCAN ME



CHURCH PICNIC

Wednesday, August 5 | 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Our Church Picnic will be held on Wednesday, August 5 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Normandy Oaks, 4234 Delemere Blvd., Royal Oak, 48073. Bring a side dish to pass, a chair, and your beverage of choice. There is a kids' splash pad, so bring a swimsuit and a towel. We will provide the hot dogs, the fellowship, and the fun. If you have any questions, contact the church office at 248.541.4100 or office@rofum.org

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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.



SIGN UP FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 10-13 | 6:00-8:00 PM

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. Cost: \$25 first child, \$15 each additional (max \$60/family). Also, join us Sunday, August 16 at 10:00 a.m. to sing and celebrate!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

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.





Royal Oak First *Choir Reunion* *Weekend*



CHOIR REUNION WEEKEND

October 16-18, 2026

These photos are of the children's choir, under the musical direction of Mary Nahhat, performing a musical program called "Gospel Truth" in celebration of the church's 140th anniversary in 1978. During that year in Royal Oak First's history, the church dedicated a time capsule that is to be opened in 2038.

Do you recognize anyone in these pictures? Are you one of the children performing that year?

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.

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Rita Nicholas • Joyce Negrich • Paul Thompson • Larry Watkins • Pam Payne •
Michele Prud'homme • Phyllis Hassberger • Myra Pollard • Ann Anderson •
Margie Carrington • Jerry Elliott • Kay Nowaczok • Mark Thatcher •
Bob Prud'homme • Kathy MacFarlane •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Doug Zorn • William McMahon • Effie Lambros • Ron Gilmour • John Barber, Jr. •
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 Conners • Jen Moore • Megan Colett • Christina Buchanan •
Craig Brooks • Jim • Beverly Bazzell • Carol Marshall • Jean Murphy •
Ron & Betsy Fisch • Kelli Hackbardt • Russ Dore' • Elma Holloway •
Richard Long • James • Barbara Anderson • Bill Gnegy •

Sympathies to:

The friends and family of Brian Harris on his death on July 2, 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

Dear Beloved Community,

I hope you had a wonderful Fourth of July weekend. I hope there was good food, some laughter, maybe even an afternoon nap, and time with people you love. And if your weekend was a little less relaxing than that, I hope you at least made it safely through another round of Michigan storms. Summer in Michigan always seems to come with sunshine one minute and everyone checking the radar the next.

This month we're talking about **The Good Life**. Jesus said, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." That's one of those verses that sounds wonderful until someone asks, "What does that actually look like?" I've been asking myself that question.

When does life actually feel full? Not full of things to do or places to be, but full of the things that matter. Love. Friendship. Gratitude. Peace. Purpose. Those moments when, even if life isn't perfect, you find yourself thinking, *This is good*. That's the conversation we'll be having together all month.

One of the ways we're practicing that is by celebrating Holy Communion every Sunday in July. Not because more communion somehow earns us a better life, but because it gives us another chance to practice receiving. We come with open hands. Christ meets us with grace. Sometimes the good life begins there.

This Sunday we'll also gather around a different kind of table. Thanks to Lee's creativity, we've put together our very first Royal Oak First coloring book. It's nothing fancy, and that's kind of the point. We'll have coloring pages, colored pencils, tables, snacks and time. Stay a little while. Sit with your kids or grandkids. Sit with someone you've known for years. Sit with someone you've never met. Color outside the lines if you feel led. I promise we won't ask anyone to stay inside them. One of the things I love most about our church is that we're genuinely multigenerational. That's not something every church gets to enjoy. So here's one more opportunity to simply spend time together.

We'll also be getting ready for church camp. This week we'll invite every child and youth heading to camp to be paired with someone from our congregation who will pray for them during the week and write them a note of encouragement. I love that picture of church. You don't have to know a child personally to remind them they're loved. Sometimes faith grows because someone we've never expected believes in us, prays for us, and takes a few minutes to write a kind word.

Maybe that's part of the good life too. People gathering around tables. People sharing bread. People making room for one another. People reminding each other that none of us has to do life alone. I hope you'll join us this Sunday. Come receive a little grace. Stay a little while. I have a feeling that's exactly the kind of life Jesus had in mind.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jeff Nelson