



The Good Life

Receiving the Life Jesus Gives

Sunday, July 19, 2026
10:00 a.m. Worship



ROYAL OAK
FIRST
A United Methodist Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music	“Joy” Newsboys	House Band
Welcome/Call to Worship		Cheryl Webster-Miller
Song	“Joy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)”	
Invitation to Community		Jennifer Tripoli
Children’s Moment		Tori Kozan
Time of Prayer		Bridget Nelson
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	“Peace and Harmony”	Jan Matsumoto Rachel Michalak Liz Wright Karyl Russo
Doxology #95**	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	Mike Matsumoto
Scripture*	John 2:1-11	
Message	“Enjoy It”	Bridget Nelson
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Communion Music	“What A God”	
Closing Song	“Graves Into Gardens”	
Benediction		
Departing Music		

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SUMMER CAMP SUPPLIES NEEDED!

We're looking for a few everyday items that will be transformed into fun and creative craft projects for our campers:

-  Empty bottled water bottles with lids
-  Empty toilet paper tubes
-  Clear Pringles® can lids

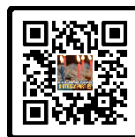
Please drop off donations in the church office by Monday, July 20. Thank you for helping us provide a fun, hands-on experience for the children attending Summer Camp!

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME BIRTHDAY PARTY

Tuesday, July 21 | 4:45-7:00 p.m.

Methodist Children's Home Society, 26645 W. 6 Mile, Redford, MI 48240

Join us as we celebrate the July birthdays. We will be serving dinner and then having a fun evening of "Minute to Win it" activities. Volunteers will help to set up decorations, serve dinner, and run/participate in the "Minute to Win it." No experience is needed, just a heart ready to serve and have fun! The boys who live in this foster program have experienced significant hardships and trauma, and a joyful birthday celebration is very special for them. Please scan the QR code to sign up.



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. We are also asking for dessert and watermelon donations for this event earlier that week. Please scan the QR code to volunteer or donate.



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JULY BAG LUNCH COLLECTION FOR 007

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.



CHURCH PICNIC

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

Normandy Oaks, 4234 Delemere Blvd., Royal Oak, MI 48073

Our Church Picnic will be held on Wednesday, August 5 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Normandy Oaks Park. 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



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.



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ENJOY AN INCREDIBLE SUMMER NIGHT— WHILE SUPPORTING OUTREACH ON 7TH!

Friday, August 28 | 5:30-8:30 p.m.

We're thrilled to share that Outreach on 7th has been selected as a beneficiary of this year's Arts, Beats & Eats Charity Preview Party! It is a celebration previewing the music, art and food coming to Arts, Beats & Eats. The Charity Preview Party takes place Friday, August 28 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on the 5th Street Plaza. When purchasing your tickets, be sure to select **Outreach on 7th** in the "I'm supporting" drop down box. Seventy-five percent (75%) of your ticket purchase will be donated directly to Outreach on 7th, helping support our mission to serve neighbors in need right here in our community. Scan the QR code to buy tickets.



SCAN ME



GET FRIENDS MOVING OUTREACH ON 7TH FUNDRAISER "WHEELS FOR WORK"

Sometimes the difference between getting ahead and falling behind is simply having a way to get to work. Help us equip two Outreach on 7th guests with reliable e-bikes and the gear they need to travel safely and confidently. Please scan the QR code to donate.



SCAN ME



PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS NEEDED

Outreach on 7th is in need of clean plastic grocery bags for our Lunch Program. These bags are used every week to package meals and carry items from our Clothing Closet, helping us serve our neighbors with care and dignity. If you have extra plastic grocery bags at home, we'd love to put them to good use rather than see them thrown away. Donations can be dropped off at the church office Mon-Thu from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Thank you for helping us continue to care for our community, one bag at a time.



CHOIR REUNION WEEKEND

October 16-18, 2026

Bill and Faye Bond joined Royal Oak First United Methodist Church and became active members of the church, of the choir and served as choir camp counselors for many years. Faye (1938-2023) was responsible for recruiting members of the church to join the choir. Her gentle and kind approach was very effective. She and Bill cared for every member of the choir, and were committed to the excellence of the music program.

We want all former and current choir camp counselors to join us for the Royal Oak First Choir Reunion weekend October 16-18, 2026. We invite you to sing with us, if you wish, and have dinner Saturday evening October 17th. There are hundreds of members of Royal Oak First who served, or are serving, as choir camp counselors. You will be welcomed by your former campers, and fellow counselors - sharing memories of those years of fun and sun and music at choir camp. Please join us.

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Pam Payne • Rita Nicholas • Joyce Negrich • Paul Thompson • Larry Watkins • 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:

The Paul Anderson Youth Home Bike Ride Team • Richard Grimm • Dianne Stobbe • 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 Connors • 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 •

*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 Friends,

This month we are talking about The Good Life, and this week we are going to look at how God wants us to enjoy life - Jesus spent time with people in hard times but also in celebration! John's Gospel makes it clear that one of God's gifts to us is joy and we need to let it in and make space for it.

I want to take this opportunity to share some church staff updates: We are making progress on our search for a new Music Director and hope to be able to make an introduction yet this summer. Nicole Wilson's pastoral internship has ended and she has graciously stepped into the position of Worship & Formation Pastor. This is part time and will work with her continued seminary schedule. She is ensuring our readiness for Sunday mornings and doing a wonderful job. After five years, Karla Goetz will be moving on from her position of Missions Coordinator this fall. She leads a full life with her family and needs to give that her time and energy. We are so grateful for all she has done to expand and deepen our commitment to mission and service. She has worked alongside our Missions Team and we appreciate all that has happened as a result of their efforts. We will be sorting out the best path forward on that in the near future and will keep you posted.

Lastly, we are a week away from the beloved tradition of camp! Thank you to everyone who has already taken a bracelet with the name of a camper or counselor and card to send them. There are still a few more to take and we appreciate it! Campers love getting real mail at camp, and prayers are always welcome! There will be 121 of us at camp this year and it is always a special time of fun and friends and the growing of the beloved community. I am so proud to be part of a congregation that gives this gift to our young people every year (for over 70 years!)

I hope you will join us this week - come feel the joy that is present when we gather in God's house among God's people!

Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bridget Nelson".

Pastor Bridget Nelson