



The Good Life

Receiving the Life Jesus Gives

Sunday, July 26, 2026
10:00 a.m. Worship



ROYAL OAK
FIRST
A United Methodist Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music		Russell Calhoun
Welcome/Call to Worship		Dale Milford
Opening Song	"Holy Water"	
Invitation to Community		Jeff Nelson
Noisy Bucket		
Children's Moment		Sarah Vandervest
Time of Prayer		Nicole Wilson
Baptism		Georgia Boozan <i>Daughter of Gordy and Jenny Boozan</i>
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering		Casey Nelson & Jacob Garcia
Doxology	"Give Thanks"	
Scripture*	Acts 2:42-47	
Message	"Share It"	Jeff Nelson
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Communion Music	"Oceans"	Alumni Band
Benediction		
Departing Music	"Home" Phillip Phillips	

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.



SCAN ME



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, 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.

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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.



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.



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

*****An anonymous donor has graciously offered to match dollar for dollar any money donated to this fundraiser*****

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.



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Plastic Bags
NEEDED!



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.

**PRODUCE
COLLECTION**

Volunteers
Needed!

RBI PRODUCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you for your continued support in providing fresh produce monthly to the families served through Redford Brightmoor Initiative's Free Store! We are in need of shopping volunteers for the upcoming months and we hope YOU can help out. Scan the QR code to sign up.



**T-SHIRTS
NEEDED**



T-SHIRTS NEEDED FOR CLOTHING CLOSET

Our t-shirt rack in the clothing closet is bare. It's time to drag out that pile of T's from the 5ks, work retreats, kids sports leagues, etc. and put those shirts on people's backs. Please drop off any T-shirts, men's sizes medium to 5X, Monday-Thursday from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



CHOIR REUNION WEEKEND--October 16-18, 2026

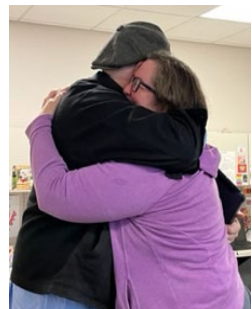
Royal Oak First Choir Camp has been held in several different locations in Michigan during the past 71 years. In the 1970's, the place was Lakeside Camp in Brighton, Michigan. The lake surrounded the campground, and every day there were water activities, including swimming, boating, canoeing and kayaking. It was especially welcome on hot, humid summer days as a refreshing way to cool down before choir practice, or dinner. There were lifeguards among the campers, who were certified and kept all the swimmers safe. Every swimmer had a buddy, and when the lifeguard would blow their whistle, everyone in the water would locate their buddy, hold their hands up high, and be counted. Please come join us for the Royal Oak First Choir Reunion October 16-18, 2026. Bring your photos from camp, your memories to share and we'll celebrate together with food, music and fellowship.

CELEBRATING JEFF & BRIDGET

30 Years of Marriage • 10 Years at Royal Oak First



July 2026 is a month of double celebration for Pastor Jeff and Pastor Bridget — and we're the lucky ones who get to celebrate with them. Today, July 26, marks 30 years of marriage. Three decades of loving each other well, and letting that love spill over into how they've loved us. If you see them today, wish them a happy anniversary! This month also marks 10 years since they began serving here at Royal Oak First. A decade of faithfully showing up,



pouring into this church, and pointing us back to Jesus — through every season, every joy, and every challenge. Thank you, Jeff and Bridget, for your faithful ministry and the example of your marriage. We don't take either for granted. We love you!

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Pam Payne • Elizabeth Kincannon • Barb Simmons • 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:

Russ Dore' • John Barber, Jr. • The Paul Anderson Youth Home Bike Ride Team •
Richard Grimm • Doug Zorn • William McMahon • Effie Lambros • Ron Gilmour •
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 • Elma Holloway • Richard Long • James •
Barbara Anderson • Bill Gnegy •

Sympathies:

Ann Cline on the death of her son, Michael Carr on July 22, 2026

Celebrations:

The flowers on the altar are in celebration of Bridget & Jeff Nelson's 30th Wedding Anniversary on July 26, 2026

In celebration of the baptism of Georgia Rose Boozan, Brian and Patricia Lambert and family are supporting the "Get Friends Moving" 007 Community Fundraiser.

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

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Beloved Community,

This week, Royal Oak First is sending more than 80 kids and over 30 adults to Choir Camp at Camp Ohiyesa in Holly. For more than seven decades, this congregation has been helping make this week possible. And what a gift that is. Camp gives our kids a chance to experience some of the good life we have been talking about this month. They live together, sing together, serve together, laugh together, and probably get a little less sleep than anyone would recommend. Friendships deepen. Memories are made. Scripture comes to life. Songs get woven into the heart and somehow stay there for years.

For some of our kids, this will be their first time at camp. That takes courage. It is no small thing to leave home, meet new people, sleep in a strange place, and try things you have never done before. So this week, all of us help send them. We hold them in our prayers. We pray that they will feel welcomed, encouraged, and safe. We pray that they will discover something new about themselves, about one another, and about God. Most of all, we pray that they will know they belong.

One of my favorite things about camp has always been watching the older campers begin to care for the younger ones. The kids who were once nervous first-time campers become the ones who teach the songs, explain the traditions, notice who is standing alone, and make room for someone else. They step into the role older kids once played for them. That is one of the most beautiful things about community. We receive something good, and then, over time, we learn how to pass it along.

I will remain back at the church this week, but I will head out to camp on Friday evening for the final campfire. It is always one of the highlights of the week. The seniors offer a few words about what camp has meant to them and what they will carry with them as they move on. This year, that moment will be especially tender for me. My son Sam will be attending his final Choir Camp as a camper, and he will give his senior speech. I imagine I will be listening as both a pastor and a dad, which means I will probably be doing my best to hold it together. Mostly, though, I will be grateful. Grateful for the adults who give their time and energy to make camp happen. Grateful for the older kids who welcome the younger ones. Grateful for the generations of people who have believed that this kind of week matters.

The good life is never something we build alone. It is a life we receive from others. It is a life we practice together. And eventually, it becomes a life we learn to offer to someone else. Camp has been one of the ways Royal Oak First has done that for generations.

Please hold our campers and adult leaders in your prayers this week. Then come back next Sunday for Camp Sunday, when the kids will sing, share pictures, and give us a glimpse of what happened while they were away. They will probably come home tired, happy, and carrying more than they can quite put into words. And we will be glad to welcome them home.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jeff Nelson