



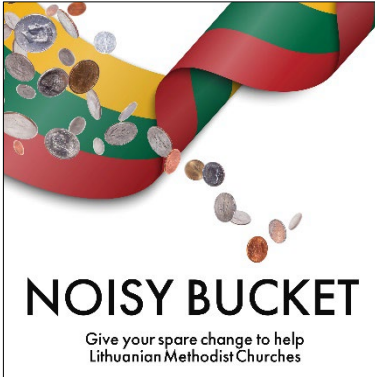
ROYAL OAK
FIRST
A United Methodist Church

Sunday, June 16, 2024
10:00 AM Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	“Etude Op. 25 No. 1” Frederic Chopin	Rachel Morin
Call to Worship		Erica Plesco
Opening Hymn	“When Jesus Called You Father”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jennifer Tripoli & Jeff Nelson
Hymn #191	“Jesus Loves Me”	
Children’s Moment		
Time of Prayer		
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	“I Got Rhythm” George Gershwin	
Doxology	“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”	
Scripture	Mark 12:28-34	
Song	“Right Field” by Peter, Paul & Mary	Jeff Nelson & Megan Porath
Message	“Fathers, Faith and Family Sedans”	Jeff Nelson
Closing Hymn #140	“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”	
Benediction		
Departing Music	“Sonata Op. 13 in C Minor” Ludwig van Beethoven	

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SAVE YOUR LOOSE/SPARE CHANGE FOR NOISY BUCKET

Bring in your spare change in **on Sunday, June 23 at the 10:00 a.m. 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!



MOMS AT PUBS (MAP)

MAP is a group that meets for fun and fellowship at a local pub, giving moms a chance to relax, laugh, and enjoy the fellowship of other moms. We meet monthly on the 4th Thursday of each month. **This month we will meet on Thursday, June 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Bigalora, 711 S. Main Street, Royal Oak.** Each month we pick a different location where to meet. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at jtropoli@rofum.org or phone/text 248.703.8805.



NOAH SUMMER BBQ RETURNS!

Our volunteers had such a great time grilling and serving the food at the NOAH at Central Summer BBQ last year that we jumped at the chance to do it again. **If you would like to join the fun, please mark your calendar for the morning of Thursday, June 27 and sign up by scanning the QR code.** We are also asking for dessert and watermelon donations for this event to be dropped off at the church on Tuesday, June 25 from 10am-3pm or 5-7pm. Scan the QR code to sign up to either volunteer or donate food:



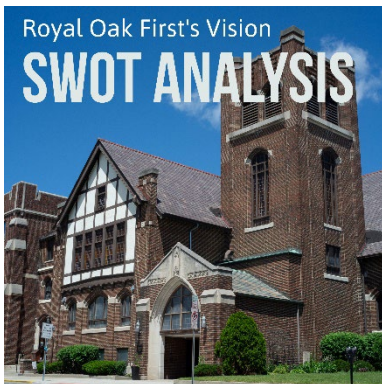
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PASTOR CHAT-SUNDAY, JUNE 30

If you're new to Royal Oak First and you'd like to know more about our church or if you'd like to learn the next steps about how to become part of everything going on here, then come to the Pastor Chat. The next **Pastor Chat will be on Sunday, June 30 at 11:15 a.m. in the Parlor** and last no more than 30 minutes. We look forward to seeing you!



NEXT STEPS FOR CHURCH'S VISION INVOLVE YOU!

The next step of our church-wide planning process is to assess the gap between where we are right now in relation to our vision for the future which we created in March at our Visioning Day. To assess that, we will do a SWOT analysis, which stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. We need you, invested members of the congregation at every age and stage of life, to help us identify:

1. Royal Oak First's current strengths and weaknesses in relation to each of the long-term vision elements we created.
2. The external opportunities before us at Royal Oak First that we can seize and/or create to help move us toward our vision.
3. The external dangers and threats Royal Oak First needs to anticipate and be aware of that could derail progress toward our vision.

We hope you can join us on Monday, July 8 from 5:30-9:00 p.m. We will have a light dinner from 5:30-6:00 p.m. and then begin the SWOT analysis at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited whether or not you were able to attend the Visioning Day in March. Please scan QR code to sign up.



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June Snack Collection

JUNE MISSIONS COLLECTION

During the month of June, the Missions Team plans to **collect lunch snacks: chips, goldfish crackers, applesauce pouches, granola bars, etc.** These will be used for two upcoming projects: our 3rd-5th graders will be assembling lunches for NOAH, and the rest we will share with the UMC Freedom Schools summer literacy program. Please drop off items in the bin located at the Tower entrance at the top of the stairs or the bin by the Welcome Desk near the Lafayette entrance.

CROCHETING FOR CANCER PATIENTS

Do you know how to crochet or want to learn? Shawl Ministry has a mission project for you that you can do from home. Crochet 9x9 inch Solid Granny Squares, any color combo, that the Shawl Ministry will then crochet together to make blankets to be donated to cancer patients at a local hospital. It takes 24 squares for each blanket. **Beginner crochet lessons are taught each Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. service (crochet hooks and yarn will be supplied).** Start crocheting, use up yarn and help us send out blankets of love. Reach out to Kathy Seidler for additional questions at kseidler@wowway.com.



RBI PRODUCE COORDINATOR NEEDED

One of our co-coordinators for the Redford Brightmoor Initiative (RBI) Produce Program is looking to step down, **so we are looking for a new co-coordinator.** The two co-coordinators work together to update the digital sign-up and send out the informational email to the volunteers. When we are short on volunteers, they work with Karla to find additional helpers or if they are able, one of the coordinators will fill in, but it is not expected. A more detailed description of duties is available by emailing missions@rofum.org or by stopping by the Connections Table after service.



PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Nancy Matson • Woody Siddall • Art Miller • The Gothards • Mike Long •
Joyce Negrich • Sheryl Safran • Lee Hoffmann • Deb Harmon •
Al and Gloria Knappenberger • Sue Minch •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Margaret Maas • Jasean Esper • Michael Retaskie •
Lee and Mary Warmouth • Audrey Sproul • Harold and Sue Williams •
Pam and Rich Rush • Blake Hurley • Sheryl Moreno • Deana Sawicki •
John Barber, Jr. • Jim Louchery • The Armour Family •
Victor and Christy Pantin • John and Joyce Barber • Scott Spaulding •
Effie Lambros •

Congratulations to:

Dani Little and Kevin Hall on their wedding on June 6, 2024

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

HAPPY
Father's Day

CELEBRATE

JUNE 19

JUNETEENTH

AFRICAN - AMERICAN FREEDOM DAY

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

This week we pause as a nation for two important holidays and as a church we prepare for an important week of mission and service.

Father's Day

Traditionally, it is a day of cologne, hugs, new neckties, phone calls, and Hallmark cards. Spiritually, Father's Day is a reminder of the sacred call to parenthood. This year, Father's Day hits a little different for me. As a son, I find myself focused on my dad who has entered a new stage of needing more care both physically and emotionally. And as a father, I am at a moment of needing to let go of our sons as they begin their journey into adulthood, allowing them to make their own decisions and mistakes, while I learn to be a supporting, instead of a central character, in their stories. Loving my dad, and being a loving dad, are privileges of a lifetime and while being a dad is not always easy, it is certainly a joy.

Juneteenth

2024 marks the fourth year we have paused as a nation to celebrate Juneteenth. Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States. At Royal Oak First we uplift the values of justice, equality, and freedom that Juneteenth represents. Just as Jesus preached love, compassion, and liberation for the oppressed, we are called to stand with our brothers and sisters in their pursuit of freedom and dignity everywhere. Let us celebrate Juneteenth not only as a historical milestone, but as a reminder of our duty to work for justice and equality for all God's children.

Mission Week

This week is a special week for our Children and Youth here at Royal Oak First. All children and youth will be engaged in faith formation, Christian community and service. Pastor Bridget and her team will be taking our middle and senior high school students to the Boyne County Service Project. Danielle Moody and her team will be leading our 3rd through 5th graders in two days of mission serving by helping serve meals at both Outreach on 7th here at Royal Oak First and at the NOAH Project in Detroit. And lastly, Beth Simms and her team will be inviting all of our Pre-K through second graders to our Vacation Bible School in the evenings all week!

God is showing up in all these different ways. All this should make a powerful week of worship, service and community.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Pastor Jeff" with a simple smiley face drawn below the name.

Pastor Jeff Nelson