



ROYAL OAK
FIRST
A United Methodist Church

Sunday, June 30, 2024
10:00 AM Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP

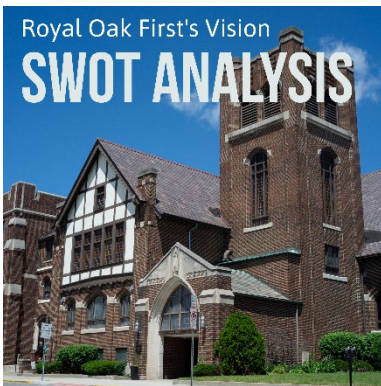
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| Gathering Music | “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” arr. Joel Raney | Kyle Webber |
| Song | “Friend of God” | |
| Song | “Child of God” | |
| Welcome & Invitation to Mission | | Jeff Nelson |
| Song | “Jesus Loves Me” | |
| Children’s Moment | | Megan Porath |
| Litany for Pride Month | | Erica Plesco & Jeff Nelson |
| Time of Prayer | | |
| Invitation to Offering | | |
| Musical Offering | “True Colors” Steinberg/Kelly | Megan Porath |
| Doxology | “Give Thanks” | |
| Scripture | 1 John 4:18, 20-21 | |
| Message | “Transcendence” | Rev. Dr. Roland Stringfellow Metropolitan Community Church |
| Song | “Fear Is Not My Future” | |
| Benediction | | |
| Departing Music | | House Band |

ANNOUNCEMENTS



PASTOR CHAT IS TODAY!

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. **Pastor Chat is today at 11:15 a.m. in the Parlor** and will last no more than 30 minutes. We look forward to seeing you!



THE CHURCH'S VISION NEEDS YOUR HELP!

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

WE CAN STILL USE SNACK DONATIONS!

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. **Beginner crochet lessons are taught each Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. service (crochet hooks and yarn will be supplied)**



LOVE GIFT FOR KYLE WEBBER

Help us say “goodbye and good luck” to Kyle Webber. After two years of beautiful music, it is time for us to say farewell to our Worship & Arts Director, Kyle Webber. Sunday, July 7th will be his final Sunday at Royal Oak First. To help us say “Thank you for the music!” we are collecting a special “Love Gift”. If you would like to contribute, checks may be made to Royal Oak First with in the memo line: “Kyle Webber Love Gift”, or on our website under Love Gift.



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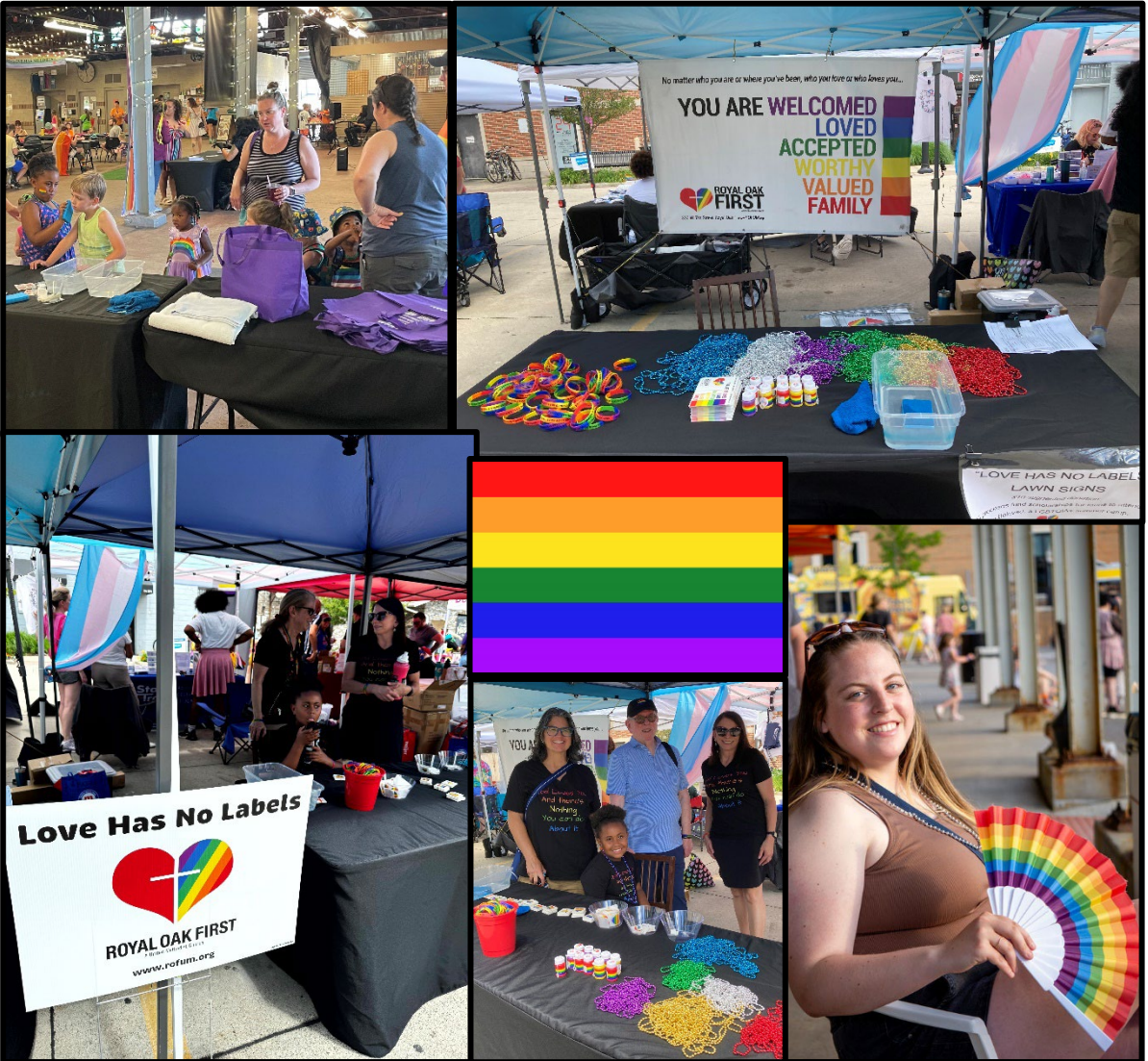
The church office will be closed on Thursday, July 4.
The office will reopen on Monday, July 8 at 10:00 a.m.

ROYAL OAK FIRST AT LOCAL PRIDE EVENTS

Check out the photos from Royal Oak First's booths at the Family Pride Event at the Royal Oak Farmers Market on Wednesday, June 12 and the Berkley Pride Block Party on Sunday, June 23. Don't forget we will have a booth at Pride Royal Oak on Friday, July 26 and Saturday, July 27. Scan the QR code if you would like to volunteer at our booth.



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PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Diana Shornak • Allison & Bill Hempstead • Lee Hoffmann • Nancy Matson • Joyce Negrich • Sheryl Safran • Woody Siddall • Mike Long • The Gothards • Al and Gloria Knappenberger • Sue Minch •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Bobby Edward • Matthew Fletcher • Margaret Maas • Jasean Esper • Victor and Christy Pantin • Michael Retaskie • Lee and Mary Warmouth • Effie Lambros • Audrey Sproul • Harold and Sue Williams • Blake Hurley • Sheryl Moreno • Deana Sawicki • John Barber, Jr. • Jim Louchery •

Sympathies to:

The Michalak family on the death of Wayne's mother, Joan Michalak on June 25, 2024

The friends and family of Paul Kondrat on his death on June 18, 2024

The Garrett family on the death of Cynthia's mother, Bette Hudson on June 8, 2024

Congratulations to:

Elena and Mike Moses on the birth of their son, Maxwell Joseph Moses on June 15, 2024

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

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

It is with great joy and anticipation that I extend a warm welcome to one of my favorite colleagues, Rev. Dr. Roland Stringfellow, as our preacher this Sunday. He is the current Senior Pastor and Teacher at the Metropolitan Community Church of Detroit, which currently meets for worship at Affirmations in Ferndale.

A native of Fort Wayne, Rev. Stringfellow has had a distinguished ministerial career, proclaiming the love of Christ in word and deed to all God's children. Pastor Roland directed a national African-American faith community outreach (the "Umoja Project,") working with pastors and lay leaders in the Black church to provide pastoral care for LGBTQ+ members of their congregations. Another important moment on his journey, in 2011, Rev. Stringfellow was honored to be elected with the most number of votes to become a Grand Marshal in the San Francisco Pride Parade.

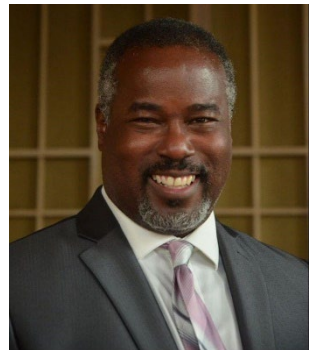
A highly sought after speaker and teacher, we are lucky to have him join us at the end of what has been a full and busy Pride season. I trust that his wisdom and experience will undoubtedly enrich our congregation and inspire us to continue to embrace inclusivity and extend the love of Christ to all.

Plan to join us in person or online as Rev. Stringfellow, our friend, neighbor, and partner in ministry lead us in worship.

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff Nelson



P.S. - I just want to thank all of you who served at the various Pride events this season. Your witness of love, kindness and inclusion matters! Thank you!