



Sunday, July 28, 2024
10:00AM Worship



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Greeting

Call to Worship

Bridget Nelson

Song

“Build a Boat”
by Colton Dixon

All Choirs/Youth Band

Welcome & Invitation to Mission

Jennifer Tripoli & Jeff Nelson

Mission Moment

Noisy Bucket

Leonard Benyas

Time of Prayer

Erica Plesco

Song

“Simply Amazing Grace”

Elementary Choir

Invitation to Offering

Musical Offering

“I’m So Blessed”
by Cain

High School Choir

Doxology

“Give Thanks”

Scripture

Mark 4:35-41
Ephesians 4:2-6

Sam Nelson

Message

“In It Together”

Jeff Nelson

Closing Song

“A Little Love”
by MercyMe

Middle School Choir

Benediction

Departing Music

“Build a Boat” (reprise)

Youth Band

ANNOUNCEMENTS



ROYAL OAK FIRST DADS ARE GETTING TOGETHER

Dads of all ages are getting together for breakfast, fellowship and faith to discuss life as fathers and the challenges we all face. **We will next meet on Wednesday, July 31 from 8:30-9:30 a.m.** We have rotated locations where we meet, so please check in with Michael Spath at michaelspath1980@gmail.com to learn more.

A WEEK WITH RBI

In an effort to support our friends at the Redford Brightmoor Initiative (RBI), we are planning a full week devoted to supporting their Free Store.

- **Sunday, August 4**, we will gather in the Parlor after church to repackage donations purchased in bulk into single person sizes.
- **Thursday, August 8**, we will **send a group of volunteers** to help sort donations and get the Free Store ready to open.
- **Saturday, August 10**, we will **send another group of volunteers** to help staff the Free Store while it is open.
- This will also be the week of our monthly produce donation, so we will be looking for **4 volunteers to shop for produce on Friday, August 9**. See next announcement for how to sign up.

Please also look through your homes for household item donations (kitchen, bedding, towels, etc) and men's and children's clothing (please, no winter clothes until the fall) that you no longer need and bring them to the lower level elevator lobby. Thank you for helping in the ways you are able!



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PRODUCE PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON AUGUST 9

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 on August 9.** Thank you to all who have helped with the continued success of this project! Scan the QR code to sign up.



JOIN US FOR OUR CHURCH PICNIC ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

Our Church Picnic will be held on Wednesday, August 7 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.



MOVIE SCREENING OF "UNDIVIDE US"

Join us for an advanced screening of the documentary "UNDIVIDE US" on Sunday, August 11th from 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Following the film will be a small group discussion on toxic polarization. The event is free and all are welcome. Here is a brief description about the movie: "America is at a crossroads where politicians, traditional media, and social media fan the flames of toxic partisanship, undermining the values and institutions that unite us. UNDIVIDE US is a timely and urgent plea to reclaim the nation's soul through open discourse, civic engagement, and self-governance." Scan the QR code to sign up.



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ARTS, BEATS & EATS CHARITY PREVIEW Ticket Sales Benefit our Outreach on 7th Programs.

Please join us on **Thursday, August 22** for the **Arts, Beats & Eats Charity Preview** at **Fifth Avenue Bistro**. Any tickets purchased using the QR code, will have proceeds donated to our own Outreach on 7th programs.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED DURING ARTS, BEATS & EATS

From August 30-September 2, nearly 400,000 people will visit our community during Arts, Beats & Eats (ABE), so we are looking for volunteers. **You will greet Arts, Beats & Eats volunteers, sponsors & artists at the Tower door; keep the church outdoor area picked up; offer assistance to ABE Volunteer Command Center Staff as needed. Bonus: Each person that volunteers for a shift will receive free admission to the festival!** Scan the QR code to sign up.



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SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION FOR FERNDALE LOWER ELEMENTARY

Late summer brings the return of the Royal Oak First School Supply Collection! We are continuing our partnership with Ferndale Lower Elementary and will be collecting the following items which they requested: **glue sticks, Expo markers, Crayola 24ct crayons, Ticonderoga pencils, and kid scissors**. Other items are welcome, but those listed are of greatest need. Please drop off items in the white bin near the Tower entrance or in the white bin by the Welcome Desk near the Lafayette entrance.

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NURSERY STAFF NEEDED

We are in need of an additional adult to be part of our paid nursery staff. Our nursery team creates a safe and fun space for our youngest children at Royal Oak First. **This person would be paid hourly for time in the nursery, primarily on Sunday mornings, but sometimes for other events.** If you are interested, please send an email to our Nursery Coordinator Natalia Tovarez at ntovarez@rofum.org.



COFFEE BAR NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Are you looking for a fun, easy way to connect with other people at church while being of service? We have just the spot for you! **Coffee bar volunteers make coffee, get water, and prepare snacks all before service is over. Then you get to interact with the many people who swing by the coffee bar.** If this sounds interesting to you, please reach out to Mike Monte at mmonte@rofum.org or 248.541.4100 or feel free to swing by the Coffee Bar to talk to Mike on a Sunday.



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.**

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Nancy Matson • Joel Palmer • Rob Phillip • Diana Shornak •
Allison and Bill Hempstead • Lee Hoffmann • Woody Siddall • Mike Long •
The Gothards • Al and Gloria Knappenberger • Sue Minch •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Ann Avesian • The O'Mara Family • Bob Payne • Deana Sawicki •
Vayda Worden • 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 •

Sympathies to

Shirley and Neal Harris on the death of Shirley's cousin, Phyllis Pearce on July 13, 2024

Congratulations to

Noel and Patti Peterson on their 70th Wedding Anniversary on July 31, 2024

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

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about."
– Margaret J. Wheatley

"If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." – African Proverb

Dear Friends,

This Sunday is as big at Royal Oak First as Christmas and Easter are. It is Choir Camp Sunday. For over six decades, we have been sending children and youth to camp where, with the support of a tribe of faithful adults, memories are made and a community is formed. We will fill the Sanctuary with campers to hear their stories and experience their joy.

The theme of this past week has been, "In it Together." Josh Wright has been leading daily devotionals on "boat stories" from the Bible, stories where God was helping to form people into communities of faith and hope. The campers have been divided into Olympic Teams where they will work together "competing" in wild and wacky games (thank you Chris Baker.) Years later, these young people may not remember the details of what they learned, but they will remember who was on their Olympic Team. And each day ends around the campfire where with the help of Mike DeTavernier, our youth will sing songs and share stories about where God has shown up in their lives this week.

So plan to come to worship this Sunday. It promises to be fun and full of energy. It is one of the most impactful ways God works through our community.

And, of course, a big thank you to Pastor Jennifer Tripoli and Robin Richardson who give the whole camp the leadership to make it all possible.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Pastor Jeff". Below the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.

Pastor Jeff Nelson