



ROYAL OAK
FIRST
A United Methodist Church

Sunday, August 18, 2024
10:00 AM Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music		Laurie Comer
Greeting		Erica Plesco
Song	“Everlasting God”	House Band
Song	“Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jennifer Tripoli & Jeff Nelson
Children’s Moment		
Dedication		Violet June Benson Daughter of Kari and Michael Benson
Time of Prayer		
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	“Let Love Your Heart Fulfill” by Joel Palmer	Joel Palmer
Doxology	“Give Thanks”	
Scripture Reading	Mark 6:1-13	
Message	“Shake it Off”	Jeff Nelson
Song	“Goodness Of God”	
Benediction		
Departing Music		

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ARTS, BEATS & EATS CHARITY PREVIEW

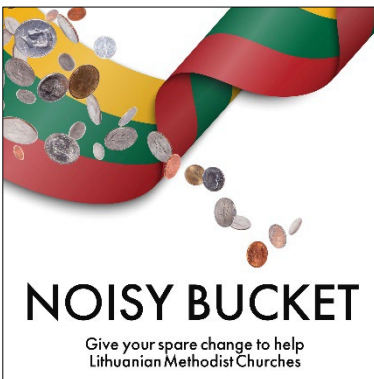
Ticket Sales Benefit our Outreach on 7th Programs

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.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Your children are invited to bring their backpacks to church on **Sunday, August 25** for the **10:00 a.m.** service to receive a special blessing as we head into the new school year.



SAVE YOUR LOOSE/SPARE CHANGE FOR NOISY BUCKET

Bring in your spare change in on **Sunday, August 25** 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!

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“SERVICE FOR OTHERS ON SUNDAY” SANDWICH ASSEMBLY

Please stop by the Parlor after service on Sunday, August 25 where we will join in service for others. We will be assembling sandwiches for our Outreach on 7th Lunch Program.



SPECIAL ARTS, BEATS & EATS SERVICE

We will have only one worship service during Arts, Beats & Eats on Sunday, September 1 at 10:00 a.m. on the outdoor stage located at 6th and Lafayette. If you don't plan on staying for the festival, park in the parking structure across and down the street from the church until 11:00 am. If you are planning to attend the festival after worship, all worshippers that day get a ticket for free admission to the festival, free parking at Royal Oak High School (1500 Lexington Blvd.), along with a free shuttle from the high school to drop you off and pick you up right next to the stage.



FALL KICKOFF SUNDAY

Please mark Sunday, September 8 on your calendar and plan to join us for the kickoff of the 2024-25 worship year. We will have one service inside in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. that morning followed by a block party on 7th Street. There will be hot dogs, ice cream, a bounce house and games for the kids, along with the Cornhole Tournament! We ask you to bring a pair of socks for our traditional “Sock-it-to-Me-September” sock drive.

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CONSTANCE & THE REMINDERS CONCERT

Part of the Greater Detroit District “Mission Revival” Concert Series

On Friday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m. at Royal Oak First United Methodist Church, enjoy the unique Americana sound of alt-country twang and dream pop by Constance & The Reminders (Erica Plesco & Megan Porath with vocals, Monday Busque on bass, and Jason Sherman on drums), featuring songs to soothe a lonesome heart and revive a weary spirit. Bring your friends and family to this free concert. About the Greater Detroit District Mission Revival Concert Series: The Mission Revival is an annual event organized by the Greater Detroit District, designed to celebrate and showcase the diverse and vibrant musical talents within our churches. This year's theme focuses on highlighting the unique sounds of church music across the district, from praise bands and organ recitals to classical music concerts and choir performances. Our goal is to create a series of events that not only showcase these talents but also foster a sense of community and shared worship.



TWO WORSHIP SERVICES RETURN ON SEPTEMBER 15

Join us as we return to our normal worship times of **9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. beginning Sunday, September 15.** Our 9:00 a.m. service is a more contemporary service and our 11:00 a.m. service is a more traditional service.

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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.

Men's Clothes Needed for Outreach on 7th Clothing Closet!



MEN'S CLOTHES NEEDED!

The Clothing Closet of Royal Oak First's Outreach on 7th Program is the source of shoes, clothing, and small essentials for many of God's homeless children. **The closet's greatest needs right now include: men's shoes (sneakers, athletic shoes), men's blue jeans, men's short sleeve shirts and men's shorts.** Please take time to look in the back of your closets for these items that could help provide for those in need. **Please drop items off at the Church office Mon-Thu between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.**



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:

Woody Siddall • Marian Kremer • Megan Mckenzie-Grimm • Nancy Matson •
Joel Palmer • Rob Filipp • The Gothards • Sue Minch •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Betty and Jim Goodrich • Jessica Boyer • Barbara Witherspoon •
Carol Marshall • Ann Avesian • The O'Mara Family • Deana Sawicki •
Matthew Fletcher • Victor and Christy Pantin •

Sympathies to:

Cheryl Miller on the death of her mother, Zola Webster on August 10, 2024

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

TIME OF PRAYER

Every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Join Pastor Bridget Nelson and Congregational Care Coordinator Danielle Moody, as we spend about 45 minutes together praying for everyone on the prayer list as well as any other concerns we have that day. We spend some time in silence catching our breath and connecting with God. All are welcome!



LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings Church Family,

It's been a privilege this summer to lead our search process for a new Worship and Music Director. I am excited to tell you about Michael Rosas who will be joining our staff on September 3!

Michael has been in music ministry for 30 years. He has worked in a wide variety of settings and has experience in choral direction, organ, accompaniment, handbells, composing and arranging, teaching, preaching and even congregational care.

Michael is an Elder in the Presbyterian Church, which is equivalent to the United Methodist's Certified Lay Minister. Michael is friendly and easy to talk with, I have enjoyed getting to know him! Michael is married and has a daughter.

Michael spent time with two different interview teams and completed an audition with members of our Sanctus Choir. Everyone involved in his selection felt he was the best choice for our congregation and for our staff team.

I want to thank our Pastors, Liz Wright, Amy Rhoades, Erica Plesco, the Compass Team, and the Sanctus Choir members for their time and energy in this process. This was a real team effort!

I hope you will join us in welcoming Michael to Royal Oak First. I believe God is in this transition with us and I look forward to all of us getting to know Michael!

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bridget Nelson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Bridget Nelson