



**Royal Oak Farmers
Market Corn Roast
August 12, 9:00-2:00**

The missions team will be selling hot dogs, lemonade and chips at the Royal Oak Farmers Market Corn Roast and Country Fair! There will be games, bounce houses, a dunk tank, and roasted corn. We will also have a bake sale during this event. All proceeds from the food sales and dunk tank will go to our general Missions fund to support all of our wonderful Mission partners including our own Sack Lunch program.

How can you participate? We need bakers for the bake sale – **please drop your baked goods off at church on Friday, August 11**, packaged in bags, paper plates or decorative containers to sell. We need volunteers to work the event – even if you can only stay for a couple of hours that would be helpful! Most of all - **we need families to attend the event**, buy food, and dunk Caleb and Jeff in the dunk tank! **Please contact Laurie or Jennie if you can volunteer.**



When you help a child,
you change a life!



**Methodist Children's Home
Birthday Club -Donations Needed**

We have committed to hosting the birthday club in **September, November and December!** **We need LOTS of volunteers** to buy gifts as well as monetary donations to make these parties a success. Look for the signup sheets in Fellowship Hall after services or contact Gigi Harris at gracelharris@yahoo.com or 248-508-7135.

Saturday Breakfasts

Plans are underway to **serve breakfast on Saturdays** for our weekday lunch guests. **We need volunteers to sign up as a team leader for 1 Saturday a month (or more or less) to cook and serve breakfast. We have two teams and need a few more.**

If you can lend a hand with the Saturday breakfasts, please contact Laurie or Jennie.



Rippling Hope

On Saturday, August 19, George Marck will again take a group of volunteers to Northwest Detroit with the Rippling Hope organization. They work with the block clubs in Detroit to provide minor home repair services to people in need (mostly senior citizens). The repairs usually involve painting, caulking, replacing door locks, fence and porch repairs, and yard clean-up. The group will meet in our church parking lot at 8:30am that Saturday and work from 9:00-2:00. Please contact George Marck at ac8550@wayne.edu if you can help!



Groceries

THANK YOU to everyone who donated groceries in July! We collected 120 grocery bags overflowing with non perishable items for the needy. We will be donating them to our own lunch program, our free food pantry, and to our mission partners who have food banks! We would also like to thank Kroger for the donation of 600 grocery bags!



4th of July Cookies

THANK YOU to everyone who baked cookies and helped distribute them to local businesses on the 4th of July. We ended up with 1500 donated cookies a crew of 45 volunteers showed up to pass them out that day! THANK YOU!

Justice League

On Sunday, July 16, we hosted an event called “Meet Your Muslim Neighbor”. This event was about breaking down barriers and stereotypes. We were able to learn more about the Muslim faith and their cultures. Many tried on hijabs, had henna tattoos and learned to write their names in Arabic. Arabic goodies were



enjoyed

while listening to an educational lecture. The best thing of all was getting to know people from another culture and realizing that they are just like us! Thanks to all who attended and made this event a great one!



Toothbrushes & Toothpaste Collection for Haiti

Here’s a little bit of information regarding some excellent progress in Jeremie. They have been busy doing clean water filtration training in various villages these past weeks.



We would like to help provide toothbrushes and toothpaste to the women for their families now that they will have potable water. We will

be collecting toothbrushes and toothpaste from now until the end of August. Please contact your dentists and friends to see if they would like to help. Toothbrushes can be for adults and children. You can bring your donations to Laurie O’Donnell in the church office or after services at the *Here I Am Lord* table in the Fellowship Hall.

UMW News

Shawl Ministry, a division of Royal Oak First United Methodist Women, is celebrating our 12th year together, kitting and creating for others.

Beginning with projects such as shawls and lap robes, we have expanded our talents to include scarves and hats for the annual Christmas collection for Cass Community Church.

We also knit and crochet six foot blankets for cancer patients at Beaumont Hospital. One of our favorite activities is to present a new blanket to each child at their baptism service here.

Recently, we have donated a number of plastic mats created out of “plarn” (plastic yarn made from plastic bags). These have been donated to the “Song and Spirit Community” for distribution to give comfort to those who need an extra bit of warmth when street sleeping is necessary. Pastor Jeff usually carries a few in his car to give away as he travels around our city’s streets.

We donate small knitted crosses to our church’s Hospitality Group and they are included in “welcome bags” for church visitors.

Our August 10 meeting and summer celebration will be at the Nahhat summer home in Lakeport, MI. We have gathered a number of handmade dish cloths and will deliver them to the United Methodist Church Lake Huron Conference Center that day. Others will be donated to the Brightmoor Free Store in Detroit, as well as to our monthly Monday Morning Free Store.

Items made by the Shawl Ministry are available to anyone in need of articles which we create. Please contact Mary Nahhat (248-546-6230) for information on how we can share our gifts for any special need that you may know about.

Better yet, join us as we meet the second and fourth Thursday each month from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Experience is not necessary!

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