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FIRST THOUGHTS

church was limited to what I knew in my local congregation. I knew that there were other Methodists out there and that we were mostly alike. I had some notion that we were organized. But the nature of that organization was beyond me. If it had anything to do with my faith or my church, I didn't know it.

I didn't know that the organization given to the 70 or 80 Methodist churches around us provided for training our own church leaders. I didn't know that some of the materials used in our Sunday schools were generated by "the Connection." I didn't know that the camps we went to for retreats were owned, managed, and staffed by the districts and Conference organizations that my church belonged to. I didn't know that my pastors were supervised by the district and Conference leaders; or that they came and went at the

History in the Making

When I announced to my home church that I believed God was calling me into ordained pastoral ministry, I had no idea what a district was. My experience of

direction of those district superintendents or the Bishop.

A lot of important stuff was going on by a "bigger church" to which I belonged without even knowing it. That's true: you belong to a "bigger church" by virtue of belonging to ROFUM.

We used to be a part of the Detroit: East District of the Detroit Annual Conference in the United Methodist Church. Now we don't. For the first time in many decades, there's been an organizational change that will affect us and the long reach of our work for Jesus Christ, even though you might not be able to see it.

Detroit: East and Detroit: West have been dissolved, as of June 30. As of July 1 we now belong to the Detroit Renaissance District of the Detroit Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

We also have a new District Superintendent. Rev. Duane Miller, who has served us for the last several years (and who came here at least once a year to lead our church conference) retired. With the beginning of the new district, Rev. Melanie Carey has begun her service as our D.S. Melanie has

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PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH



Thank you so much for the lovely Circle of Care card. It meant so much knowing prayers were lifted up to God for we know he hears everyone and answers them in his time, which is best as he can see ahead; we can't. Seeing all the names brought back so many memories of our time spent in First United Methodist Church. We now attend Good Shepherd United Methodist here [Roscommon] and once again we are hearing God's words and have been blessed in many ways. I'm sending the paper on to David and Karen. I know it will bring a ray of sunshine to them. David is coming along one day at a time, so we know prayers are at work.

God's blessings to you all.

Anne & Bob MacInally



Members of ROFUM Church,

Thanks so very much for your prayers for Roy and the beautiful get well card. He is doing good. I forwarded it on to him. My son, John, just has two more chemo [treatments] to go.

Ruby Hawkins



We wish to thank all of the ladies working on the funeral meals for your hard work and efforts – the luncheon looked and tasted great. It was so very helpful to myself and my family.

Sincerely,

Patricia Loftin



The faith community of Royal Oak First extends sympathy to:

The family and friends of **Jeannette Baird**, 10/30/10

Susan Ferraro on the death of her aunt, Ida Esse, 6/7

The family and friends of **Vi Bradshaw**, 6/10

Betty Greco on the death of her husband, **Carl Greco**, 6/15

Patricia Loftin on the death of her husband, **Iverson (Ivy) Loftin**, 6/22



Pete Wurdock & Renee Douglas, June 25.

New Arrivals

Isaac Stephen, Charlotte Mary, & Noah

Leslie Ryckman, triplets of Christine & Tim Ryckman, born March 9. Proud

(and busy!) grandparents are Eileen & Steve Weber.



Bowlers Needed!

The ROFUM women's bowling league is looking for regular and substitute bowlers. It doesn't matter whether you have bowled for years or you have always wanted to bowl on a league but have never had the opportunity to do so. We have bowlers with averages ranging from 95 to 165 and everyone has a lot of fun. This year the season will start on Monday, September 11. We bowl every Monday at Fairlanes located on Stephenson Highway between 12 Mile and 13 Mile roads. Our start time is 12:30 p.m. and we usually finish around 2:30 p.m. For more information, contact Cynthia Cline.

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been Senior Pastor of the Ypsilanti: First United Methodist Church for several years. She brings a wealth of vision and experience.

A new district. A new District Superintendent. This is history in the making.

There will be ample opportunity to celebrate; and if you join in these gatherings, you'll be able to see what so often is important but not seen.

1. An installation service for Rev. Melanie Carey will take place on Sunday, August 28, at 4:00 p.m. – Metropolitan United Methodist Church in Detroit; and
2. The First Detroit Renaissance District Conference on October 15, 9:00 a.m. – Royal Oak: First United Methodist Church (ROFUM) – that should be easy to find!

This is history in the making. The new organization and new leadership will build on the good work of the past and bring us to new and vital ways of being in ministry in the future: both in ways you can see right here at home and in the way we reach with others in our new district around the world.

Carpe Diem – Seize the Day!



Rev. John H. Hice

IN HIS

STEPS

In His Steps – Here I Am, Lord

There are many opportunities to serve the church and others. You may have made specific

2011 Commitments in the area of Service. Whether or not you made a Commitment, you have an opportunity to serve ROFUM.

Service is one of our five main areas of stewardship. In order to be good stewards of our church and the life of the church we need to fulfill and make commitments of service. August and September bring many opportunities to serve the church; for example, upcoming opportunities include grubby day, Arts, Beats & Eats, and volunteering as a Sunday school teacher. Our church could not keep running the way it does without all of YOU working together in Christian fellowship. Prayerfully consider what you can do to serve Jesus and others through the work of the church. There are so many different types of

opportunities – many of which you can read about in this issue of *Church Life*. You may wonder how to get involved – it's easy! Simply submit your name and area of interest to the church office.

How will you say “Here I Am, Lord” and answer the call?

Let us continue to be good stewards and prayerfully consider our time, talents, gifts, service, and witness to follow Christ, and then lead others in the same path, showing what working together accomplishes and that anything is possible through Christ when we believe.

“For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps.” 1 Peter 2:21

2011 ROFUM Stewardship Committee

New Staff Announcement

On August 1, Rev. Robert (Bob) Goudie, will become our part-time Minister of Pastoral Care. He has accepted this position through December. Rev. Goudie retired in 2004 after being ordained in 1966. He grew up in the Clarenceville Methodist Church in Livonia. He graduated from Albion College and earned his Master of Divinity from Methesco Seminary in Delaware, Ohio. For Rev. Goudie, ministry has become somewhat of a family calling. His wife, Diana, is also a retired United Methodist Minister. Two of their children, Beth and David, are pastors in our conference. Rev. Goudie's last appointment was at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Redford.



Even though Rev. Goudie retired in 2004, his reputation of being a highly respected Clergy member in our conference continues to this day. He was also well known for being gifted in pastoral care.

If scheduling permits, we will welcome Rev. Goudie on Sunday, August 7. Please join in giving Rev. Goudie a warm, embracing welcome to ROFUM.

Andrew Sluss, Chairperson
Staff Parish Relations Committee



Mission Spotlight: Young Leaders Initiative

The Young Leaders Initiative (YLI) is a combination of programs under the leadership of Carl Gladstone that are designed to nurture young persons as Christian leaders for the transformation of the church and the world.

The "Motown Mission Experience" involves groups of youth entering grades 7-12 who gather each summer in the city of Detroit to do home repair and service work for the people of Motown. This offers many middle school and high school students an introduction to life and ministry in the city. This year the Motown Mission Experience roared into its 7th summer hosting 400 youth from around the country for weeks of Christian service in neighborhoods around Detroit. This program and the new "Metro Kidz Day Camp" at Metropolitan UMC were staffed by 10 amazing college interns serving through the YLI Transforming Leaders program. These young adults live in intentional community in Detroit and serve through various ministries. They participate in spiritual discernment about how God is calling them to serve throughout their lives.

In the fall, YLI will continue with a third year of restoring United Methodist campus ministry among the students of Wayne State University. Now in partnership with The Detroit Annual Conference, this program will be seeking sustaining partnerships with local churches who care deeply about supporting radical discipleship among college students in Detroit.

We ask that you prayerfully consider supporting our Mission Jubilee projects this month, and every month. We would like to remind you to be sure to designate your Mission Jubilee offerings by using special offering envelopes provided in your boxed set or inserted in the fourth Sunday bulletin, or by writing in the designation on your envelope. Thank you for your support of these mission projects.

MetroBridges Happenings

Kip Tull, Charlene Kondrat, and Amy Newberg played in the 2nd Annual Golf Benefit for the Juanita Reaves Free Medical Clinic run by Joy-Southfield Community Development Corp. The clinic provides primary health care services and preventative health education programs to low-income and uninsured people. Besides supporting a great cause, highlights of the day included Charlene's awesome putt to save par and Kip winning three prizes! Kip's winnings included the grand prize (a 32" TV) which she donated to the clinic. They are thrilled to have it as a resource for their educational programs. Next year's outing is June 22 – save the date! For more information on Joy-Southfield's programs, visit www.joysouthfield.org.

ROFUM was represented at the dinner celebrating the Urban Methodist Youth Camp. The camp offers a mix of recreational, spiritual, and educational activities for youth in the Detroit East and West Districts.

Watch for opportunities to join us in activities to deepen our relationship with our friends at Second Grace United Methodist Church. For more information on MetroBridges, contact Amy Newberg.

Too Old?

We say, we are getting old
And our work here is nearly done.
But if we heed God's calling
Our task for Him has just begun.

Enoch was a true saint of God
Lived three hundred sixty-five years.
He walked with God through his life
Then to heaven he disappeared.

Methuselah, the oldest man,
Lived nine hundred sixty-nine years
Was the grandfather of Noah
Who built the ark amidst men's jeers.

These were three Old Testament saints
However, we can be a saint, too.
It matters not how old we are
If we seek His will all our lives through.

~Lee Hoffmann

Participate in Worship!

I am looking for volunteers to serve as Liturgists and Communion Stewards. Liturgists serve in two-Sunday blocks of time, and Communion Stewards are needed for the first Sunday of each month. If you are interested in either (or both) jobs, please fill out the appropriate form included on page 8 of this newsletter. Even if you've done it before, filling out the form lets us know that you are interested in continuing and helps us schedule.

If you have questions or are not sure about the job or if it is right for you, call me and ask me about it. If I don't hear from you, be prepared to be asked personally!

Amy Rhoades

Worship Work Area Chairperson



- Arise! worship service will take place at 9:30 on Sunday, September 4th, on the ABE main stage. Many volunteers are needed to plan and coordinate this special service. We will have a golf cart shuttle service available. Parking will be FREE at Habermann's lot during the service hours only. As an added bonus, anyone who plans on attending this fabulous service will receive a complimentary admission bracelet to attend ABE that day!

If you or your group would like to take part or have questions, contact Darren Wahl or other ABE TASK FORCE members, Rev. John Hice, Elaine Tank, or Kay LaCombe.

There will be a large display board sign-up sheet available at Fellowship Times and in the hallway outside of the Parlor. Additional information and updates will be included in the weekly "Happenings" sheets.

IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR CALENDARS:

Sunday, August 14, 4 p.m. ROFUM Volunteer meeting

Please plan on sharing your excitement by your presence and your service.

Thank you,

Darren Wahl

ABE Task Force Lead

Arts, Beats, and Eats 2011

Mark your calendars! Arts, Beats, and Eats is coming to ROFUM September 2-5.

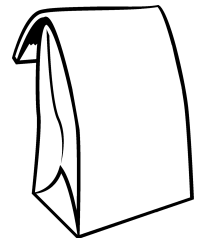
Mission groups, committee members, and our entire church congregation, here are your chances to tell your stories and to earn some money doing it! There are many opportunities to make a "ROFUM impact" on our community.

Our involvement with ABE has positively changed from last year and includes the following:

- We will continue to host all of the ABE volunteers in Fellowship Hall, but our efforts will be more focused on greeting and welcoming the public.
- Goodbye, Beverage Booth and hello, Welcoming Tent. This will be located on our grass space next to the church and will provide a rest area for parents of babies.
- We will host a welcoming area on the front lawn space that will provide a relaxing, smoke-free spot to eat and rest.
- We will act as an Information Station, providing direction and guidance with the various festival events.
- ROFUM and ABE volunteers will have our own bicycle corral conveniently located next to our church.
- ROFUM will help run the Youth Arts and Crafts Tent (not a money-making opportunity).
- If fund raising is a bigger concern for you and your group, there are opportunities to work as a parking attendant for \$10/hr per person.

Sack Lunch Program

We continue to need donations of juice boxes, fruit or pudding cups, cookies, chips, lunch meat, cheese slices, hot dogs, bread, and fresh fruit. Please label items "Sack Lunch" and leave in the Kitchenette off the Parlor. (Please do not put items in the freezer.) If you would like to donate money and leave the shopping to us, please leave monetary donations in the church office.



We continue to pass out clothing on the last Monday of the month. Items needed include blankets, men's and women's jeans, tennis shoes, gloves, baseball caps, socks, underwear, spring jackets, and warm shirts. Please leave labeled bags of clothing in the Kitchenette.

Thank you to all our volunteers who faithfully show up to pack and distribute lunches to our thankful guests.

Delores Grier, Sack Lunch coordinator



Choir News

“O Come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.” Psalm 95:1

I know that God loves music. God loves it when we come together to praise Him. God’s gift of music gives deeper meaning to our lives, uplifts our spirits, and helps us understand His glory! Music fills our minds with eternal hope.

The first Sanctus Choir rehearsal for the fall season is on September 8 at 7:30 p.m. The rehearsal will be preceded by a potluck meal at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to join us.

Arts, Beats, and Eats is coming up! **We will be worshipping on the Main Stage at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 4.** The Sanctus Choir will have three rehearsals for this special service. I am asking Sanctus Choir members to come to two out of three rehearsals. Please try to attend the last rehearsal so we can have a full ensemble. Rehearsals will be held:

Monday, Aug. 22, at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 24, at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 1, at 7:30 p.m.

Carillon Ringers, our experienced handbell ensemble, will begin rehearsing on **Thursday, September 15, at 6:30 p.m.**

Celebration Ringers, our beginning handbell ensemble, will be rehearsing on Monday evenings; start time has not yet been determined.

If you are interested in joining any of these choirs, please feel free to contact me. I would be happy to meet with you and discuss your interests. The benefits of being actively involved in a church music program are immense. I have only been at ROFUM for a short time, but have seen the support and care the choir members have for each other. I look forward to a wonderful season with all of you!

Alayna Young, Director of Music

Youth Choir News

The Choir Camp theme for this year has been “Church is a Verb.” We spent the week exploring what we can do as a community of believers to make a difference. Our Methodist heritage gives us specific actions – prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness – that empower us, and our church, to accomplish Christ’s

work in the world. Interestingly enough, all five of these actions are included in being a regular member of one of our ROFUM choirs.

Let’s look closer at this idea. I have always told the kids in my choirs that every song we sing is a prayer, whether it is an anthem, a hymn or a campfire song. Rehearsal time is as much an act of prayer as time spent in worship because God loves our “joyful noise.” Presence is a given. You can’t be part of a musical group from a remote location! You are automatically giving your gifts and servicing your church by being in a choir. In fact, high school students can get actual service hours for National Honor Society and other organizations by being a member of Angelus Choir. We witness for Christ every time we share a song about our faith. So there you have it – you can effectively serve God and “do church” by being a member of a choir, or by making sure your children attend choir rehearsals and take part in each opportunity to sing in worship.

Rehearsals for Treble Choir (grades 1-3) and Revelation Choir (grades 4-8) will happen during Holy COW (Church On Wednesday) beginning on Sept. 21. Angelus Choir (grades 9-12) rehearses on Sundays at 10 a.m. and sings at the 11:00 a.m. service on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month from September through May.

And when you hear one of our ROFUM choirs, allow them to give God a “gift” rather than a “performance” by holding your applause. If they touch your heart and you need to express your joy, a heartfelt “Amen!” is always an option.

Jennifer Semivan

Singing “Outside Our Walls”

Upcoming events in our music program include the Angelus Choir Tour, August 4 – 7, which will consist of stops at Chelsea Retirement Village, Independence Village of Petoskey, and conclude with the chapel service at the Lake Louise Community. You will also be able to see both Sanctus Choir and Angelus Choir on the Main Stage for our worship service on Sunday, September 4, at 9:30 a.m. during Arts, Beats, and Eats. Several of our other musicians will be included in this important worship opportunity that will include our own congregation as well as the Arts, Beats, and Eats volunteers and artists. Don’t miss it!! All who attend or participate in this worship service receive free admission to the event!!

Jennifer Semivan



Education Grubby Sunday:

The Education Work Area will be holding a Grubby Sunday on August 7th from noon to 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided to all volunteers. Your help is needed to prepare our nursery,

preschool, youth room, and classrooms for the upcoming year. Sign-up sheets will be available in Fellowship Hall or you may sign up by emailing Caroline Scott (cscott@rofum.org). All are welcome, so please bring your family and friends!

Volunteer Opportunities in Christian Education:

We are currently in need of volunteers for our nursery, Holy COW (Church on Wednesday), and Sunday School programs, as well as adult members to serve as mentors for our confirmands. Volunteers can commit to serving on a weekly, bi-monthly, or as needed basis. If you are interested in offering your services, please speak with Caroline Scott during fellowship hour or via email (cscott@rofum.org).

Risk Management Policy:

Our church's insurance policy requires that two adult volunteers be present at all times when working with our youth. While this policy has not been strictly enforced in the past, we will be moving towards full compliance this year. If adequate volunteers are not available, we will need to consolidate/cancel classes to ensure compliance. This policy also requires background checks for all adult volunteers. Our Holy COW program will be undergoing several changes to ensure the safety of our children, including a more formal registration process. Please stay tuned for more details.

2011-2012 Holy COW & Sunday School Programs:

Fall Sunday School classes will begin on Sunday, September 11th, during the 11:00 service. Our Holy COW (Church on Wednesday) kick-off barbecue will be held on September 14th, at 5:30 p.m. We hope to see you there!

High School Students

Trish Lambert and Laurie O'Donnell invite you to join them in the Youth Room on Wednesdays beginning November 2 at 6:00 p.m. If you can't make it every Wednesday, don't worry! We know how busy our high school students are, but please keep us on your schedule as often as you can!

Special Music on August 7th

There will be some very special music on Sunday, August 7. While I am away on the Angelus Choir Tour, Neal and Allison Harris will be providing music for worship. Special thanks to Neal and Allison for sharing their talents with us.

Alayna



**News for All
from the
United Methodist Women**

Homecoming and Heritage 11-11-11

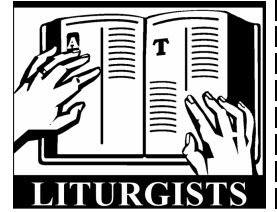
United Methodist Women are progressing with plans for our "Homecoming and Heritage" evening which will be held on Veterans Day, Friday, November 11, 2011. As a church we will celebrate and honor our family members and their families who have served in the military throughout the history of our country.

We will soon be collecting pictures and memorabilia of relatives to be displayed in Fellowship Hall during the homecoming dinner and program. Dates for collection of these articles are Sunday, September 25, through Sunday, October 30. There will be a collection area in the church office. Ticket sales will begin at a date to be announced.

Remember to take some time this summer to begin collecting pictures and items that you would like to share that evening. United Methodist Women are eagerly looking forward to this event and will welcome your enthusiastic support for our 2011 fund raiser for mission giving.

Direct questions about the collection pieces to Mary Nahhat.

Sunday Morning Liturgist Be a Worship Leader!



Have you ever thought you'd like to be a worship leader but didn't know whom to tell? Here is your chance! We are putting together our liturgist schedule for the next year and we need *you* to volunteer. We would like to have a liturgist at both services (9:15 & 11:00 a.m.). You may offer your services at whichever hour you prefer.

Liturgists lead the congregation in the Call to Worship and the Prayer of the People. All adults and young adults are invited to volunteer, whether or not you have been a liturgist before. We ask all interested persons to fill in the attached form and return it to the church office. Even if you have served in the past, please fill in this form and indicate the service in which you would like to participate.

All liturgists will meet with Rev. Hice in the Sanctuary on Sunday, September 18, at 12:30 p.m. for a brief training session.

Yes, sign me up to be a liturgist!

Name _____ Phone _____

I would like to be a liturgist in the _____ 9:15 a.m. service
_____ 11:00 a.m. service. Email _____

Please list any dates you will not be available: _____

SERVING IN JESUS' NAME



"As for me, I am grateful that when Jesus came proclaiming the advent of his kingdom, he did not begin with sermons about reconciliation, atonement, justification, redemption or any other big, abstract, high-sounding words. He began by pointing to our stomachs, to that gnawing, unsatisfied, emptiness within. And then he invited us to dinner." ~(*Sunday Dinner*, by William H. Willimon. Nashville: The Upper Room, 1981, p. 72)

We serve Holy Communion at Royal Oak First United Methodist Church on the first Sunday of every month. We need 6-8 persons (adults or young adults) in these Sunday morning services to help provide this holy and symbolic meal of remembrance and relationship. Communion Stewards do not need to provide either the bread or the juice, but only to offer the elements during the worship services.

Can you serve in this way? Please let us know of your interest in becoming, or continuing as, a Communion Steward.

All Communion Stewards will meet with Rev. Hice in the Sanctuary on Sunday, September 18, at 12:30 p.m. for a brief training session.

Yes, sign me up to be a Communion Steward!

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I would like to be a Communion Steward in the _____ 9:15 a.m.
_____ 11:00 a.m. service.

Please list any dates you will not be available: _____

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Names and addresses of our homebound members are very important to us. There is constant change, so please note the names and addresses carefully. If you have any corrections or updates, please notify the church office.

Dorothy Bliss
Dorothy Cowley
Lois DeVos
Bessie Johnstone
Irene Koscienc
Dorthella Kreger
Elizabeth (Betty) Lawson
Margery Lawson
Pat Lawson

Ruth Miller
Yvonne Quinn
Jeannette Safran
Muriel Shepard
Peggy Smullen
Mary Tata
Louella Wright
Louise Wyman

Out of the Area

Marion Conrad
Ruth Dawkins
Maggie Fries
Christina Smith



Sean Barr - Air Force (Florida)
Jody Holeton - Hawaii
Bobby Huneycutt - Army
Paul Kondrat - Marines (California)
Andrew Kostrzewa - Navy (California)

Dan Lewis - Army (Italy)
Aaron Mingle - Navy (Florida)
Thomas Morales - Navy (Gulf)
Kimberly Munzinger - Marines (Afghanistan)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:30 a Crafty Ladies 7:00 p Bldg Improvement 7:00 p Soul Stretch Yoga 7:00 p Trustees	2 12:00 p AA 7:00 p Church Council – ABE Mtg 7:00 p Igniting Ministry	3 10:00 a Program Staff Mtg 12:00 p Full Staff Mtg 7:30 p Stewardship	4 Angelus Choir Tour 5:30 p AA 8:00 p Teen Al-Anon	5 Angelus Choir Tour	6 Angelus Choir Tour 9:00 a Scrap Metal Collect 5:30 p Sat Night Worship
7 Angelus Choir Tour 9:15 a Arise! Worship 11:00 a Worship/CS/Bapt 12:00 p Educ Grubby Day 7:00 p Debtors Anon	8 9:30 a Crafty Ladies 7:00 p Soul Stretch Yoga	9 12:00 p AA 6:30 p Co-Lay Leaders 7:30 p Staff/Parish	10 10:00 a Program Staff Mtg 12:00 p Full Staff Mtg	11 1:00 p Shawl Ministry 5:30 p AA 8:00 p Teen Al-Anon	12	13 9:00 a FA Road Biking 5:30 p Sat Night Worship
14 9:15 a Arise! Worship 11:00 a Worship & CS 4:00 p Career Ministry 4:00 p ROFUM/ABE/Mtg 7:00 p Debtors Anon	15 9:30 a Crafty Ladies 7:00 p Soul Stretch Yoga	16 12:00 p AA 6:30 p Career Ministry Steering Committee 7:00 p Worship Work Area 7:30 p Finance	17 10:00 a Program Staff Mtg 12:00 p Full Staff Mtg	18 5:30 p AA 8:00 p Teen Al-Anon	19	20 5:30 p Sat Night Worship
21 9:15 a Arise! Worship 11:00 a Worship & CS 12:30 p Lithuania Team 7:00 p Debtors Anon	22 9:30 a Crafty Ladies 7:00 p Soul Stretch Yoga 7:30 p Sanctus Choir (ABE)	23 11:00 a Church Life Vols 12:00 p AA 1:00 p Church Life Vols 7:00 p Church Council	24 10:00 a Program Staff Mtg 12:00 p Full Staff Mtg 7:30 p Sanctus Choir (ABE)	25 1:00 p Shawl Ministry 3:00 p Nominating 5:30 p AA 8:00 p Teen Al-Anon	26	27 5:30 p Sat Night Worship/ Noisy Bucket
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August Birthdays

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Please note: If you don't see your name on our birthday list, please let us know! We may not have your birthday in our data base.



HERO Sandwich

To celebrate the Bible's many heroes, make this sandwich for a picnic.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- Shredded lettuce
- Olive oil and vinegar
- Seasonings (salt, pepper, oregano)
- Italian crusty bread (six inches per person)
- Mayonnaise
- Sliced meat
- Sliced cheese
- Sliced tomato
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Toothpicks
- Tape



What you do:

1. Drizzle shredded lettuce with oil and vinegar; sprinkle with seasonings.
2. Cut bread in half lengthwise and spread mayo on both halves.
3. On bottom half, layer meats, cheese, tomato and lettuce.
4. Top with other half of bread. Cut in half.
5. Cut paper into small triangles. Write your favorite Bible heroes' names on them.
6. Tape the triangles to toothpicks to make pennants. Stick in sandwich halves. Enjoy!



action-packed faith

The greatest "super men" who ever lived put their faith into action.

Directions: Match each Bible character to the correct description.

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| Noah | 1. This disciple wrote a gospel, recounting many events in Jesus' life. |
| Stephen | 2. This man responded to God's commands, including the order to move. God made many promises to this man and his descendants. |
| Abraham | 3. This man was eager to rebuild Jerusalem. He helped the people protect their city, reminding them that God was on their side. |
| Luke | 4. This man, who became king of Judah at a young age, obeyed God's laws and helped people repent. |
| Nehemiah | 5. God saved this honest, hard-working man from destruction by having him build a place of safety for his family and every kind of creature. |
| Josiah | 6. This man stood by God's Word, showing strength of character even when faced with persecution and death. |

On the lines below, write your name and describe how you're a "hero" for God. What are some ways you put your faith into action?

Name: _____

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See the Tigers Roar

We plan to attend the Tiger baseball game vs. the Minnesota Twins on Friday, September 9. The bus to take us to the game will be at the church at 5:30 p.m., with the game to start at 7:05 p.m. The cost will be \$40 per person. You may sign up and pay in the church office. Last year we had a full bus, so make your plans early. See YOU on the bus!

Faith and Church Exploration

This series of classes is designed both for those who are new to the ROFUM (Royal Oak First United Methodist Church) community, as well as for those who are considering becoming full members of the church. "Faith and Church Exploration" will meet in our Library on five consecutive Sundays:

- September 25 3-4 p.m.
- October 2 9:15 a.m.
- October 9 9:15 a.m.
- October 16 9:15 a.m.
- October 23 3-5 p.m.



For those who choose membership upon completion of this class, reception into church membership will take place during our worship services the weekend of October 29/30.

If you are interested in joining this class, please leave your name and phone number in the church office. Direct questions to Rev. Hice.