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FIRST THOUGHTS

are for other sides. There's a roar of delight from one section when a point gets scored and one team goes ahead of the other. Then another section cheers when the momentum shifts. Sometimes, from the stands, a group of people wave signs and shout slogans: calling for their side to get a move-on.

"Defense! Defense!"

"Hey, hey, what do ya' say? Get that ball and fight!"

Teams on the field. Republican and Democrat, Tea Party and who knows what else? It's mostly other people who have the ambition or the courage or the means to compete for leadership and get there. Most of the rest of us add our two cents here and there and complain around the water cooler.

As this column is composed, a tragedy has occurred in Arizona.

Sidelines

A congress woman and almost a score of others fell victim to an assassin's attack. Several were killed, including a nine-year-old child. By the time you read it this will be old news; maybe even forgotten. Yet, it reminds me about the importance of Christians to remember what they understand God wants in this world and that in following Jesus there are no sidelines.

Our calling is to bring sides together. Our mission is to generate the power of God's love so that Republicans and Democrats and Tea Party activists and Bull Moose proponents all come together to work on the same team. Not only in America, but throughout the world.

Stopping the violence. Ending hunger. Protecting health. Educating. Giving each person a chance.

These aren't party agendas. These are God's expectations for a world that lives in God's justice and love.

Enough of this kind of violence. And enough of the sidelines. We, each of us, need to be down on the field somehow in our Christian activist way.

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PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH



Dear ROFUM,

Thank you for the care package; it has been very helpful in alleviating the stress of my upcoming finals. It was very thoughtful for you guys to send those out as this is the hardest time to be a college student. I hope to see you all soon when I come back for break.

Collin Cromwell



Dear ROFUM Pitstop,

Thank you so much for the care packages! It was the perfect present to receive right before finals. Mark ate all the Nutterbutters except one, which I'm hiding from him. Have a Merry Christmas!

Emily (Reed), *Mark* (Sleeman)
and *Pat* (Walbridge)



Thank you for the attractively prepared greeting card I received recently. I read with interest every name signed on it. I do not know everyone who signed it, but I do know many who did. It is good to be remembered, especially because I cannot get to church often.

Gratefully yours,
Mary Lou Forester



To my church family,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, calls, and visits during my recent surgery and recovery. I would not be able to get through these trying times without your support. You never cease to amaze me with your love.

Lesla Nielsen



ROFUM

I would like to add my thanks to all of you who sent cards and for all your prayers. God really does hear our prayers. Thank you to the Shawl Ministry. I am now cancer free.

Thanks again.

Leoda Hall
(Laura Hice's mom)

Members of First United Methodist Church

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for me. I also want to thank you for the large get well card so many of you signed. Thank you, too, to Brian Wright for visiting with me at Beaumont and at Evergreen and for your healing prayers. I am home and doing well thanks to you all!

Mary Springstead



The faith community of Royal Oak First extends sympathy to:

Tom Northrup on the death of his cousin, Barbara Wheatley, 11/8

The family and friends of **Joe Ellison** from Second Grace UMC, on his death 11/28

Betty Becker on the death of her sister-in-law, Bonnie Becker, 12/13

The family and friends of **Ralph T. (Tom) Northrup** on his death, 12/23

The family and friends of **Louise Lloyd** on her death, 12/28

Eileen Weber on the death of her sister-in-law, Nancy Smith, 12/29

Christine (Weber) Ryckman on the death of her mother-in-law, Mary Ryckman, 1/1

Sidelines

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Changing the game.

Changing the world.

Praying for peace.

Carpe diem! (*Seize the day!*),

Rev. John H. Hice
Senior Pastor



Mission Spotlight: The Fourth Sunday of the Month

You've probably noticed the fourth Sunday of the month could be called Mission Sunday. You hear Mission Moments with details of one of our chosen Jubilee projects; you hear General Board of Global Ministries personnel and projects pointed out as part of the Pastoral Prayer; there are special envelopes in the bulletin to receive money for our eleven Mission Jubilee projects; and you hear and experience the Noisy Bucket collection for the Lithuania church we help support.

We know there are numerous other mission efforts in our church also. That's part of what a church is all about.

What did Jesus say? "When you have done it for the least of these, you have done it for me." We are SO blessed! We need to feel we have given to help others – as often as we can!

Haiti Collection at Detroit Annual Conference

There is a great need in Haiti NOW. Our Conference is collecting medical supplies to send. There are two ways that you can help.

1. Purchase medical supplies – Purchase any of the items listed in the enclosure on page 4 of this newsletter and bring them to the church office by Sunday, May 15. We'll then package them as instructed and take them to Annual Conference with us.
2. Purchase Medicine Boxes – A medicine box includes 18 essential drugs and will provide medicines for 1,000 people for up to three months. Each medicine box costs \$455 which includes shipping and handling. I would urge those who are able to send a check (payable to ROFUM) to the church office by Sunday, March 27, so we can send a check to the Conference office by their deadline.

Perhaps you have seen some of the United Methodist commercials on television urging people to help. The need is very great and our (ROFUM's) help is needed. Questions? Contact Chris or Kim Christopher.

Coupons Needed!

The Missions Work Area is collecting fast food coupons to give to their guests during SOSOS (South Oakland Shelter on Saturdays). If you have fast food coupons from Entertainment Books that you won't be using or coupons you've received in the mail, please bring them to church and indicate that they are for SOSOS.



In His Steps – Here I Am, Lord

IN HIS STEPS Our *In His Steps* Every Member Commitment theme for this year's program is "Here I Am, Lord." We continuously answer God's call by saying, "Here I Am, Lord." Here is your first opportunity to answer the call for the *In His Steps* program. We are looking for ideas and leaders for this year's program, including ideas for Commitment weekend which is October 22 & 23. All are invited to our meeting on March 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Library to discuss this year's program. Additionally, if you do have ideas, we hope you will consider being a Steering Committee Member. We are looking for about 20 people who will serve as Steering Committee Members to help with ideas, form teams of callers, and generally help us lead the *In His Steps* program. This is your chance to get involved early. Last year we had about 140 people involved in the program. This year will be just as big. Will you answer the call? If you can attend our meeting on March 2 please reply by February 20 to stewardship@rofum.org, the church office, or by submitting a Best Week Ever card found in the Friendship Folders.

One more reminder - If you haven't made your *In His Steps* Every Member Commitment for 2011, it's not too late. It's actually never too late to make a commitment in any of the areas of Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness. If you need a new commitment card, you may obtain one from the church office.

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

2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Board of Global Ministries Haiti Container Collection

The Conference Board of Global Ministries will be conducting a collection of medical supplies at the 2011 Detroit Annual Conference session in order to support Haiti and its people as the country continues to recover from the effects of the devastating earthquake that occurred in January.

There are two ways for individuals and local churches to participate in the collection:

Purchase Medicine Boxes - A medicine box includes 18 essential drugs and will provide medicines for 1,000 people for up to three months. Each medicine box costs \$455 which includes shipping and handling. If you or your church is interested, please make a check out to “Detroit Annual Conference” and write “Medicine Box” in the memo line. *The deadline to purchase medicine boxes is March 27, 2011.*

Purchase Medical Supplies - Individuals and local churches may purchase specific medical supplies according to the list and instructions provided on this page.

Medicine Boxes and medical supplies will be the only collections accepted for the container. The Board of Global Ministries will not be collecting health kits, school kits, or other relief kits.

For more information, please contact the Rev. Dr. Margie Crawford at jigrevaudoc@live.com.

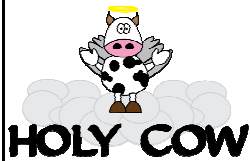
Medical Supplies List		
ITEM	QUANTITY	EXAMPLE
Sterile gauze pads – 4 x 4	50 per pack	Johnson & Johnson Curity
Adhesive tape - 1/2”, 1” wide	10 yards or more on a roll	Johnson & Johnson Curity
Triple Antibiotic Ointment	1 ounce tubes	Neosporin
Low-Dose Aspirin less than 325 mg tablets	1,000 per bottle	Bayer Equate
Children’s acetaminophen tablets 80 mg	300 [or largest quantity] per bottle	Children’s Tylenol
Ferrous Sulfate [iron supplement] 325 mg tablets	500 per bottle	MyKidz Iron Feosol
Children’s multi - vitamin tablets	500 per bottle	Flintstones Plus Iron Centrum Kinds Complete
Adult multi - vitamin tablets	500 per bottle	Theragran – M Spring Valley Therapeutic

To purchase medical supplies, please follow the following precautions:

- Do not send any prescription medications.
- Do not send any expired medicines.
- Products must be new with unbroken seals.
- Do not send any empty pill bottles.
- Products must have an expiration date of 18 months or longer.
- Products must meet the exact guide-lines listed.
- When possible, purchase medications in bottles of 100 or more.
- Generic equivalents are acceptable.

Please follow the following instructions when compiling your medical supplies for delivery to the 2011 DAC:

- Place materials in a one-gallon Ziploc bag and label each bag. For example, place all the aspirin in one bag and place a label with “ASPIRIN” on that bag. Please place only one type of item in each bag.
- Place all the bags in a plastic tub to be dropped off at annual conference.
- Tape a list of the tub’s contents to the top or side of the tub.
- Include a check for \$20 for each tub, made out to “Detroit Annual Conference” with “Haiti Container” in the memo line.



Church On Wednesday

Weather Alert

Please note that when the Royal Oak Schools close for inclement weather, we cancel Holy COW.



High School Pit Stop News



Join us in the Youth Room on Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m. (following the Holy COW dinner at 5:30) beginning November 3. Drop in as often as you can! We hope to see you at the Pit Stop!

Trish Lambert & Laurie O'Donnell

Pit Stop Schedule

- January 26 – Study night for mid-terms
 - *bring your books
 - *pizza & snacks provided
- February 2 – Mystery guest
- February 9 – Valentine party (last Pit Stop)
- April – Peace Gallery exhibit & lunch at Greek Town

Music Department News

The Music Director Search Committee has been evaluating resumes and is currently conducting phone interviews to screen potential candidates. We hope to schedule face-to-face meetings and auditions in the near future, and will keep the congregation apprised of our progress. In the meantime, we thank our interim Music Director, Marilyn Biery, for her wonderful music during the Christmas season and her continued leadership at the 11:00 worship service with our Sanctus Choir.

The Winter/Spring Choir Schedule is available at www.rofum.org. Be sure to mark on your calendar the dates that your child's choir is singing so they don't miss an opportunity to learn to be worship leaders. There is also an opportunity for anyone of any age to provide "Special Music" at our 9:15 Arise! worship service. If you have a musical "gift" to share, contact Jennifer Semivan at jsemivan@rofum.org.

Keep your eyes and ears open for the possibility of a church-wide Talent Show in the near future sponsored by Music Guild. We might even explore the possibility of including some talented contributions from outside our walls as well as the potential for a Chili Cook-Off sponsored by our Mission Trip youth. Stay tuned for future updates.

Jennifer Semivan



Our Task

Let us make a resolution now that the new year has begun to share the wondrous story of Jesus' love for everyone

-Lee Hoffmann

Choir Camp Staff Applications

It isn't too early to start thinking about campfires, Olympics, swimming, and all the fun we have! Again this year we will be going to Camp Ohiyesa in Holly, only a 45 minute drive from the church parking lot. Camp will be the week of July 24-30, 2011, so be sure to mark your calendars!



Camp staff applications will be available in the church office in January. The deadline for submission is Sunday, January 30. We look forward to another wonderful experience with YOU being there to make it great!

Carolyn Roundot, Camp Dean

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 Parlor on five consecutive Sundays:



- March 20 3-4 p.m.
- March 27 9:15 a.m.
- April 3 9:15 a.m.
- April 10 9:15 a.m.
- April 17 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 April 23/24.

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

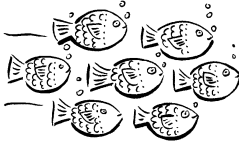
BUDGET REPORT

We finished 2010 with a very good December, allowing us to pay all of our 2010 Apportionments as well as approximately \$14,000 of our remaining 2009 obligations! The Finance Committee thanks you for your continued support.

A note to help our counters and bookkeeper: Please record your name on your pre-numbered offering envelopes and designate with a checkmark where to apply your contribution. If you use an offering envelope from the pew, please make sure to include your name and address. Doing so ensures that you receive the proper credit for your contributions.

Jeff Vickers, Finance Committee Chair

coming soon!



Fridays at ROFUM..... Fish Dinners 2011

Fridays, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

January 28 February 11 February 25 March 11 March 25

We need you to help make this a success. Join the team and work a 2-hour shift on any or all of these nights. Jobs include Kitchen Help, Greeters, Ticket Sales, Dining Room Workers, Carry-outs, Set-up, and Clean-up. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Charlene or John Faunt or return this form to the church office.

YES, I WILL HELP!

Name _____ Phone _____

You can count on me to work on the following Fish Dinners (check all that apply):

____ January 28 ____ February 11 ____ February 25 ____ March 11 ____ March 25

The area I would like to help with is _____

First Shift (4:00 - 5:45) _____ Second Shift (5:30 - 7:30) _____



News for All from the United Methodist Women

**Day Apart for Prayer
Saturday, February 5, 9:30 a.m.**

The Detroit East District of United Methodist Women will celebrate a special day for prayers on Saturday, February 5, at 9:30 a.m. at Clawson United Methodist Church. All women are invited to attend. Reservations are needed by Sunday, January 30. Call Olive Mae Glenn.

Special prayers will be given for persons who are ill, bereaved, troubled, or have other concerns. They will be named by members of local units of United Methodist Women.

**Church Women United
Friday, March 4, 1:00 p.m.**

There will be a tea at OUR CHURCH celebrating "World Day of Prayer" on Friday, March 4, at 1 p.m. No reservations are needed and there is no cost for this event. You may be asked to bring some finger foods as there will be a tea following the program. Not many churches are able to hostess these events any more because of smaller membership. We are very fortunate. Hope to see lots of you there.

Marilyn Murley

Ray Blessman saw the following in Barron's Magazine:

If God Texted the Ten Commandments to Moses

1. not b4 me, srsly.
2. dnt wrship pix/idols.
3. no omg's.
4. no wrk on w/end (sat 4 now, sun l8r).
5. pos ok-ur m&d r cool.
6. dnt kill ppl.
7. :-x only w/ m8.
8. dnt steel.
9. dnt lie re:bf.
10. dnt ogle ur bf's m8, or ox, or dnkey. Myob.

And it's signed Jamie Quatro.

Men's Fellowship Saturday, Feb. 19



George Samson, CEO of World Medical Relief (WMR), will present a program on the World Medical Relief Mission. George is a member of our church, and he will tell us how he became involved with WMR. It's really an amazing story. He will also relate the United Methodist connection and, more importantly, what WMR does both locally and world-wide. WMR had a wide area of activity when George was VP of the overseas operation and was responsible for ROFUM sending \$469,000 worth of medical supplies to Lithuania. Since becoming CEO, George has expanded the mission of World Medical Relief.

Come and hear first hand about this wonderful organization. We'll start with breakfast at 8:19 a.m. Come and feed your body and your soul.

High School Skiers

Once again, Bob and Nancy Reid opened their home (and refrigerator!) to a group of 19 skiers who enjoyed another fabulous weekend of skiing, hot-tubbing, and great fellowship and food in Elk Lake, Michigan. This year's trip included three "newbies" (no experience on the slopes) who became very proficient under the instruction of Jeff Harris.

I'd like to highlight something that happened during our Sunday morning worship time. All in the group were asked to share a personal dream for the future. Responses included:

- Find work that is personally satisfying and not just financially rewarding
- Be able to speak a number of languages to communicate with people globally
- Travel to other countries and improve the quality of life for people there
- Create and compose music
- Find time to take the family dog on visits to nursing homes
- Stop being limited by fears of what other people may think

Others dreamed to be psychologists, lawyers, or sportscasters, but each response involved being in service to others. "All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it." (I Corinthians 12:27)

A special thanks goes out to our driver/chaperones: Jon Cline, Jeff Harris, Brian & Jennifer Semivan, and Jorge & Lori Suarez.

Jennifer Semivan



Cross Country Skiing and Winter Carnival

The First ADVENTURES Cross Country Ski Weekend will be February 4 -6 at the Cross Country Ski Headquarters in Roscommon, MI.

We'll drive up the night of February 4, stay in affordable lodging, ski on Saturday and optionally on Sunday, then drive home. Let us know as soon as possible if you want to go. There is a sign-up sheet in the office. Call Mark Johnson or check out the First ADVENTURES web page if you would like more information. Please join us – and bring your friends!

First ADVENTURES will host a WINTER CARNIVAL at Independence Oaks County Park in Clarkston on February 19. The park offers many great activities, including: Ice Fishing, Sledding, Ice Skating, Cross Country Skiing, Snow Shoeing, and the Wint Nature Center. We'll start at 8 a.m. to accommodate the fishermen but you're welcome to come a bit later, too.

The Wint Nature Center will also feature a special "Winter Trek and Campfire" event from 10 a.m. to 12 noon (\$3 per person). All ages can participate in that event but must be at least 5 years old for the snowshoe portion. It will also include a t-shirt printing segment. Bring a prewashed white t-shirt and wear boots.

Ski equipment and snow shoe rentals are available at the park and there's a warming shelter with fireplaces. Remember to dress for the weather, including warm boots.

All expenses are pay-as-you-go (park entrance fee, equipment rentals). Bring your own snacks/food, especially if you plan to stay through lunch. Parents will be responsible for their children. Call Bruce Tufford for more information and to locate us at the park. Independence Oaks (www.destinationoakland.com) is 2 ½ miles north of I-75 on Sashabaw Rd. Flyers are available in the church office. **Invite your friends!**

We are **looking for new ideas**. If you want to promote and introduce your church family and possibly potential new church members to one of your favorite outdoor activities, please let us know.

First ADVENTURES provides opportunities to be active and re-energize outdoors in God's amazing creation. We are open to all adults and occasionally offer family events. Non-ROFUM members are especially encouraged to join in First ADVENTURES activities. **INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!** Contact Bob Berard or Jon Cline or email us at firstadventures@rofum.org. Visit our website at firstadventures.wordpress.com for

more information, event updates, and other interesting information.

Scheduled Events

Cross Country Skiing: Friday night thru Sunday, February 4-6

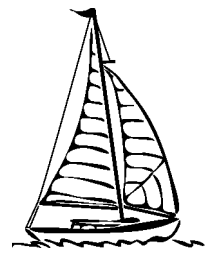
Winter Carnival: Saturday, February 19

Walk to Church: Sunday mornings, Ongoing

Running Training: Sunday mornings, March thru May

"Sale" Boats

You may not realize this, but Music Guild owns two sunfish sailboats. In past years they were used for Choir Camp, but our new camp location is not conducive to sailing. So, both of the boats are for sale. One of them is in good condition with a sail. The other needs some TLC. Both have been stored in a protected setting at the Semivan home. If you are interested, call Brian Semivan at for more information.



Bishop's Day Saturday, March 5

Mark your calendar for the 2011 Bishop's Day on Stewardship and Evangelism. The theme is *Engaging in Ministry with the Poor*. The location of this event is Troy First United Methodist Church (6363 Livernois). Keynote speaker will be Rev. Faith Fowler of Cass Community United Methodist Church of Detroit. The planning committee is in the process of selecting workshops and workshop leaders. Registration forms and schedule will be available in the church office soon!



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Remember Our Homebound Members

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.

Vi Bradshaw
Lois DeVos
Charles Crimmins
Bessie Johnstone
Irene Koscienc
Dorthella Kreger
Margery Lawson
Ruth Miller

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

Out of the Area

Ruth Dawkins
Maggie Fries
Christina Smith



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

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



FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00 a Adult Study 12:00 p AA 1:15 p Library Committee 7:00 p Bldg Mgmt 7:00 p Education Comm 7:00 p Igniting Ministry 7:00 p Men's Basketball	2 Office Closed 9a-3p Staff Diversity Trng 4:30 p PreCOW Study 5:30 p Holy COW 6:00 p HS Pit Stop 6:30 p Soul Stretch Yoga 7:30 p Adult Book Study 7:30 p Stewardship	3 9:30 a UMW Exec Comm 10:45 a Love Circle 12:15 p UMW Luncheon 5:30 p AA 6:45 p Carillon Ringers 7:30 p Sanctus Choir	4 5:00 p FA Cross Country Skiing	5 FA Cross Country Skiing 9a-noon Scrap Metal Collection 5:30 p Sat Night Worship
6 Communion 9:15 a Arise! Worship/CS 10:15 a Angelus Choir 11:00 a Worship & CS 3:00 p Faith & Church Exp 7:00 p Debtors Anon	7 9:30 a Crafty Ladies 7:00 p Boy Scouts 7:00 p Bldg Improvement 7:00 p Trustees 8:00 p Music Guild 8:00 p Soul Stretch Yoga	8 10:00 a Adult Study 12:00 p AA 6:30 p Co-Lay Ldrs Mtg 7:00 p Member Care 7:00 p Men's Basketball 7:30 p Staff Parish	9 9:30 a Charity Circle 10:00 a Program Staff Mtg 12:00 p Full Staff Mtg 4:30 p PreCOW Study 5:30 p Holy COW 6:00 p HS Pit Stop 6:30 p Soul Stretch Yoga 7:30 p Adult Book Study 7:30 p Knowledge Circle	10 1:00 p Shawl Ministry 5:30 p AA 6:30 p Career Ministry Steering Committee 6:45 p Carillon Ringers 7:30 p Sanctus Choir	11 4:30-7 p Fish Dinner	12 5:30 p Sat Night Worship
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20 9:15 a Arise! Worship/CS 10:15 a Angelus Choir 11:00 a Worship/CS/Bapt 12:30 p Lithuania Team 7:00 p Debtors Anon	Presidents Day 21 9:30 a Crafty Ladies 7:00 p Boy Scouts 7:00 p Missions 7:30 p Long Range Plan	22 10:00 a Adult Study 12:00 p AA 7:00 p Church Council 7:00 p Men's Basketball	23 10:00 a Program Staff Mtg 12:00 p Full Staff Mtg 4:30 p PreCOW Study 5:30 p Holy COW 6:30 p Soul Stretch Yoga 7:30 p Adult Book Study	24 1:00 p Shawl Ministry 5:30 p AA 6:30 p Career Ministry Steering Committee 6:45 p Carillon Ringers 7:30 p Sanctus Choir	25 4:30-7 p Fish Dinner	26 5:30 p Sat Night Worship/ Noisy Bucket
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February Birthdays

- 1- Alaina Weathers
Dona Wells
- 2- Kathleen Gregory
Heather Scott
- 3- Robert Mann
Dolly Oberdier
- 4- Patti Cooper-Koerner
Ruby Hawkins
- 5- Emily Berry
Carolyn Gabler
- 6- Vance Briceland
Athena Milewski
Colin Walbridge
- 7- Emily Baker
Katie Dunstan
Mike Hemmingsen
- 8- Cathy Fall
Neal Harris
Savanna Malinowski
Charlie McDaniel
- 9- Doug Brown
Jean Sikkenga
- 11- Charles Halsig
Laurie Kissoondial
Marlene Yago
- 12- Darlene Dyer
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Paul Perkins
Riley Provost
Joe Wichers

- 14- Sally Yago
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- 17- Morgan Kempf
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- 18- Marcia Armstrong
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Sarah Rogers
Kristy Watkins

- 20- Chris Baker
Betty Greco
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- 26- Brian Cook
- 27- Harry Arterburn
Anne Hartrick-Cook
Janet Standing
Brian Zryd
- 28- Kristin Budnar
Nancy Matson
Joyce Russell



Happy
Birthday

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.

From the
Editor 

PIECES OF LOVE



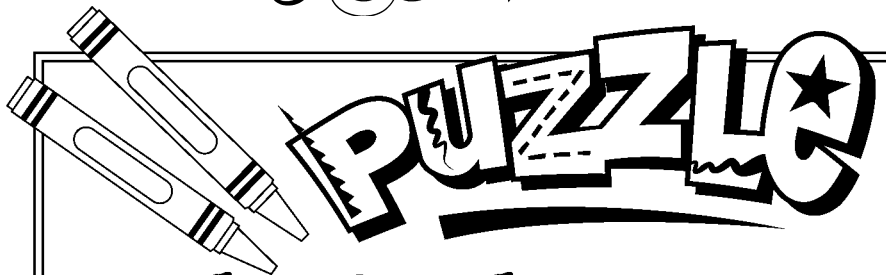
Send special reminders of your love by creating messages that people can assemble and enjoy.

What you need:

- Large wooden craft sticks
- Tape
- Permanent markers
- Scissors
- Zippered sandwich baggies

What you do:

1. Make a rectangle out of seven craft sticks by placing them next to one another, long side against long side.
2. Tape the sticks together.
3. Turn the sticks over and draw a special picture or message. You can include this Bible verse: "We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19, NIV).
4. Cut through the tape to separate each craft stick.
5. Put all the sticks in a baggie.
6. Give your special messages to family members, friends or teachers — along with directions for viewing them.



A LOVE LETTER

In the New Testament, John writes a letter about God's love and the love we should show to other people.

DIRECTIONS: Working from left to right, write down all the 1's in the word blanks. Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's. Then read about love, from 1 John 4:11-12, NIV.

lives 3	in 3	us 3	Since 1	and 3	God 1	so 1	loved 1	his 3
us 1	love 3	we 1	If 2	also 1	is 3	made 3	we 2	ought 1
to 1	love 2	love 1	one 1	complete 3	one 2	another 1	in 3	us 3
another 2	God 2							

1 John 4:11-12, NIV

Answers: Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.



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**2011 Fish Dinners
are Here!**
Fridays, 4:30—7:00 p.m.
**Jan 28, Feb 11, Feb 25,
March 11, March 25**

Baby Cod from Iceland (baked or deep fried), Walleye (fried), Haddock or Chicken Tenders. All dinners include fries or baked potato, cole slaw, roll, butter, beverage and dessert (such a deal!!)

Children 5 & under	free	(in house only)
Youth (ages 6-12)	\$3.00	(in house only)
Chicken Tenders	\$8.00	
2 pc fried cod	\$9.00	
3 pc fried cod	\$10.00	
Baked cod (7 oz)	\$10.00	
Walleye (fried)	\$12.00	
Haddock (NEW)	\$10.00	

(prices include sales tax)

**Spread the word!
Invite your neighbors and friends.**

**Church Office will be Closed on
Wednesday, Feb. 2, for Staff Training**

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) believes that it will be beneficial for the entire ROFUM staff to receive Diversity Training. The training will be an all day event. This will necessitate closing the Church Office all day on Wednesday, February 2. The training will be conducted off-site by Dr. Stephen Fabick. SPRC hopes this training will not only benefit the staff, but also the entire congregation. We intend to provide similar training for all committee chairs later in 2011.



SPRC believes that this training is of such importance that the closing of our office for one day is more than a reasonable trade-off for this event. Should you wish to help keep the office open that day, please stop in or call the office at 248-541-4100.

Andrew Sluss, SPRC Chair