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**FIRST
 THOUGHTS**

childhood. On the one hand, I heard that Protestants have a plain cross rather than a crucifix to emphasize its emptiness: that Jesus is no longer there. I was told in Sunday school that Methodists don't give up things for Lent because we want to consider what we will *do* for the Lord rather than give up something we can live without, anyway. I had the impression that ashes on Ash Wednesday and fasting during the Lenten season were practices of other traditions; not mine.

I want to emphasize that this is all what I remember hearing in my childhood; I wasn't aware of the practice among early Methodists including John Wesley, who practiced fasting twice-a-week and called for conversion to be experienced every day. For me, Lent was a time when the climate went through transition from winter to spring and we gathered at church every Thursday evening for

Lent

potluck suppers, fellowship, and worship. It was when we looked forward to Easter and turned our attention toward deeper feelings of spirituality and a closer relationship with God. Who would want to miss all that?

As I grew older and became exposed to more of our tradition I discovered that the fasting and ashes were, too, a part of my tradition. Then a liturgical turn-about gradually gained momentum and the use of ashes, repentance, and fasting were recovered by United Methodists. Now we, too, deal with what is wrong in life, even and including our personal lives; we, too, are invited to address our need for God and identify how Jesus' suffering is somehow connected to us.

I suppose the avoidance has come from a common notion that this is to be a time to be ashamed. Regret for sin and shortcomings has often conveyed the idea that one is to be reduced to utter mortification, saying, "I am nothing. I deserve nothing except the worst punishment imaginable." The prospect of living through a month-and-a-half of that kind of contrition is hardly attractive. It really isn't helpful.

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PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH



Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for the Circle of Care cards, words of encouragement, and your prayers. I appreciated Rev. Hice's and Chuck Sonquist's visits and prayers before surgery and after. You've restored my faith. I'll be forever thankful.

Sincerely,

Sally Yago



To Circle of Care!

My dear friends in Royal Oak, for the nice card you sent to me and so many of my dear friends' signatures, thank you again. Frankenmuth is a nice place, but I miss Royal Oak and my friends.

Thank you again,

Magdaline Fries

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Yet, Lent is not supposed to be a season of shame. Instead it is a time to recognize what a wonderful creation of God we are. As wonderful as we are, it's also a time to remember we still need God with an overwhelming need. It is a time to make an accounting of our sin and shortcomings: not claiming unworthiness, but assuming a receptive posture to accept all the love and forgiveness God wishes to give. The fasting and introspection and confession we undertake during this time are meant to bring us to honesty before God and self so that we can truly be loved. All this is for the renewal of our hearts.

So, consider the need of your heart. How might you be renewed? How can you better let the love of God come in?

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

Rev. John H. Hice
Senior Pastor



The faith community of Royal Oak First extends sympathy to:

The family and friends of **Edith Hopper Horn** on her death, 11/24

The family and friends of **Edna Newnan** on her death, 1/7

Helen Misner on the death of her husband, **Andrew Misner**, 1/8

Marcy Courtney on the death of her cousin, Mark Edwards, 1/8

Delores Grier on the death of her father, Joseph Waroquier, 1/13

John & Phyllis Wagster on the death of their friend, Patty Brazier, 1/14

Laura Hice on the death of her friend's parents, Leonard (1/14) & Pat (1/18) Koze

Joe Gardner on the death of his cousin, Olive Grant, 1/16

Bonnie Barber on the death of her cousin, Nancy Clegg

Heather Dresden on the death of her grandfather, Ken Whetstone

The family and friends of **Maggie Jones** on her death, 1/26

Florence Fowler on the death of her niece, Roselind Szcetkowski, 1/26

Mary Anne Tempest on the death of her great-nephew, Jimmy Battishell, 2/3



Sunday, March 13

Daylight Savings Time begins



Mission Spotlight: The NOAH Project

The N.O.A.H. Project is a Mission Jubilee project selected again for 2011. N.O.A.H. stands for Networking, Organizing, and Advocating for the Health of the Homeless. They are located at Central United Methodist Church in Downtown Detroit and have been serving the homeless population bag lunches for over thirty years, but that's not all they do.

N.O.A.H. Project staff and volunteers strive to foster healing in participants through building stable and positive relationships with them, as many homeless people who are served by this project lack close family members who offer care and help. These relationships are built through fellowship during bag lunch and as N.O.A.H. provides a nearly all-inclusive range of material and physical supports to participants. Some supports offered include help from a nurse practitioner, job counseling, case management, funding to get a state ID, barber services, help with prescriptions, individual and group counseling, transportation, and even their Creative Expressive Arts program that helps participants cope and heal through art and voice.

If you are interested in learning more about what they do or how you can contribute, please see their website at <http://noahprojectdetroit.org> or contact them by phone at (313) 965-5422. New volunteers are always welcome!

MetroBridges "Food Desert Experience"

That's *dez'-ert*, as in Sahara, not *dee-zurt'*, as in chocolate cake. A "food desert" is an area with a scarcity of healthy food. Sadly, much of the City of Detroit is such a place. This uneven distribution of resources can have profound effects on residents' health and well-being.



MetroBridges is partnering with a faith-based community service outreach group at WSU that is offering a "Food Desert" event for our group on Saturday, April 9. We'll learn about the existing scarcity in Detroit's food system and see some of the solutions already in place, including an urban farm. This will be a several hour tour, and we'll organize transportation. We'd love to have you join us! Space is limited, so contact Amy Newberg soon to reserve your place or for more information.



Sack Lunch Program

A very late thank you to the many volunteers who served Christmas dinner and New Year's Day dinner. We served about 25 people at each meal. In addition to our adult volunteers, both the Tripoli and Blessman families helped to serve on New Year's Day. Thank you to all!

We continue to need the usual items: juice boxes, fruit or pudding cups, cookies, chips, lunch meat, cheese slices, hot dogs, and bread. 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 let us do the shopping, please leave monetary donations in the church office.

We are also always in need of "non-food" items such as blankets, hygiene items, and some clothing items (men's and women's jeans, tennis shoes, boots, gloves, socks, underwear, spring jackets, and warm shirts). We open up our regular clothing "store" on the last Monday of each month. Please label bags of clothing and leave in the kitchenette.

Thank you again for helping people in our community.

Delores Grier, Sack Lunch Coordinator

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.

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.

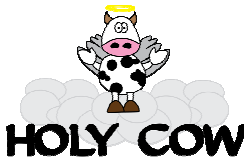
Medical Supplies List		
ITEM	QUANTITY	EXAMPLE
Sterile gauze pads – 4 x 4	50 per pack	Johnson & Johnson Curity
Adhesive tape - 1/2”, 1” wide	10 yards or more on a roll	Johnson & Johnson Curity
Triple Antibiotic Ointment	1 ounce tubes	Neosporin
Low-Dose Aspirin less than 325 mg tablets	1,000 per bottle	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 - High School Pit Stop

The final session of our Wednesday evening Pit Stop is centered on peace and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. We are very excited about this year's art project! Steve Weber designed and created 12 squares of stained glass featuring a dove. All of us learned the fine art of stained glass and what it takes to create a piece. We are so thankful for the leadership that Steve showed us for 4 weeks as he led us through this process. We are quite proud of our art work and are looking forward to sharing it with the congregation on Palm Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. service.

Our artwork will be displayed at the **Swords into Plowshares Peace Center and Gallery** (located at 33 E. Adams Ave. in Detroit) and will be a part of the **Visions of Peace Exhibit**. The exhibit will run from April 30 - June 4.

We have decided to continue meeting on Wednesdays following the Holy COW Dinner. **Our last Holy COW Pit Stop will be Wednesday, April 24th.** Please stop in; we would love to see you!

Trish Lambert & Laurie O'Donnell



Kasey O'Donnell, Collin Mann, Justin Orloski, Matthew Aeillo, Jenny Lambert, and Dylan Yates show off their stained glass creation.

Musicians Wanted

The Music Department is looking for musicians to play their instrument in worship. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Marilyn Biery, Interim Director of Music, at mbiery@rofum.org.



Music Director Search Committee Update

The work of finding a new Music Director for ROFUM is moving forward in exciting ways. Since the beginning of the year, we have been sorting through the many resumés sent to us and contacting potential candidates. We have narrowed the field and are presently interviewing our finalists. The interview process will include an audition on our organ, a rehearsal with the Sanctus Choir, and a question and answer session with the search committee. We will be sure to continue to keep the congregation updated with our progress. A special "thank you" goes out to Marilyn Biery, our interim Music Director, who has been a wonderful asset to our music program and has continued the high level of musicianship we have enjoyed at ROFUM. Her input and advice to the Search Committee has been invaluable.

We are asking for the support of the congregation in two specific ways. We need you to keep this process in your prayers, that we make decisions that will enhance the music ministry in our church. The current 2011 budget does not include travel expenses for our candidates, so you also have an opportunity to contribute to this fund if you desire. Just mark your donations "Music Director Travel Fund." The future is exciting for the music ministry at ROFUM!

Jennifer Semivan

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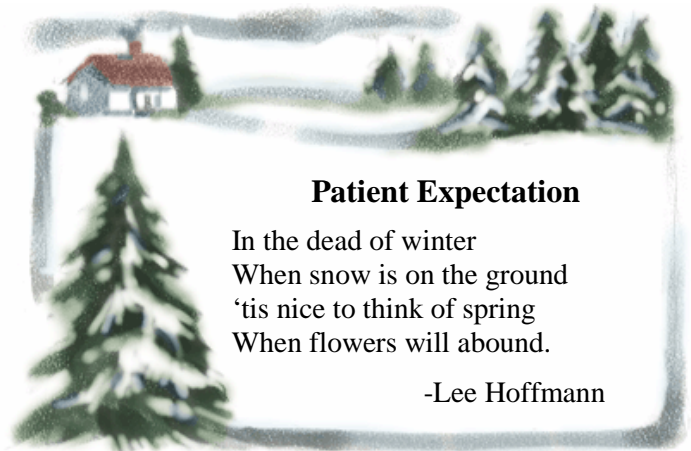
Stephen Ministry Moment Stephen Ministry is Coming to ROFUM!

Last year in early August, Brian Wright, Curt Odorizzi, and Wesley Wriston were sent to Pittsburgh, PA, to become Stephen Leaders and implement Stephen Ministry (SM) at ROFUM. SM is now in the planning stages, and your Stephen Leadership team (Brian, Curt, and Wesley) will be using this space to keep you informed about SM planning and happenings each month. We hope you will enjoy the journey with us as we take SM from planning to practice.

Stephen Ministry is a ministry in which trained and supervised lay persons, called Stephen Ministers, provide one-to-one Christian care to individuals facing life challenges or difficulties. I'm sure we can all think of a time in our life when we could use someone trustworthy to talk to and to pray with. That's what a Stephen Minister learns to be in the 50 hour training course. Also, the pastor will only refer a care receiver to a Stephen Minister with the care receiver's permission. Confidentiality is one of the most important principles of SM, and what a care receiver tells his or her Stephen Minister is kept in strictest confidence and is never shared with anyone, not even other Stephen Ministers. SM is a

serious and fulfilling Christian ministry. We know there is a need for Stephen Ministers in our congregation and in our community. We also know that we are blessed with members in our congregation who would make excellent Stephen Ministers and/or Leaders. Join us in presence and in prayer as we make this Christ-centered ministry a thriving part of ROFUM.

Wes Wriston



EASTER FLOWERS - We are offering a choice of spring flowers to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 24, or contributing to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) in honor or memory of a loved one. The names of the donors and those to be honored or memorialized will be printed as a bulletin insert on Easter Sunday. If you wish to participate, return this form to the church office on or before Sunday, April 10. Money must accompany your order (make checks payable to First United Methodist Church).

Please print all information using one form per order (additional forms are available in the church office)

Yes, I want to participate!

- Easter Lily (2 blooms) - \$17.00** **Azalea - 17.00** **Mum - 12.00**
- Hyacinth - \$9.00** **Daffodil - \$9.00** **Tulip - \$9.00**

- I will pick up the plant after the 11:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday.
- I am willing to deliver my plant to a homebound member on Easter Sunday. The church will provide the name and address of a homebound member.
- I will order my own plant & deliver it to the church on Friday, April 22.

Enclosed is my donation of \$_____ for UMCOR.

This will be a memorial to _____

OR in honor of _____

Given by _____ Phone # _____



News for All from the United Methodist Women

Luncheon and Program Thursday, March 3, 12:15 p.m. "Strengthen Your Prayer Life"

- 9:30 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting
12:15 p.m. Luncheon
1:00 p.m. Business meeting & Program

Have you ever wanted to pray but the right words just don't come out? This may be a solution to your problem. Since we didn't meet in January and were snowed out in February, this is our first meeting of the New Year. We hope to see you there!

Visitors are always welcome. Please call Marge Sutherland by Sunday, February 27, for a luncheon reservation.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast Saturday, March 19, 8:19 a.m.

This month's program will feature Rev. Faith Fowler, Executive Director of Cass Community Social Services (CCSC) in Detroit. Rev. Fowler will help us appreciate the mission of CCSC and bring us news of several exciting new developments that are occurring in the outreach. The efforts of the organization are directed at saving lives, solving problems, and creating opportunities for people to live out ambitious dreams. Come and hear how a faithful servant has helped created and expand such an effective organization. We may also be entertained by the Men's Chorus from Cass Community.



All men and women are invited to attend. Breakfast is at 8:19 a.m. and the program will begin at 9:00.

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

Introducing *Nichols Bunch Staffing*

In the past few weeks, you may have noticed some new faces at ROFUM. We are *Nichols Bunch*. Nichols Bunch is an agency for Macomb-Oakland Regional Center, also known as M.O.R.C. We at Nichols Bunch work with special needs people in the community. We are volunteers in the community learning everyday work skills to eventually have a paid job in the community.

We offer a variety of services such as respite, community living services and our new adventure, vocational training.

Royal Oak First United Methodist Church is part of our vocational service that we offer. We have been fortunate enough that ROFUM has taken us in as a ministry in our community. While at the church our volunteer work consists of light housekeeping, which keeps us involved in learning daily skills of a general workplace, and special event and Fish Fry set-up.

We look forward to our continued volunteer work with the church and in the community. Please feel free to stop by and say "Hi." We look forward to meeting you.

Sue Nichols, Nichols Bunch Staffing

We are grateful and excited to have the opportunity to partner with M.O.R.C. If you would like to help with the coordination of this new ministry partnership, please contact John Marsh, Building & Parsonage Management Chair or Elaine Tank (248-541-4100 or etank@rofum.org).



Begin Running Training, Get Ready for Rock Climbing

First ADVENTURES had an active winter with Cross Country Skiing near Higgins Lake and the Winter Carnival at

Independence Oaks (assuming the weather cooperated – this article was submitted before the WC). The weather and the snow conditions were perfect for the Cross Country Ski Weekend and it really helped everyone's winter attitude to get outdoors to exercise, explore, and enjoy the amazing beauty of the season. We stayed at a Michigan DNR conference center which provided comfortable accommodations and served an excellent Saturday dinner. We plan to go back again next year. You won't want to miss it.

Running Training begins on the first Sunday of March immediately following the first church service. Our co-leaders will be Allison and Corey Harris. The First ADVENTURES running team earned a **First Place** award at last year's **Oak Apple Run**. We need you on our team. Call Corey Harris (248-709-1079) if you would like more information; or, just show up with your running gear.

We'll be offering another **Rock Climbing** adventure in **Ohio's Hocking Hills State Park** on **April 29-30**. It's a great place to learn if you haven't climbed or repelled before and a great place for experienced climbers as well.

We are **looking for your ideas**. If you want to promote and introduce our 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

Running Training	Sunday mornings, March thru May
Rock Climbing	Friday afternoon thru Saturday, April 29-30
Road Biking	Saturday mornings, mid-May thru August
Spring Walk	Saturday, May 21
Walk to Church	Sunday mornings, ongoing

BUDGET REPORT

In November our Church Council approved a \$569,000 budget for 2011, a 6.5% increase over our 2010 income. The increase in budget allows us to continue to provide a group health insurance plan to members of our lay staff in addition to restoring funding for Peggy Gill's position as Assistant to the Minister of Congregational Care. We will be able to fund this budget through your faithful giving as well as by looking for additional sources of income such as renting out additional space in our building and through new and creative fundraisers. But there is an even better way to meet our budget that will offer additional benefits to the church. Rev. Hice has targeted a 40% increase in worship attendance. While this *is* a significant attendance increase, just think of the amazing things we could do if 100 additional worshippers joined us each week with their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness! Now is the time for each of us to focus on making ROFUM the church that *everyone* wants to be a part of.

A correction to the February Finance column – When filling out your offering envelope, please record the actual amount of your offering in the specific categories (Operating, Bold Steps/Capital Improvement, and/or Other) instead of just checking off a category. When using the "Other" category, please specify where you want your contribution to be directed (i.e. Sack Lunch, Pastor's Discretionary Fund).

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- Birthdays, Anniversaries, Greetings, etc. \$5.00/issue

Keith J. Leenhouts College Scholarship Fund at ROFUM

The Honoree

Keith J. Leenhouts served as Judge of the Municipal (Misdemeanor) Court in Royal Oak, Michigan, from 1959 to 1969. The prime source of Keith’s desire to be a judge came from his Sunday school class taught by a very Christian and compassionate judge, Arthur E. Moore.

While serving as Judge, Keith was instrumental in forming the program, Volunteers in Probation. The persons serving in the program work with youth to promote success, law abiding, and a love for family and others. The Volunteers in Probation (VIP) program provides youthful misdemeanants the opportunity to commit to community service for 12 to 18 months, under the supervision of a court volunteer, to be granted the dismissal of the misdemeanor offense. This program spread across the United States.

For 30 years, Keith was the teacher/leader of the Sunday morning high school class at ROFUM. Over the years nearly 1000 students attended the classes that Keith taught.

Keith resigned as Judge to become Executive Director of the nationwide Volunteers In Probation, Inc., where he has been helping courts nationwide to use volunteers to help youth.

For many years Keith owned Camp Kingston Hills, some 70 miles north of Detroit. Keith made the camp available to the organization *Joy of Jesus* to run eight weeks of camping experience for inner-city youth involving about 8,000 youth. The camp was maintained and well-cared for by Keith’s good friend, Jim Conley, a Royal Oak teacher and coach, as well as Keith’s sons, Bill and Jim Leenhouts.

Keith J. Leenhouts is well-known as a caring Christian leader. His life is an inspiration to many persons of all ages. The goal of this scholarship fund is to provide assistance to deserving college students.

Guidelines

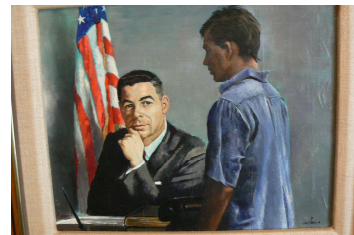
A scholarship of \$2000 may be awarded each year from the Scholarship Fund to a student achieving a 2.5 grade point average (GPA), who intends to go into full-time Christian service.

A one-time per student \$1000 scholarship may be awarded to an applicant achieving a 2.5 GPA who is planning on attending a general college or university.

Scholarships will be granted only to those enrolled in a college or university accredited by North Central Association.

Administration

The Keith J. Leenhouts College Scholarship Fund will be held in trust by the Investment Committee of Royal Oak First United Methodist Church. A Scholarship Committee will administer the awarding of the scholarship(s).



Applications

Application forms will be made available in the church office and in the Royal Oak High School. Student(s) must take the initiative in securing the application form.

The deadline for the Scholarship Committee to accept applications from students is February 15, 2012.

Contributions

Contributions to the Keith J. Leenhouts Scholarship Fund will be gratefully accepted. Checks should be made payable to “Royal Oak First United Methodist Church.”

Designate on your communication that it is a contribution to the Keith J. Leenhouts Scholarship Fund.

For additional information, please contact John Boyse, John Wagster, or Elaine Tank.

A Lenten Meditation

It is wonderful to know
 God’s planned for our redemption.
 He sent his beloved Son
 To purchase our salvation.
 Jesus carried all our sins
 To the cross on Calvary.
 There he bled and died for us
 That we should live eternally.



-Lee Hoffmann



Remember Our Homebound Members

Elizabeth (Gwen) Bilovus
Vi Bradshaw
Lois DeVos
Irene Koscienc
Dorthella Kreger
Margery Lawson
Pat Lawson
Ruth Miller

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.

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 Holton - Hawaii
Bobby Huneycutt - Army
Paul Kondrat - Marines (Afghanistan)
Andrew Kostrzewa - Navy (California)

Dan Lewis - Army (Italy)
Aaron Mingle - Navy (Florida)
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Kimberly Munzinger - Marines (Afghanistan)
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MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CS – Church School FA – First ADVENTURES HS – High School Holy COW (Church On Wednesday) – Dinner, Youth Choirs, Bible Study, classes and activities for all ages SOSOS – South Oakland Shelter on Saturdays UMW – United Methodist Women	Office Closed Staff Diversity Training 9:30 a Crafty Ladies 7:00 p Boy Scouts 7:00 p Trustees 8:00 p Music Guild	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	10:00 p 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 7:30 p Stewardship	9:30 a UMW Exec Comm 10:45 a Love Circle 12:15 p UMW Luncheon 5:30 p AA 6:30 p Carillon Ringers 7:30 p Sanctus Choir	World Day of Prayer 1:00 p Church Women United	9a-3:00 p Bishop's Day 9a-noon Scrap Metal Collection 5:30 p Sat Night Worship
Communion 9:15 a Arise! Worship/CS 10:15 a Angelus Choir 10:30 a FA Running Trng 11:00 a Worship & CS 12:30 p Baptism Mtg 12:30 p HS Men Bible Study 12:30 p Choir Council 7:00 p Debtors Anon	9:30 a Crafty Ladies 7:00 p Boy Scouts 7:30 p MetroBridges	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	Ash Wednesday 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 6:30 p Soul Stretch Yoga 7:30 p Service of Ashes	1:00 p Shawl Ministry 5:30 p AA 6:30 p Career Ministry Steering Committee 6:30 p Carillon Ringers 7:30 p Sanctus Choir	4:30-7 p Fish Dinner	5:30 p Sat Night Worship
1st Sunday in Lent 9:15 a Arise! Worship/CS 10:15 a Angelus Choir 10:30 a FA Running Trng 11:00 a Worship/CS/Bapt 12:30 p HS Men Bible Study 4:00 p Career Ministry 7:00 p Debtors Anon	9:30 a Crafty Ladies 7:00 p Boy Scouts 7:30 p MetroBridges	10:00 a Adult Study 12:00 p AA 7:00 p Men's Basketball 7:00 p Worship Comm 7:30 p Finance	9:30 a UMW Book Group 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	1:00 p Peace Circle 5:30 p AA 6:30 p Carillon Ringers 7:30 p Sanctus Choir	4:30-7 p Fish Dinner	8:19 a Men's Fellowship 12:00 p SOSOS 5:30 p Sat Night Worship
2nd Sunday in Lent 9:15 a Arise! Worship/CS 9:15 a Faith & Church Exploration Class 10:15 a Angelus Choir 10:30 a FA Running Trng 11:00 a Worship/CS 12:30 p HS Men Bible Study 12:30 p Lithuania Team 7:00 p Debtors Anon	9:30 a Crafty Ladies 7:00 p Boy Scouts 7:00 p Missions 7:30 p Long Range Plan	10:00 a Adult Study 11:00 a Church Life Vols 12:00 p AA 1:00 p Church Life Vols 7:00 p Church Council 7:00 p Men's Basketball	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	1:00 p Shawl Ministry 5:30 p AA 6:30 p Career Ministry Steering Committee 6:30 p Carillon Ringers 7:30 p Sanctus Choir	4:30-7 p Fish Dinner	5:30 p Sat Night Worship/ Noisy Bucket
3rd Sunday in Lent 9:15 a Arise! Worship/CS 10:15 a Angelus Choir 10:30 a FA Running Trng 11:00 a Worship & CS 12:30 p HS Men Bible Study 3:00 p Faith & Church Exploration Class 4:00 p Career Ministry 7:00 p Debtors Anon	9:30 a Crafty Ladies 7:00 p Boy Scouts	10:00 a Adult Study 12:00 p AA 7:00 p Men's Basketball	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	Hope Closet 5:30 p AA 6:30 p Carillon Ringers 7:30 p Sanctus Choir		

March Birthdays

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| <p>-1- Sarah Cook
Rielly Gregory
Vince Notarantonio
Ray Slowik</p> <p>-2- Megen Bucchi
John Campbell
Laura Hice</p> <p>-3- Janet Carlson
Mark Consolacion
Ginny Cotton
Darren Wahl</p> <p>-4- Michael LaPrise
Brian Slifka</p> <p>-5- Carole Duffy
George Samson</p> <p>-6- Joan Hoelaars
Jamie Pepper
Shaelyn Simms</p> <p>-8- Charles Gephart
Janet Maxwell
Benjamin Mutz
Ashley Schalm</p> <p>-9- Nancy Martin
Angie Nielsen</p> <p>-10- Lee Poirier</p> <p>-11- Scott Cummings
Carol Edward
Roberta Wamser
Latrese Zryd</p> <p>-12- Elsa Reynolds
Patrick Umstead</p> | <p>-13- Zenovia Courtney
Randy Fall
George Samson, Jr.
Noreen Sleeman
Elizabeth Vicsi</p> <p>-14- Nicole Arney
Ruth Dawkins
Sherry Giles
Don McCreedy</p> <p>-15- Andrea Fenwick
Sally Greco
Emmanuel Samson</p> <p>-16- Aaron Glaser</p> <p>-17- Lee Hoffmann
Drew Kosnik
Mary Tata
Phyllis Wagster</p> <p>-18- Lori Vickers</p> <p>-19- Goldie Chiti
Chloe Johnson
Cynthia McCarthy
Ashley Reid
Justin Watkins
Kyle Watkins</p> <p>-20- Bev Burgess
Abigail Kremer
Chris Rylance
Kris Simms
Kira Tull</p> <p>-21- Cindy Goodaker
Allison Harris
Nolan Tull
Michele Zryd</p> | <p>-22- Howard Emorey
Kay LaCombe
Maya Longe
Shannon Shornak</p> <p>-23- James Carr
James Hice
Tom Watts</p> <p>-24- Bob Giles
Vel Lowman
Lori Suarez</p> <p>-25- Adrianna Burgess
Neal Burgess
Brendan Murray</p> <p>-26- Courtney Hall</p> <p>-27- Janet Cork
Jean MacIntyre
Christian Samson
Dave Starling</p> <p>-28- George Hoelaars
Gabrielle Morse</p> <p>-29- Gaberiel Budnar
Dody Bunker
Kim Christopher
Karl Evans
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Aubrey Pepper</p> <p>-31- Zachary Gillespie
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Forgiveness BRACELET

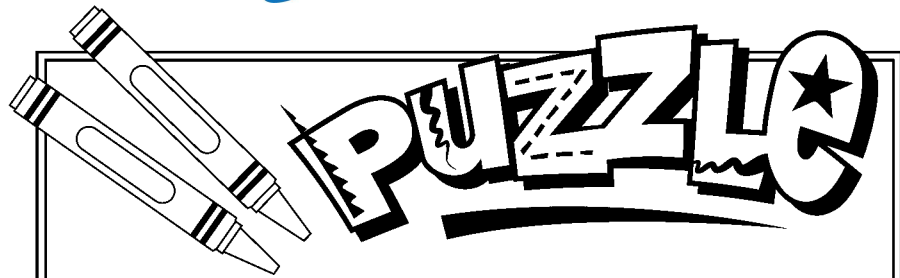
Jesus died on the cross to forgive our sins, and he tells us to forgive other people, too. Make and wear this craft as a reminder that you are forgiven — and should be forgiving.

What you need:

- Clear plastic bottle (about 16 oz.)
- An adult to help
- Scissors
- Construction paper
- Permanent black marker
- Glue or clear tape
- Thin ribbon or yarn
- Small hole punch

What you do:

1. Remove any label from the bottle. Have an adult help you cut the bottle in half, width-wise. At the middle, cut out two identical half-inch-wide strips.
2. Cut out paper the same size as the plastic strips.
3. On the paper, write "Forgive, and you will be forgiven" (Luke 6:37, NIV).
4. Place the paper between the two plastic strips.
5. Cut and glue the ribbon or yarn to run along the top and bottom of the verse, framing the words.
6. Punch a hole at each end, through all three layers.
7. Tie the bracelet to your wrist with ribbon or yarn.

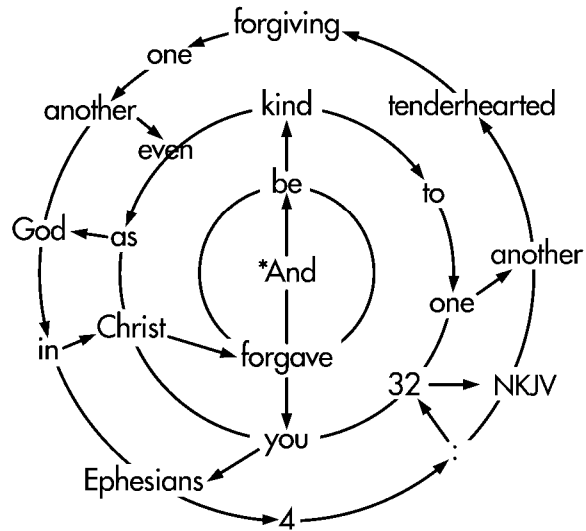


WHY FORGIVE?



This Bible verse teaches an important lesson about how we should treat others — and why.

Directions: Start with the asterisk in the center circle and follow the arrows. Write the words in order on the blanks below.



"And _____ ,
 _____ , _____
 _____ , _____
 _____ ."
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Answers: And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32, NKJV

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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:

- March 20 9:15 a.m.
- March 27 3-4 p.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.



2011 Fish Dinners - Don't Miss Out! Fridays, 4:30—7:00 p.m. 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)

Volunteer to help!
Contact Charlene Faunt.