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**FIRST
 THOUGHTS**

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I was inspired by an opportunity he announced.

He said that if anyone sitting in there were to give just \$11.00 it would purchase a hot lunch for a Haitian child every day for a year (this was several years ago...it would cost \$20 today). Such a lunch might be the only nutritional food the child would get for the day. Without it there would be none. "Only \$11.00," I thought. "I could save a child's life for \$11.00."

Another time I was visiting a

True Freedom

I want to tell you about a time that I was inspired. Funny, that this time it was not because an effective speaker "word-smithed"

something profound that made the hairs on the back of my neck stand out. It didn't happen by an ecstatic creation of harmonies by some choir singing the tune of angels. It didn't come by the skill of an artist painting the depths of emotion into a scene. I was inspired by an ordinary speaker on the second day of a regional annual conference while I sat on a church pew in the mid-day summer heat.

Mennonite church up north near the place where my mother and father-in-law live. Another hot summer's day: no air conditioning. In the middle of the worship service one of the members of the congregation stood up and made an announcement. He said that he was aware of a new Mennonite church that was just built in the Upper Peninsula. He said that they didn't have much money and that they were going to need a few thousand dollars to build a baptistery. The pastor called for an offering right then and there, no committee meetings first or anything. Later in the service they announced that they had all the money that new church needed from the offering people gave. It seemed like everybody was excited about what they were able to do for another congregation.

I was told later that was a common thing for that church.

I've been places where someone has made a pitch for donations when I haven't felt so good about it. It felt more like an imposition than an opportunity. So, I guess I can understand when someone doesn't feel so good when the opportunity is announced at church.

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PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH



Dear Friends,

I count each one of you a blessing. During my recent hospital stay, you prayed and I felt stronger for each of your prayers. Thank you, Karen, and Cindy for visiting me. I appreciated your thoughtfulness. For those of you who couldn't come but called, I want to express my gratitude. The cards you sent have cheered my recovery. Thank you so much. I am very blessed to have each and every one of you as a part of my extended family. Through you God is blessing me.

Thanks again

Lee Hoffmann



Dear Friends,

I want to thank all of you for the cards with such beautiful thoughts and prayers. This is a very new experience and it's hard to adjust to, but with yours and God's help, I'll make it.

Yours in faith,

Dorothy Cowley



The faith community of Royal Oak First extends sympathy to:

Patti Cooper-Koerner on the death of her husband, Tim Koerner, 3/27

Jean Sikkenga, 4/5



Church Life is printed, labeled, and assembled one Tuesday a month. It takes many hands to prepare the newsletter for mailing. At this time I am in need of volunteers to help collate and tab the newsletter with a group of 6 or 7 individuals. We meet at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor and are usually done by 2:30. If you think you would be able to help out on occasion, please fill out the volunteer form below, indicating which Tuesdays you would be available to volunteer your time. Please return volunteer forms to the office, attention: Lori Vickers, as soon as possible.

Name _____ Phone # _____

Please check off the dates you wish to work.

<u>Date</u>	<u>1:00 p.m.</u>
June 21 (July issue)	_____
July 19 (August issue)	_____
August 23 (September issue)	_____
September 20 (October issue)	_____

<u>Date</u>	<u>1:00 p.m.</u>
October 18 (November issue)	_____
November 15 (December issue)	_____
December 13 (January issue)	_____

_____ I would be willing to fill in as a sub

The difference might be in the way I receive the word.

We speak of our following Jesus as being expressed through a five-fold commitment: praying, being present with God's people, giving, serving, and witnessing (which means to give evidence through our lives that Jesus is Lord). Each of these is something that we say we will do for Christ.

They are also our spiritual discipline. Each of these commitments is a means by which we spiritually grow. When I give – if I'm giving out of a sense of following Christ – I also get something out of it. It becomes a way that I fall more in love with God, and I become more Christ-like.

Special opportunities to give announced in or from church are not obligatory. They are not intended to impose undue pressure.

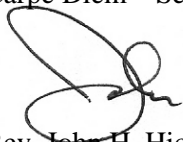
You do not have to give to everything that is announced (unless you want to). In fact, you don't have to give at all.

But there will, from time to time, be special needs that couldn't be foreseen when leaders made the church budget. There will, from time to time, be earthquakes in Japan (or St. Louis) and starvation in Africa (or Detroit). And there will be the need to announce a special appeal in church.

May special appeals never be a weight that's held over your head. If one isn't a chance that you would be excited about, it might be for someone else. But sometimes, I hope they sometimes give you an opportunity both to serve and to grow.

I hope sometimes you will be inspired.

Carpe Diem – Seize the Day!



Rev. John H. Hice



Stephen Ministry Moment

“What is it like to be a Stephen Minister?”

WHEW! I just completed the required 50 hours of training, the required course work, read 3 supplemental books, and have been commissioned as an official Stephen Minister...NOW WHAT?

A week later, the Stephen Leader in charge of making referrals calls and says, “Jane, I have a referral for you. There is an individual that Pastor Hice has brought to my attention that would like a Stephen Minister.” Now the “work” and journey begins!!

I've heard many times from Stephen Ministers... “I've benefited far more from the caring relationship with my care receiver than they have.”

When someone requests a Stephen Minister, the Stephen Ministry Referrals Coordinator will meet with that person, explain what Stephen Ministry is, and help determine whether Stephen Ministry is the kind of care that person needs. Our Referrals Coordinator then matches that person with one of our available Stephen Ministers. The Stephen Minister will then call that person and begin meeting with him or her for about an hour or so each week as long as the need is there. The Stephen Minister doesn't try to solve problems: rather, he or she listens, cares, prays, and helps the care receiver find his or her path to healing and wholeness.

“Before becoming a Stephen Leader, I went through the Stephen minister training myself,” says Curt Odorizzi. “I expected to learn a lot about care giving, but I didn't anticipate the personal and spiritual growth I experienced. Looking back, perhaps what I enjoyed most was the close Christian community formed with others in our training class. Our future trainees are in for a really neat experience.”

In John 15:12 (NSRV) Jesus says, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” Loving and caring for one another is not just the pastor's job – it's something Jesus calls us all to do! Stephen Ministry is a ministry in which people with special gifts for caring ministry can put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus' love and care to those who most need it.

Is Stephen Ministry something that Jesus may be calling you to be a part of? Would you like to learn more about Stephen Ministry? Feel free to contact any of the Stephen Ministry Leaders (Wes Wriston, Brian Wright, or Curt Odorizzi) for more information.

Curt Odorizzi



Mission Spotlight: Water for Life in Liberia

Water for Life in Liberia is the Mission Jubilee project for May. This project is sponsored by Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church through the Liberia Annual Conference. Water for Life in Liberia works to provide access to clean drinking water to people in 45 communities across 6 counties. This mission targets low-income communities whose residents rely on local creeks, rivers, and streams for all of their water needs. There are many health risks associated with drinking water from these sources, including waterborne illnesses. Through this project, these at-risk communities will be provided fresh, chlorinated water from new wells that are equipped with hand pumps. Additionally, these communities receive training on the maintenance and care of their new water source. (Information from <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/>)

Mission Jubilee is an important part of the overall missions of the church. To contribute to Mission Jubilee please see the yellow envelopes in your offering box or in the pew racks.

ROFUM in the Desert

In the desert? Yes, a Food Desert, one close by, almost at our doorstep. A Food Desert is an area that requires its residents to travel twice as far to reach a full-service grocery store than an alternative food supplier (liquor stores, convenience stores, gas stations, etc.).

Saturday, April 9, ten ROFUM members boarded a bus and toured the Food Desert in central Detroit to see firsthand what 500,000 residents are up against. It was a journey into poverty and promise. Our tour guide was Olivia Dobbs, a Wayne State sophomore majoring in environmental science and a volunteer at the Earthworks Urban Garden (more about that later).

The first stop was a "market" on Woodward, but in the Food Desert this market of nine aisles only had two for food. The rest was alcohol and junk food. Only three coolers of 22 contained food. The canned foods were mostly high fat and there was no milk less than 2% butterfat.

Stop #2 was a ray of hope. In a converted dry cleaners on Third Avenue at Hazelwood is Peaches and Greens, a bright little produce market in the heart of zip 48282, 50% unemployment, crumbling houses, and needy people. This is a market that also comes to you. A

converted UPS truck travels the nearby streets, much like a neighborhood ice cream truck, selling fruits and vegetables at reasonable prices to the residents. They even package some of the fruit in snack-size bags so children can have a nutritious snack right now. Many residents in this area are elderly or don't own a car.

Our last stop was a few miles south and east of Peaches and Greens and might be called a food oasis. Located on the lower east side of Detroit is Earthworks Urban Garden, Gleaners Community Food Bank, and the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Earthworks Urban Garden, a 3/4 acre plot which produces an astonishing 12,000 pounds of vegetables in a season, sits near the Capuchin monastery and their soup kitchen. Earthworks has a greenhouse and a brand new hoophouse. Here they can start thousands of plants for the garden which are either used in the Capuchin kitchen or distributed to the residents. Overlooking the garden is Gleaners Community Food Bank which began in 1977 and distributes non-perishable food to 480 agencies in the metro area for feeding the hungry. James Hartrick, a ROFUM member, gave us a tour of the large facility. He teaches cooking classes at Gleaners as well as supervising other programs.

As Detroit re-imagines itself, it has been proposed that many areas of the city could become home to farms, orchards, and gardens. It is no Garden of Eden now, but the twenty-somethings we saw are hard at work all over the city transforming the Food Desert one garden, one market at a time. They are offering hope and nutrition to a desert full of God's undernourished children.

Neal Harris



2011 Graduates to be Honored Sunday, May 15



On Sunday, May 15, we will honor all of our 2011 graduates. If you or a member of your immediate family is graduating from high school or college, or are receiving a post-graduate or other advanced degree, we would like to publish your name in the bulletin on that day. There will also be a special recognition of our high school graduates during the 11 a.m. worship service.

At 12:30 p.m. in the Parlor, there will be a special Graduate Luncheon for our 2011 high school graduates and their families. Current high school juniors and parents will be hosting this event, which proved to be a wonderful gathering last year. Be sure to put this date on your calendar (which is filling up fast!) so you don't miss it. Reservations will be taken in the church office until Sunday, May 1. Call to let us know how many people will be enjoying this celebration.

We will also be honoring our graduates with a special display in our Narthex beginning Sunday, May 15th. Please turn in your high school graduate's picture (no larger than 3" x 5") to the church office no later than Sunday, May 8 (Mother's Day). We would also like to know the name of the school from which you are graduating as well as your plans for next year (name of college/career path). Graduation announcements are also welcome. College graduates, please let us know the name of the college or university you are graduating from as well as the degree earned.

Music Department Celebrations



There is a lot to be celebrated regarding the music of ROFUM! First of all, we are joyfully looking forward to the addition of Alayna Young to our staff as our new Director of Music and Organist. Alayna and her husband come to us from the Lansing area and will be joining us in June. Alayna's first Sunday on the organ bench will be June 12, so mark your calendars. Another event to get on your calendar is our fond farewell to Marilyn Biery, our current interim Music Director and Organist. We will be honoring her on June 5, during the 11:00 worship service, as well as at the coffee hour following. Although we are going to miss her tremendously, we are grateful for the extraordinary musicianship and leadership she has provided for the past nine months. And since we "know where she lives," we will continue the connection that we

have enjoyed with her even though we won't be seeing her weekly. God has kept us in his care through our transition, and we have much to look forward to!

Another celebration coming up soon is "Christian Education and Music Celebration Sunday" on May 22. Our worship time on this day will focus on these two areas of our church and will feature all ages. This event did not make the original choir schedule, so please make a note that Treble, Revelation, and Angelus Choirs will perform together at 11:00 on this day. This also means that they will meet to rehearse together at 10:15 in the Chapel on May 22.

Jennifer Semivan

Thank You, Liturgists and Communion Stewards



As Chairperson of the Worship and Music Work Area, I'd like to thank the following people who have served the congregation this past year as liturgists and communion stewards. Our 11:00 a.m. liturgists were Faye Bond, Ginny Borts, Susanne Buxton, Nicole Edwards, Charlene Faunt, MaryLou Graeber, Laura Hice, Joan Johnson, and Kay LaCombe. Special thanks go to Curt Odorizzi who serves as liturgist every Sunday at the 9:15 service. Thank you for your dedication!

This past year's Communion Stewards were Jon & Cynthia Cline, Rick & Laura Cummings, Bob & Sherry Giles, Paul & Marian Kremer, Mike & Charlene Kondrat, Karen Parke, Noel & Patti Peterson, Don & Kathy Seidler, Joanne Smith, and Mary Anne Tempest. Special thanks go to Charlene Kondrat and Jon & Cynthia Cline who also prepared the elements each month. This is a significant job that gets done behind the scenes, and we are looking for more volunteers to participate in this ministry. You would be volunteering about two hours of your time on the first weekend of the month to get the communion bread and cut it into cubes, prepare the communion cups, get everything into place for the services, and cleaned up afterwards.

We are also looking for volunteers to serve as liturgists and communion stewards during the summer months. Please let me know if you would like to participate as a liturgist, communion steward, or communion preparer either by leaving your name in the office or by sending me an email at amy-rhoades@hotmail.com.

Amy Rhoades

IN HIS

In His Steps – Here I Am, Lord

STEPS

As we head into the summer months, May provides a good opportunity to focus and reflect on your 2011 commitments. What commitments did you make in the areas of Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness? Did you commit to attend church regularly when you are in town and healthy? Did you commit to pray every day? Did you commit to serve the church in a specific area? Did you commit to invite others to church? How are you doing on these commitments? Do a self-check. Or share your commitments with a family member or friend and check each other.

In a couple of months, you will receive a copy of your commitment card in the mail as a further reminder of your commitments. If you think you have fallen short in any area, it's not too late to catch up. The majority of the year is ahead of us. It's also not too late to make other commitments in those areas, or to commit to something for the first time. For example, there are always service opportunities within the church. Have you recently become interested in a new activity or ministry? Take the time to commit to participate. If you need a new commitment card, you may obtain one from 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.

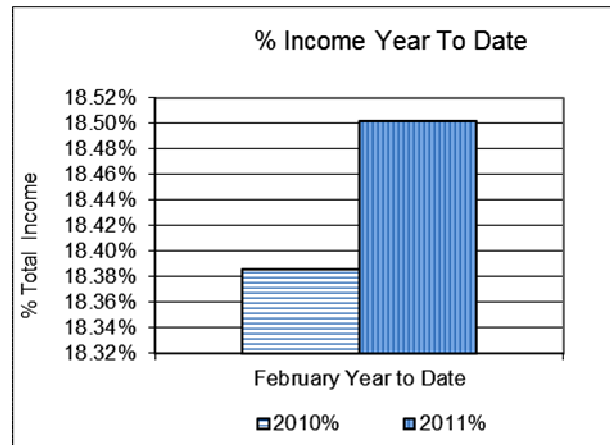
"For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps." 1 Peter 2:21

2011 ROFUM Stewardship Committee

BUDGET REPORT



Through February our year-to-date income equals 18.5% of our \$569,000 budget which means that so far we are on target to hit our projected income. Through the first two months our net revenue-over-expenses is \$5,268 which includes full payment of our monthly Apportionment obligations compared to last year when we were only paying a portion of our obligations. Thank you for your continued support of ROFUM's programs and ministries with your Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness.



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News for All from the United Methodist Women

Luncheon & Program Thursday, May 5, 12:15 p.m.

All are invited to attend our May luncheon and program. Our luncheon begins at 12:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, followed by a program at 1:00, featuring our own Olive Mae Glenn sharing her personal experiences as a pastor's wife. For luncheon reservations, contact Marge Sutherland.

UMW Reading Program— New Books

The following books from the 2011 UMW Reading Program have been added to our church library:

Nurturing for Community

WARRIOR PRINCESS: Fighting for Life with Courage and Hope

Princess Kasune Zulu grew up in Africa trying to make sense of the mystery illness decimating the continent's people. Princess could not know the disease that claimed the lives of her parents and baby sister would go on to infect more than 100 million people worldwide. Princess later discovers she herself is HIV positive. Her journey has taken her from dusty villages of Zambia to the White House and the United Nations. Her message is that we can become the first generation to end extreme poverty, if only we have the will to do so. Her story shows that even though life is uncertain and our time may be short, we each have a role to play in bringing healing and hope to our world.

Leadership Development

HALF THE SKY: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide

Pulitzer Prize winners Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn raise a passionate call to arms against our era's most pervasive human rights violation: the oppression of women and girls in the developing world. They take us on an odyssey through Asia and Africa to meet the extraordinary women struggling there, and show how a little help can transform the lives of these women and girls. These stories help us see that the key to economic progress lies in unleashing women's potential.

Social Action

THE ROAD OF LOST INNOCENCE: The True Story of a Cambodian Heroine by Somaly Mam.

A riveting and beautiful memoir of tragedy and hope – by a woman named to Time magazine's list of the 100 most influential people in the world. Somaly Mam is cofounder and president of AFESIP (Acting

for Women in Distressing Situations) in Cambodia and president of the Somaly Mam Foundation in the United States. Under her leadership, the two organizations seek to save, rehabilitate, and socially reintegrate victims of sexual slavery in Southeast Asia and have rescued more than five thousand women and children to date.

THE GREATEST GIFT: The Courageous Life and Martyrdom of Sister Dorothy Stang by Binka Le Breton

In 1966, Sister Dorothy Stang went to Brazil as a missionary, and in 1982 she moved to a small town on the Amazon to work with an organization to protect poor farmers and their land from loggers and land developers who stop at nothing – including murder – in pursuit of profits. After testifying at a government panel investigating illegal incursions into protected areas, Sister Dorothy was denounced as a “terrorist” by powerful companies and began receiving death threats. Refusing to be intimidated, she continued her work – until two gunmen shot her six times on a rural Amazon road.

SUSANNA WESLEY – A Mother with a Difference by Dorothy Kumar

Dorothy Sampath Kumar brings to her book her vast knowledge and experience in working with and leading Methodist women in India. As the All India President of the WSCS of the Methodist Church in India and as a bishop's wife, her involvements lend her book a meaningful and understanding interpretation of the life and contributions of Susanna Wesley.

Spiritual Growth

CONTEMPLATIVE CROCHET: A hands-on Guide for Interlocking Faith and Craft by Cindy Crandall-Frazier

Crafters know the satisfaction found in the simple act of crocheting: the rhythm of the hook, the feel of the fiber, the miraculous creation of beautiful fabric from threads or yarn. This engaging book takes readers on a path of deeper spiritual awareness through crocheting. Whether individually or as part of a group, explore original patterns, meditations, reflections and creative exercises that will inspire new projects and renew your mind.

Education for Mission

KIKI'S HATS: Our Gifts Live On and On by Warren Hanson

This is a lively story of a spunky and lovable woman who knits two hats – one to keep and one to give away. It's also a story about how much fun it can be to do something good for someone else.



Spring Walk, Bike Riding, and Running

The annual First ADVENTURES Spring Walk will be on the Clinton River Trail once again. This year's walk will be on **May 21** beginning at **8:00 a.m.** We'll walk

three miles or more through wooded and marshy landscapes adjacent to the Clinton River. The Clinton River Trail is a wide and smoothly graded trail well suited for casual talk while taking a casual walk. The more adventurous may decide to hike on some of the several narrow hiking trails closer to the river and within Bloomer Park. This hike is open to all adults. Flyers with a map will be available in the narthex and the church office.

The **Road Bike Rides** are about to begin a new season! The regular **weekly Saturday rides** start on **May 28** at **9:00 a.m.** in the church parking lot. Note that the time is an hour later than it was in the past so we can sleep in a little longer. Plan to join us from the beginning and we'll try to increase our distance each week.

Running Practice is currently underway on Sundays immediately following the first church service. The co-leaders are 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 if you would like more information or, just show up with your running gear.

Laura Hice encourages **walkers** to join her on **Sunday mornings** as she makes her way from the Star Jaycee Park area to the church. Arrange to meet up with her along the way.

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
- Spring Walk** Saturday, May 21
- Road Biking** Saturday mornings, May 28 thru August
- Oak Apple Run** Saturday morning, June 4
- Walk to Church** Sunday mornings, ongoing



Men's Softball – It's That Time Again!

All men interested in playing softball in the SOICAA league with our church, please leave your name in the church office or call Craig Sleeman.

A Tribute to Mothers

Each year one day is set apart
To observe a mother's loving care:
Which she always holds in her heart
A love for her children to share.


She gives each child encouragement
When everything seems to go wrong
And teaches them to be competent,
Tender, reliable, yet strong.

She stands and watches some mistakes
And freely offers to forgive,
For it is only through heartaches
That children learn how to live.

More than amassing wealth and fame
We treasure our mother's love,
She glorifies His Holy name
And counsels us toward God above.

(Written in memory of Dorothea Brong)
by Lee Hoffmann





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2011 Fish Dinners Interim Report

The results of ROFUM's 2011 Fish Dinner season are:

- Averaged 401 dinners served per night
- Netted \$6,360.93 after expenses
- 10% of profit (\$636) allocated to Kitchen Fund
- 25% of profit (\$1,590) allocated to our Education/ Youth programs
- Balance of earnings distribution TBD

Our dinners could not have been done without the help of our dedicated volunteers. We had 117 volunteers, serving 1,284 hours. Many more pitched in without signing in and their help is no less appreciated. In addition, special thanks goes to Boy Scout Troup 1601, who faithfully showed up the Thursday evening before each fish dinner to take down the 9:15 worship seating and set up tables and chairs for our dinner patrons. Additional recognition goes to the Nichols Bunch who, with long time volunteers Bernice Sayers and Carl and Shirley Shafer, made sure the tables were set and ready for our diners.

Thanks go out to Charlene Faunt, Candy Ather-Putman, Liesl Eckhart, the Sleeman Clan, Dave Starling, Marie Dunstan, and Kim Christopher for all the work they put in. Special thanks go out to Bob Berard, Bill and Kathy Carlsen, John Faunt, Andy Harmon, Christine Gilbert, Janet Kinney, and Jim Standing for staying 'til the lights went out, cleaning up after the dinners—a very messy, hard job. Thanks also go to Rev. Hice for being at every dinner promoting our church. Finally, thanks go out to all of you who came, brought friends, and basically told everyone you know about our church and the wonderful fish dinners we do.

At our final dinner we fed 540 people. We have not seen those numbers in five years. It appears that we're finally reaping the benefits of an improved economy and a successful advertising campaign. This is all very encouraging. We look forward to continued growth, continued fellowship, and more fish in 2012. See you next year.

The 2011 Fish Dinner Steering Committee

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- Birthdays, Anniversaries, Greetings, etc.
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Men's Fellowship Breakfast Saturday, May 7, 8:07 a.m.

Join us as we welcome back Rev. Mike Seymour as he presents "The Life of Christ" with pictures from his trip to the Holy Land. Come and be enlightened!

All men and women are invited to attend. Breakfast is at 8:07 a.m. and the program will begin at 9:00.



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Dorthella Kreger
Margery Lawson
Pat Lawson
Ivy Loftin

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

Dan Lewis - Army (Italy)
Aaron Mingle - Navy (Florida)
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Confirmation Sunday 1 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 Choir Council 12:30 p HS Men Bible Study 7:00 p Debtors Anon	2 9:30 a Crafty Ladies 7:00 p Boy Scouts 7:00 p Trustees 8:00 p Music Guild 8:00 p Soul Stretch Yoga	3 10:00 a Adult Study 12:00 p AA 1:15 p.m. Library Comm 7:00 p Bldg Mgmt 7:00 p Education 7:00 p Igniting Mimistry 7:00 p Men's Basketball	4 10:00 a Program Staff Mtg 12:00 p Full Staff Mtg 7:30 p Stewardship	5 Nat'l Day of Prayer 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 8:00 p Teen AI-Anon	6	7 8:07 a Men's Fellowship 9:00 a Scrap Metal Collect 5:30 p Sat Night Worship	
Mother's Day 8 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 4:00 p Career Ministry 7:00 p Debtors Anon	9 9:30 a Crafty Ladies 7:00 p Boy Scouts 7:30 p MetroBridges 8:00 p Soul Stretch Yoga	10 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	11 9:30 a Charity Circle 10:00 a Program Staff Mtg 12:00 p Full Staff Mtg 6:30 p Soul Stretch Yoga 7:30 p Knowledge Circle	12 1:00 p Shawl Ministry 5:30 p AA 6:30 p Carillon Ringers 7:30 p Sanctus Choir 8:00 p Teen AI-Anon	13	14 5:30 p Sat Night Worship	
Graduation Sunday 15 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 Graduate Luncheon 12:30 p HS Men Bible Study 12:30 p Lithuania Team 1:30 p CROP Walk 7:00 p Choir Camp Staff 7:00 p Debtors Anon	16 9:30 a Crafty Ladies 7:00 p Boy Scouts 7:00 p Missions 7:30 p Long Range Plan	17 10:00 a Adult Study 11:00 a Church Life Vols 12:00 p AA 1:00 p Church Life Vols 6:30 p Career Ministry Steering Committee 7:00 p Men's Basketball 7:00 p Worship Wk Area 7:30 p Finance	18 Detroit Annual Conference 9:30 a UMW Book Group 10:00 a Program Staff Mtg 12:00 p Full Staff Mtg 6:30 p Soul Stretch Yoga	19 Detroit Annual Conference 1:00 p Peace Circle 5:30 p AA 6:30 p Carillon Ringers 7:30 p Sanctus Choir 8:00 p Teen AI-Anon	20 Detroit Annual Conference	21 Detroit Annual Conference 5:30 p Sat Night Worship/ Noisy Bucket	
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29 9:15 a Arise! Worship/CS 10:15 a Angelus Choir 10:30 a FA Running Trng 11:00 a Worship & CS 7:00 p Debtors Anon	Memorial Day 30 Office Closed	31 10:00 a Adult Study 12:00 p AA	CS – Church School FA – First ADVENTURES HS – High School UMW – United Methodist Women				

May Birthdays

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|---|---|---|
| -1- Brian Nader | -15- Bill Courtney
Joe Foster
Holly Jones
Kathy Reid
Charlie Yago | -24- Caroline Bowen
MaryLou Graeber
Shirley Shafer
Jake Tripoli
Rick Wright |
| -5- Carole Hitchens
Robin Whitcroft | -16- Shane Cromwell
Angie Johnson
Courtney Smallwood | -25- Betty Becker
Hannah Ex
Sheryl Safran
Ben Smith
John VanBrandeghan
Wes Wriston |
| -6- Olivia Hall
Sofia Maxwell
William Maxwell
June Stephan | -17- Ivy Loftin | -26- Carol Seitz
Jim Tempest |
| -7- Matt Sluss | -18- Andy Harmon
Kayla Kissoondial
Rita Nicholas
Bob Skelton | -27- Corey Harris |
| -8- James Belling
Gayle Marck | -19- Christine Krstich
Barbara Seizert
Bill Warren
Eileen Weber | -28- Norma Campbell
Amole Koscienc
Andrew Suarez |
| -9- Audrey Burgess
Audrey Fick
Ben Rondot | -20- Jennifer Semivan
John Smith
Brian Wright | -29- Michael Belling
Dominic Notarantonio
Bruce Tufford |
| -10- Ava Fall
Marilyn Murley | -21- Tom Evans
Brian Harris
Brian Semivan | -30- Nico Bowen
Judith Chambers
Corinne Courtney
Minette Courtney
Phil Lowman |
| -11- Hadley Beaubien
Wilma Holser
Tori Mazur
Ruth Miller | -22- Richard Chambers
Collin Gillespie
Aubrey Harris
Ashlee Malinowski | -31- Jude Budnar
Lynn Cromwell
Meghan Umstead |
| -12- Mike Grier
John Hice
Noah Murray | -23- John McDaniel
Haley Smallwood | |
| -13- Florence Lucas
Matt Mayer
Sabrina Nader | | |
| -14- Trudi Biskner
Erin Gaska
Betty Lawson
Collin Mann
Kathy Riggs
Mary Anne Tempest | | |

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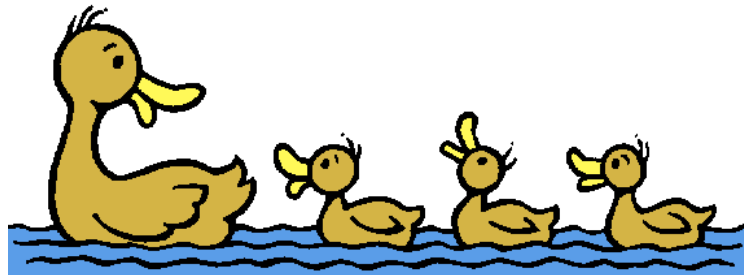
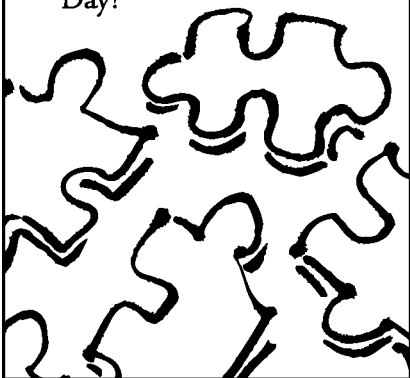
Make this keepsake to let your mom, grandma or aunt know that you wouldn't be complete without her!

What you need:

- Several old puzzle pieces
- Acrylic paints
- Paintbrush
- Craft glue
- Sequins or small buttons
- Metal jewelry safety pin (flat on the bottom)

What you do:

1. Paint the puzzle pieces and let them dry.
2. Come up with a design; for example, place two pieces on the bottom and one on top.
3. Glue the pieces in place so they form one brooch. Decorate by gluing on sequins or buttons.
4. When the brooch is completely dry, glue a jewelry safety pin on the bottom.
5. Give the gift on Mother's Day!



Our mother's instructions

God gives us parents to help us learn about following his ways. Cherishing our mothers means valuing their guidance.

Use the boxed word codes below to complete Proverbs 6:20-22, NIV.

 walk speak fathers sleep keep always
 guide awake son forsake teaching
 around heart neck mothers fasten watch

“My your ’s command
 and do not your ’s .

Bind them on your ;
 them your .

When you , they will you;
 when you , they will over you;
 when you , they will to you.”

Proverbs 6:20-22, NIV

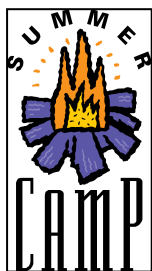
Answers: “My son, keep your father’s command and do not forsake your mother’s teaching. Bind them always on your heart; fasten them around your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you.”
 Proverbs 6:20-22, NIV



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Choir Camp is Coming! July 24-31

If it's May, then that means that Choir Camp registrations will soon (late May) be in the mail. If your child will be in grades 3-12 next fall, then they are eligible for ROFUM's very special Choir Camp, scheduled for July 24-31. Friends and relatives are encouraged to come and pay the same rate (\$250) as church members, so feel free to pick up an extra registration from the church office (available June 1) for someone you know. Come join us for swimming, boating, crafting, disc golfing, worshipping, laughing and, of course, singing!

Our week begins at worship on Sunday, July 24, with a very special commissioning of our staff and campers. "Camp Sunday" happens on July 31 and is the grand finale, where we share the experiences of the camp week with our congregation. Check your registration packets for scheduled parent meetings where you can get in-depth information about this opportunity and have any questions answered. As our 12th grade campers always say, "Don't miss a year – you'll regret it!"

ROFUM Block Party Sunday, June 5

Were you there in '09 when the pastor rappelled down the side of the education wing of the church? You won't want to miss seeing what will happen this year at the ROFUM Block Party!

Royal Oak First United Methodist is a unique and exciting place filled with joy and activity, but it is sometimes hard to explain this to your friends and neighbors. What better way to explain than by doing! You can share your love with your friends and neighbors by inviting them to our block party on Sunday, June 5. Following the 11 a.m. worship service, we will move outside for an afternoon of fun, laughter, food, music, games, building tours, and mission service.

Invite your friends and neighbors, invite your family, but most of all invite yourself to share. Let us show Royal Oak what makes First United Methodist Church unique and the place to be in 2011. If you do your part – talking about our church and inviting our neighbors – we will do our part to make the ROFUM Block Party memorable.

Mary Nahhat and Kip Tull, co-chairpersons