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Newsletter DEADLINE

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FIRST THOUGHTS

large city structures. Orange threat levels. A different way of life.

We have changed over the last ten years. September 11, 2001, was a day that we said marked the point at which everything was different. We experienced unimaginable cruelty at the hands of terrorists who took thousands of lives. And we became vulnerable.

The extent of trauma, grief, and physical pain experienced by neighbors and relatives still haunts us. Their memorials in New York and Washington and the countryside of Pennsylvania have become shrines before their completion.

We saw incredible courage and heard story after story of ordinary people engaged in acts of bravery. Compassion exceeded anything the powers of hatred and violence could muster.

Ten Years

Ten years. Two wars. Two recessions. Security screenings in airports and governmental buildings. Cement structures built into sidewalks outside

We are wiser; at least I hope we are. We know that there are people and governments in the world who despise Americans so much they seek our destruction. We also know that there are conditions in this world to which we cannot – must not – remain insensitive or unaware. Poverty is real. Hunger kills. Exploitation happens systematically: building resentment and fueling a hatred that results in terror for everyone one way or another.

Church attendance spiked higher for a couple of weeks after the terrorist attacks. Then it slipped back to “normal levels” and then fell even further. It was like people felt out of control for a moment, grasping for God; then forgot or expected disappointment when they learned that God would not undo what was done.

That was then, and what it’s been like since then.

But now it’s been ten years. And it’s time to take stock. What have we learned? How have we healed and what has stayed broken? What was needed then that is left unaddressed, still? Have we grown? Have we matured? Has the Church done its part

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PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH



Thanks to all who helped with the dinner for the Motown Mission volunteers. With your contributions of time, food, and money, we served a delicious turkey dinner to volunteers from Missouri and Minnesota. It was gratifying to have so many participate in supporting this good cause.

MetroBridges



The family of Iverson Loftin wish to thank so many for their kind support during this difficult time: the ministry of Rev. Hice and Rev. Sonquist, Brian Wright for his many visits, Peggy Gill for all your help, the ladies of the Funeral Committee for the wonderful luncheon, and the Saturday Night Worship group for their many cards and kind words.

Gratefully,
Patricia Loftin



I, Christena Judd, wish to thank all the wonderful people at Royal Oak's First United Methodist Church. You people really practice the good words spoken from the pulpit by Rev. John and also taught to us by Jesus. I thank you for your love and your prayers during my surgery. It was like being with my large family. A special blessing to Peggy Gill; she cares for us all. May God continue to bless all.

Love,
Chris



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your support during my recent heart surgery. Your prayers, calls, visits and cards really encouraged me and boosted my spirits. I am doing fine and am well on my way to a full recovery. A special thanks to Rev. Hice for "getting up with the roosters" and visiting us before my early surgery.

God is good.
John Wagster



The faith community of Royal Oak First extends sympathy to:

Florence Fowler on the death of her brother-in-law,
Jim Fry, 7/30

Baptized In August

Kyle Robert Bodway, child of Amy &
Robert Bodway
Charles Lewis Yago IV, child of Marlene
& Chuck Yago, grandson of Sally &
Charlie Yago.



ROFUM Named "Best Friend"

On July 30th, Water Works Theatre Company presented Royal Oak First United Methodist Church with their "Best Friend Award," thanking us for the rehearsal space, office space, and countless other things. Kay LaCombe accepted the award from Water Works' Ed Nahhat before the July 30th performance of William Shakespeare's "The Tempest" in Starr Jaycee Park in Royal Oak.



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well enough to lead the way forward we needed? And finally, perhaps the most important question of all: how can we be God's people, fulfilling the mission of Christ's love in this post 9/11 world now?

I believe that in ten years we can have a world that is more just and more peaceful and more fulfilled than we have now or have ever had. I believe that because I believe in God and the realization of God's purposes in history on earth. I also believe that the mission God gives us is to join with the Holy Spirit to work toward that kind of world. With serious resolve.

Ten years from now, I hope we can celebrate global triumphs of compassion: the elimination of extreme poverty; education for all; opportunities for productive employment; food and clean water for all; knowledge of God's love as Jesus dreamed; freedom to love and live in joy.

Ten years: how far have we come since then? In ten years: how far will we go?

Carpe Diem – Seize the Day!



Rev. John H. Hice



Participate in Worship!

I am looking for volunteers to serve as Liturgists and Communion Stewards.

Liturgists serve in two-Sunday blocks of time, and Communion Stewards are needed for the first Sunday of each month. If you are interested in either (or both) jobs, please fill out the appropriate form included on page 10 of this newsletter. Even if you've done it before, filling out the form lets us know that you are interested in continuing and helps us schedule.

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

Amy Rhoades

Worship Work Area Chairperson

Arts, Beats, and Eats 2011

Mark your calendars! Arts, Beats, and Eats is coming to ROFUM September 2-5, and ROFUM plans to be there in a big way. There are many opportunities to make a "ROFUM impact" on our community, and it's not too late to sign up!



- Church Greeters/Host for ABE Volunteer Command Center at ROFUM
- Domestic Engineer (Janitorial): to assure cleanliness of church restrooms & grounds
- Seating Area & Green Space Hosts -- non-smoking space for public's use to eat and rest on ROFUM's front lawn (on Washington)
- Baby Changing Station & Welcoming Tent for parents of babies, on ROFUM's side lawn on 7th Street
- Information Station (booth located near the church property)
- Church Building Tours
- Arise! worship service will take place at 9:30 on Sunday, September 4th, on the ABE International Stage. Many volunteers are needed to plan and coordinate this special service. Anyone who attends this fabulous service will receive a complimentary admission bracelet to attend ABE that day!

Stop by the ABE Sign-up Board TODAY to volunteer. (The ABE Sign-Up Boards will be in Fellowship Hall during fellowship times on Sunday mornings and outside the Parlor & Chapel Monday-Saturday.)

If you or your group would like to take part or have questions, contact Darren Wahl (248-789-1019) or other ABE TASK FORCE members, Rev. John Hice, Elaine Tank, or Kay LaCombe.

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

Thank you,

Darren Wahl

ABE Task Force Lead

ROFUM Meets Motown Mission

On a hot Sunday afternoon in July, nine ROFUM members journeyed to Metropolitan UMC in Detroit to host a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Their guests were groups of teens (Baptist and Lutheran) and their leaders hailing from as far as Missouri and Minnesota who had come to Detroit for a week of Motown Mission to our Detroit sisters and brothers.

Our group, organized by MetroBridges chairperson Amy Newberg, mobilized lots of ROFUM folks who donated money, food, and labor to make it all possible. Once word of the need got out, our congregation, as always, rose to the occasion and created a wonderful first impression of Christian hospitality to these guests, many of whom we are sure had never set foot in Detroit before.

As soon as dinner was finished, the leftover food was quickly packaged in sandwich bags. Over 50 lunch bags were filled with a balanced meal and transported to the Cass Corridor for distribution to the hungry homeless. Nothing went to waste.

Motown Mission is led by Rev. Carl Gladstone, a United Methodist deacon, who organizes and supervises groups of young missionaries of many different denominations who come to the city bearing gifts of love, muscle and faith. The needs are great. ROFUM can be pleased that in a small way we are part of this great gift.

Calling All Golfers!

You're invited to a golf scramble benefiting Cass Community Social Services at Cherry Creek Golf Club, Shelby Township, on Monday, September 19. Contact Amy Newberg for more information.



Re-imagining the Region: Building a New Detroit Metropolis Thursday, Sept. 15, 6-9 p.m. at the Royal Oak Emagine Theater

How can the city of Detroit and its suburban communities work together to create a vibrant and equitable region for the future? Join faith, community, business, and public leaders for a film screening and community dialogue, including a panel on which Rev. John Hice will sit. Light dinner provided. The event is free and open to the public. If you can't make it, it will be streamed live on the DPTV website. Register at www.thenewmetropolis.com or contact Amy Newberg for more information.



Sack Lunch Program

We continue to need donations of juice boxes, fruit or pudding cups, chips, peanut butter, jelly, lunch meat, cheese slices, hot dogs, bread and fresh fruit. Please label items "sack lunch" and leave in the Kitchenette off the Parlor. Please do NOT put items in the freezer. If you would like to donate money, please leave monetary donations with someone in the church office.

Clothing is passed out on the last Monday of the month. We have very limited storage space so, if you have items to donate, please bring them to the church the Sunday before the last Monday of the month. If this is a problem, please don't hesitate to call me. Items needed include blankets, men's and women's jeans, tennis shoes, baseball caps, socks, underwear, jackets (including winter jackets now), hats, gloves, boots, and warm shirts. Please leave labeled bags of clothing in the Kitchenette.

Thanks to all our volunteers who continue to show up with smiles to pack lunches and greet our guests who are so very appreciative.

Delores Grier, Sack Lunch Coordinator

Bottle Drive for Haiti Update

In response to a plea from the District Superintendent in Haiti and Curtiz Bartz, a former ROFUM member, the Missions Work Area held a bottle drive to raise money to help rebuild the Despague church outside Jeremie. This church was severely damaged by the storms and, as poor as the residents are, they are hungry for a place to worship. We have raised \$154.55 through our bottle drive. Although the drive is over, you can still help us reach our goal of \$500 by placing your special offering in the plate on Sunday or by dropping it off at the church office. Please mark your envelope "Haiti Bottle Drive."



News from the Curriculum Director: *Caroline Scott*

Fall Sunday School Schedule: Graded classes will resume on Sunday, September 11th, during the 11:00 service. Classes offered will include preschool, grades K-2, grades 3-5, middle school, and high school. Nursery care will be offered for both the 9:15 and 11:00 worship services.

Holy COW: Our Holy COW (Church On Wednesday) kickoff will be held on September 14th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Please join us for a delicious dinner, followed by games and fellowship on our front lawn (weather permitting). Everyone is welcome as we celebrate the beginning of another wonderful year of Holy COW programming! We have a number of exciting classes planned for both children and adults.

Registration forms for children are available in the church office, the Narthex, and can be downloaded directly from the church's website. Please register your child prior to September 11th.

Upcoming Teacher Meetings: I have scheduled two teacher meetings for those volunteering to teach during the 2011-2012 school year. **Sunday school teachers will be meeting on August 28th** from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Parlor. **Holy COW teachers will be meeting on September 7th** from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Parlor. If you are unable to attend your scheduled meeting, please consider attending the other. Topics to be covered include: curriculum, child protection policies, sub and general procedures, calendar, supplies, and materials. I hope to see you there!

Education Work Area "Wish List": I will be posting a list of items that would be useful to our children's ministry on the bulletin board outside of the second floor library. If you are able to provide any of these items, please bring them to the church office. Thank you for your support of youth ministry!

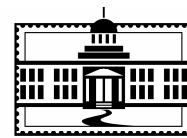
- hand sanitizer (larger bottles with pumps, please)
- facial tissues
- sanitizing wipes
- Clorox Hard Surface Cleaner (or other peroxide-based cleaner for quickly sanitizing baby toys each week)
- baby wipes
- clear plastic storage containers in various sizes (shoe-box-sized or larger, please)
- adult-sized scissors
- Play-Doh and Play-Doh toys



Grubby Sunday: THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who made our first Grubby Sunday a huge success! Our classrooms have received a needed cleaning and are ready to receive our students on September 11th!

Volunteer Recruitment: Volunteer recruitment has gone very well, thanks solely to the generosity of our members. Currently most of our volunteer positions for the 2011-2012 school year are filled! I still have a few openings for nursery volunteers and am in need of substitute teachers for Sunday school and Holy COW. Please let me know if you are interested in either of these roles.

Child Protection Policy: Our church's child protection policy requires that all adults working with children under the age of 18 submit to a criminal background check. Volunteers will not be allowed to work with minors if this process is not completed. If you are currently signed up to volunteer, and do not have a current background check on file, you will be receiving the needed paperwork from our office. **Please complete and return this paperwork to our office no later than August 28th.** We have many background checks to conduct. Retuning your forms even sooner would be appreciated!



NEW ADDRESSES FOR COLLEGIANS

Please notify the church office of your son/daughter's address at college (or let us know if they're living at home). We want to keep in touch and let them know that we are still thinking about them. We don't want your student to miss out on mail from their friends at church!

Holy Cow!

It's time for Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)



Back To Class: Try Christian Yoga



Soul Stretch Christian Yoga is a meditation and worship class designed to help you filter out distractions, nurture your body, and deepen your connection to God through body prayer. You're invited to join us for the first time – or rejoin if we haven't seen you in a while. We have a class for every body.

In each class, you'll learn to care for the temple God has given you by: increasing flexibility, balance, circulation and strength ~and~ decreasing stress, body weight and blood pressure. Daily devotional readings set our intentions and inspire our spirits.

Next series beginning September 12th:

Monday evenings – InnerFire Fast Flow

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Monday nights – InnerFire Slow Flow

8:15 - 9:15 p.m.

Wednesday evenings—Slow Flow For All

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Each 6-week series is only \$55 for unlimited yoga at all Soul Stretch locations. Try your first class for free! Or, come whenever you can make it with a non-expiring 4-class punch card for \$45. To save your place, **please enroll in advance at soulstretch.org or by calling 248-429-YOGA by September 9th**. All levels, from absolute beginner, to experienced yoga practitioners are invited. Please plan to bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable, stretchy clothing.

Sign up at soulstretch.org, or call 248-429-YOGA by September 9th to save your spot.

High School Pit Stop

Our high school youth group, called the Pit Stop, will meet on Wednesday evenings during Holy COW (Church On Wednesday) beginning **Wednesday, November 2**. We know how busy our high school students are in the fall and so we feel it's more productive for our group to start meeting on November 2. At our November 2 meeting, we will be preparing UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief) school kits (see details elsewhere on this page). Then in December we will be preparing "care packages" to send to our college students and those in the military.

Although our high school programming doesn't begin until November, high school students are welcome to volunteer their services at Holy COW in the fall. Caroline Scott, our Curriculum Director, would be happy to put

them to work (decorating bulletin boards, setting tables, etc.). Everyone is welcome to attend Holy COW dinner and the activities offered during the Holy COW Program. Please mark your calendars! We would love to see you!

Trish Lambert & Laurie O'Donnell

UMCOR School Kits and College/Military Care Packages

The Pit Stop (our high school youth group at Holy COW) will be focusing on two service projects this fall, and we need the entire congregation's participation. On Wednesday, November 2, we will be assembling school kits to send to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief). Since many of us are shopping for back to school products this time of year, we thought it would be a great time to give back! Items for the kits (listed below) may be dropped off in the church office any time before **Wednesday, November 2**. Our goal is to have at least one dozen school kits to ship in November!

School Kit Items Value: \$11 per kit

- 1 pair blunt scissors** - rounded tip only (no plastic)
- 3 pads of paper** (spiral or top bound pads)
- 1 hand held pencil sharpener** (at least one inch long)
- 1 (one) 30 centimeter ruler** (hard or flexible)
no advertisements please
- 6 unsharpened pencils**
no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols please
- 1 (one) 2½ inch eraser**
no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols please
- 1 (one) 24 count box of crayons**

We will also be collecting items for our 25 college students and two members in the military during this time. We will be shipping our College & Military Care Packages on **December 7th**.

Items needed for College Care Packages include:

Granola bars, trail mix, Skittles/candy, starburst, candy bars, crackers, wrapped cookies, beef jerky, gum, deodorant, toothbrushes, individual Tylenol/Motrin/aspirin packets, Tide pen, note/index cards, Sticky Notes, microwave popcorn and Ramen noodles. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway outside of the Library.

Thank you so much for helping our high school students to give to others. Without your donations this would not be possible.

Trish Lambert & Laurie O'Donnell



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

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

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

Arts, Beats, and Eats is coming up! **We will be worshipping on the International Stage (6th & Lafayette) at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 4.** The Sanctus Choir will have three rehearsals for this special service. I am asking Sanctus Choir members to come to two out of three rehearsals. Please try to attend the last rehearsal so we can have a full ensemble. Rehearsals will be held:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Alayna Young, Director of Music

Youth Choirs In Action

We think of summer as a time to slow down, but that doesn’t happen when Choir Camp hits and our youth choir program heats up. And it certainly was hot – and stormy – this year at camp. But despite a few leaky roofs and a power outage, we learned about and shared our Methodist heritage, to serve our church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Choir Camp Sunday was a wonderful celebration of that and involved using all that we had learned.

Angelus Choir tour granted us more time with the Angelus (high school) Choir. We again traveled to the Petoskey, Boyne City area, but this year on the way up we stopped by MSU and then went to the cottage of Jeff and Liisa Lewis. The kids were able to do some swimming, boating and even tubing and wake boarding there. We also had several opportunities to share the gift of meaningful music. Our last performance was in Chelsea, MI in the Towsley Village Retirement Community. We sang in a Memory Care Center for residents with Alzheimer’s disease, dementia, and memory loss. We did not expect it, but this crowd was by far more responsive than any other group that we sang for. On unaccompanied pieces, Alayna was able to sing while Jennifer conducted. As we looked into the crowd, the look of happiness, hope, and joy on the residents’ faces was genuinely moving. There were tears of joy, and delighted expressions. We had a wonderful moment with the residents. We believe that God was very much with us at this time, and that He touched the hearts of many people in the room. Even the staff stopped to quietly listen to the joyful sound of our Angelus Choir.

We are fortunate to have a promising group of youngsters who so eagerly serve others. Sometimes, we forget how blessed we are to have these young people sharing their gifts. Sometimes we expect that our gifts may not make a difference, but this experience shows that when we least expect it, our gifts make a positive difference and help bring the love of Christ into the lives of people we have never met. We may not expect our service to enrich the lives of others, but if we are trying, God might send his Spirit and love when we least expect it.

Encourage your high school youth to join us in singing for the special Arts, Eats & Beats worship service on the International Stage on Sunday, September 4th at 9:30 a.m. Even if they have not sung with us before, we will have a special rehearsal on Wed., August 31st to prepare our two songs. All participants in worship get free admission to the festival for the day!

Alayna Young, Director of Music

Jennifer Semivan, Youth Choir Director



News for All from the United Methodist Women

**Program and Tea
Thursday, Sept. 8, 1:00 p.m.**

All are invited to attend our annual fall tea with ROFUM's own Peter Wurdock as our featured speaker. Pete will be talking about the books he has written. We hope to see you there!

Mark your calendars for our October 6 luncheon & program (start time 12:15 p.m.) featuring Lorraine Dorsey speaking to us about Hospice.

**UMW Book Discussion Group
Wednesday, Sept. 21, 9:30 a.m.**

Join us in the church Library as we begin our eleventh year! Betty Locke will lead the discussion on the book, "Major Pettigrew's Last Stand" by Helen Simonson. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, contact Betty Becker.

Homecoming and Heritage 11-11-11

The United Methodist Women's "Homecoming and Heritage" evening will be held on Veteran's Day, Friday, November 11, 2011. We are getting ready to begin collecting pictures and memorabilia of relatives of church members who have served in the military throughout the history of our country. Dates for collection of these articles are Sunday, September 25, through Sunday, October 30. There will be a collection area in the church office. Ticket sales will begin in October.

The United Methodist Men's Fellowship has graciously offered to assist with transportation for church members who may need that service. Details on this plan will follow in the October Church Life.

United Methodist Women look forward to this event as our 2011 fund raiser for mission giving. Questions about the collection pieces may be directed to Mary Nahhat.



**Men's Fellowship
Saturday, Sept. 17, 8:17 a.m.**

James Hartrick will present "The Impact of Gleaners Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan." Come and enjoy breakfast, great fellowship, and enlightenment. Gals are welcome to join us.

Get on the Bus for the Tiger Game!



On Friday, September 9, we will leave from the church at 5:30 p.m. on a bus driven by our own Steve Kinney. Cost is \$40 per person. We only have a couple of seats left, so sign up in the church office TODAY! Let's all roar for the home team as they get to the playoffs.

Bowlers Needed!

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





Shalom

No, it's not a Bethlehem Experience in the Marketplace year – that would be next year. Most of you know that my beloved husband, John Faunt, died suddenly this year. John and I have co-chaired the Marketplace event since 2004. We were partners in every way and, when there was a gap in help, John always stepped in to make it happen.

I no longer have that support, so I am coming to you, the congregation, to ask your help in making this magical event happen. I envision more than a husband/wife partnership for future events. I would like to see more of a team effort. To this end, I will be calling a meeting in January, contacting many of you who have participated in this past, to put together the teams envisioned. In the meantime, I would like you to consider what you can do to help present this welcoming gift of drama that brings many visitors into our church and shares the message of the birth of our Lord.

God bless us all,

Charlene Faunt



Church Bulletin to Get a New Look

If all goes as planned, Sunday, September 18, will debut a new look to our church bulletin. A group formed from the Member Care Work Area has been studying church bulletins from around Michigan this summer. The plan is to incorporate the best ideas we have found to make our bulletin more welcoming and informative especially for those who are new to ROFUM. Stay tuned. This won't be your father's church bulletin! Committee members are Cathy Baker, Sue Buxton, Neal Harris, and Alvin Ko.



“The Story of Job” Concert October 8

The Michigan Concert Choir is performing another concert featuring the musical, “The Story of Job.” Some of you saw it performed at ROFUM last year. The concert will be given in Saline, Michigan, on Saturday, October 8. For more details, contact Neal Harris.

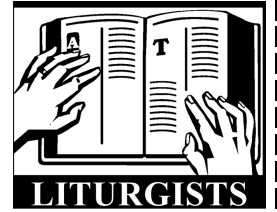
Have you heard?

Special Worship Time and Location:

**Sunday, September 4
9:30 a.m.**

**Arts, Beats & Eats International Stage
located at Sixth and Lafayette Streets.**

Sunday Morning Liturgist Be a Worship Leader!



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

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

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

Yes, sign me up to be a liturgist!

Name _____ Phone _____

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

Please list any dates you will not be available: _____

SERVING IN JESUS' NAME



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

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

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

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

Yes, sign me up to be a Communion Steward!

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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

Please list any dates you will not be available: _____

**Thank you to our September
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 learn how you or your organization can become a
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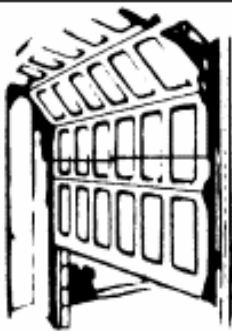
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Joseph saved his whole family from starvation.
 Esther saved her people from annihilation.
 But to all who give God praise and adoration
 Jesus freely gives His grace, love and salvation.

~Lee Hoffmann



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.

Dorothy Bliss
Dorothy Cowley
Lois DeVos
Bessie Johnstone
Irene Koscienc
Dorthella Kreger
Margery Lawson
Pat Lawson

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

Out of the Area

Marion Conrad
Ruth Dawkins
Maggie Fries44
Christina Smith



PRAY
FOR OUR MILITARY

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

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

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ABE – Arts, Beats & Eats CS – Church School FA – First ADVENTURES Holy COW (Church On Wednesday) – Dinner, Youth Choirs, Bible Study, classes and activities for preschool through adult HS – High School UMW – United Methodist Women						
4 Arts, Beats & Eats 9:30 a Arise! Outdoor Worship @ ABE	5 Labor Day Arts, Beats & Eats Office Closed	6 12:00 p AA 1:15 p Library Committee 7:00 p Building Mgmt 7:00 p Education 7:00 p Igniting Ministry	7 10:00 a Program Staff Mtg 12:00 p Full Staff Mtg 6:30 p Soul Stretch Yoga 7:00 p Holy COW Teachers' Mtg 7:30 p Stewardship	8 9:30 a UMW Exec Comm 10:45 a Love Circle 1:00 p UMW Tea/Program 5:30 p AA 6:30 p Sanctus Potluck 7:30 p Sanctus Choir 8:00 p Teen Al-Anon	9 5:30 p Tigers Baseball Game	10 5:30 p Sat Night Worship
11 9:15 a Arise! Worship 10:00 a Angelus Choir 11:00 a Worship & CS 12:30 p Baptism Mtg 12:30 p Choir Council 12:45 p Confirmation Parent Meeting 4:00 p Career Ministry 7:00 p Debtors Anon	12 9:30 a Crafty Ladies 7:00 p Boy Scouts 7:00 p Soul Stretch Yoga 7:00 p Trustees 7:30 p MetroBridges 8:00 p Music Guild 8:15 p Soul Stretch Yoga	13 12:00 p AA 6:30 p Co-Lay Leaders 7:00 p Member Care 7:30 p Staff Parish	14 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 Kick-Off 6:30 p Soul Stretch Yoga 7:30 p Knowledge Circle	15 1:00 p Peace Circle 5:30 p AA 6:30 p Carillon Ringers 7:30 p Sanctus Choir 8:00 p Teen Al-Anon	16	17 8:17 a Men's Fellowship 5:30 p Sat Night Worship
18 9:15 a Arise! Worship 10:00 a Angelus Choir 11:00 a Worship & CS 12:30 p Lithuania Team 12:30 p Lit/Comm Steward Training 7:00 p Debtors Anon	19 9:30 a Crafty Ladies 7:00 p Boy Scouts 7:00 p Missions Comm 7:00 p Soul Stretch Yoga 7:30 p Long Range Plan 8:15 p Soul Stretch Yoga	20 10:00 a Adult Study 11:00 a <i>Church Life</i> Vols 12:00 p AA 1:00 p <i>Church Life</i> Vols 6:30 p Career Ministry Steering Committee Finance	21 9:30 p UMW Book Disc 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	22 1:00 p Shawl Ministry 3:00 p Nominating 5:30 p AA 6:30 p Carillon Ringers 7:30 p Sanctus Choir 8:00 p Teen Al-Anon	23	24 9:00 a FA – Tour de Toit 5:30 p Sat Night Worship/ Noisy Bucket
Noisy Bucket 25 9:15 a Arise! Worship 10:00 a Angelus Choir 11:00 a Worship & CS 3:00 p Faith & Church Exp 4:00 p Career Ministry 7:00 p Debtors Anon	26 9:30 a Crafty Ladies 7:00 p Boy Scouts 7:00 p Soul Stretch Yoga 8:15 p Soul Stretch Yoga	27 10:00 a Adult Study 12:00 p AA 7:00 p Church Council	28 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	29 5:30 p AA 6:30 p Carillon Ringers 7:30 p Sanctus Choir 8:00 p Teen Al-Anon	30	

September Birthdays

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| -1- Carter Riggs | -13- Isabella Burgess
Gertrude Penney | -23- Amy Parrent
Charlene Patten |
| -2- Joe Barnhart
Jean Foster
Shirley Harris
Marion LeBeau
Lesla Nielsen | -15- Camryn Hanson
Kris Hanstrom
Madeline Wahl | -24- Owen Bucchi
Dorothy Cowley |
| -3- Carrie Danaher | -16- Sean Barr
Dolores Bratta
Wendy Nahhat
Bernice Sayers | -25- Karen Calhoun
Jacquelyn Semivan |
| -4- Krista Marck | -17- Jenna Belling
Kaitlyn Blankenship
Haley Bodway
Ian Gilbert
Tim Ryckman | -26- Michelle Inda
Roger Martin
Jack Poirier |
| -5- Joyce Nelson
Hannah Richardson | -18- Angie Mann | -28- Aedan Barnhart
Heather Dresden
Jessica Richards
Audrey Russell
Kenny Vincent |
| -6- Rachel Cummings
Dwight Ewing
Claire VanBrandeghen | -19- Roger Johnson
Kyle Paswater | -29- Chad Hetchler
Kevin McFall |
| -7- Adam Christopher
Larry Oberdier
Cory Smith
Joann Smith | -20- Patrick Calhoun
Harrison Watts | -30- Andy Harmon, Jr.
Grant Heller
Rick Reed
Ed Ura |
| -11- Bernadette Ewing
Grace Perkins
Janis Stroud | -21- Karen Halsig | |
| -12- Dorothy Alic
Katie Grow | -22- Elsie Consolacion
Kim Frentz | |

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.





**Special
Worship Time & Location:
Sunday, September 4
9:30 a.m.**

**Arts, Beats & Eats International Stage
at 6th & Lafayette Streets**

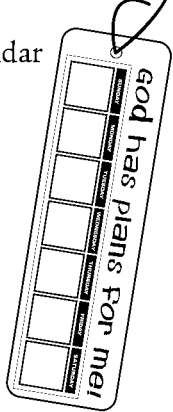
Don't Miss This!

A daily reminder

Make this bookmark to remind you that God is with you every day.

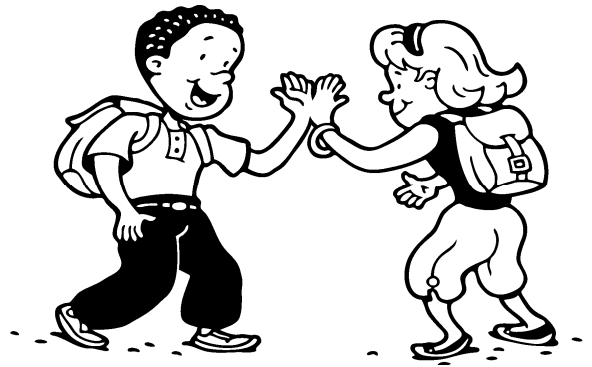
What you need:

- An old calendar
- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Glue stick
- Pencil or marker
- Stickers
- Hole punch
- Ribbon or yarn



What you do:

1. Cut out the first line of squares from an old calendar, including the days of the week along the top.
2. Cut the cardstock into a rectangle a little larger than the calendar section.
3. Glue the calendar section onto the cardstock.
4. Write "God has plans for me" (Jeremiah 29:11) on the bookmark.
5. Add stickers or other decorations on the back.
6. Punch a hole on one end of the bookmark.
7. Loop some ribbon or yarn through the hole.



PUZZLE

GOD'S PLAN

When we ask God for guidance, he will show us his perfect plan for our lives.

Directions: Use the shape code to the right to write out Jeremiah 29:11, NIV.

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Answers: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)

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**Worship in the Sunshine
 at Arts, Beats & Eats
 Sunday, September 4, at 9:30 a.m.!**

On Sunday, September 4, at 9:30 a.m. we will gather as a faith community at the International Music Stage at Sixth and Lafayette Streets (just down the block from our church) for a special worship event. There will be exciting music offered by our ABE Choir, as well as by Christian Rock Band "Peak." We'll raise our voices in song with favorite hymns, both old and new, and Rev. Hice will present an inspirational message. You will certainly want to be in attendance and invite your friends and neighbors to this outstanding time to celebrate God's presence in our community. Check the Sunday bulletins and posters in the church building for details on entry points to the festival and shuttle service.



Faith and Church Exploration

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

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

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

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

