



**GET CONNECTED:
FRIENDSHIPS MATTER**

**September 16, 2017
4:00 pm Afternoon Worship
Royal Oak First United Methodist Church**

Order of Worship

Hymn #2221 (FWS) In Unity We Lift Our Song

Call to Worship

Response #70 (UMH) Glory Be to the Father

Greeting Your Neighbor

Invitation to Mission

Music Ministry *What a Fellowship* Gilbert Martin
Sanctus Choir

Time of Prayer

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Musical Offering *Child of God* Mark A. Miller
Sanctus Choir

Doxology #95

Scripture Mark 2:1-5, 12 *CEB*

Music Ministry *You've Got a Friend* Carole King
Mike DeTavernier & Laci Marie Basel

Message Carry Each Other Jeff Nelson

Hymn #560 (UMH) Help Us Accept Each Other



HURRICANE RELIEF
COLLECTION



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Sunday, September 24
Following the 11:00 am Sunday
service

Connections
Fair

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1
FOLLOWING
THE 11:00 AM
SUNDAY SERVICE



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Upcoming Events

Join Music Guild!

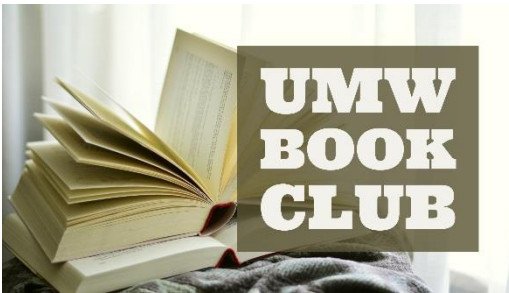
Sunday, September 17, 1:00 pm

Join us at 1:00 pm on Sunday, September 17 to discuss youth music programs and choir camp plans. We will enjoy lunch and fellowship as we begin the new program year.



UMW Book Group

Wednesday, September 20, 9:30 am



United Methodist Women's Book Club is meeting on Wednesday, September 20. Our featured book for the month is "The Charm Bracelet", a novel by author Viola Shipman.

"Through an heirloom charm bracelet, three women will rediscover the importance of family and a passion for living as each charm changes their lives." All are welcome!

If you love to cook, we want YOU!

We are looking for cooks for Sunday Youth Night for Royal Oak Youth (ROY) and Wednesday Evenings for Holy COW. Sunday Night dinner starts at 6:45 pm and we average about 30 youth. Wednesday Night dinner starts at 5:30 pm and we are averaging about 60 children and their families.

If you are interested in cooking a meal or working with a team of cooks, please contact Jenny Lowman at jlowman@rofum.org or Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org.



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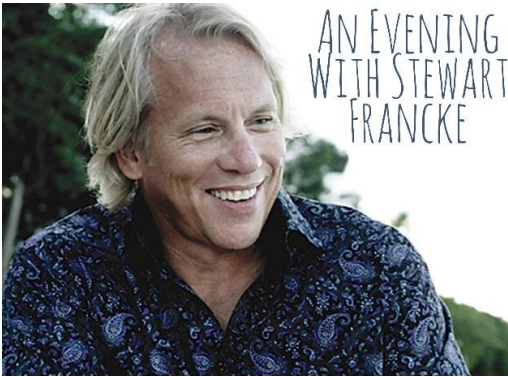
Sunday, September 24, following the 11:00 am Sunday service

Join us following the 11:00 service on Sunday, September 24, for our Connections fair! Sign-up booths and information will be available for many of our new and returning groups. This will be a wonderful opportunity for making new connections and building new friendships.



An Evening with Stewart Franke Date Changed!

Friday, January 26, 7:00 pm, Landmark Community Church



Join us for a community concert featuring Metro-Detroit favorite, Stewart Franke, on Friday, January 26, at 7:00 pm, at Landmark Community Church at 24520 N Chrysler Dr in Hazel Park. Proceeds will support the Bethlehem Marketplace program here at Royal Oak First.

If you have any questions, contact Bob Demyanovich at rdemyanovich@mailgram.us.

Annual Church Conference

Sunday, October 1, 1:00 pm

Please join us for our Annual Church Conference on Sunday, October 1, at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The conference will be presided over by Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr. and will include votes on lay leadership, membership, and candidates for the ordained ministry, among other items. Please plan to join us for this important meeting.



Welcome to the Party!

Sunday, October 8, 2:00 pm, at the Parsonage



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You are invited to a gathering at the parsonage at 3113 Marion Dr in Royal Oak. Get together with folks that have been journeying with us. This will give you a chance to get to know some other people; learn more about the church; and ask any questions you might have about membership, missions, and ministry here at Royal Oak First. If you would like to register, call the church office or email Laurie O'Donnell at lodonnell@rofum.org, or you can just show up! There is always room for more!

Music Guild Big Boy Night

Tuesday, October 24, 5:00 – 8:00 pm

By popular demand, the annual Big Boy Night is now a semi-annual event. Mark Tuesday, October 24, on your calendar. Come and enjoy dinner with your church family and 15% of your dinner tab (with a coupon) goes to the Royal Oak First United Methodist Music Guild to support Choir Camp. There are drawings for wonderful prizes and you get to eat where (almost) everybody knows your name!



Halloween Costume Drive for the Redford-Brightmoor Initiative



Soon enough, we will all start getting our Halloween decorations out of their boxes and many of us will find old costumes that we always hope we can reuse, but the kids have outgrown either the outfit or their interest in it. Drop off those gently used (or new!) costumes in the collection box in the Fellowship Hall through October 8 and help make this Halloween a happy one for the kids at the Redford-Brightmoor Initiative.

Prayers

Prayers for our church family: Marilyn Hocking; Alfie Wright; Sue Hughes; Gene Roberts; Nancy Matson; Jeff Nelson; Barbara Nicholas; Marguerite Nowacek; Charles Williams; Ann Moser; Peggy Waisanen; Dori Bridson; Sophia Nader; Caroline Bowen; Jill Paswater

Prayers for our extended family: Hurricane Flood Victims, including the parents of Kathy Riggs; Robert Lechner; Earl Hendrickson; George Onusko; Charles Prud'homme; Monica Rethman; Trevor Beagle; Beverly Lambert; Patricia Semivan; Jan Thomas; Kirt Taylor; Foster Braun; Opal Monte; Logan Cross; Corinne Janes; Patrick Mallon; Bill Bartley

Hospitalized: Bob Demyanovich, Troy Beaumont
Ann Moser, Royal Oak Beaumont
Al Simmons, Royal Oak Beaumont

Homebound Member of the Week: Yvonne Quinn

Please contact our Pastoral Care Team at pgill@rofum.org with any prayer concerns.

The Chancel Flowers are in celebration of the first wedding anniversary of Joyce and Ken Burton.

The rosebuds on the Altar are in celebration of the baptisms of Kaiya and Annabelle Cook.

Letters for Ethan Watkins

Royal Oak First United Methodist Church member, Ethan Watkins, (pictured at the right) is currently stationed at Camp Bondsteel in Kosovo. We sent him some letters a few weeks ago to let him know that he has the support of the entire church behind him. Well, we want to surprise him again. Let's send him another rush of love from the church!

You can send letters to him at

1LT Ethan Watkins
HHC 39 IBCT
MNBG-E; S2
APO, AE 09340

The overseas address may look funky, but don't worry! Postage to this address is the same \$.47 as standard US postage.



Hands 4 Detroit 2017

Saturday, October 7

9:00 am – 2:00 pm



Giving Hands

- ❖ Give an individual monetary donation – indicate on your check or envelope that it is for Hands 4 Detroit.

Building, Cleaning, and Beautifying Hands

- ❖ **Lawndale Center Renovation** – Landscaping, painting, & setting up rain barrels.
- ❖ **All Saints Center Renovation:** Waxing floors, cleaning offices, installing shelving, & repairing and replacing rotting wood at Community Center.

Praying Hands

- ❖ Pray for Hands 4 Detroit (up to and on that day – October 7, 2017).
- ❖ Pray for Rev. Patricia Gandarilla and the Centro Familiar Cristiano United Methodist Church.
- ❖ Pray for the entire Southwest Detroit and Mexicantown communities.

Feeding Hands

- ❖ Help sort and bag non-perishables and personal care items for distribution to United Methodist and area food pantries.

Please contact Laurie O'Donnell at lodonnell@rofum.org if you are interested in joining the Royal Oak First Crew for this wonderful mission project!

Hurricane Relief

Many of us have watched, feeling helpless, as our brothers and sisters have been pummeled by historic and catastrophic storms and flooding. Michigan United Methodists have asked, "What can we do right now to help?" Here are two ways you can help.

Pray for those who have lost loved ones, homes, and property; and for the first responders who are risking their own lives to get others to safety.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is sending buckets filled with cleaning supplies and other relief kits into the affected areas. UMCOR is often one of the first to respond in times of disaster. At Royal Oak First we are collecting money to send to UMCOR to support their efforts in hurricane relief. Our donation to UMCOR guarantees that 100% of your gift goes directly to disaster relief.

You can make your contributions to Royal Oak First United Methodist Church and indicate that it is for Hurricane Relief on your check or envelope. You may also make an online donation by visiting our website at www.rofum.org. Go to the giving area and click on the UMCOR box under the Missions Category.

If you have any questions, please contact Laurie O'Donnell at 248-541-4100 or lodonnell@rofum.org.



Photos courtesy of CNN.

Schedule

Sunday, September 17

9:00 am	Arise! Worship	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Fellowship Hall	
	Sunday School (K-5) – Room #403	
10:15 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship & Baptism	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Fellowship Hall	
	Preschool – Room #405	
	Lower Elementary (K-2) – Room #402	
	Upper Elementary (3-5) – Room #403	
	Middle School (6-8) – Choir Room	
12:15 pm	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Music Guild Meeting and Lunch	Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm	Youth Group Choir Rehearsals	Choir Room & Room #403
6:00 pm	Cantata Chorale.....	Choir Room & Sanctuary
6:45 pm	Youth Group Dinner	Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
7:15 pm	Youth Group	Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 18

10:00 am	Core Team Meeting	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Room #413

Tuesday, September 19

11:30 am	Sermon Practice	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	ROga (Royal Oak Chair Yoga).....	Choir Room
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Missions Committee.....	Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm	Church Council	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 20

9:30 am	United Methodist Women Book Discussion Group	Sanctuary
10:00 am	Staff Meeting.....	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out)	The Avenue Restaurant
5:30 pm	Holy COW (Church On Wednesday) Dinner	Fellowship Hall
6:15 pm	Holy COW Choirs	Choir Room, Room #402, & Room #403
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Room #413
7:45 pm	House Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary

Thursday, September 21

11:00 am	As We Gather Service	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, September 22

9:30 am	As We Gather Bible Study	Choir Room
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Saturday, September 23

4:00 pm	Saturday Afternoon Worship Service	Sanctuary
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Dear Friends,

There are a lot of cool things happening here at church right now. I want to highlight three things that everyone can be involved with:

Get Connected: This fall we are inviting everyone to find a place to get connected with others. Connecting is a great way to grow in your faith, make good friends, and finds ways to serve and make a difference. We have many different groups to choose from. Some are educational, others are social. Please stop at the Connecting Table after all of our services and find a place to get connected.

Sock-It-to-Me September: This is our annual Fall mission project supporting our friends at the NOAH Project, one of Detroit's leading homeless food and social service ministries. We are collecting socks and underwear to support their winter outreach. Our goal is to collect over 2,000 items. Please plan to pick up some socks and underwear to support our program. Plus, we want to keep the coveted Golden Sock Award!

New Mural: We are creating a new tile mural for our Children's Ministry Area on the 3rd Floor. The mural will be made of different tiles painted by us. This project is open to all ages and will be a fixture in our programming space for years to come. There will be painting stations in the Fellowship Hall after both of our Sunday services for the next two weeks. Please plan to add your artistic touch to this project.

Each one of these projects will help us make Christ's love real for you, for our church, and for our community.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff". Below the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth. To the right of the signature is a decorative flourish consisting of several overlapping loops.