



October 1, 2017
9:00 am Worship
Royal Oak First United Methodist Church
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Songs #2274	Come, All You People Welcome	FWS*
Call to Worship		
Response #2035	Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord	FWS
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Children's Time		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore</i> House Band	C. Gabarain
Scripture	Hebrews 12:1-2	CEB
Message	This Journey Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr.	
The Lord's Supper		
Song	I Will Follow	

* The Faith We Sing Hymnal

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

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



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SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 7
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Welcome
to the
Party!

Sunday,
October 8
2:00 pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Church Conference

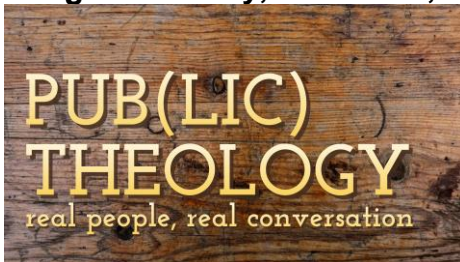
Today, 1:00 pm

Please join us for our Annual Church Conference today at 1:00 pm in the Sanctuary. 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.



Pub(lic) Theology

Begins Monday, October 2, 7:00 pm



Do you want real conversation with real people? Join us at Ale Mary's in downtown Royal Oak every other Monday evening at 7:00 pm. Contact Caleb Williams at caleb@rofum.org with any questions.

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 hoped we could 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.



United Methodist Women Program

Thursday, October 5, 12:45 pm



You are ALL invited to our next UMW meeting on Thursday, October 5. We'd love to have you join us to connect and meet new friends.

Our guest speaker will be from the Baldwin Center in Pontiac, one of the places we help support. As things are changing for them, come hear about their progress and how we can help.

The Executive Committee will meet at 10:30 and then the general meeting at 12:45, followed by the program and refreshments.

We hope to see you there.

Welcome to the Party!

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

You are invited to a gathering at the parsonage at 3113 Marion Dr in Royal Oak. Get to know some other people, learn more about the church, and ask any questions you might have about Royal Oak First. Call the church office, email Laurie O'Donnell at lodonnell@rofum.org, or sign up at the *Here I Am Lord* Table to register, or you can just show up! There is always room for more!



Men's Basketball

Beginning Tuesday, October 17, 7:00 pm

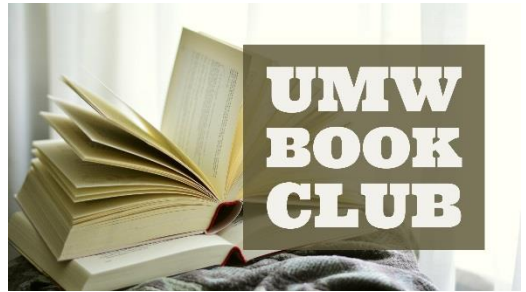


Get together with this group of guys to play a friendly game of basketball, every Tuesday, at 7:00 pm at Jane Addams Elementary School on Webster in Royal Oak. Contact Craig Sleeman at craig@sleemanlaw.com with any questions.

United Methodist Women Book Club

Wednesday, October 18, 9:30 am

The book for the month is "The Rainbow Comes and Goes", a story written by Anderson Cooper and his mother, Gloria Vanderbilt. When Gloria suffers from a severe illness at the age of 91, Anderson decides that it is time for the two of them to share life stories. The book is a #1 New York Times best seller. We look forward to ward to greeting any new comers!



Big Boy Night for Music Guild

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!

Royal Oak Spooktacular and Royal Oak First UMC Lunch

Sunday, October 29, following the 11:00 am worship service

Be Warned! Be Prepared! There is an upcoming invasion of thousands to downtown Royal Oak! Actually, it's ok. The annual Royal Oak Spooktacular is Sunday, October 29, 1:00-4:00 pm. Royal Oak First is one of the hosts for this community event with candy and games on our lawn. We will be collecting candy donations in the elevator lobby on the lower level. Any assistance would be appreciated, as running out of candy could be ugly!



Children, Youth, and Family Ministries will host a bag lunch following the 11:00 am Worship Service on the 29th to ease the transition for families who plan to attend the Royal Oak Spooktacular. All are welcome!

PRAYERS

Prayers for our church family: Bob Demyanovich; Howard Emorey; Mary Nahhat; Lee Hoffman; The Loftin 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: Laurie Sessions; Susie Inch; Paul McCormack; 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; Mary; Melissa Enyart

Hospitalized: Nancy Matson, Royal Oak Beaumont

Homebound Member of the Week: June Stephan

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

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 just \$0.49.



HANDS 4 DETROIT 2017



Saturday, October 7 9am – 2pm

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!

UMCOR 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.

HURRICANE RELIEF FOR IMMOKALEE

Royal Oak First member, Sami Matsumoto, is an elementary school teacher in Immokalee, Florida. This small town was devastated by Hurricane Irma and is in desperate need of assistance. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

The most needed items are:

- Baby food and formula
- Non-Perishable foods
- Pillows, blankets, etc.
- Baby Diapers (4's and 5's, especially)
- Baby Wipes
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Cleaning supplies (brooms, mops, trash bags, etc.)
- Clothing (including shoes, socks, and underwear)
- School Supplies for Sami's classroom
- Gift Cards to Lowes, Home Depot, and other stores with Florida locations (no Meijer/Kroger)

The simplest way to get these supplies to Sami is to purchase them online and have them shipped directly to:

Sami Matsumoto
15201 Hammock Cove
Fort Myers, FL 33913

However, if you would prefer to drop off your donations to the church, we can get them where they need to go.

We have information in the church office on GoFundMe pages set up to help specific families and the general needs of the community, along with an Amazon Wishlist set up by the schools to make sure the kids have food to take home on the weekends. Email Sam Garrett at sgarrett@rofum.org for links to these online giving opportunities.

For more information on Sami Matsumoto or the needs of Imokalee, Florida, contact Jan Matsumoto at mjskfun@charter.net.

BIBLE FRIENDS "PASS IT ON..."

Touch the life of a child. Communicate what is important to you.

October 15, 11:00 am Worship Service

We are looking for Bible Friends to help our class of third graders discover their own Bibles. The opportunity includes:

- ✚ Participating in the presentation of Bibles to third graders on October 15
- ✚ Sharing your favorite Bible passages with your student
- ✚ Keeping in contact with your youth
- ✚ Being a visible role model in any way you can

The annual gesture of a Bible Friend presenting a Bible to a third grade student does more than provide a Bible to a child. You pass on a bit of your faith and values. You make a memorable statement that the Bible is important and children are important.

If you are interested in becoming a Bible Friend, complete this form and return it to the office. Act quickly, as the presentation ceremony is October 15! If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Moody at 248-541-4100 or dmoody@rofum.org.

You do not need to purchase a Bible to be a Bible Friend and do not need to be a Bible Friend to purchase a Bible.



I would like to participate as a Bible Friend _____.

I would like to purchase a Bible (\$20 enclosed) _____.

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Email _____

Additional forms are available for pick-up at the *Here I Am Lord* Table.

UMW NUT SALE

Pre-Orders Only

The United Methodist Women's Missions nut sale begins today. **This is a pre-order only sale.** The deadline for pre-orders is Sunday, October 22. Please fill in the number of bags for each type of nut you would like on this form. You may turn in your order form in Fellowship Hall after weekend worship services or in the UMW mailbox located outside the church office during the week. Please DO NOT put any money in the UMW mailbox. You may pay for your order when you pick it up. You may also mail your orders to Cynthia Cline at 713 Knowles St Royal Oak MI 48067 or email your orders to Cynthia at ckcline93@gmail.com. Your orders will be filled and ready for pick-up after the worship services on November 18 and 19.

Checks should be made payable to: UMW

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| _____ Chocolate Covered Raisins - \$6.00 | _____ Pistachios - \$9.50 |
| _____ Chocolate Peanuts - \$6.00 | _____ Pralines - \$9.50 |
| _____ Malted Milk Balls - \$6.25 | _____ Mixed Nuts- \$10.00 |
| _____ Milk Chocolate Almonds - \$8.00 | _____ Pecans - \$10.00 |
| _____ Dark Chocolate Almonds - \$8.00 | _____ Cashews - \$10.50 |

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

Order Pick up following:

4:00 pm Saturday Service _____

9:00 am Sunday Service _____

11:00 am Sunday Service _____

If you have any questions, contact Cynthia Cline at (248)496-0261 or ckcline93@gmail.com.

Additional forms are available for pick-up at the *Here I Am* Lord Table.

SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 1 – World Communion Sunday

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	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Fellowship Hall	
	Preschool – Room #405	
	Lower Elementary (K-2) – Room #402	
	Upper Elementary (3-5) – Room #403	
	Middle School (6-8) – Fellowship Hall	
12:15 pm	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Annual Church Conference.....	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsals.....	Choir Room & Room #403
6:00 pm	Cantata Chorale.....	Choir Room & Sanctuary
6:45 pm	Youth Dinner.....	Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
7:15 pm	Youth Group	Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 2

10:00 am	Core Team Meeting	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Pub(lic) Theology.....	Ale Mary's
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Sanctuary
8:00 pm	Music Guild Meeting	Choir Room

Tuesday, October 3

11:30 am	Sermon Practice	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	ROga (Royal Oak Chair Yoga).....	Choir Room
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Women's Book & Bible Study	Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 4

10:00 am	Staff Meeting.....	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	As We Gather Discussion Group	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
6:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Room #413
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary

Thursday, October 5

10:30 am	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Choir Room
10:30 am	UMW (United Methodist Women) Executive Meeting	Sanctuary
11:00 am	As We Gather Service	Fellowship Hall
12:45 pm	UMW General Meeting and Program	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, October 6

9:30 am	As We Gather Bible Study	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Saturday, October 7

8:30 am	Hands 4 Detroit	Meet in Parking Lot
2:00 pm	Wedding	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Saturday Afternoon Worship Service	Sanctuary

Sunday, October 8

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	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Fellowship Hall	
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	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
2:00 pm	Welcome to the Party!	Parsonage
5:30 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsals	Choir Room & Room #403
6:00 pm	Cantata Chorale	Choir Room & Sanctuary
6:45 pm	Youth Dinner	Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
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OUR GUEST PREACHER

The Reverend Dr. Charles S. G. Boayue, Jr. is the superintendent of the Detroit Renaissance District of The United Methodist Church and has been a United Methodist pastor since 1989. Married to Elizabeth, they have one son, Charles III, a senior student majoring in psychology at Wayne State University.

Dr. Boayue, a native of Liberia, came to America in 1983 following Liberia's bloody military coup d'état and the closing of the University of Liberia by the military government. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Bethune-Cookman College in Florida, a Master of Business Administration from Florida Southern College, a Master of Divinity from Duke University in North Carolina, and a Doctor of Ministry from United Theological Seminary in Ohio.



Dr. Boayue served as associate pastor of Metropolitan United Methodist Church and pastor of Jefferson Avenue United Methodist Church in Detroit before serving as Associate Council Director for Urban, Stewardship, and Justice Ministries of the Detroit Conference United Methodist Church. As senior pastor of Detroit's Second Grace United Methodist, Boayue led the growth of this congregation from 250 to 426 members and built a free health clinic to address the needs of thousands of residents in southeastern Michigan who had no money or health insurance to see a doctor. His pastoral ministry helped expand the diversity of Second Grace's membership from five countries to thirteen countries.

He has been elected as a clergy delegate to the last four General Conferences and the last six North Central Jurisdictional Conferences of The United Methodist Church. He chaired the Detroit delegation to the 2016 General Conference and was unanimously endorsed for the episcopacy by the Detroit Annual Conference. He has traveled to every continent and preached in many of them in the mission of the Church. He consulted with the Ivory Coast Annual Conference as they prepared to divide into two annual conferences due to membership growth now approaching 1.3 million.

Dr. Boayue comes as one with a broad international experience in the mission of the Church and a keen perspective on the challenges and opportunities of contemporary ecclesiology. He served as a director of the General Board of Global Ministries and chaired the Global Ministries legislative committee at the 2004 and 2016 General Conferences. He describes himself as "an urban pastor living in Detroit with a village heart for the people of God."

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

This morning, we are thrilled to welcome our District Superintendent, Reverend Dr. Charles Boayue, as our preacher. Rev. Dr. Boayue has been a leader in our church for nearly three decades. Before becoming our Superintendent, he served Second Grace United Methodist Church on Detroit's West side. Under his leadership, Second Grace became a beacon of hope to the community and engaged in some very innovative community redevelopment work, including the opening of the Joy Southfield Health Center and Clinic. Hundreds of lives are touched each year by that congregation's outreach and ministry.

A native Liberian, Rev. Dr. Boayue has always brought a unique perspective on the issues of the church both locally and globally. He has represented the Detroit Annual Conference on several occasions at the General Conference, the global decision-making body for the United Methodist Church. This past year Rev. Dr. Boayue received our annual conference's endorsement to become a Bishop.

Above all, Rev. Dr. Boayue is a thoughtful pastor. He is a gifted preacher and a compassionate servant. We are blessed to have him with us this weekend.

After our 11:00 am Sunday Worship Service, Rev. Dr. Boayue will preside over our Annual Church Conference. At this meeting, leaders are nominated and other church business is handled. Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall after the service for light refreshments and then to remain until 1:00 pm for the meeting.

Welcome Reverend Boayue - we are glad you are here!

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.