



September 10, 2017
9:00 am Worship
Royal Oak First United Methodist Church

Order of Worship

Song #2274 (FWS) Come, All You People
Love Can Change the World

Call to Worship

Response #2226 (FWS) Bind Us Together

Greeting Your Neighbor

Invitation to Mission

Blessing of the Teachers

Music Ministry *Morning Has Broken*
Eli Yarmy, Franklin Wahl, and Grace Huber

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Musical Offering *Home* Phillip Phillips
House Band

Scripture Matthew 28:19-20; Matthew 18:20 *CEB*

Music Ministry *You've Got a Friend in Me*
Jeff Nelson and Caleb Williams

Message Not Alone Jeff Nelson

The Lord's Supper

Communion Music *As The Deer* Martin J. Nystrom
Jennifer Semivan

Song Draw the Circle Wide

Upcoming Events

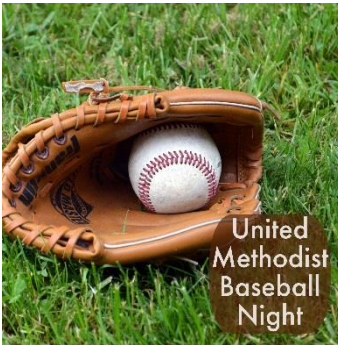
Loss Support Group, Mondays, 7:00 pm

If you have had a loss in your life or death in your family and would like to learn how to cope or handle it better, this class is for you. We will meet on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at the church, September 11, 18, & 25; October 23 & 30; and November 6 & 13.

The class will be led by Dr. John Safran, retired psychologist and member of Royal Oak First. If you are interested or would like to know more about it, let the office know or call Rev. Bob Goudie at 313-268-2162 or Dr. Safran at 248-338-3788.



United Methodist Baseball Night, Friday, September 15, 7:10 pm

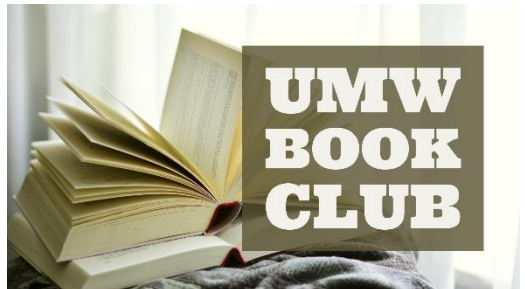


Detroit Renaissance District is hosting the 5th Annual UM Baseball Night at Comerica Park on Friday, September 15 to see the Tigers play the White Sox at 7:10 pm. You are invited to come early for pre-game fun with Bishop David Bard and stay late for post-game fireworks. Ticket price is \$40. Checks can be made payable to Detroit Renaissance District UMC and sent to Don Archambeau at 8270 Elmira Street, Livonia, MI 48150. If you have any questions, contact Don Archambeau at 734-422-2227.

UMN 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!



Clothing Needed for our Lunch Program



On the last Monday of each month, the Fellowship Hall is transformed into a mini-clothing store with Men's, Women's, and Children's departments for our Lunch Guests. Our stock is running low and we need clothing, especially men's summer/fall clothing. If you have any clothing or shoes you would like to donate, please bring it to church on Sundays or any time during office hours (Monday-Friday, 9:00-4:00).

If you love to cook then we want YOU!

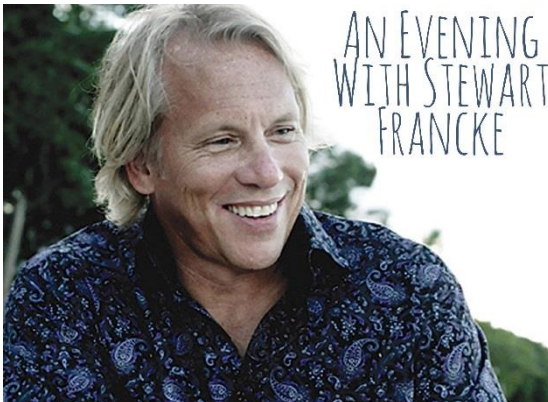
We are looking for cooks for Sunday Youth Night for Royal Oak Youth (ROY) and Wednesday Evenings for Holy COW. Sunday Night dinner starts at 6:45 pm and we average about 30 youth. Wednesday Night dinner starts at 5:30 pm and we are averaging about 60 children and their families. We need cooks starting the week of Sunday, September 10.

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.



An Evening with Stewart Franke, Friday, September 29, 7:00 pm, Landmark Community Church

Join us for a community concert featuring Metro-Detroit favorite, Stewart Franke, on Friday, September 29, 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 248-636-5679 or rdemyanovich@mailgram.us.

Prayers

Prayers for our church family: 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: George Onusko; Charles Prud'homme; Texas Flood Victims, including the parents of Kathy Riggs; 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

Sympathy to the family and friends of Barbara McCutcheon on her death, 7/15.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Nancy Orletski on the death of her father, Gary Kain, 9/5.

Homebound Member of the Week: Ruth Porkka

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

The Chancel Flowers are in honor of Grace K. Perkins, given by her family, for the occasion of her 87th birthday on September 11.

The white rose on the Altar is in celebration of the August 29 birth of Avery Kuznia to Nicholas and Erin Kuznia.

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.



Children, Youth, & Family News

Join us for
**Kick-Off
Sunday.**

bounce house
food
games
giant slide

Join us for our Kick-Off Sunday Block Party
outside the church on 7th Street.
Sunday, September 10,
following the 11:00 am worship service

Our Children, Youth, & Family Ministry, in concert with our Music Program, Kicks Off our 2017-2018 Program Year today. Join us for our special Kick-Off Sunday Block Party following the 11:00 am service. Invite your friends and have fun in the bounce house and on the giant slide, eat good food and play fun games, and start the year in fellowship and fun!

Children and Youth Sunday School

Beginning Sunday, September 10

9:00 am Service

Nursery & Preschool – Fellowship Hall

Elementary (grades K-5) – One Room Classroom #403

11:00 am Service

Nursery – Fellowship Hall

Preschool – Room #405

Lower Elementary (grades K-2) – Room #402

Upper Elementary (grades 3-5) – Room #403

Middle School (grades 6-8) – Choir Room #107

If you are interested in volunteering to help in any of the classes, please contact Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org.

Youth Group and Youth Choir Kick-Off

Sunday, September 10, 5:30 – 8:30 pm

All middle school and high school students are encouraged to come to church from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm every Sunday. We will have Revelation and Angelus choir rehearsals, dinner, then youth group.

This means that Angelus Choir will not rehearse Sunday mornings unless they are the choir of the day and Revelation Choir will no longer be part of the Wednesday evening Holy COW programming. We will be looking for volunteers to help cook dinners for Sunday Night Youth Group.

Youth Choir Breakdown:

Revelation Choir – Middle School (grades 6-8)

Angelus Choir – High school (grades 9-12)

If you have any questions, or you would like to volunteer, contact Bridget Nelson at detroitnelsons@aol.com.

Holy COW (Church On Wednesdays) Kick-Off

Wednesday, September 13, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

All children 3 years old to 5th grade are invited to join us for our mid-week program, Holy COW, which consists of dinner, choir, and Bible Study.

The schedule has changed slightly, from past years. Dinner will be served from 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm, with choirs and Bible Study at 6:15 until 7:30 pm.

Children's Choir Breakdown:

Beginner Choir – Pre-K (ages 3+)

Treble Choir – Lower Elementary (grades K-2)

Canticle Choir – Upper Elementary (grades 3-5)

If you have any questions or you are interested in helping lead a group or cook a meal, please contact Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org.



Hands 4 Detroit 2017

Saturday, October 7

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, office cleaning, 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 Harvey Relief

Many of us have watched, feeling helpless, as our brothers and sisters in Texas and Louisiana 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.

Keep in prayer 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 helping the victims of Hurricane Harvey. 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 Harvey 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 10

9:00 am	Arise! Worship	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Fellowship Hall; Sunday School (K-5) – Room #403	
10:15 am	Coffee Hour	7 th Street
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) – Choir Room	
12:15 pm	Kick-Off Block Party	7 th Street
12:30 pm	Sanctus Choir Council	Choir Room
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 11

10:00 am	Core Team Meeting	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Faith Abilities	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Loss Support Group.....	Church Office
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Room #413
7:00 pm	Stewardship Campaign Meeting	Parsonage

Tuesday, September 12

9:00 am	Sermon Practice	Sanctuary
11:00 am	McCutcheon Memorial Service	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	McCutcheon Memorial Luncheon.....	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	ROga (Royal Oak Chair Yoga).....	Choir Room
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Staff/Parish Relations Committee	Church Office
7:00 pm	Trustees Meeting	Choir Room

Wednesday, September 13

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
6:15 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Knowledge Circle	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga	Room #413
7:45 pm	House Band Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, September 14

11:00 am	As We Gather Service	Front Lawn (Weather Permitting)
1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, September 15

9:30 am	As We Gather Bible Study	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Parents' Night Out	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Conspire Poetry Night	Sanctuary
7:10 pm	United Methodist Baseball Night	Comerica Park

Saturday, September 16

10:00 am	Choir Retreat	Choir Room & Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Saturday Afternoon Worship Service	Sanctuary

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

Dear Friends,

Welcome home! It is good to back, isn't it?

Summer is wonderful with vacations, camps, beaches, fireworks, festivals, trips Up North, and long warm nights. Summers are such a welcome change of pace.

But there is something equally wonderful about September, isn't there? We have gotten the boys back to school (how did we end up with a middle schooler?) We are settling into a new routine (we now have a family Google Calendar to try to keep track of everybody's comings and goings!) And we are getting excited about Packer Football (one of these times the Lions might win us over...but not likely!)

And September means getting back to church. Our choirs and musical ensembles are back to regular rehearsals. Sunday School is geared up and ready. Youth Group is meeting again every Sunday night. Our Bible Studies are all starting back up. Our Mission team is planning ways to make Christ's love real beyond our walls. We are ready to get reconnected with God and with each other.

So, welcome home! If Royal Oak First has been your church home for a while now, then you know how special this place is. If you are newer to our community, then please know how glad we are that you are here. We hope you are finding ways to make good friends and use your gifts and talents to make a real difference.

After our 11:00 service this weekend, we will have a Kickoff Celebration with food, inflatables, games, and fun! Please plan on joining us as we launch this new year into full swing.

Once again - Welcome Home!

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.