



**October 14, 2017**  
**4:00 pm Afternoon Worship**  
**Royal Oak First United Methodist Church**

[www.rofum.org](http://www.rofum.org) • 248-541-4100

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn #2126	All Who Hunger	FWS*
Call to Worship		
Response #420	Breathe on Me, Breath of God	UMH**
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	Julie Szeliga	
Doxology #95		
Scripture	Matthew 22:1-10	CEB
Message	RSVP	Myra Moreland
Hymn #593	Here I Am, Lord	UMH

\* The Faith We Sing (black book)

\*\* United Methodist Hymnal (blue book)



More information  
on page 5

More information  
on page 4



**Big  
Boy**®

More information  
on page 4

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Former Organist Craig Scott Symons in Worship

**October 15, 11:00 am Worship Service**



Royal Oak First has a proud tradition of excellent music. Our former music directors have gone on to serve some of the most impressive congregations in our area, from First UMC in Birmingham, MI to Metropolitan UMC in Detroit. Craig Scott Symons served as Music Director from 1995-2010. Since then, he has directed the music ministry at First Congregational Church of Greenwich in Old Greenwich, Connecticut. An engagement with the choir Sounding Light (also featuring current Music Minister, Caleb Williams) brings him to Michigan this weekend. We hope you'll join us at 11:00 am as he returns to conduct the choir, lead songs, and even play a

duet with our current organist, Debi Szeliga.

## Now Hiring!

We are looking to hire a Nursery Coordinator for Royal Oak First! This position would require you to be present on Sundays from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm with up to 6 additional hours per month as needed. The Nursery Coordinator will work with the Director of Children, Youth & Family to recruit, train, schedule, and supervise nursery staff for both Sundays and mid-week programming as needed. They will be responsible for making sure the space is clean, safe, and prepared for the children. Please send resumes to Danielle Moody at [dmoody@rofum.org](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org).



## Men's Basketball

**Beginning Tuesday, October 17, 7:00 pm**

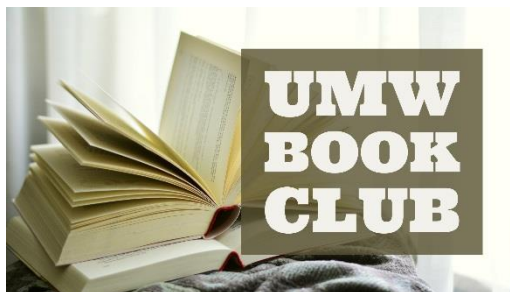


Get together with this group of guys to play a friendly game of basketball, every Tuesday, at 7:00 pm at Jane Addams Elementary School on Webster in Royal Oak. If you have any questions, contact Craig Sleeman at [craig@sleemanlaw.com](mailto:craig@sleemanlaw.com).

## 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 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 to the Big Boy at 30460 John R Rd in Madison Heights 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! Contact Shirley Harris at [shirlnealharris@gmail.com](mailto:shirlnealharris@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Friday Fun Night Halloween Party

**Friday, October 27, 7:00 pm**

This party is for EVERYONE! Bring your family, bring your spouse, bring your friends. No matter your age or ability, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

The fun begins at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Come and dance to "The Monster Mash", enjoy some scary snacks, gather for some ghoulish games, and have a frightening fun time!

This event is open to everyone. You do not need to be a member to attend and there is no charge. A free-will offering jar will be available. There will be three costume contests: ages 13 and under, 14-26, 26 and up (you don't have to wear a costume to attend – but we hope you do!).

Questions? Contact Laurie O'Donnell at [lodonnell@rofum.org](mailto:lodonnell@rofum.org) or 248-541-4100.



## Saturday Night Supper Club Saturday, October 28, 5:30 pm



This is a monthly Saturday Night Potluck and Program. It is open to all people and will create an intergenerational experience for our members. Good food, good friends, and great entertainment. Our entertainment this evening will be the Nahhat Family Singers. We'll supply the main course and drinks. Bring a side dish or dessert to pass.

If you have questions, contact Myra Moreland at [mmoreland@rofum](mailto:mmoreland@rofum).

## Royal Oak Spooktacular and Royal Oak First UMC Lunch Sunday, October 29, following the 11:00 am worship service

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!



## All Saints Day Sunday, November 5

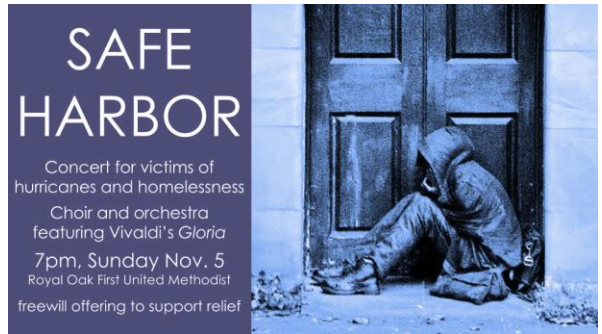


Sunday, November 5, we will remember the many beloved church members, family members, and friends who have died since October 30, 2016. The names of these loved ones will be included in the All Saint's pages in the bulletin. To have your friend or loved one included, please provide the church office with your name, name of the deceased, your relationship to the deceased, and date of death by Tuesday, October 31.

## Safe Harbor Concert

**Sunday, November 5, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary**

In times of crisis, we all need a safe place, a sanctuary, a safe harbor. The music ministries of Royal Oak First are joining forces to offer Safe Harbor, a concert benefitting victims of this season's devastating hurricanes in Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico as well as people who need shelter right here in Royal Oak. Come hear the choir and orchestra, under the baton of Caleb Williams, explore themes of shelter and family, culminating in a performance of Antonio Vivaldi's magnificent *Gloria*. Admission is free, childcare is available, and an offering will be taken to offer safe harbor to those who so desperately need it.



## Chili Cook Off

**Sunday, November 19**



Do you have a secret family recipe for chili that you think everyone will enjoy? Or do you just love making chili? Then please join us Sunday, November 19, following the 11:00 am service for a Chili Cook Off supporting our Youth Mission Trip. Please contact Jenny Lowman at [jlowman@rofum.org](mailto:jlowman@rofum.org) for more information.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Thought about ways you can get involved here at ROFUM? Wondering where to start? We are looking for volunteers who would like to serve as greeters and ushers, as well as volunteers to help with coffee hour. This is an all-inclusive invitation to those of ALL ages and abilities who would like to lend a hand and enjoy fellowship

If you are interested in a volunteer opportunity please contact: George Marck at [gmarck@rofum.org](mailto:gmarck@rofum.org).



# PRAYERS

**Prayers for our church family:** Betty Locke; Bob & Diana Goudie; Pam Shewchuck; Dick LaCombe; Bob Demyanovich; Howard Emorey; Mary Nahhat; Lee Hoffman; Marilyn Hocking; Alfie Wright; Nancy Matson; Barbara Nicholas; Marguerite Nowacek; Charles Williams; Ann Moser; Peggy Waisanen; Dori Bridson; Sophia Nader; Caroline Bowen; Jill Paswater

**Prayers for our extended family:** Victims of the Las Vegas shooting; Ryan Monte; Jason Perez; Jerry & Laurie Sessions; Susie Inch; Paul McCormack; Hurricane Flood Victims, including the parents of Kathy Riggs; Robert Lechner; Earl Hendrickson; Charles Prud'homme; Monica Rethman; Trevor Beagle; Beverly Lambert; Jan Thomas; Kirt Taylor; Foster Braun; Opal Monte; Logan Cross; Corinne Janes; Patrick Mallon; Mary; Melissa Enyart

**Hospitalized:** Suzanne Hughes, Royal Oak Beaumont  
Deb Harmon, Royal Oak Beaumont

**Homebound Member of the Week:** Charles White

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

## HURRICANE RELIEF CORRECTION

We would like to issue a correction for the article regarding Hurricane Relief for Immokalee, Florida that was in the bulletin the weekend of October 1.

The address in the bulletin for shipping relief items was misprinted.  
The correct address is:

Sami Matsumoto  
12501 Hammock Cove  
Fort Myers, FL 33913

We apologize for any inconvenience.



# 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

- |  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| _____ 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 15

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) – Room #414	
12:15 pm	Coffee Hour .....	Fellowship Hall
12:15 pm	Communion Servers Meeting.....	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 16

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

## Tuesday, October 17

10:00 am	Tuesday Morning Pastor's Book Group.....	Sanctuary
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 Meeting .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Church Council .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Men's Basketball.....	Addams Elementary School
7:00 pm	Women's Book & Bible Study .....	Sanctuary

## Wednesday, October 18

9:30 am	United Methodist Women Book Discussion Group .....	Sanctuary
10:00 am	Staff Meeting.....	Choir Room
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	Hospitality Meeting.....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Room #414
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary

## Thursday, October 19

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship.....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	As We Gather Service .....	Fellowship Hall
4:30 pm	Covenant Community Care & Gleaners .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal .....	Choir Room

## Friday, October 20

9:30 am	As We Gather Bible Study .....	Choir Room
---------	--------------------------------	------------

## Saturday, October 21

4:00 pm	Saturday Afternoon Worship Service .....	Sanctuary
---------	--	-----------

## Sunday, October 22

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) – Room #414	
12:15 pm	Coffee Hour .....	Fellowship Hall
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

# LETTER FROM THE PREACHER

Dear Friends,

We all have wedding stories. Whether we were in a wedding or invited to a wedding or just saw one on TV, we all know about weddings. We have seen fathers step on veils and high heels bring down brides, falling wedding cakes and soggy receptions. You gotta love those scene-stealing flower girls and the always hilarious canine ring bearers. No matter what happens, though, somehow the joy and love of the day seem to take over and each mishap becomes a wonderful memory and a good story.

I am preaching this weekend because Pastor Jeff is officiating an out of town wedding. It is wedding season! Last Saturday (on his birthday, no less), Jeff had two weddings, one in the afternoon in our sanctuary and one in the evening in Detroit. On Sunday I asked him how the weddings went and he said, “You know, there is nothing better; who doesn’t want to be part of a wedding?”

I do know what Jeff is talking about. A couple of months ago, I put on my pastor’s robe for the first time to help officiate a wedding here at our church. I watched this bride come down the aisle and take the hand of her husband-to-be with their family and friends looking on. It was beautiful and what can I say; I had the best seat in the house. Still, it was my first wedding as a pastor. There was a moment where all I could think of was this line from a movie where the priest is officiating his first wedding and nervously misspeaks the blessing: “the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spigot”. The words “don’t say spigot, don’t say spigot” passed through my mind... more than once.

This week we are looking at one of the Parables Jesus tells in his last week before the cross. It’s a story about a wedding... and even though things don’t turn out as planned, (as in all good wedding stories) in the end, love wins.

Grace and Peace,

*Myra Moreland*

Director of Discipleship and Caring Ministries