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**TIME**

**October 22, 2017**  
**11:00 am Traditional Worship**  
**Royal Oak First United Methodist Church**  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Toccata und Fuge in F Major</i>	D. Buxtehude
Introit		Alice Bentley
Hymn #428	For the Healing of the Nations	UMH*
Call to Worship		Mary Lou Graeber
Response #70	Glory Be to the Father	UMH
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Time with Children		
Noisy Bucket Offering		
Music Ministry		
	<i>Jesus, I Have Promised/I Have Decided to Follow Jesus</i>	
	Alice Bentley	
Welcome New Members		
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Would You Harbor Me</i>	Ysaye Barnwell
	The Men of Sanctus Choir	
Doxology #95		
Scripture	Mark 5:24-34	CEB
Message	Now Is the Time	Jeff Nelson
Hymn #383	This Is a Day of New Beginnings	UMH
Postlude	<i>Recessional on "Hymn to Joy"</i>	Matthew Corl



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## NOISY BUCKET OFFERING THIS WEEK!

### Noisy Bucket Offering

Change

Matters

Help support our partners in  
Lithuania

Our monthly loose change “Noisy Bucket” collection supports our partner churches in Lithuania’s Eastern Circuit. You will receive a plastic cup when you leave the service today. Bring it home, fill it with your loose change, and bring it back on the fourth Sunday of each month. We are so pleased to revitalize this long-standing partnership with Lithuania.

### 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 résumés to Danielle Moody at [dmoody@rofum.org](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org).



### Big Boy Night for Music Guild

Tuesday, October 24, 5:00–8:00 pm



Join us on Tuesday for our Big Boy Night! 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 free event is open to everyone. Wear your costumres for one of 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**

Our first monthly Saturday Night Potluck and Program is this week. 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).

## Greens Sale for Music Guild

**Beginning Sunday, October 29**

Music Guild will be taking pre-paid orders for wreaths, garland, grave blankets, and other holiday greens during Coffee Hour following Sunday worship services. This is a wonderful way for our youth to earn money for Summer Choir Camp. The profits benefit new choir robes and choir camp. If you have any questions, contact Cathy Baker at 248-288-2125.



## 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!

## Men's Basketball Schedule Change

**Tuesday, October 31, cancelled**

Men's Basketball is cancelled on Tuesday, October 31 for Halloween and Tuesday, November 7, for Election Day. It will resume on Tuesday, November 14 at Jane Addams Elementary School. If you have any questions, contact Craig Sleeman at [craig@sleemanlaw.com](mailto:craig@sleemanlaw.com).



## All Saints Day

**Sunday, November 5**

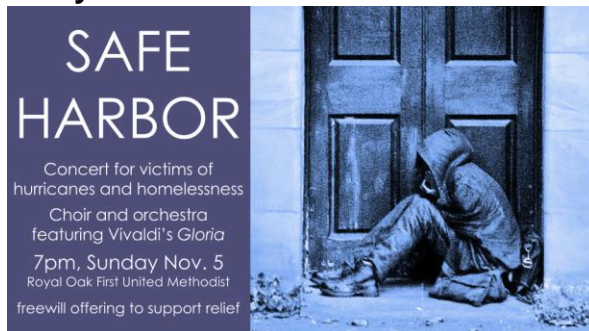


Sunday, November 5, we will remember the many beloved church members, family members, and friends who have died since October 30, 2016. The names of these loved ones will be included in the All Saint's pages in the bulletin. To have your friend or loved one included, please provide the church office 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 as well as people who need shelter right here in Royal Oak. Come hear the choir and orchestra 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

Thinking about ways you can get involved here at ROFUM? Wondering where to start? Consider serving as greeters, ushers, or 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).



## Piano Club



We are continually amazed by how many people in our congregation play the piano. Have you ever thought how much fun it might be to all get together to play for and with each other, to possibly study pieces together in a non-threatening environment, to become better players, and to study what's behind some of the pieces we might play. Let's not let the choir members have all the fun. If you are interested, contact Charlene Faunt at [charlene.faunt@gmail.com](mailto:charlene.faunt@gmail.com) or George Marck at [gmarck@rofum.org](mailto:gmarck@rofum.org) or 248-766-8868. We're thinking of meeting once a month on a Wednesday afternoon. If there's enough interest, maybe we could do an evening once a month.

## Night of Silence: Feast of Carols 2017

**Sunday, December 10, 4:00 pm**

In the busy season around Christmas, we all need a moment of stillness, of beauty, and of God's quiet presence. This year, the combined music ministries of Royal Oak First present Night of Silence, this year's Feast of Carols. Children's choirs, handbells, instrumentalists, and our adult choir, Sanctus, will join forces to offer you an hour of songs, smiles, and at least one surprise! A love offering will be taken to support our annual youth summer camp. Mark your calendars and don't miss this highlight of our season! Contact Caleb Williams at [caleb@rofum.org](mailto:caleb@rofum.org) with any questions.





# PRAYERS

**Prayers for our church family:** Sue Buxton; Betty Locke; Myra Moreland; Deb Harmon; Kathi Burger; Bob & Diana Goudie; Pam Shewchuck; Dick LaCombe; Bob Demyanovich; Mary Nahhat; Marilyn Hocking; Alfie Wright; Nancy Matson; Barbara Nicholas; Ann Moser; Peggy Waisanen; Dori Bridson; Sophia Nader; Caroline Bowen; Jill Paswater

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

**Hospitalized:** Beverly Lambert, Royal Oak Beaumont  
Charles Williams, Royal Oak Beaumont

**Sympathy** to the family and friends of long-time member Florence Lucas, 10/13.

**Homebound Member of the Week:** Cliff Anderson

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.

# SCHEDULE

## Sunday, October 22

9:00 am	Arise! Worship & New Members .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Fellowship Hall	
	Sunday School (K-5) – Room #403	
10:15 am	Coffee Hour .....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship & New Members .....	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

## Monday, October 23

10:00 am	Core Team Meeting .....	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Justice League .....	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga .....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Loss Support Group .....	Church Office

## Tuesday, October 24

10:00 am	Tuesday Morning Pastor's Book Group .....	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	Sermon Practice .....	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	ROga (Royal Oak Chair Yoga) .....	Choir Room
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons .....	Choir Room
5:00 pm	Big Boy Night for Music Guild (until 8:00 pm) .....	Big Boy on John R
7:00 pm	Women's Book & Bible Study .....	Sanctuary

## Wednesday, October 25

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 #405, & Room #403
6:30 pm	Carillon Bell Choir Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga .....	Room #414
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary

## Thursday, October 26

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship.....	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Voice Lessons .....	Choir Room
11:00 am	As We Gather Service .....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Shawl Ministry.....	Fellowship Hall
4:30 pm	Covenant Community Care & Gleaners .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal .....	Choir Room

## Friday, October 27

9:30 am	As We Gather Bible Study .....	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Friday Fun Night Halloween Party.....	Fellowship Hall

## Saturday, October 28

12:00 pm	Cantata Chorale Halloween Concert.....	Sanctuary
1:30 pm	Cantata Chorale Afterglow .....	Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm	Saturday Afternoon Worship Service .....	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Saturday Supper Club.....	Fellowship Hall

## Sunday, October 29

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	Pre-Spooktacular Lunch .....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Spooktacular.....	Downtown Royal Oak
1:30 pm	Safe Harbor Orchestra Rehearsal.....	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

# LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Let me tell you about my oldest son, Casey. Casey is now a middle schooler. He is in sixth grade at Royal Oak Middle School. This is a big year for him. Having moved to Royal Oak in the fifth grade, Casey felt that he was always behind relationally. Friendships and traditions were already well established and at times Casey struggled to find his place.

That is why Casey was so excited to start Middle School. It was a fresh start. A chance to try new things. A chance to meet new people. A chance to make new friends. And let me tell you that Casey is making the most of this new beginning.

One of the things Casey has done this year is join the Cross-Country Team. He loves it! We are so very proud of him. He is not the best, (he came in 68 out of 76 the other day) but he gives it his all. He is improving every race. He is making new friends. He is having fun. We couldn't be prouder.

Casey knew what time it was! Beginning Middle School was a chance to spread his wings and discover more of who God has made him to be. He saw his moment and he grabbed hold.

This fall at Royal Oak First we will be talking about knowing what time it is, hoping that, like Casey, we can grab hold of the moment God is presenting to us. This is our moment to grow. This is our moment to try new things. This is our moment to be a part of the movement that changes the world. This is our time!

Four weeks from now we will each make our financial pledge for the upcoming year. There has never been a time so ripe with opportunity as the one we are currently experiencing. I pray, that like Casey, we grab hold and run!

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.