

A hand with a green sleeve is holding a large, textured yellow cloth that covers the left side of the image. The text is written in blue, hand-drawn capital letters on the white background to the right of the cloth.

For SUCH  
a TIME  
as THIS

**October 28, 2017**  
**4:00 pm Afternoon Worship**  
**Royal Oak First United Methodist Church**  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn #159	Lift High the Cross	UMH*
Call to Worship		
Sung Response #70	Glory Be to the Father	UMH
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Music Ministry	<i>Holy Ground</i> Kathi Burger	Geron Davis
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>My Tribute</i>	Andre Crouch
Doxology #95		
Scripture	Esther 4:14	CEB
Message	For Such a Time as This	Jeff Nelson
Hymn #102	Now Thank We All Our God	UMH

\* United Methodist Hymnal

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# SAFE HARBOR

Concert for victims of  
hurricanes and homelessness

Choir and orchestra  
featuring Vivaldi's *Gloria*

7pm, Sunday Nov. 5  
Royal Oak First United Methodist  
freewill offering to support relief



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## COLLECTIONS FOR CASS AND REDFORD

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **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 Begins Sunday, October 29**



The Greens Sale benefits our summer Choir Camp and the new choir robes. Order forms for pre-paid sales will be available after Sunday worship services. Choir members can earn credit towards camp by taking orders. Wreaths, garland, grave blankets, etc. are available. Orders will be delivered after Thanksgiving. 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 this 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.

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 and November 7, cancelled**

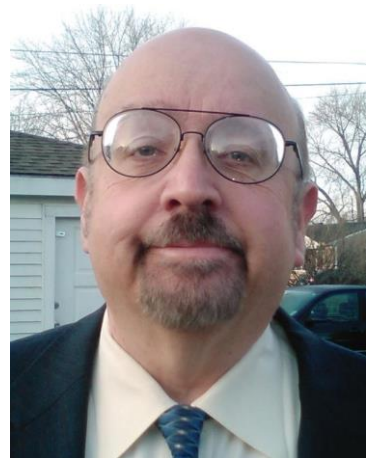


Men's Basketball is cancelled on Tuesday, October 31 for Halloween and Tuesday, November 7, for Election Day. It will resume on Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00 pm at Jane Addams Elementary School. If you have any questions, contact Craig Sleeman at [craig@sleemanlaw.com](mailto:craig@sleemanlaw.com).

## Welcome Back, Bob Demyanovich!

**Thursday, November 2, 11:00 am**

All are welcome for a special As We Gather Service to welcome Bob Demyanovich back to the pulpit following a long medical leave. We hope you will join us for this unique worship opportunity featuring a short drama from Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Jesus Christ Superstar*.



## United Methodist Women Pillowcase Project

**Thursday, November 2**



We will gather at 1:00 pm on Thursday, November 2, to make pillowcases for Cass Community Social Services. You don't need to be able to sew to participate in this fun project; there are jobs for everyone.

We are collecting a World Thank Offering this month. The UMW Executive Committee Meeting is at 10:30 am.

## All Saints Day

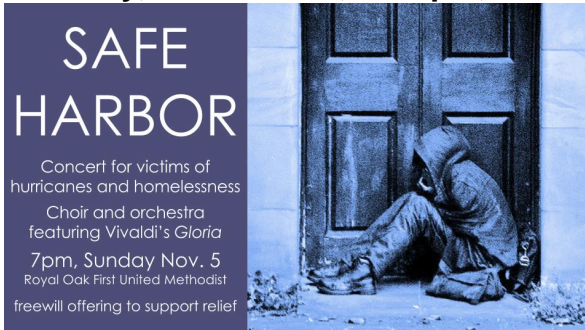
### Sunday, November 5

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.



## Angelus Alumni Choir

**Sunday, November 26, 11:00 am**

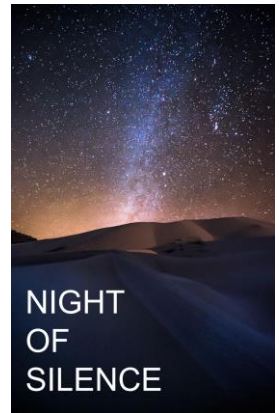


All Angelus Alumni currently in school and/or in town on Thanksgiving weekend are invited to sing Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah" at the 11:00 am worship service on November 26. We will rehearse at 10:00 am in Room #414 on the 4th floor. You can be part of the choir, and even sing a short solo if you're up for it! Contact Jennifer Semivan at [jsemivan@rofum.org](mailto:jsemivan@rofum.org) for more information.

## 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.



## 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).

## Collecting Toys, Coats, & Boots for Cass Community Social Services and the Redford-Brightmoor Initiative

We are collecting toys to donate to the Cass Christmas Store so that families are able to provide Christmas gifts for their children. Please bring NEW unwrapped toys to the collection bins in the sanctuary.

We are also collecting coats and boots for the Redford-Brightmoor Free Store. These donations help provide children with much needed winter coats and boots to keep them warm during the winter.

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## 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.



# PRAYERS

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

**Prayers for our extended family:** Bill Kincannon; Richard Hoglund; Marshall Dunlap; Richard Long; Victims of the Las Vegas shooting; Ryan Monte; Jerry & Laurie Sessions; 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  
Art Miller, Royal Oak Beaumont

**Sympathy** to the family and friends of Charles Williams, 10/23/2017.

**Homebound Member of the Week:** Goldie Chiti

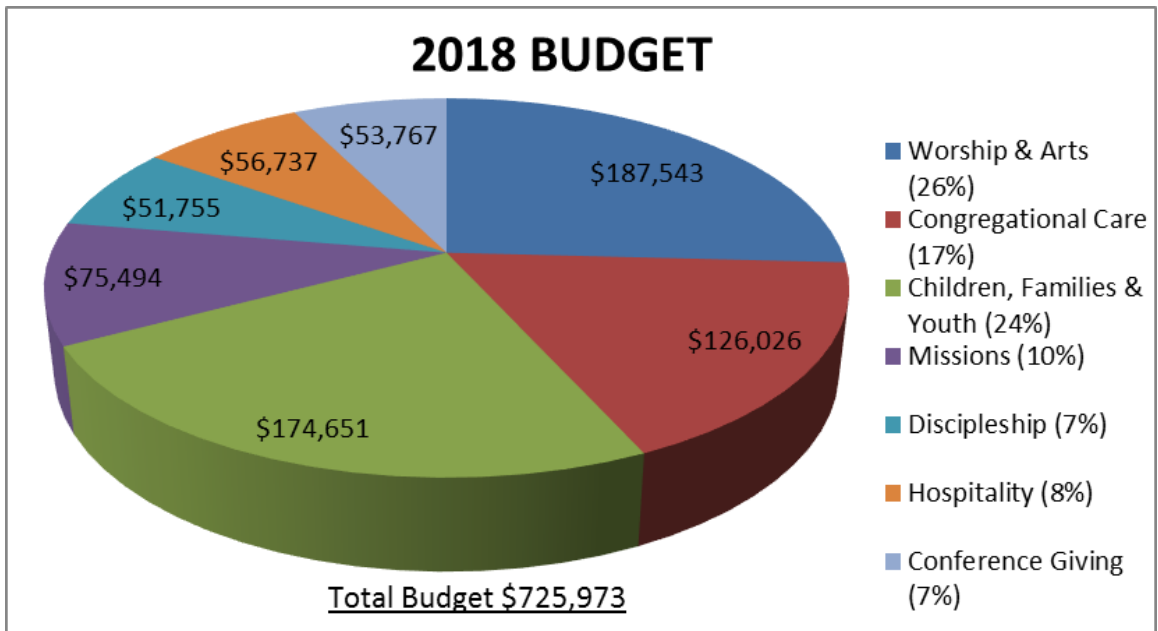
Please contact our Pastoral Care Team at  
[pgill@rofum.org](mailto:pgill@rofum.org) with any prayer concerns.

**The Chancel Flowers** are in memory of Dave's liver donor and our son-in-law, Christopher Franks, given by Sue and Dave Minch.

# STEWARDSHIP

## Where Does the Money Go?

As good stewards of Royal Oak First we support it with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. As the fall Stewardship Campaign gets underway, Now Is the Time to look more closely at how our gifts support Royal Oak First's mission to be an inclusive Christian community in the heart of Royal Oak serving God, one another, and the world. This pie chart shows how our budget dollars are allocated among our ministries.



### Budget Areas

**Worship and Arts** includes our Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday worship services in addition to other special services and programs throughout the year. Worship is the heartbeat of all we do!

The budget for **Congregational Care** supports visitation for hospital patients and shut-ins as well as other support services for members of our congregation and affiliated people who need special assistance.

**Children, Families and Youth** covers our Sunday School, Bible Study, and other special programs. Holy Cow, our midweek elementary choir and community program continues to grow. Sunday nights you will find dozens of high school and middle school students learning and growing together.

For 2017, the **Missions** Team has chosen to focus on Cass Community Social Services, Common Ground Sanctuary, Covenant Health Clinic, Hands 4 Detroit, Methodist Children's Home Society, N.O.A.H. Project, Redford-Brightmoor Initiative, and Royal Oak First Lunch Program. Additionally, our Mission dollars support special mission needs such as hurricane relief. The pie chart does not include designated mission contributions or donations of goods (think socks and pillows) so actual mission giving is significantly more than the amount shown.

**Discipleship:** We have nearly twenty different Connecting Groups for people to grow in their faith in Christ and in their friendships with each other. We have bible studies and book groups, groups that knit together and groups that repair homes together. Some of our groups meet at the church, others meet in homes and some meet at local pubs and coffee shops. Helping people make lifelong friends is one of the ways your gifts make a difference.

**Hospitality:** We have welcomed over fifty new people into the life of the church this past year. We are committed to becoming one of the most welcoming churches in the neighborhood, learning names, discovering passion and inviting people to connect and serve, that is how our hospitality ministry is making a real difference.

**Conference Giving** is often referred to as apportionments. United Methodist congregations are connected via a chain of conferences. We support the ministries of the larger United Methodist denomination through our apportioned funds, a method of giving that proportionally allocates the church wide budget to conferences and local churches. All of us giving together allow United Methodists to do together what we cannot do alone.

### **One final question:**

Where is the money we spend for our building and staff salaries in the budget dollars shown in the pie chart? Answer: The money is prorated among our ministries because the building and staff exist to support our mission.

# SCHEDULE

## Sunday, October 29

9:00 am	Arise! Worship .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Fellowship Hall	
	Sunday School (K-5) – Room #403	
10:15 am	Coffee Hour & Greens Sale .....	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 & Greens Sale .....	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, Room #414
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 30

10:00 am	Core Team Meeting .....	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program Clothing Day .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Loss Support Group.....	Church Office
7:00 pm	Pub(lic) Theology .....	Ale Mary's
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Special In-Gathering .....	Narthex & Sanctuary

## Tuesday, October 31

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
7:00 pm	Women's Book & Bible Study .....	Sanctuary



## Wednesday, November 1

10:00 am	Staff Meeting.....	Choir Room
11:30 am	ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) .....	The Avenue Restaurant
2:00 pm	Piano Players INC .....	Choir Room
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
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary

## Thursday, November 2

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship.....	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	United Methodist Women Executive Meeting .....	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Pastoral Care Team.....	Choir Room
11:00 am	As We Gather Service .....	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	UMW Program .....	Fellowship Hall
4:30 pm	Covenant Community Care & Gleaners .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal .....	Choir Room

## Friday, November 3

10:00 am	Organ Tuning.....	Sanctuary
9:30 am	As We Gather Bible Study .....	Choir Room
6:00 pm	Parents' Night Out .....	Fellowship Hall

## Saturday, November 4

11:00 am	Safe Harbor Dress Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Saturday Afternoon Worship Service .....	Sanctuary

## Sunday, November 5

9:00 am	Arise! Worship .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Fellowship Hall	
	Sunday School (K-5) – Room #403	
10:15 am	Coffee Hour & Greens Sale .....	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 & Greens Sale .....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Harris Family.....	Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsals.....	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Cantata Chorale.....	Choir Room
6:10 pm	Youth Dinner.....	Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
7:00 pm	Safe Harbor Concert.....	Sanctuary
8:00 pm	Safe Harbor Afterglow.....	Fellowship Hall

# STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION

Join us in the Fellowship  
Hall following worship  
services on the weekend of  
November 11 & 12 for our  
**Stewardship Celebration.**



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TIME

## SERMON NOTES

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# LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I've found myself singing and humming, "How Great Thou Art" a lot lately. It is one of those old songs that anchors me in my faith. I feel like I have known that song my whole life. It was probably sung to me by my parents when they rocked me to sleep as a baby. The hymn was in regular rotation at the First United Methodist Church in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. It has blessed the funerals of so many of my favorite saints. Its rhythm is simply part of who I am, "Then sings my soul, my savior God to Thee..."

I find myself singing its familiar tune these days because I am looking for something familiar, something tried and true. There is a lot shifting in the culture around us. Things are changing. Our community is changing. Our building is changing. Our church is changing. That is why I find myself humming an old tune—not in the hopes of returning to some bygone time, but rather to bring the strength and faith of where I have been into the future. "Then sings my soul, my savior God to Thee..."

Royal Oak First has a proud history. You have been an anchor of faith in this community for decades. Now is the time to carry our faith filled past into this exciting and uncertain future. Some things are going to look different. Some things will sound different. There will be different people from different backgrounds.

Here is what remains:

Faith remains.

Friendships remains.

Love remains.

As we prepare to make our financial commitment for the next year, remember that NOW is the TIME to carry our faith forward into the future.

Grace and Peace,

