

*Abundantly
Blessed!*

November 12, 2017
11:00 am Traditional Worship
Royal Oak First United Methodist Church
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	Variations on Simple Gifts	James Pethel
Introit	<i>Carillon</i> Carillon	Ellen Jane Lorenz
Hymn #577	God of Grace and God of Glory	UMH*
Call to Worship		Bob Prud'homme
Sung Response #70	Glory Be to the Father	UMH
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Time with Children		
Music Ministry	<i>When I Think of You</i> Revelation	arr Gary Rhodes
Time of Prayer		
Hymn #2164	Sanctuary	FWS**
Scripture	Luke 5:1-11	CEB***
Message	Abundantly Blessed!	Jeff Nelson
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>This Is My Father's World</i> Sanctus; Virginia Wright, solo	Joel Raney
Hymn #451	Be Thou My Vision	
Postlude	God of Grace	Paul Manz

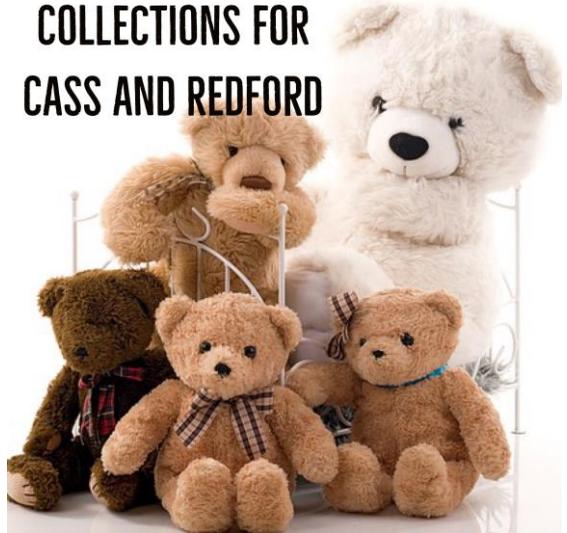
* United Methodist Hymnal
** The Faith We Sing Hymnal
*** Common English Bible



In the Fellowship Hall following this weekend's worship services!

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COLLECTIONS FOR CASS AND REDFORD



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Coming up on November 18!



UPCOMING EVENTS

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 for more information.



Angelus Alumni Choir

Sunday, November 26, 11:00 am



All Angelus Alumni currently in school 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 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 with any questions.



OPPORTUNITIES

Music Guild Greens Sale

Until Sunday, November 19



Next Sunday will be the last day to place a pre-paid order for wreaths, garland, grave blankets, etc. following Sunday worship services. Orders will be delivered after Thanksgiving. Proceeds will benefit Choir Camp and new choir robes. If you have any questions, contact Cathy Baker at 248-288-2125.

Piano Players, Inc.

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. Contact Charlene Faunt at charlene.faunt@gmail.com or George Marck at gmarck@rofum.org or 248-766-8868 if you are interested. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 2:00 pm in the Choir Room. If you can't come during the day, but would like to meet one evening a month, contact Charlene or George.



Mitten, Hat, and Scarf Collection

Cass Community Social Services and our Lunch Program



In the months of November and December, we are collecting hats, gloves, and scarves for our friends at Cass Community Social Services and our own daily Lunch Program. Dark, muted colors are preferred. Please place your donations on the tree in the Tower entrance. Donations collected in November will go to Cass CSS, and donations collected in December will go to our lunch program.

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

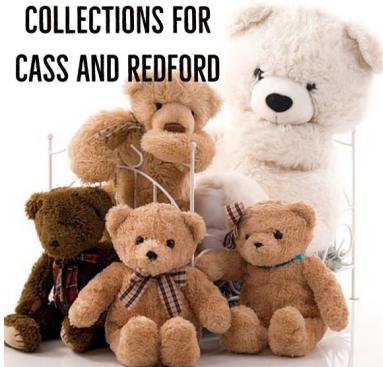
If you are interested in a volunteer opportunity please contact: George Marck at gmarck@rofum.org.



Toy, Coat, & Boot Collection

Cass Community Social Services and the Redford-Brightmoor Initiative

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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. Donations for Cass will be accepted until December 3.

We are also collecting coats and boots for the Redford-Brightmoor One-Stop Shop Christmas Store. These donations help provide children with much needed winter coats and boots to keep them warm during the winter. Donations for Redford-Brightmoor will be accepted until November 27.

Refueling Our Faith Using Motors

First Wednesday of each month

Do you love Cars? Do you like talking about ones you've owned or want to own? If so, cruise up Woodward and meet us at Duggan's Irish Pub at 31501 Woodward Ave in Royal Oak on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm. We enjoy a burger and lots of great stories. We discuss how to mix carburetion and salvation! We will plan fun things to do & charity work using our passion for Automobiles. Put it in gear and cruise with us.



Seeking Baked Goods for Advent Coffee Hour



Do you have a special baked goodie that you make for Christmas? Maybe it's a special family recipe, or maybe you found it on the internet and want to try it out. We are looking for people to bring their favorite holiday desserts for coffee hour during Advent (the month of December). If you have a recipe you have always wanted to share, consider signing up now for a Sunday in December by emailing George Marck at gmarck@rofum.org. If you are willing to share your recipe we would be happy to print copies for you to share.

Keith Leenhouts Memorial Scholarship for 2018

Application Deadline, February 15

It is time to take steps to apply for college scholarships for the 2018 school year. The scholarship fund in memory of Keith J. Leenhouts is administered by the scholarship committee.

Application forms are available in the church office and at Royal Oak High School and Berkley High School. Guidelines for awarding the scholarships are included with the applications. Scholarships will only be granted to those students enrolled in a college or university accredited by the North Central Association. The deadline for submission of the applications is February 15, 2018.

Contributions to the Keith J. Leenhouts scholarship fund will be gratefully accepted. Checks payable to Royal Oak Methodist Church should be sent to the church office with the designation of the fund to which you are making the contribution.

United Methodist Women Nut Sale Pick-Up Date Changed

Pick up on Saturday, November 25, and Sunday, November 26

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the nuts will be arriving a week later than expected. Orders will be ready for pick up on Saturday, November 25 and Sunday, November 26. Thank to everyone who supported this important UMW fundraiser which allows us to continue to help local, national and international missions for women and children. Any questions contact Cynthia Cline at 248-496-2061 or cynthiakcline93@gmail.com.

PRAYERS

Prayers for our church family: Mark Lowman; Sue Buxton; Betty Locke; Deb Harmon; Kathi Burger; 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: Victims of the San Antonio shooting; Bill Kincannon; Richard Hogle; 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

Sympathy to the Lambert family on the death of mother and grandmother, Beverly Lambert.

Sympathy to Ed Rowe on the death of his wife, Nida.

Sympathy to the Lowman family on the death of Vel's son, Bobby Veatch.

Homebound Member of the Week: Emily Crimmins

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

SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 12

Celebration Sunday

9:00 am	Worship & Baptism	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Fellowship Hall	
	Sunday School (K-5) – Room #403	
10:15 am	Stewardship Celebration & 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	Stewardship Celebration & Greens Sale	Fellowship Hall
12:30 pm	Sanctus Choir Council	Choir Room
2:00 pm	Harris Recital	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsals	Choir Room & 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, November 13

10:00 am	Core Team Meeting	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Pub(lic) Theology	Ale Mary's
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Faith Abilities	Choir Room

Tuesday, November 14

10:00 am	Tuesday Morning Pastor's Book Group	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	Sermon Practice	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	ROga (Royal Oak Chair Yoga)	Choir Room
1:00 pm	Voice Lesson	Choir Room
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Finance Meeting	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Women's Book & Bible Study	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Men's Basketball	Addams Elementary

Wednesday, November 15

9:00 am	United Methodist Women Book Discussion Group	Sanctuary
10:00 am	Staff Meeting.....	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program	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 #405, & Room #403
6:30 pm	Carillon Bell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Room #414
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon	Room #403
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary

Thursday, November 16

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship.....	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	As We Gather Service	Sanctuary
4:30 pm	Covenant Community Care & Gleaners Food Bank	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, November 17

9:30 am	As We Gather Bible Study	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall

Saturday, November 18

4:00 pm	Saturday Afternoon Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Saturday Supper Club.....	Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 19

9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Fellowship Hall	
	Sunday School (K-5) – Room #403	
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LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this that the One who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Philippians 1:3-6

Over the past few weeks, I have been reminding you of the moment we find ourselves living. We are in the right place, with the right facilities (soon to be new and improved), with the right mission and the right momentum. But most importantly we have the right people! You are the right people. You are amazing people and God is doing a good work through you—all of you. You give me hope. You give the world hope, hope that there are still people of different ages, races, orientations, identities, and backgrounds that can come together for the common good. This is the gift you give the community and I thank God for you all the time!

This morning we will have the opportunity to make a commitment to this place and to this vision. I can honestly say I have never seen a moment quite like this for a church to grow and make an impact on the world. Now, really is our time.

So, let me just thank you in advance for making this commitment to the future of Royal Oak First United Methodist Church. We will close our service today by bringing our offering and commitments forward. Fifty-one weeks out of the year the ushers bring the offering plate you. Today we all get to come to the altar.

Your generosity is inspiring.

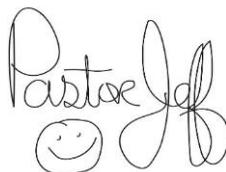
God is doing a good work in you.

We are making a difference!

After the service, join me in our Fellowship Hall to celebrate this moment of abundant blessing. There will be food, fun, and fellowship.

Thank you for being you!

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff