

Ordinary Grace



November 19, 2017
11:00 am Traditional Worship
Royal Oak First United Methodist Church
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Aria and Rondeau on Royal Oak</i>	Michael Helmon
Hymn #723	Shall We Gather at the River	UMH*
Call to Worship		Sue Buxton
Response #70	Glory Be to the Father	UMH
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Music Ministry	<i>Wonderfully Made by God</i> Beginner Choir	Ruth Schramm
Time with Children		
Celebration of Baptism		Logan Christopher Hammond Son of Kristy and Christopher Hammond
Welcoming New Members		
Time of Prayer		
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Mission Moment		
Blessing of the Pastoral Care Team		
Musical Offering	<i>The Peace</i> Debi Szeliga	G.F. Handel
Scripture	2 Kings 5:1-17	CEB**
Message	Ordinary Grace	Jeff Nelson
Hymn #474	Precious Lord, Take My Hand	UMH
Postlude	Mov. III: Thanksgiving <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Charles Calahan

* United Methodist Hymnal

** Common English Bible



Following the
11:00 am Sunday
worship service.

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**COLLECTIONS FOR
CASS AND REDFORD**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Chili Cook Off

Following the 11:00 am service

How can you find out who makes the best chili in the church? Join us following the 11:00 am service for a Chili Cook Off supporting our Youth Mission Trip! It is sure to be an afternoon of fellowship and great food.



Angelus Alumni Choir

Sunday, November 26, 11:00 am

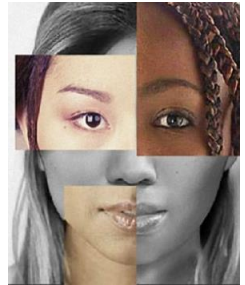


All Angelus alumni currently in school are invited to sing Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah" at the 11:00 am worship service on November 26. We will rehearse at 10:00 am in Room #414 on the 4th floor. You can be part of the choir, and even sing a short solo if you're up for it! Contact Jennifer Semivan at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

Let's Talk About Race: Standing Together to End Racism

Wednesday, November 29, 6:30 pm at St. John's Episcopal Church

"Let's Talk about Race" is the first in a series of forums intended to foster honest conversations about racial inequality, white privilege, and divisions in our society; and we will discuss how best we can stand together to dismantle oppressive systems and end racism in our communities. Please join us at St. John's Episcopal Church at 26998 Woodward Ave in Royal Oak as we welcome Dr. Peter Hammer from Wayne State University Law School, and Tawanna "Honeycomb" Petty from the James and Grace Lee Boggs Center to kickoff our series.



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 Ends Today!



Sunday is 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.

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 or in the collection bin in Fellowship Hall. Donations collected in November will go to Cass CSS, and donations collected in December will go to our lunch program.



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 following worship services. 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 248-496-0261 or ckcline93@gmail.com.

Toy, Coat, & Boot Collection

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 (nothing with batteries, please!) 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.

COLLECTIONS FOR
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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.

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.



What is Your Favorite Holiday Recipe?



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 designated to The Leenhouts Scholarship Fund.



College Care Packages



Our youth will be putting together care packages to mail to our college students who are away at school. Please send us your student's name and address to [Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org) in order for us to mail a care package to your student. If you would like to make a donation for the care packages please contact Danielle Moody at dmoody@rofum.org or 248-854-8844.

Petition Drive for Paid Sick Leave in Michigan

Right now in Michigan, more than 1/5 million workers don't have access to a single paid sick day. This proposal would ensure that no one has to choose between taking care of themselves or a loved one and risk getting laid off or missing a bill payment. It benefits everyone if sick people are able to stay home when they are sick. The Time to Care Coalition is proposing a ballot measure that gives everyone the opportunity to earn paid sick time. The proposal provides that people will earn one hour of sick time for every 30 hours worked. Workers could earn up to nine days of paid sick time, depending on the size of the business.

Petition
for Paid
Sick Leave



Signed petitions will be submitted mid-December. The petitions are available for signature in the Fellowship Hall for any interested registered voters. Contact Kim Stroud at 248-376-2153 if you have questions or want to help.

United Methodist Women December Meeting

Thursday, December 7, Executive Committee at 10:00 am, Program and General Meeting at 12:30 pm



All are cordially invited to our annual Christmas Celebration. Our program for the afternoon (after a round of singing favorite carols) will be the showing of an award winning Christmas classic movie "A Child's Christmas in Wales", adapted from the well known Dylan Thomas poem. Join us in starting your Christmas season on a joyful note! All are welcome! Stay awhile and enjoy holiday refreshments!

Friday Fun Night

Friday, November 24, 7:00 pm

Instead of watching a marathon of holiday movies and shopping on Black Friday, why not get out of the house and join us for The Day After Thanksgiving Friday Fun Night. On November 24, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm, you can craft your own Christmas Gifts to give to your loved ones (or maybe keep for yourself!) We will have a few different crafts to choose from and will also have Gift Wrapping stations for you to use! Meet new people, let your creative side shine, and enjoy a few munchies.



PRAYERS

Prayers for our church family: The Lowman Family; Art Miller; Ray Lawson; Sue Buxton; Betty Locke; Kathi Burger; Pam Shewchuck; Bob Demyanovich; Marilyn Hocking; Nancy Matson; Barbara Nicholas; Ann Moser; Dori Bridson; Caroline Bowen; Jill Paswater

Prayers for our extended family: Teddy Varady; Greg Comer; 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; Melissa Enyart

Homebound Member of the Week: Joe Gardner

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

The Chancel Flowers are in celebration of Marian and Paul Kremer's 45th wedding anniversary.

Do you need healing?

Healing Service Thanksgiving Day, 11:30 am

Do you wrestle with mental illness or addiction? Do you live with chronic disease? Have you lost a loved one? Everyone needs some kind of healing. This week, during the As We Gather Worship, we will be asking God for healing from all kinds of illness and pain. If you can make it, we're gathering in the sanctuary after the 10:30am Thanksgiving meal. Even if you can't make it, send your prayers or requests for healing to Bob Demyanovich at prayer-requests@rofum.org.

SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 19

9:00 am	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, Baptism, & Welcoming 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 & Greens Sale	Fellowship Hall
12:15 pm	Chili Cook Off.....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Harris Family.....	Fellowship Hall
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 20

10:00 am	Core Team Meeting	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Boys Scout Troop	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Missions Committee.....	Choir Room

Tuesday, November 21

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
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Hospitality Meeting.....	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Women's Book & Bible Study	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Men's Basketball.....	Addams Elementary

Wednesday, November 22

10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	ROMEIO (Retired Old Men Eating Out)	The Avenue Restaurant
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga	Room #414
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon	Room #403

Thursday, November 23 – Thanksgiving

Office Closed

10:30 am	Lunch Program Thanksgiving	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	As We Gather Service	Sanctuary

Friday, November 24

Office Closed

9:30 am	As We Gather Bible Study	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Friday Fun Night	Fellowship Hall

Saturday, November 25

4:00 pm	Saturday Afternoon Worship Service	Sanctuary
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Sunday, November 26

9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Fellowship Hall	
	Sunday School (K-5) – Room #403	
10:15 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
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LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

“So, how did we do?”

After taking in our pledge cards for the 2018 program year last week, everyone is asking “How did we do?” So, let me tell you how we did. In a word—fantastic!

I continue to be humbled by the generous, forward-thinking spirit of the people of Royal Oak First. By your commitments, you have proudly said, “Now is the time!” Now is the time to share our ministries with the community around us. Now is the time to connect more families, children, and youth with God’s infinite, inclusive love. Now is the time to invite others to help us make Christ’s love real by feeding the hungry, providing homes for the homeless and providing hope to all who feel left out and left behind.

So here is how we did:

We have received 165 pledges for a total of \$488,760. This represents a 13% increase from pledges received on Day 1 of last year’s Stewardship Season.

We had 58 new pledges for a total of \$86,508.

58 people increased their pledge over last year’s commitment for a total of \$36,426.

23 people decreased their pledge for a total of \$10,171.

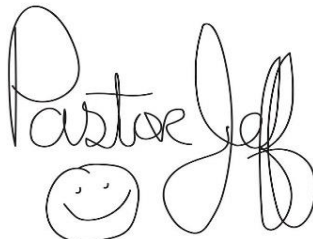
At the end of just the first day of our ingathering, we have received an amazing \$112,762 in “new” financial blessings to share with the world.

We are currently at 79% of our \$618,000 target goal. We are well on our way to having a fully funded, mission-minded budget. If you have yet to make your commitment, we invite you to join us: Find a pledge card in your pew this morning, leave it in the offering plate this morning, or bring it back in during the week. Together we are making a difference!

Now is your time.

Thank you for your generous spirit.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff" in a cursive style. Below the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.