

This is our
King?

November 25, 2017
4:00 pm Afternoon Worship
Royal Oak First United Methodist Church
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Hymn #327	Crown Him With Many Crowns	UMH*
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Call to Worship

Response #70	Glory Be to the Father	UMH
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Greeting Your Neighbor

Invitation to Mission

Music Ministry	<i>Softly and Tenderly</i> Myra Moreland
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Time of Prayer

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Noisy Bucket Offering

Musical Offering

<i>I'm a Poor Wayfaring Stranger</i> Myra Moreland

Scripture	Luke 23:33-43	CEB**
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Message	This is our King?	Jeff Nelson
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Hymn #715	Rejoice, the Lord is King (stanza 1)	UMH
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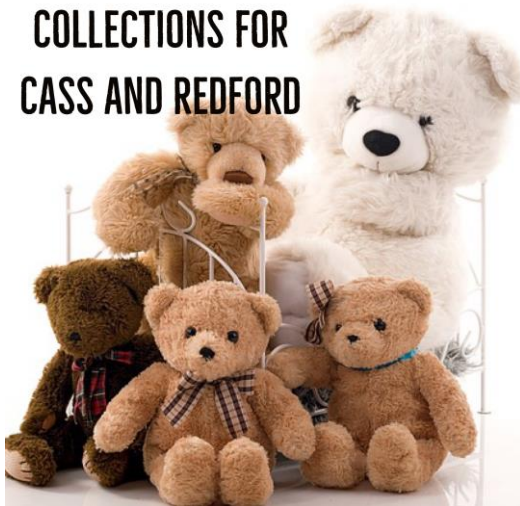
* United Methodist Hymnal
** Common English Bible



NIGHT OF SILENCE

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COLLECTIONS FOR CASS AND REDFORD



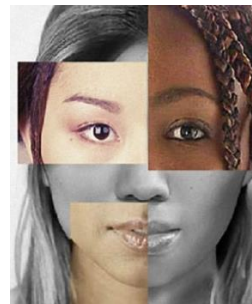
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NOISY BUCKET OFFERING THIS WEEK!

OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS

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.



Royal Oak Holiday Magic Marketplace and Holiday Spectacular **Thursday, November 30, through Sunday, December 3**



Downtown Royal Oak is home to two special Christmas festivals next weekend! The festivities begin with the Holiday Magic Marketplace at the Royal Oak Farmer's Market on Thursday, November 30, at 4:00 pm. Get a head start on your holiday shopping. Enjoy free hot dogs and hot chocolate beginning at 6:15 pm; the Royal Oak Children's Choir performs at 6:30 pm; special guest Santa Claus will light the tree at 7:00 pm and then stick around to go over those holiday wish lists!

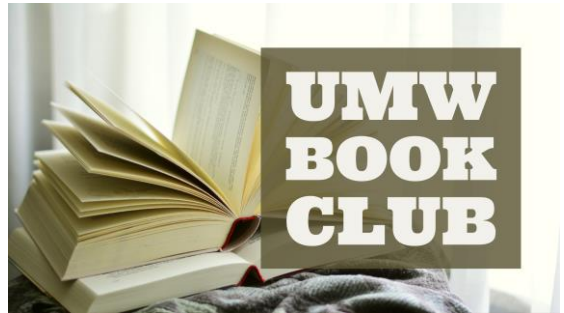
The fun continues all weekend with the Royal Oak Holiday Spectacular Friday, December 1, to Sunday, December 3, at the intersection of Washington Street and 5th Street in downtown

Royal Oak (right around the corner from the church!). The weekend-long celebration will include plenty of family friendly activities, including the TREE-Mendous Scavenger Hunt encompassing over 30 Royal Oak retail locations, live music, ferris wheel rides, family s'mores roasting, hot chocolate & coffee, horse drawn carriage rides throughout the city, a life size snow globe selfie station, vendor village for seasonal shopping, holiday fun & games, kids zone, and food vendors selling winter comfort food.

UMW Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, December 6, 10:00 am

Each member is invited to bring a Christmas reading to share. We will adjourn for lunch at 12:00 pm at Clawson Steak House at 55 S. Rochester Rd, in Clawson. If you have any questions, contact Betty Locke at 248-545-0665.



Healthcare for Seniors and As We Gather Guests

Wednesday, December 6, 10:30 am



Please join us on Wednesday, December 6, at 10:30 am for lunch with the As We Gather Community. We will have a special presentation by Oak Street Health Community, a new community-healthcare center, located in Hazel Park.

You will have the opportunity to ask any question you may have while enjoying food and fellowship.

If you have any questions, please contact Laurie O'Donnell at 248-541-4100 or lodonnell@rofum.org

United Methodist Women December Meeting

Thursday, December 7, Executive Committee at 10:00 am,

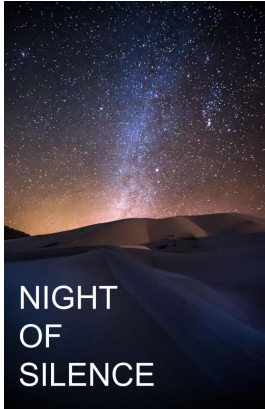
Program and General Meeting at 12:30 pm

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



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.

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.



Toy, Coat, & Boot Collection

Cass Community Social Services and the Redford-Brightmoor Initiative

COLLECTIONS FOR
CASS AND REDFORD



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.

Refueling Our Faith Using Motors

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 Thursday, December 7, at 6:00 pm. All following meetings will be 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.



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.

College Care Packages

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



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.

Please Stay Clear of Construction Zones

For the safety of our members and construction crew, we ask that all members please refrain from entering the construction zone when visiting the church. With dust, trip hazards, fall hazards, and power tools, the construction zone is dangerous.

PARDON OUR DUST

Please stay clear
of construction zones.



Have you been getting our emails?



For the past few weeks, we have been sending weekly emails with the featured announcements and links to the church calendar and the weekend worship bulletins. If you have not been receiving these emails, send an email to Sam Garrett at sgarrett@rofum.org saying "I would like to be added to the email list!" Get a sneak peek of the weekend and stay informed if you can't make it to church.

Petition Drive for Paid Sick Leave in Michigan

Right now in Michigan, more than 200 thousand 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.

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.

Petition
for Paid
Sick Leave



God Loves You Mugs are here!



The Hospitality Team is selling mugs for \$5.00. If you are interested, email gmarck@rofum.org. Make sure you get one before they run out!

New Online Giving Carrier

We recently changed our merchant carrier for online giving. If you would like to sign up to make online contributions, go to rofum.org/giving and click "Sign In/Sign Up" then click "Create your Give+ account". If you have any questions about the sign-up process, contact Jennifer Tripoli at jtripoli@rofum.org.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Again this year we are offering the choice of providing a poinsettia or contributing to UMCOR in honor or memory of a loved one. The poinsettias will decorate the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 17, and our Christmas Eve services. The names of the donors and those to be honored or memorialized will be printed as a bulletin insert on Sunday morning, December 17. If you wish to participate, return this form to the church office on or before **Sunday, December 10.**

Please use one (1) form per poinsettia/UMCOR tribute.

Money must accompany your order (checks payable to First United Methodist Church)

___ Enclosed is \$11.00 for a poinsettia (please indicate color below)

Color: ___ Red ___ White ___ Pink

___ I will donate and deliver my plant to a homebound member on Sunday morning, December 17.

(The church will provide the name and address of a homebound member.)

___ I will pick up my plant following the 11:00 pm candlelight worship service on Christmas Eve.

___ I will order my own plant & deliver it to the church on Friday, December 15.

___ Enclosed is my donation of \$_____ for UMCOR in place of a poinsettia.

This will be a memorial to _____
(Please Print)

OR in honor of _____
(Please Print)

Given by _____
(Please Print)

Phone # _____

Additional forms are available in the church office and in the Fellowship Hall.

PRAYERS

Prayers for our church family: Dian Wurdock; Phil Button; 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: Irene Pecker; Jim & Marlene Yates; Cathy Wyker; Teddy Varady; Greg Comer; Bill Kincannon; Richard Hoglund; Marshall Dunlap; Richard Long; Ryan Monte; Jerry & Laurie Sessions; 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

Sympathy to the family of Mary Ann Tempest on the death of her cousin, Monte Weathers, November 19, 2017.

Homebound Member of the Week: Dorothy Gates

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

The Chancel Flowers are in honor of Bruce and Sally Robertson on their 52nd wedding anniversary, given by the Gilbert family.



**Be sure to pick up your
Advent schedule!**



**Help us decorate the
sanctuary!**

**Stick around on November 26 after the
11:00 am Sunday worship service to help us
decorate the Sanctuary!**

SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 26

9:00 am	Worship & Communion	Sanctuary
	Nursery & Preschool – Fellowship Hall	
	Sunday School (K-5) – Room #403	
10:15 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship, Communion, Baptisms, & 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
1:00 pm	Hanging of Advent and Christmas Decorations	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Youth Group and Rehearsals Cancelled	Cancelled
6:00 pm	Cantata Chorale	Choir Room & Sanctuary

Monday, November 27

10:00 am	Core Team Meeting	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program Clothing Day	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Boys Scout Troop	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Justice League	Church Office
7:00 pm	Pub(lic) Theology	Ale Mary's
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga	Choir Room
7:15 pm	Detroit Lutheran Singers	Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 28

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	Women's Book & Bible Study	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Men's Basketball	Addams Elementary

Wednesday, November 29

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	Hospitality Leaders Meeting	Church Office
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga	Room #414
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon	Room #403
7:30 pm	House Band Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, November 30

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Lunch Program	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	As We Gather Service	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, December 1

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

Saturday, December 2

4:00 pm	Saturday Afternoon Worship Service	Sanctuary
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Sunday, December 3

9:00 am	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	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsals	Choir Room & Room #414
6:45 pm	Youth Dinner	Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
7:15 pm	Youth Group	Fellowship Hall

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

This is an in between Sunday. We are in between seasons. Stewardship and Thanksgiving are behind us. Advent and Christmas are ahead of us. After worship today, the trees will go up and the decorations will come out. Next week we will turn our heads towards the manger and the coming of Christ, but today we are just in between things. It is kind of like a rest stop.

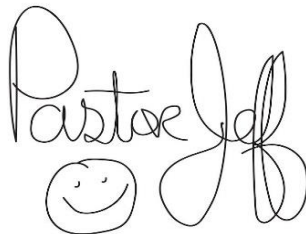
Rest stops are never the final destination and you do not stay at them for long. But rest stops are important. They allow you to take a quick breather. They allow you to relax, to stretch your legs for a bit. Rest stops allow you to recharge before heading back out into the journey.

So, that is what I want to invite you to do today. Take a breath. Relax into the space. Let the music wash over you. Enjoy the moments of quiet during prayer. Smile at the kids squirming in their pews. The next month will be busy with all the preparations that go into Christmas—but we do not need to worry about that today. Today, we are in between things. Today, we can just rest.

We will be offering Holy Communion at the close of worship today. The invitation to come to Christ's Table is open to all. At the table we will find a moment to cherish the blessings of God. We will find the strength, hope, and peace we will need for the journey that lies ahead of us.

Welcome to this in between space. May we find God resting with us

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.