

This is our  
King?

**November 26, 2017**  
**9:00 am Worship**  
**Royal Oak First United Methodist Church**  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Songs                      Come, Now Is the Time to Worship  
Home

Call to Worship                                              Crystal Reed

Sung Response                      Draw the Circle Wide

Greeting Your Neighbor

Invitation to Mission

Children's Time

Noisy Bucket Offering

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Musical Offering                      *Valse Bleue*                      arr. Alfred Margis  
Franklin Wahl and Jennifer Semivan

Scripture                      Luke 23:33-43                      CEB\*

Message                      This is our King?                      Jeff Nelson

Table of Communion

Communion Music                      *Here is Our King*                      Chris Tomlin  
House Band

Song                      Build Your Kingdom Here

\* United Methodist Hymnal

\*\* Common English Bible



# NIGHT OF SILENCE

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## COLLECTIONS FOR CASS AND REDFORD



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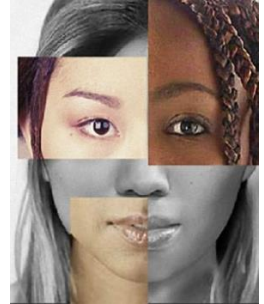
## NOISY BUCKET OFFERING THIS WEEK!

# 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**

ROYAL OAK  
CHRISTMAS  
FESTIVITIES



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!

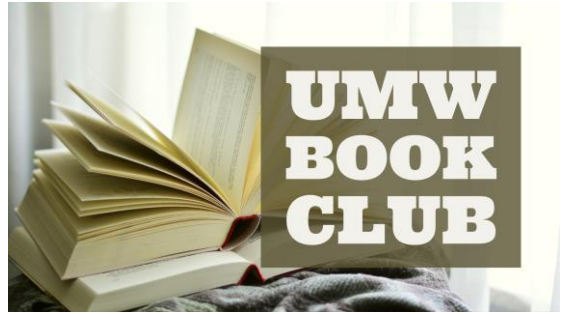
The fun continues all weekend with the Royal Oak Holiday Spectacular Friday, December 1, to Sunday, December 3, at the intersection of Washington Street and 5th Street in downtown

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:dmoody@rofum.org). If you would like to make a donation for the care packages please contact Danielle Moody at [dmoody@rofum.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## 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.

## God Loves You Mugs are here!



The Hospitality Team is selling mugs for \$5.00. If you are interested, email [gmarck@rofum.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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)**

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\_\_\_ 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 52<sup>nd</sup> 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.

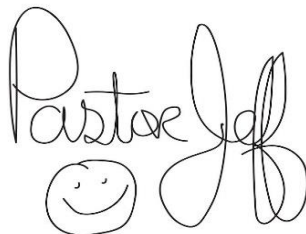
Rest stops are never the final destination and you do not stay at them for long. But rest stops are important. They allow you to take a quick breather. They allow you to relax, to stretch your legs for a bit. Rest stops allow you to recharge before heading back out into the journey.

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.